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www.ccinoh.org

NOTE: Please post any flyers contained in this packet so that the congregation is informed of Regional events. If you are receiving this by email please PRINT OFF FLYERS and post them.

Message from Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards

Open Church List

Calendar Update

Equipping the Saints Registration and Information

Clergy Clinic Registration and Information

Advance Conference Letter to Pastors and Registration

Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation Flyer

Ministerial Partner Retreat Registration and Information

Ohio Disciple Men Spring Retreat Flyer and Registration

Golf Outing Flyer and Registration

Camp Christian Information

Disciples Home Mission Summer Internships

Bethany College Pastors Class Information

Renew Your Congregation Webinar Information

Camp Christian Reunion Registration and Information

Oreon E. Scott Lectures Registration and Information

Christian Theological Seminary Lifelong Theological Education Spring 2008

SAVE A TREE! GET THE MINISTERS MAILING VIA EMAIL

Send and email to stoddart@ccinoh.org Subject: Ministers Mailing

Please identify in the body of the email your name, church and the email address you wish to have it sent to.

If you do not wish to receive the Ministers Mailing or have any questions/comments Please contact 614-433-0343 or stoddart@ccinoh.org.



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“He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” - Mark 8:34

Dear Partners in Ministry,

In my personal devotional time during the Lenten season, this scripture has always been very meaningful. As we enter this Lenten season, a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter, I pray God’s continued blessings upon your lives and ministry as you “take up your cross” and follow Christ.

During this Lenten/Easter season, I pray that all congregations in the Christian Church in Ohio, inspired by our vision, will “take up the cross” to follow Christ to an Easter victory in their ministries. For Easter gives us the assurance that even in the darkest moments, God is working for our good, that God can bring victory out of defeat, hope out of despair, life out of death. Easter is not only about what happened close to 2000 years ago; Easter is also about what God is doing today and what God will do in the future.

Also, I wish to encourage as many of you and members of your congregations as possible to plan on being in attendance at the 2008 Regional Assembly, October 17-18, 2008 in Columbus at the **Crown Plaza Hotel**. The theme for the Assembly is “Body Building: Strengthen your Congregation for Mission” based on Ephesians 4:11-13.

I praise God for your leadership and the faithfulness in which you fulfill your call to ministry in Ohio. I look forward with great anticipation of what God will do through us as ministers of the Gospel and leaders in Christ’s church in the days ahead.

May God’s Blessings be with you,

Bill

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Churches Actively Seeking Pastors

City	Church Name	District	Staff Contact
Bellaire	First Christian Church (Part-time)	10/11	Steve Bentley
Chardon	Pilgram Christian Church	15	Bill Edwards
Cincinnati	Carthage Christian Church (Part-time)	12	LaTaunya Bynum
Cincinnati	Unity Christian Church	12	LaTaunya Bynum
Cincinnati	Kenwood Christian Church	12	LaTaunya Bynum
Mantua	Mantua Center	3	Bill Edwards
Mason	Tylersville Road Christian Church	12	LaTaunya Bynum
Mentor	Mentor Christian Church (Part-time)	15	Bill Edwards
Sidney	First Christian Church (Part-time)	5	LaTaunya Bynum
Xenia	First United Christian Church	8	LaTaunya Bynum

Churches in Intentional Interim Period

City	Church Name	District	Staff Contact
Akron	High Street Christian Church	3	Bill Edwards
Athens	First Christian Church	13/14	Steve Bentley
Bowling Green	First Christian Church	1	LaTaunya Bynum
Chillicothe	First Christian Church	13/14	Steve Bentley
Columbus	Broad Street Christian Church	9	Steve Bentley
Columbus	East Columbus Christian Church	9	LaTaunya Bynum
Genoa	Genoa Christian Church (Part-time)	1	LaTaunya Bynum
Portsmouth	First Christian Church	13/14	Steve Bentley
Youngstown	Discipes Christian Church	4	Steve Bentley

Churches Actively Seeking Co-Ministers or Associate Pastors

City	Church Name	District	Staff Contact
Cleveland	Franklin Circle	2	Bill Edwards

Positions filled

City	Church Name	Pastor
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February 2008

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the March/April issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
- 1 Marketing Committee @ RCO 10:00am – 12:30pm
- 5 By Laws Committee @ RCO 12:00 – 2:30pm
- 6 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
- 7 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 7 Christian Education Committee @ RCO 10:00am
- 8 Congregational Transformation Team Conference Call
- 8 - 10 Hiram CYF Midwinter @ First Christian Church, Wadsworth
- 11 Regional Assembly Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 12 - 14 Spiritual Life Retreat for Ministers (Current, Retired, & Spouses of) @ Camp Christian
- 19 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 20 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting
- 20 Personnel Committee @ RCO 12:00 – 2:30pm
- 22 New Church Committee @ RCO 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 22 - 24 Wilmington CYF Midwinter @ First Christian Church, Middletown
- 26 Congregational Transformation Team Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 29 - 1 Counselor Training at Camp Christian

March

- 1 Equipping the Saints Workshop, Columbus, 9:00am
- 4 Executive Committee @ RCO 10:00am – 4:00pm
- 5 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
- 8 Women's Lent Retreat @ Camp Christian 9:00am
- 8 Regional Cabinet Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 13 Disciples of Christ of South Western Ohio 7:30pm
- 14 - 15 Counselor Training @ Camp Christian
- 18 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 19 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting
- 21 Good Friday, RCO Closed**
- 23 Easter**
- 25 New Minister Orientation @ Camp Christian 9:00am
- 26 Anti Racism Training for Ministers @ Camp 9:00am
- 27 Sexual Ethics Training for Ministers @ Camp 9:00am
- 29 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian

April

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the May/June issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
- 2 RCO Staff meeting and Easter Celebration
- 4 - 5 Youth Council Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 7 Interim Ministers Workshop @ Camp Christian 9:00am
- 12 Cleveland Christian Home Work Day 9am – 4pm
- 15 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 16 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting

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April Continued

- 18 – 20 Advance Conference Spring Retreat @ Camp Christian
19 Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation @ Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester
23 – 24 Ordained Ministerial Partnership Workshop @ RCO 9am – 4pm both days
24 Christian Education Committee Meeting @ RCO
25 Advance Conference Scholarship Fundraising Concert @ Tylersville Rd C.C. 7:00pm
29 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am

May

- 3 – 4 **Camp Christian Reunion**
6 Regional Church Office Pastoral Staff Meeting
7 RCO Staff Meeting
8 Retired Ministers Retreat @ Camp Christian
8 Disciples of Christ of South Western Ohio 7:30pm
16 – 18 Disciple Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat @ Camp Christian
20 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
23 – 25 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian
26 **Memorial Day RCO Closed**
31 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing. Golf at Scioto Reserve Golf & Athletic Club, Powell. Dinner to follow at Camp Christian. Golf starts at 12:30pm with hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:45pm.

June

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the July/Aug issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
3 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO
4 Finance Committee Budget Planning Kickoff @ RCO
6 Regional Church Office & Camp Christian Staff Meeting & Outing
6 – 7 Grandparent Camp @ Camp Christian
6 – 8 Camp Good Hope (bereavement camp) @ Camp Christian
8 – 14 Chi Camp Hocking @ Camp Christian
15 – 21 Otter Partnership Camp @ **Camp Christian**
16 – 20 Adult Conference @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
17 Commission on Ministry @ **Karl Road Christian Church, Columbus**
22 – 28 Hiram CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
28 Camp Christian Committee Budget Planning Kickoff @ Camp Christian
29 – July 5 Phyto CYF Conference @ Camp Christian

July

- 1 RCO Staff Meeting @ Camp Christian
6 – 12 Chi Rho Camp Portahoga @ Camp Christian
6 – 12 Boat Stories of the Bible (Canoe Camp) @ the Au Sable River in Michigan
6 – 12 Badger Partnership Camp @ Templd Hills UCC Camp
13 – 19 Chi Rho Camp Maumee @ Camp Christian
17 – 20 Disciple Men's Sessions 2008 in Oklahoma City
20 – 26 Lakeside CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
20 – 26 Beaver Partnership Camp @ Templd Hills UCC Camp
22 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
27 – Aug 2 Wilmington CYF Conference @ Camp Christian

August

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the Sep/Oct issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
3 – 9 Chi Rho Camp Miami @ Camp Christian
10 – 17 Advance Conference @ Camp Christian
19 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
27 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
29 – 31 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian

RCO = Regional Church Office

REGISTRATION FORM

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

"Two by Two: Partners in Ministry"

Sponsored by

**Central Southeast Ohio Association, United Church of Christ
Metropolitan Commission, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

9:15 AM to 3:45 PM

**First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio**



(Please use one registration form per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City or Town: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Church of Membership: _____

Please indicate your 1ST choice & an alternate workshop for morning and afternoon, using '1' and '2.'

