



Christian Church in Ohio

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Congregational Leaders Mailing – February 2010

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Starting February 1, 2010 the traditional Minister's Mailing was transformed into the Congregational Leaders Mailing. This expanded the mailing beyond the Pastors, to the Elders, Board Chairs, Treasurers, Youth Leaders, Deacons, and many more. If there are other congregational leaders at your church who are not receiving this mailing, please forward this to them and tell them to get in touch with us about receiving their own copy.

NOTE: Please print off and post any flyers contained in this packet so that the congregation is