Morning Workshops – 90 minutes

- 1) Beyond Ourselves: Missions _____
- 2) Multi Religious America _____
- 3) Global Mission Partners _____
- 4) Youth Panel _____
- 5) Co-Pastoring _____
- 6) Healing Ministry _____

Afternoon – 90 minutes

- 1) Beyond Ourselves Missions _____
- 2) Prayer Intercession _____
- 3) Spiritual Types _____
- 4) Nesting Congregations _____
- 5) Each One a Minister _____

Cost is \$15.00 per person & includes lunch. Make checks payable to CSEOA & return, with this form to: Central Southeast Ohio Association office, 6161 Busch Blvd., Suite 77, Columbus, OH 43229-2547.

Or you may email your registration to jillg@ocucc.org & pay at event.

Childcare will be provided if requested no later than February 24, 2007.

Please! One registration per form

Special Food Requests: Vegetarian _____ Other _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

Two by Two: Partners in Ministry
Equipping the Saints Workshops
March 1, 2008

Partners in Prayer: Intercession Explore a variety of ways to conduct prayer for and with others, as an individual and/or within a group context. *Kerry Reed, pastor, Gender Road Christian Church (DOC).*

Christians in a Multi-Religious America: Examine various responses by Christian congregations and groups to the increasing cultural and religious diversity of the United States and the ways Christians draw upon the Bible in responding to their new religious neighbors.

Rev. Dr. Paul Numrich, Chair of the Program in World Religions and Inter-Religious Dialogue at the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus

Spiritual Types Just as there are different blood types so there are different ways to experience spirituality. Discover your spiritual type and how this affects your preferences in worship and spiritual practices.

Rev. G. Forrest Hoppe, CSEOA UCC Minister

Twenty First Century Church Learn what the youth and young adults of today value in a congregation as this panel of DOC and UCC believers age 15-30 answer your questions and present their ideas about what the Church of today and tomorrow can and should be and do.

Erica Gonzales, Director of Christian Education, Karl Road Christian Church (DOC) Columbus, moderator

Beyond Ourselves: Missions and the Local Congregation The Swiss theologian Emil Brunner wrote "the Church exists by mission as fire exists by burning." No mission- no Church. Talk with a panel of local Christian "missionaries" and find out about opportunities for "mission work" both near and far.

Rev. Paul Baumer, Minister of Missions at First Community Church, Columbus

Co-Pastors: The Blessings and Challenges of Working as Equals Jesus sent his disciples out two by two to share the Good News. Why do we so often see ordained ministry as "solo" work? Explore the unique opportunities and challenges of co-pastoring a congregation. We will share what this means from the pastors' perspective as well as what the congregation may experience.

Rev. Jeff Wheeler, co-pastor, and Carolyn Abels, congregational president, Northwest Christian Church, Upper Arlington

Nesting Congregations: Unity in Diversity What do you do when the Holy Spirit opens your doors to a new congregation meeting in your facility? Hear the story of how one congregation got exactly what it asked for when it prayed together that "their doors should be open to all people."

Highpoint Evangelical Christian Church, a predominantly Chinese congregation, and Northwest Christian Church, a predominantly Euro-American congregation, have partnered together to share a facility, Christian education, and fellowship near the OSU campus. Learn how this is working and reflect on what it could mean for your church.

We will also discuss the particular blessings and challenges Karl Road Christian Church has experienced nesting several congregations (Nigerian, Ghanaian & Korean) over the past five years.

Rev. Jeff Wheeler, Northwest Christian Church

Rev. Margot Connor, Karl Road Christian Church

Missionaries in South Africa: Global Missions Partners *William and Veronica Kyle* are Global Mission Partners in South Africa. Hear their stories of their work and learn about their special calling to that rapidly changing part of the world. William is the Pastor to Diepsloot and the Central Region Outdoors Ministry Coordinator for the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. Veronica is the Coordinator for education, social, women, and youth programs, UCCSA.

Reclaiming the Healing Ministry of the Church The ministry of Jesus Christ, which was continued by the early church, focused on the healing of the whole person: body, mind and spirit. The church today has a responsibility to reclaim that spirit and recover its mission of healing, wholeness, and restoration.

Rev. Mary Ann Goetz, member St Paul UCC, Columbus and a school nurse in the Columbus Public Schools

Each One a Minister We are not just volunteers in the program of the church. God has placed gifts in each person to build up the body of Christ. Learn how one church is developing a plan to incorporate new members more fully: discovering, claiming and using their spiritual gifts wherever God calls (and not only as ushers and committee members).

Ms. Jo Anne Nay, North Congregational UCC, Columbus



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Clergy Clinic

Camp Christian

10:00 am – 4:00pm April 8, 2008

Transformation Through Small Groups

Training clergy experientially and didactically to facilitate small groups within their congregations.

Participating clergy will learn:

- The therapeutic elements of the small group experience
- At least 3 different models of small groups
- The Normal and Universal stages of the small group
- And will experience, through role-play, the dynamics of a typical group

COST:

Registration fee - \$20.00 per person

Registration includes all program materials and lunch.

Need somewhere to stay the night before?

Come to Camp Monday night!!

Lodging and Breakfast - \$20.00 per person

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2008

All registrations received after April 1 will have a \$5.00 late/onsite fee added on to the amount due.

Rev. Douglas Shoaff, M.Div., MS., PCC, and Rev. Dr. Lin Barnett will co-lead this clinic. Both have extensive training and experience in leading groups of several types. Doug Shoaff is pastor of First Christian Church in Steubenville, OH, and Clinical Director of The Children's Home of Wheeling. Lin Barnett is Clinical Supervisor and Director of the Spiritual Care Department of Akron General Medical Center.



Register online at www.ccinoh.org or to register via mail, please fill out the information below and return with payment to CCIO, 355 East Campus View Blvd, Suite 110, Columbus, Ohio 43235

Clergy Clinic

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please Circle: Home or Cell

Address: _____

Church: _____ Email: _____

Food/Other Concerns _____

_____ I will be staying Monday night at Camp Christian (be sure to bring your own bedding)



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DIVINITY & DIVERSITY

ONE BODY MANY FORMS

Advance Conference (for persons ages 19 – 29 & out of High School) is hosting another weekend retreat, **April 18-20th** at Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs, Ohio. Registration will start at 7:00 Friday night and the retreat will wrap up approximately at 11:00 Sunday morning. Prepare to step outside the box as we enter into open conversation about human sexuality and religion.

Leading us in our retreat will be Melissa Lopez, Sacred Movement Director at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elyria, Ohio. In addition to her gifts for both tribal and liturgical dance, Melissa is a certified facilitator for [Our Whole Lives, Sexuality and Our Faith](#). She'll be sharing her insights with us as we explore how, "all consensual manifestations of our sexuality are natural reflections of the divine."

For more information or to register online please visit www.ccinoh.org. You can also visit pages for Advance Conference on Myspace and Facebook where you can learn more about Advance Conference and your 2008 officers Dave Bernard, Felix Ortiz, and Debbie Saxe. However, responding to MySpace and Facebook is not registering.

Remember there are scholarships available. DON'T LET MONEY BE THE REASON YOU MISS OUT ON ADVANCE!!!

Advance Conference Spring Retreat April 18-20th 2008

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone home/cell/work _____

Church _____ City _____ Member Y/N

Dietary Concerns _____

Dates attending (please circle all that apply) 18 19 20 **Registration Friday starts at 7p.m.**

Fees for two or more days are: **\$60 for early registration (by February 18th)**
\$70 for regular registration (February 19th – April 11th)
\$80 for onsite/late registration (April 12th – 20th)
* These fees include housing and meals as well as the retreat itself.

A reduced fee of \$35 is available for **SATURDAY ONLY** attendance. *Housing is not available under this rate.*

Register online www.ccinoh.org or mail this form along with payment to:

Christian Church in Ohio
355 East Campus View Blvd
Suite 110
Columbus, Ohio 43235

*All Checks should be made out to Christian Church in Ohio *A \$25 refund fee is applied to all cancellations.*



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Dear Pastors,

Our upcoming Spring Retreat for Advance Conference, **April 18th-20th**, continues our theme for the year of Divinity & Diversity. On this weekend retreat we hope to facilitate open and honest conversation about human sexuality and religion. Our leader for this retreat, Melissa Lopez, is trained and certified in the subject, and we appreciate her expertise in addressing this intense subject.

As pastors we know both how important it is for us to talk about sex with our young people and what a poor job the church has done with this conversation in the past. The sad truth is that the discussion is being had with or without our participation as daily our youth and young adults are bombarded with messages and images about sex and sexuality. We do not want to abandon our young people to the media, and if we continue to avoid the issue of sex in the church then we perpetuate a violent separation of our physical and spiritual selves.

Many of our conferees left the last retreat with new questions on their hearts. This retreat will surely do the same, and we hope that some of those questions make their way back to you as the pastors of our participants. We hope, also, that you will spend some intentional follow up time with the twenty-something's in your church who come to our retreats. One of the goals of Advance Conference, on the whole, is to spark new energy into the spiritual lives that you nurture every week. Our ministry is merely a compliment to the ongoing work you do from week to week, and we appreciate your partnership.

Having said that, we want you, our partners in ministry, to have a clear understanding of our goals for this retreat. **Divinity & Diversity: One Body Many Forms** will focus on sexuality, but it is about more than the three letter word s-e-x. We want to convey a holistic understanding of our sexuality, to reunite our physical and spiritual natures. We want conferees to leave both with a broader perspective of the life struggles and experiences of their peers and an empowered sense of self-sacredness and self-respect. We want them to know that our sexuality, including sex, is not bad or dirty but it *is* powerful; which is all the more reason for us to have an open dialog. You, as pastors to this nomadic community of faith, play a critical role in continuing the dialog that we hope to initiate.

On a personal note, as three who have each experienced different ministerial callings, we hope that you will see this as an opportunity for your young people and your ministry among them. We could all use a reminder that our sexuality is a gift, and like any gift it should be both shared and treasured. Let us seek out ways to do so faithfully.

Thank you for your continued support of the mission of Advance Conference.

Your partnership makes our ministry possible.

Blessings,

Dave Bernard davebernard@gmail.com, Felix Ortiz feloocca@yahoo.com, and Debbie Saxe jade411@aol.com



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Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation

April 19, 2008

8:30am – 3:00pm

Special Guest Speaker
Regional Program Minister



Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster

Gender Road Christian Church
5336 Gender Rd
Canal Winchester, OH 43110-9796

More information soon to come!!!

Ministerial Partner Standing Retreat



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Ohio Conference
United Church of Christ



This retreat is for all ordained ministers in the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (DOC) who would like to learn about our two denominations. This is a requirement if you are seeking Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing. For others, it is a great opportunity to gather with clergy from the two denominations in Ohio and learn about each others traditions.

**April 23 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Continuing April 24 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Christian Church in Ohio
Regional Church Office
355 East Campus View Blvd Suite 110
Columbus, Ohio 43235**

\$25.00 Covers materials, lunch, and refreshments for both days.

**For more information please contact
Bill Edwards (CC/DOC) 614-433-0343 / bedwards@ccinoh.org or
Forrest Hoppe (UCC) 614-885-0722 / forresth@OCUCC.ORG**

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Ministerial Partner Standing Retreat



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Ohio Conference United
Church of Christ

April 23 - 24, 2008 \$25.00

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

Email _____

DEADLINE: April 11, 2008

Note: There is a \$5.00 late registration fee for anything received after April 11. This Event also has a no refund policy.

Please make checks payable to: Christian Church in Ohio
and remit this registration form to:

Christian Church in Ohio
355 East Campus View Blvd
Suite 110
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Register online at www.ccinoh.org



OHIO DISCIPLES MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Operation Camp Christian



Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18, 2008

Spring Retreat is a time for men of all ages and backgrounds to come together in fellowship to worship God and do God's work.

After a long winter there's a lot of spring cleaning to be done to get Camp Christian back in tip-top shape and we Men make it part of our Ministry and Mission to help ready the camp for the summer season so that Camp is ready and waiting for all the campers and conferees to come. From mowing to painting and from weed-whacking to sweeping, **no matter your age or ability there's something you can do!** Nobody is too young or too old to lend a hand.

It's not all work though, there's plenty of time to relax and have fun with and get to know other men from throughout the region. And on Friday night we will have a special musical performance by the group "His Embrace" from Gender Road Christian Church. We'll be taking up a special music offering to support their trip to camp.

**For more information, including how to register, please visit the
Regional web site - <http://www.ccinoh.org/>**



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SCHEDULE

Friday, May 16

PM 7:30 Registration
8:30 Opening Worship
9:00 Musical Group "His Embrace",
followed by Fellowship Time
11:00 Taps

Saturday, May 17

AM 7:00 Wake-Up
7:30 Morning Worship
8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Work-Day Begins
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Work-Day Continues
3:30 Closing Circle
4:00 Free Time
5:00 Supper
7:30 Vespers
8:00 Fellowship time or Free Time
11:00 Taps

Sunday, May 18

AM 8:00 Wake-Up
8:30 Morning Watch
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Morning Worship, followed by
Closing Circle

A time of:

Inspiration

Relaxation

Fellowship

Spiritual Insights

Ministry for Camp

And Good Food

Other Happenings

July 17-20

Sessions 2008

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
A gathering of Disciples Men from
across the continent
<http://www.sessions2008.org/>

September 19-21

"Men Called To Compassion"

ODM Fall Retreat at
Camp Christian
Speaker: Johnny Wray
Director of Week of Compassion
Register Online at
<http://www.ccinoh.org>



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Ohio Disciple Men's Spring Retreat May 16-18, 2008



**"Operation Camp
Christian"
Ohio Disciples Men's
Mission to our youth**

What Goes On at Retreat?

Spring Retreat is a time for men of all ages and backgrounds to come together in fellowship to worship God and do God's work.

After a long winter there's a lot of spring cleaning to be done to get Camp Christian back in tip-top shape and we Men make it part of our Ministry and Mission to help ready the camp for the summer season so that Camp is ready and waiting for all the campers and conferees to come. From mowing to painting and from weed-whacking to sweeping, **no matter your age or ability there's something you can do!** Nobody is too young or too old to lend a hand.

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Who Should Come?

1. Men of every age and background.
2. Men who are dedicated to the Ministry of Jesus Christ
3. Men who are willing to have a good time with other men.
4. Men who love Camp Christian!
Men who make up the Christian Church in Ohio and Disciples, and Men's groups from churches throughout the Ohio Region.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please circle days attending: Fri Sat Sun

Sponsored by:
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio
Ohio Disciples Men

(Check appropriate boxes)

1 Day @ \$30.00 _____
 2 Days @ \$55.00 _____
 3 Days @ \$75.00 _____
 Under 30 Discount
(Subtract 15% if under age 30. \$4.50 for 1 day, \$8.25 for 2 days or \$11.25 for 3 Days)

Late Registration @ \$5.00 _____
(After May 12)

Total

Please fill out the above form for each person who is coming to the Fall Retreat. To "Build your own Retreat" just circle which days you will be attending and mark the checkbox for the total number of days (Friday includes snack, lodging and Saturday breakfast. Saturday includes all meals. Sunday includes snack, lodging and Sunday breakfast), add up any other items you have checked, and put the "TOTAL" in the box. **UNDER-30 DISCOUNT:** There is a discount for Men 29 years old or younger; you may subtract 15% from the total. Make checks payable to Christian Church in Ohio and mail to:

ODM Spring Retreat
Christian Church in Ohio
355 W. Campus View Blvd, Suite 110
Columbus, OH 43232

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: MAY 12, 2008

Registrations received after May 12, 2008 will be charged \$5.00 more

List any special dietary needs: _____

I would like to share a room in the Monroe Lodge _____ (First come, first served)

If you cannot attend and would like to make a gift for the support of Disciples Men's work in Ohio, enter the amount here \$ _____

AMT _____ CHK _____ BAL _____

DO NOT WRITE HERE



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A covenant network of congregations in mission:

We are the Body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities

Third Annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing

To help provide scholarships for all the youth programs supported by the Christian Church in Ohio

Earlier Start Times!!

May 31, 2008

**12:30 "shotgun" tee time for all golfers at Scioto
Reserve Golf & Athletic Club**

**Food and Fellowship at
Camp Christian
Hors d'oeuvres 5:45pm,
Banquet Dinner 6:15pm**

Golfer registrations are limited to 100 so don't delay!!

**Overnight Lodging and Continental Breakfast Option
Available at Camp Christian**

**For more information contact the Christian Church in Ohio Regional
Church Office at 614-433-0343, or visit us on the web at**

www.ccinoh.org

Scioto Reserve

7383 Scioto Parkway
Powell, Ohio 43065
www.sciotoreserve.com

Camp Christian

Magnetic Springs, OH 43036
(Outside of Delaware Ohio off of Rte 37)

Christian Church in Ohio

355 East Campus View Blvd
Columbus, OH 43235
ccio@ccinoh.org



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The Youth Scholarship Program helps families who ask for assistance for their children to attend the Chi Rho, CYF, and/or Partnership camps. In 2007, over 45 families received scholarship awards totaling in excess of \$7000.00. This is in addition to the dollars that our individual congregations are able to provide to youth attending camps. Our goal is to ensure that no child is prevented from attending camp due to financial issues.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CHURCH _____

EMAIL _____

DIETARY CONCERNS (if any) _____

I will be signing up for:

_____ GOLF & DINNER \$125.00 _____ Overnight & Breakfast at Camp Fri/Sat \$20

_____ DINNER ONLY \$50.00 _____ Overnight & Breakfast at Camp Sat/Sun \$20

I cannot participate this time but I would like to make a donation of \$ _____.

*Please list the names of the other three members in your foursome.

If you do not have a complete foursome we will arrange one for you.

Note: Each person will still need to complete their own registration form.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please return form with payment to the Regional Church Office

355 East Campus View Blvd, Suite 110, Columbus, Ohio 43235

You can also register online with a credit card at www.ccinoh.org

For Office Use Only

Amount Received \$ _____ Check _____ From _____

Date Received _____ Balance \$ _____ Paid _____

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Dear Pastoral Colleague,

January 25, 2008

I bring you greetings in the name of Jesus Christ in whose ministry we both find joy and meaning. The Bible teaches us that we all have differing gifts but that all these gifts have a single purpose: “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...” (Ephesians 4:12 RSV) Our Church Camp Program is just one of the many ways we work to bring this about. Allow me to share how you can help in this process.

PROMOTE OUR CHURCH CAMP PROGRAM to the Youth in your church. Encourage, each youth to attend a week at Church Camp. If a youth is unable to attend the Camp for your district, invite them to attend another week. The theme for each age group is the same for each level of camp. Look for ways to use the Camp Program as an Evangelism tool for your church. Consider sending a neighborhood youth to our camp. Remember that scholarships are available.

BE A COUNSELOR or other support staff at one of our Church Camps.

We offer Junior Camp for those who have finished the 3rd – 5th grades. This we do with our partners in the United Church of Christ and it is called **Partnership Camp**. There are three such camps:

Otter -	June 15 – 21	Held at Camp Christian
Badger -	July 6 – 12	Held at Templd Hills UCC Camp
Beaver -	July 20 – 26	Held at Templd Hills UCC Camp

Chi Rho camp is for those who have finished 6th – 8th grades. Our theme this year will be God – “Gifts and Celebrations of God’s Love. There are currently four Chi Rho camps:

Hocking –	June 8 -14	for districts 4, 7, 10/11, 13/14
Portaghoga –	July 6-12	for district 2, 3, & 15
Maumee –	July 13-19	for districts 1, 5, 6
Miami –	August 3-9	for districts 8, 9, 12

CYF Conference is for those who have completed the 9th – 12th grades. Theme this year is: “The Gospel of Luke” and “Peacing the Puzzle of Me.” There are four CYF Conferences:

Hiram -	June 22- 28	for districts 2, 3, 15
Phyo -	June 29 – July 5	for districts 4, 7, 10/11, 13/14
Lakeside	July 20-26	for districts 1, 5, 6
Wilmington	July 27 – August 2	for districts 8, 9, 12

Advance Conference is for those who are Post-High School to 29 years of age. This conference will take place August 10-17. **Adult Conference** is for those from age 30 until they “Cross the Jordan” and will take place at the Northwest Christian Church in Columbus June 16-20. There are also 3 newer camps. **Adventure Camp** is going on a canoe trip in Michigan and studying “Boat Stories of the Bible”. This camp designed for youth in high school or adults. **Camp Good Hope** (Bereavement Camp) is for youth K-12 that are experiencing loss. There is a **Grandparent Camp** for children in grades 1 or 2 and their grandparents. Both Camp Good

Hope and Grandparent Camp are offered twice this year. Please promote these camps but remember that Counselors/Faculty for these are picked in a different way.

I am more than happy to write a letter to your Church Board President asking them to allow you this week of Church Camp as a gift to our common Ministry. I encourage churches to look at this week as a part of its outreach ministry. This should not count against vacation time. While you may have a good time serving at Camp, it is certainly not vacation. Please consider it even if you have no youth going to Church Camp.

SUGGEST THE NAME OF A CHURCH MEMBER to be a counselor at camp. Our priority this year is to those who are already leading youth in your church. Please suggest names for our summer program in all of our age levels. *Keep in mind we have lots of people who would like to be counselors every year so we can't invite everyone who expresses interest.*

Finally, **LIFT UP OUR CAMP PROGRAM IN YOUR CORPORATE AND PRIVATE PRAYERS.** We need God's guidance and presence in all we do and in the many ways we Minister in God's Name.

May God's blessings be with you,
Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster
Regional Program Minister

Fax or Mail to the Regional Church Office (Or email information to bwebster@ccinoh.org)

YOUR NAME: _____ Phone _____

Yes, I would like be considered to serve as Counselor at _____

_____ Sorry, I am unable to serve as a counselor. _____ Please consider me in the future.

I suggest the following names for counselors at camps:

Name	Specific Camp or Age Level

- _____ We are promoting the Camp Program to our Youth
- _____ We hope to use the Camp Program as an Evangelism tool for our Church
- _____ We will remember the Camp Program in our Prayers

Other Suggestions: _____

Brenda will contact everyone who expresses interest to discuss availability and options.

What Are You Doing This Summer?

**DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS
WEEK OF COMPASSION
SUMMER INTERN POSITIONS!**

Applications due April 1, 2008

Inman Christian Center ~ San Antonio, TX

**All People's Christian Center ~
Los Angeles, CA**

**Yakama Christian Mission ~
White Swan, WA**

**Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries ~
Los Fresnos, TX**

UrbanSpirit ~ Louisville, KY

**Disaster Response ~ Gulf Coast Area &
Greensburg, KS**

**F.A.S.T. ~ Alderson, WV & Cosby, TN
(1 DOC Intern)**



For more information contact: Brenda Tyler
1/888/346-2631 or btyler@dhm.disciples.org

or apply online:

[http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/
Volunteer/SpecialProjects/Interns.htm](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/Volunteer/SpecialProjects/Interns.htm)

**UCC VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES
PARTNERS IN SERVICE
2008 SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!**

Applications Due April 1, 2008

Applications will be considered as they arrive

No More Deaths ~ Tucson, AZ

Heifer International ~ Perryville, AR /Rutland, MA

Camp Courageous ~ Monticello, IA

**Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida/
Coalition of Immokalee Workers ~ FL**

UCC Disaster Ministries ~ New Orleans, LA

**UCC Disaster Ministries ~ Back Bay Mission
Biloxi, MS**

Prodigals Community ~ Winston-Salem, NC

Ryder Memorial Hospital ~ Humacao, PR

Re-Member ~ Pine Ridge, SD

**F.A.S.T. ~ Alderson, WV & Cosby, TN
(1 UCC Intern)**



For more information contact:

Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Executive UCC Volunteer Ministries
866/822-8224 ext. 3214 blaufusm@ucc.org or
Diane Dicken 866/822-8224 ext. 3216 dickend@ucc.org

Applications available online: [http://www.ucc.org/
volunteer/](http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/) OR [http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/
application-
form-ucc-partners-in-service-2007-1.pdf](http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/application-form-ucc-partners-in-service-2007-1.pdf)

Date: January 16, 2008
From: Office of Disciples Volunteering & UCC Office of
Volunteer Ministries
Subject: Summer Internships



The Office of Disciples Volunteering and the United Church of Christ Office of Volunteer Ministries invite your students to consider applying for summer volunteer/internship opportunities. The Disciples Home Mission Intern program and the UCC Volunteer Ministries "Partners in Service" program offer opportunities for service in a variety of ministry settings throughout the United States. These settings offer students exposure to front burner cross-cultural issues, experience in working with diverse groups of people, and the opportunity to serve through the church. The enclosed flyer highlights these placement possibilities.

As a joint program, we would especially highlight the opportunity for internships in the F.A.S.T. program (Faithful Advocates Serving Together). This is a ten week internship in the Appalachian region around Alderson, WV providing leadership for groups as they accompany members of the Alderson Ministerial Association working with housing issues in the region. Interns help groups reflect on issues of economic justice in light of the work they are doing with their hands and the people they meet during the week. The on-site supervisor provides the opportunity for your school to consider this as a field education placement.

Applications for Disciples Home Mission Interns are available at:
<http://www.discipleshomeissions.org/Volunteer/SpecialProjects/Interns.htm>

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Applications for UCC Volunteer Ministries Summer Opportunities are available at
www.ucc.org/ministries/volunteer. See "application" tab on left index. Mark your site preference on page 2 of the application form.

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Apply for the F.A.S.T. internship through either site.

We look forward to working with your students.

In Peace,

Mary Schaller Blaufuss
Executive for Volunteer Ministries
United Church of Christ
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Carl Zerweck, III
Director of Disciples Volunteering
Disciples Home Missions
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Pastors' Class information



Greetings from Historic Bethany and the Alexander Campbell home.

This year, due to an early Easter and the many activities youth are involved in, Historic Bethany will not have a particular day set aside for Pastors' Classes. Rather, we will be available anytime convenient to your group--before or after Easter--with the exception of April 24 through April 27 and Saturday, May 17 (college graduation).

A typical day includes a guided tour of the Campbell Home (\$4 adults/\$2 youth), the Cemetery Game (find important tombstones in Campbell Cemetery), lunch at the cafeteria (\$6.36 per person), a college tour, and a visit to the Old Meeting House where groups may hold a short service. Each member of the class will receive a folder with Campbell related information.

Contact Information: email: historic@bethanywv.edu or call: 304-829-4258
Felicity Ruggiero or George Miller

ChurchCentral.com - Book Review: 'Renew Your Congregation'

by Ken Walker 08 Jan 2008 "Renew Your Congregation," William McConnell (Chalice Press, January 2008)

Veteran minister William McConnell experienced a personal epiphany in the midst of a contentious board meeting at his church. While members heatedly tossed accusations and invectives at each other over a vital issue—what color to paint the kitchen—God told him the battle was his fault.

Since he had been doing all the ministry, all he had left the congregation was a crummy bucket of paint. The Lord said: "And since that is all they have, they have invested all of the passion I have given them to do ministry in the paint instead."

The need to empower laypersons is only one of many lessons this Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) leader has gleaned from his experience leading a suburban Cincinnati congregation through transformation.

It was at the bottom of a 30-year-long decline when he went there in 1991. Today, the church has grown from a one-man ministry to 400 in weekly attendance and involvement in multiple mission endeavors and community improvement projects.



Measuring success

Yet, as McConnell points out in this forthright and sometimes amusing account, such numbers as increased attendance and offerings are not the measuring sign of success. A healthy church means one that produces fully functioning followers of Christ.

According to the author, this will only happen when a pastor gathers the courage to confront the vocal minority who often rule churches through intimidation, complaints or temper tantrums.

He says that transforming a church is a daunting task and not for the weak of heart. Nor is it for those who are content with operating in maintenance mode so they can continue collecting a salary while striving to keep everyone happy.

Admitting he never cared for confrontation or the gut-wrenching moments it produced while transforming his church, McConnell emphasizes the need to wade into the battle and not "cut and run" as he did earlier in his 35-year-long career.

While facing contentious challenges, McConnell says pastors must learn to see themselves as leaders, acting like the star athlete in pressure situations who says, "Give me the ball."

Searching for the "magic bullet"

At 144 pages, this book isn't long enough to provide in-depth instruction on the ways pastors can revitalize congregations. Yet it packs a lot of wisdom into 14 chapters, starting with the insight that there is no magic bullet when it comes to turning around a dwindling church.

Instead, McConnell compares the process to the cooking talents of his grandmother, who never used measuring cups, taking a pinch of this and a dash of that to craft delicious dishes. Likewise, he says each church is different and can't expect to quickly implement someone else's recipe to reach its goal.

Not that McConnell leaves readers on their own to figure it out. He reviews some key ingredients to revitalization, particularly the importance of prayer, and includes a list of 21 best practices gleaned from an e-mail discussion group.

As part of learning the art of healthy confrontation, he says a minister must learn to tell the truth, such as the author did when a woman complained she didn't like their new, contemporary worship. Replying that he didn't care, McConnell pointed out it wasn't meant for her and that she should attend the earlier, traditional service.

Answering key questions

In McConnell's eyes, churches have to answer two key questions: 1) what do we need to do to become healthy? and 2) what does God want us to do?

Without that kind of focus, he says congregations can easily lose an emphasis on missions and outreach. Instead, they will invest their resources in building maintenance while making little impact on the community.

Another essential ingredient he recommends is finding a target and then aiming for it. After his church decided to tailor its efforts toward families with children, their numbers swelled.

Pastors looking for vision and hope will find encouragement from McConnell, whose experiences with crabby church members and ministry challenges will sound familiar to leaders of every denomination and background.

They may also be surprised by the author's crossing over from his mainline roots to recommend a leadership training institute offered through Asbury Theological Seminary. Too often the insistence on doctrinal purity from both fundamentalists and liberals keep each side from learning from the other camp, McConnell says.

Likewise, evangelical pastors who think they can't learn from a mainline minister should put aside those preconceptions to consider McConnell's guidelines.



Renew Your Congregation; Healing the Sick and Raising the Dead

by William T. McConnell.

Renew Your Congregation provides motivation to church leaders and gives direction for those in need of recovery from their status as a dying or plateaued church toward becoming a transformed and transforming church. Based on his own experience as a pastor of dying and of transformed churches, the author gives practical advice to church leaders concerning what they must do and what they must become for the church to become vibrant, energetic, and fun again.

Chalice Press, December 2007

Join Bill McConnell for a discussion of his book and some of the most vital practices of a transformational pastor at The Columbia Partnership Webinar being offered in February. Sign up on-line at The Columbia Partnership for the Webinar, *Renew Your Congregation*, being offered February 18, 19, or 20 at 4:00 p.m. EST.

What people are saying about *Renew Your Congregation*:

"Bill McConnell's *Renew Your Congregation* offers a mentor's guide to leaders working to turnaround a faith community. Rather than abstract theory, this book is practical wisdom. The experienced leader will recognize the principles of which McConnell writes. The less than experienced can learn from a wise pastor who has been there and does this well." – *Dr. Bob Cueni, President, Lexington Theological Seminar.*

"For fifty years, a parade of writers has labored to show declining churches the route to new growth. Bill McConnell, from extensive experience and wise reflection, has written one of the most interesting and useful books of the type. As this book is read by church leadership teams (not by the pastor alone), it will catalyze the turnaround of several thousand local churches, at least." – *George G. Hunter III, Distinguished Professor of Evangelization, Asbury Theological Seminary*

"Bill McConnell is a delightful writer and this book is as easy to read as it is substantive in its content. It is intelligent, intuitive and informed. There is no substitute for wisdom born of experience and perseverance, and that wisdom is found here. Full of practical insights and suggestions as well as being a window on Bill's personal journey as a successful leader of congregational transformation, I commend *Renew Your Congregation* to every minister and lay leader alike." *Dr. Dick Hamm, coach-consultant, president of The Columbia Partnership, and author of "Recreating The Church: Leadership For The Post-Modern Age"*

I just read *Renew Your Congregation* and I'm really encouraged by it! The book speaks a lot about where we're at as a congregation. – *Kevin Russell, Pastor, Walton (KY) Christian Church*

"Can anything be more challenging than successfully leading transformation in a mainline congregation? Bill McConnell has done it! Spiritual renewal and lay-led ministries spark turnarounds. Bill teaches how in this readable book for ALL church leaders." *Hal Murry, Director of Field Education, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary*

"Although not a textbook, I wish *Renew Your Congregation* could be required reading for all mainline denominational churches. As a successful pastor and an advisor to many churches, McConnell writes from a wealth of experience that is immensely practical and applicable. His 'Lessons Learned' at the end of each chapter are the icing on the cake. All church leaders and pastors who wish to move their churches forward toward a healthy and exciting future should get this book." *Margo Woodworth, Executive Director, Net Results, Inc.*

"*Renew Your Congregation* is a practical and profound resource for church leaders. Bill McConnell has a 'folksy' writing style and a great sense of humor that makes the book a pleasure to read and extremely helpful in understanding the spiritual journey of revitalizing a congregation. This book gives you insights and wisdom from an experienced pastor with great spiritual depth to help your church face the exciting challenge of transforming your church." *William H. Edwards, Regional Pastor and President, Christian Church in Ohio*

Camp Christian Reunion

WHO: Anyone ages 19 and over who's ever attended Camp Christian in the 50+ years of its existence, and their families.

WHAT: A time of reminiscence, relaxation, renewal and rededication

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3 to noon Sunday, May 4

WHERE: Camp Christian
10299 Maple Dell Rd
Marysville, Ohio 43040

WHY: Because you miss Camp Christian, and Camp Christian misses YOU!

HOW: Register online or by sending this completed form with your check to Christian Church in Ohio



Winning CYF Drawing by Hannah Casto, Fostoria First Christian Church

**Bring memorabilia and photos
from your days at Camp Christian
for everyone to enjoy!!**

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Magnetic Springs, Ohio

May 3 & 4, 2008



Register online at www.ccinoh.org

Camp Christian Reunion



Winning Chi Rho Drawing by Mana Maxted
Wauson First Christian Church

Remember the
Vesper Spot?
... the Dining
Hall? ... and,
sitting in the
green chairs,
talking with
friends for
hours?

Great news! These things don't have to be just memories. No matter how long you've been away or where you've been, it's time to come home to **CAMP CHRISTIAN**. See what's changed ... what's the same, and find out what's happening with old friends.

Whether you attended only a weekend, a year, or years and years ... the event is for **you!**

Cost

\$60.00 per adult \$50.00 for ages 6-12

\$40.00 for ages 3-5 Under 3 free

\$180.00 cap per immediate family.

*Registration cost covers lodging for one night, 4 meals, and all activities.

There is no part-time attendance or partial payment for this event. A \$25.00 processing fee will be retained for all cancellations.

Children

A fully-staffed children's program for children age 12 and under, will run concurrently with the adult program during the day and evening. **You are responsible for your child(ren) at bedtime.**

Deadline

Please return this form or register online **no later than April 21.**

Rules

Camp rules about smoking, alcoholic beverages and firearms have not changed, nor will they! This means no smoking, no alcohol, and no firearms anywhere on Camp property!

What to bring

Bedding, towels, toiletries, sturdy shoes, camera, bug spray, flashlight, blanket/folding chair, portacrib, etc. for babies/toddlers (if applies), plus **SNACKS TO SHARE ON SATURDAY NIGHT**. Bring these to registration, please.

Kids & Youth

Please Note if you are registering any children or youth there will be a follow up health form and other required paperwork.

Adult Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

Church _____

Church City _____

Email _____

____ Yes, I need child care for _____ youth.
Name of youth _____ Age _____

We would like to share sleeping quarters with the _____ family.

Any physical limitations (please explain) _____

Diet or Other Concerns _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____.



2008 Oreon E. Scott Lectures- Your Invitation

You are invited to attend the 53rd Oreon E. Scott Lectures to be held March 31 - April 1, 2008, at Bethany College. This year, our lecturer is Marvin Meyers.

Registration for the Lectures opens at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 31, at the Mountinside Conference Center. The day's events begin at 10 a.m. with a greeting, followed by Mr. Meyer's first presentation. At Monday's Timothy Luncheon, participants may meet with Bethany's pre-ministerial students.

During free time provided after the Monday afternoon lecture, you can tour Bethany's two National Historic Landmarks - the Campbell Mansion and Old Main.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Bethany Memorial Church, followed by a worship service and sermon at the Church.

Bethany College's 2008 Oreon E. Scott Lectures

Bethany College was founded March 2, 1840, by Alexander Campbell, whose vision of a restored church included an informed and reasonable faith on matters pertaining to the Bible and a moral life.

Since its founding, Bethany has been a four-year private liberal arts college affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bethany is proud of its relationship to the church and offers opportunities such as the Oreon E. Scott Lectures for the strengthening of church leaders.

Oreon E. Scott graduated summa cum laude from Bethany College in 1892. He received his bachelor of laws degree from the University of Michigan in 1894. Later, Mr. Scott was elected a trustee of Bethany College. His service to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) included charter membership of the Pension Fund, membership on the executive committee of the National Benevolent Association, president and chairman of the Christian Board of Publication and president of the board of trustees of the National City Christian Church.

The Oreon E. Scott Foundation was established to strengthen the church and continues its support at other Disciples-related colleges and institutions.

We are grateful for the continued support provided by the foundation for the Oreon E. Scott Lectures.

Please Join Us!

Bethany College is honored to host the 53rd Oreon E. Scott Lectures. We are pleased to provide an opportunity for the Church's leaders to learn from distinguished speakers and enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends, all while experiencing the beauty and serenity of our historic Bethany College campus.

We are especially excited that Dr. Marvin Meyer will be making the trip from California to present at the 2008 Oreon E. Scott Lectures. We hope you will also be able to join us at this year's event.


Dr. Scott D. Miller
President

Schedule of Presentations

Monday, March 31

10:15 a.m. Doubting Thomas and the Gospel of Thomas

1:45 p.m. Mary Magdalene and the Gospel of Mary

7 p.m. Worship Service

Sermon: The Youthful Disciple in Mark: In the Garden and the Tomb with Jesus

Mark 10:17-22; 14:51-52; 16:1-8

Tuesday, April 1

9 a.m. Judas Iscariot and the Gospel of Judas

Housing

Housing at Gresham Inn at Bethany College is on a first-come, first-served basis. Rooms are \$59/night. Call the Gresham Inn at 304-829-7622 or 304-829-4343 for reservations or further information. Be sure to mention that you are part of the Scott Lectures.

Breakfast is available at Benedum Commons on the Bethany campus.

Registration Information

Return this form and your total payment (with check payable to Bethany College) to Office of Church Relations, PO Box 478, Bethany College, Bethany, WV 26032-0417.

For more information please contact the Office of Church Relations at 304-829-7723 or by e-mail at jpyle@bethanywv.edu.

See the attached registration form for using your credit card to charge your registration and meal fees.

REGISTRATION FORM - Oreon E. Scott Lectures
March 31 - April 1 2008, at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.

Please make the following reservations for me:

Registration: \$10/person
Monday: Timothy Luncheon at Harder Hall \$10/person
Monday: Dinner at Bethany Memorial Church \$10/person

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 Discover
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Expiration Date _____
Signature _____

Name _____
Street Address _____
City and State _____
ZIP _____
Phone _____

Please be sure to call Gresham Inn at 304-829-7622 for hotel reservations.

Disciples and Gospels — Lost and Found

The 53rd
Oreon E. Scott Lectures
featuring:
Marvin Meyer
March 31 - April 1, 2008



The Lecturer - Marvin Meyer

Dr. Marvin Meyer (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University; M.Div., Calvin Theological Seminary) is Griset Professor of Bible and Christian Studies and Co-Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Chapman University. He is also Director of the Chapman University Albert Schweitzer Institute. Recently he has served as Chair of the Chapman University Faculty and President of the Faculty Senate. He is Director of the Coptic Magical Texts Project of the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate University, Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, and a past President of the Society of Biblical Literature (Pacific Coast).

Dr. Meyer is the author of numerous books and articles on Greco-Roman and Christian religions in antiquity and late antiquity, and on Albert Schweitzer's ethic of reverence for life. Among his most recent books are *The Gnostic Gospels of Jesus* (HarperCollins, 2005), *The Gospels of Mary* (HarperCollins, 2004), *Secret Gospels: Essays on Thomas and the Secret Gospel of Mark* (Trinity Press International, 2003), *The Ancient Mysteries: A Sourcebook of Sacred Texts* (Pennsylvania, 1999), *The Unknown Sayings of Jesus* (HarperCollins, 1998), *The Magical Book of Mary and the Angels* (P. Heid. Inv. Kopt. 685): Text, Translation, and Commentary (Heidelberg, 1996), and *The Gospel of Thomas: The Hidden Sayings of Jesus* (HarperCollins, 1992). He has also edited or co-edited *The Gnostic Bible* (Shambhala, 2003), *Reverence for Life: Albert Schweitzer for the 21st Century* (Syracuse, 2002), *Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World* (Brill, 2002), *Jesus Then and Now: Images of Jesus in History and Christology* (Trinity Press International, 2001), *From Quest to Q* (Peeters, 2000), and *Ancient Christian Magic: Coptic Texts of Ritual Power* (Princeton, 1999).

His books and articles have been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Japanese, and the Gospel of Thomas, of which his is the standard edition, has been listed as one of the 100 best spiritual books of the 20th century. He has been interviewed on television programs that have aired on ABC, BBC, CNN, A&E, the History Channel, and Odyssey, and on radio programs that include BBC Radio, National Public Radio, and the Voice of America. He lives with his wife, children, and dog in Orange, California.

Dr. Meyer teaches courses on religion and values, the New Testament and early Christianity, Greco-Roman and Egyptian religion and culture, the life and thought of Albert Schweitzer, and peace studies. He also provides instruction in ancient Greek language and, upon occasion, Coptic Egyptian. He regularly organizes bargain-basement educational trips, for those who eschew luxury and pursue adventure, to such countries as Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. Ask a survivor of one of these trips about hiking up and sleeping on the rock of Mount Sinai, or swimming in the caldera of Santorini, or snorkeling among tropical fish in the Red Sea.

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Workshops

Special Events



Conferences, Lectures and Civic Forums

Fostering Civil Discourse: Special Series on Understanding Stem Cell Research Prospects and Ethics

With David Ingram, M.D.

Mondays, February 11 and 18, 2008 • 7:00 p.m.

Shelton Auditorium, CTS

Free and open to the public

What is all the fuss about stem cells and what does it matter? Dr. David Ingram, one of the world's premier stem cell researchers, explains both the science and the ethics of stem cell research with surprising clarity and sensitivity. On February 11, he will present the fascinating world of stem cell research and explain the challenges, dilemmas, and hopes that stem cells pose for curing disease. The following week, on February 18, he will clarify the ethical dilemmas posed by the way stem cells are derived and how they are used, or might be used. Along the way, he will lay out in a sensitive and balanced fashion the various ethical responses as articulated by different faith communities and by medical and legal experts.

10th Spirituality and Psychotherapy Conference

What is Radical Hope?

With Jonathan Lear, Ph.D.

Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, 2008

Friday, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (registration, 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

(with alumni meeting at 9:00 a.m.)

Shelton Auditorium, CTS

Cost: \$75 prior to February 15; \$95 thereafter until deadline of February 29, 2008, includes Saturday lunch

CEU contact hours: 5.5

Sponsored by Clarian Health Partners, Indiana Society for Psychoanalytic Thought, the CTS Counseling Center, Buchanan Counseling Center, and Central Indiana Friends of Jung.

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Friday night: What is radical hope?

Humans are by nature vulnerable: we are vulnerable to shocks from the environment, from war, genocide, natural catastrophe, disease, aging and death. These vulnerabilities are fairly obvious. But what sort of vulnerability do we inherit merely by the fact that we are by nature culturally dependent? That is, we are born into cultures; we come to understand ourselves and the world in terms we inherit from our culture – yet, cultures are themselves vulnerable. Cultures themselves can be attacked, threatened and destroyed. What makes it possible for us to live with that vulnerability?

As a way of approaching these questions, we shall consider as an example how the Crow Nation faced the terrible challenges posed by the onslaught of European-American civilization. The Crow have much to teach us, and the questions that are raised transcend any particular historical epoch – and mark us all as human.

Saturday Morning: The relation between hope and courage

What is courage – and why is it thought of as a human virtue? What kinds of changes are required of us insofar as we are courageous? And how, psychologically speaking, are we able to bring those changes about – both internally and externally? Most important: How does courage express a basically hopeful orientation to the world? There are important relations between hope and spirituality that will be explored.

Some of us have experienced cultural dislocation. Others encounter culturally dispossessed persons as helping professionals. All of us may face increased pressure for cultural change as political and environmental shifts rapidly alter our familiar world. Therapists, chaplains, spiritual directors, ministers and all who have faithfully followed this lecture series into its 10th year will find that Jonathan Lear, a psychoanalytically trained philosopher, brings us food for thought and reason to face the future with hope.

The Network of Biblical Storytellers Presents **Biblical Storytelling and the Arts**

Saturday, April 5, 2008 • 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Common Room, CTS

To register, call or email: 317-931-2352 or

1-800-355-NOBS; or nobsint@nobs.org

Cost: \$49, includes lunch

Deadline: March 28, 2008

CEU contact hours: 4.75

Co-sponsored by The Network of Biblical Storytellers



Learning and telling biblical stories that connect with creative art forms. The morning will consist of visual, spoken, and digital presentations on the three areas of “Biblical Storytelling and the Arts” by each of the workshop presenters. You will have a chance to view all three before choosing which workshop you will attend in the afternoon.

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Institute for Psychoanalysis. His books include *Aristotle and Logical Theory* (1980); *Aristotle: the desire to understand* (1988); *Love and its place in nature: a philosophical interpretation of Freudian psychoanalysis* (1990); *Open minded: working out the logic of the soul* (1998); *Happiness, death and the remainder of life* (2000); *Therapeutic action: an earnest plea for irony* (2003); *Freud* (2005); and most recently, *Radical hope: Ethics in the face of cultural devastation*.



Joyce Johnson



Dan LeMonnier



Amelia Boomershine



Tom Boomershine

The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney is Associate Professor, Hebrew Scripture and



Homiletics, at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Her approach to teaching Hebrew scriptures emphasizes archaeology, comparative ancient near eastern literature and the Dead Sea Scrolls. She is a member of the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, founded in 1792; she is also a member of the Dorshei Derekh Reconstructionist Minyan of the Germantown Jewish Center, in Philadelphia. She is particularly interested in how Jews and Christians interpret the texts they hold in common. Her current projects include an exploration of motherhood in messianic genealogies in "Mother Knows Best: Messianic Surrogacy and Sexploitation in Ruth," which will appear in a forthcoming volume of *Semeia* on motherhood; a commentary on the book of Numbers in the "African Women's Bible Commentary;" and a commentary on Ruth and an article on responsible Christian exegesis of the Hebrew scriptures in the African diasporic biblical commentary *Biblia Africana*, Fortress Press. She holds a B.A. from Earlham College, M.Div. from Howard University School of Divinity, and Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible, Duke University.

The workshop options will be:

Storytelling and Sacred Symbols, led by Joyce Johnson

Storytelling and Music, led by Dan LeMonnier

Storytelling and Movement, led by Tom & Amelia Boomershine and the CinDay Guild

Shelley Gnade will emcee the event. The Network of Biblical Storytellers, located at CTS, is a 20-year-old organization whose mission is to "encourage everyone to learn and tell biblical stories." For more information, please visit the Web site at www.nobs.org.



Shelley Gnade

26th Forum on Jewish-Christian Relations

Building the Beloved Community with Biblical Bricks: Who is Excluded?

With Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney

Monday, April 14, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., (registration, 8:30 a.m.)
Common Room, CTS

Cost: \$50, includes lunch

Registration deadline: April 7, 2007

CEU contact hours: 4.5

Co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council



The architecture of the beloved community will be examined, specifically its periphery and boundaries. In the first lecture, we will consider the ways in which the human body signifies inclusion or exclusion from the community. In the second lecture, we will explore a key narrative in reflections on the beloved community, examining the scope and implications of community-forming liberative acts.

Session 1: Of Blondes, Blemishes and Other Suspect Appearances: What Leviticus Teaches About Embodiment in Ancient Israel

This lecture will explore the skin-disease texts in Leviticus 14 and 15 as a way of defining a community, its perimeter, insiders and outsiders.

Session 2: Liberating Exodus from Its Interpreters

This lecture will explore the biblical story of Exodus from perspectives of disenfranchised, dispossessed, colonized and post-colonial peoples, and will also explore the retelling of Exodus as a narrative trope in science fiction.

Session 3: A Conversation with Dr. Gafney

Professor Clark Williamson will moderate a conversation with Dr. Gafney about the lectures and their implications for Jewish-Christian relations. He will be joined by Rabbi Dennis Sasso and Professors Marti Steussy and Michael Miller.

7th Mending the Mind & Minding the Soul Mental Health Education Conference

How Are Your Children? Mental Health of Children and Youth

With Dr. Ann Adanamis

Thursday, May 15, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (registration, 8:30 a.m.)
Shelton Auditorium, CTS

Cost: \$30 individual; special rates for NAMI Indianapolis members – see www.namiindy.org for pricing. Includes lunch.

Deadline: May 8, 2008

CEU contact hours: 6.0

Co-sponsored by Faith Communities Education Project (FaithCep) of NAMI Indianapolis (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

To register, call or email NAMI Indianapolis at (317) 767-7653 or info@namiindy.org

For clergy and congregational leaders of all faiths

Dr. Ann Adanamis of North Meridian Psychiatric Associates will highlight what's normal and what's not and present symptoms and treatment of major early on-set childhood mental illnesses. Afternoon breakout sessions will include eating disorders, suicide prevention, substance abuse, resources for caregivers and the special needs of African American and Spanish-speaking youth. Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder of Mental Health Ministries will lead an interfaith service demonstrating how mental health awareness and education can be woven into services of your local congregation.



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Preaching Workshop

Preaching from Easter to Pentecost: Sermons for Eschatological Community

With Dr. Ron Allen

Monday, January 28, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (registration, 8:30 a.m.)
Room 122, CTS

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch and book, *Preaching Luke/Acts*)

Deadline: January 21, 2008

CEU contact hours: 4.5

After all the sermonic intensity of Lent and Easter, what does a preacher do? This workshop will concentrate on preparing messages to help the church become an eschatological community by studying the readings in the Revised Common Lectionary from the Acts of the Apostles on the Sundays after Easter. These passages include the Ascension of Jesus, the Day of Pentecost, the community holding all things in common, the apostles arrested and brought to trial, the Ethiopian eunuch, and the conversion of the first gentiles (Cornelius and friends). The workshop will include presentations by the leader and small group interaction.

Ann Adanamis is board certified by the American Board of



Psychiatry and Neurology in Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatry. She is in private practice with North Meridian Psychiatric Associates in Indianapolis. She is also a consultant to several local counseling groups. She specializes in complex diagnostic and medication issues, ongoing therapy, medication consultation for other professionals and second-opinion consultations. Areas of expertise include anxiety disorders, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders and mood disorders.

Ronald J. Allen is Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor



of Preaching and New Testament at CTS. His most recent books are *The Life of Jesus for Today* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008) and *Thinking Theologically: The Preacher as Theologian* (Fortress Press, 2008). He and Clark Williamson have recently published a three-volume commentary on the lectionary (Westminster John Knox Press). Allen directed one of the first large-scale studies of people who listen to sermons. The first multiauthor books from that study are published by Chalice Press: *Make the Word Come Alive* (2005); *Hearing the Sermon* (2004); *Believing in Preaching* (2005); and *Listening to Listeners: Homiletic Case Studies* (2004).

**Marcia
McFee**

is the
worship
director
for the
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Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2008, and is a consultant on worship and the arts and has preached, led worship and workshops for churches and conferences across the United States, Europe and Asia. She is a graduate of Saint Paul School of Theology and received her Ph.D. in liturgical studies from the Graduate Theological Union. Her hands-on workbook, *The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together*, guides worship teams through evaluation, study and design of worship.



**Dan
Moseley**
pastored
Vine
Street
Christian
Church

(Disciples of Christ) for 15 years before coming to CTS in 1997 to teach practical parish ministry. He teaches regularly at the College of Preachers at the Washington Cathedral, is active in the church both locally and nationally, and teaches preaching and ministerial leadership throughout the United States. He has been involved in the development of Grief Healing, Inc., and has written numerous articles and sermons for publication. He edited a book of sermons on stewardship titled *Joyful Giving*. He holds the B.D. and D.Min. from Vanderbilt Divinity School.



Saltsburg Worship Workshop

Creating Worship with Deep Soul: The Art and Technique of Sensory Rich Worship and Spiritual Leadership

Led by Dr. Marcia McFee

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.–noon; Chapel, 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.; workshop continues 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. (registration, 8:30 a.m.)

Room B29, CTS

Cost: \$25 for workshop

Deadline: March 18, 2008

CEU contact hours: 5.0

What makes the difference between worship that feels like “business as usual” and worship that elicits an experience of “deep soul?” This workshop explores that question by uncovering the theological, sociological, and physiological basis for sensory-rich worship and examining what it means to develop skills that transform worship leaders into spiritual guides for the journey.

Living with Loss: Discoveries for Care Givers

With Dr. Dan Moseley

Monday, May 5, 2008 • 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (registration, 8:30 a.m.)

Room B29, CTS

Cost: \$50, includes lunch

Deadline: April 28, 2008

CEU contact hours: 4.5

People who spend their lives caring for others are gifts to the community. Those who support others in times of loss learn how to sustain themselves as well. Sometimes constant attention to those who care for others can take its toll. But those who survive and flourish in this setting know how to grow through their care giving. They know that loss is not something that we get through, but it is something that we learn to live with. Through more than 30 years of pastoral ministry and 10 years of study in the area of grief and loss, Dr. Moseley has made some discoveries that help caregivers identify and name the discoveries that sustain them and others in the losses of life. He will explore the rich and complex resources that come to persons who live with loss. Through this exploration, the caregiver will discover deeper resources for living life more fully.

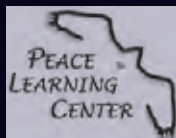
Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Beloved Community Festival

Saturday, January 19, 2008 • 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Shelton Auditorium
Free and open to the public – everyone welcome!

Sponsored by The Peace Learning Center



Celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., The Peace Learning Center's 10th annual indoor festival is free and open to everyone in the community! Come and enjoy music, dance and poetry; create your own art with the Indianapolis Art Museum; learn African drumming; write a poem in a Spoken Word session with TJ Reynolds and Blair Karsch; plus EAT A FREE LUNCH! No registration required – just come.

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Cost: \$75 prior to February 15; \$95 thereafter; includes

Saturday lunch

Deadline: February 29, 2008

Forum on Jewish-Christian Relations _____

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

Deadline: April 7, 2008

Preaching Workshop _____

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

Deadline: January 21, 2008

Saltsburg Worship Workshop _____

Fee: \$25

Deadline: March 18, 2008

Living with Loss Workshop _____

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

Deadline: April 28, 2008

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Faith Learning Initiative: Exploring Faiths and Sacred Traditions with our Neighbors

The Faith Learning Initiative offers four-week classes designed by laity for laity interested in learning more about spirituality and religious traditions. The spring 2008 session will begin the week of April 28 and include classes on “Ecology and Faith,” “Spiritual Practices in Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Traditions,” and “From the Jesus of History to the Christ of Christian Faith.” Check the CTS Web site – www.cts.edu – for classes to be offered; contact Joyce Weidner at (317) 931-4224; or email LifeEd@cts.edu for more information and catalogs. We would also be happy to work with you if you are interested in bringing a class or teacher to your congregation.

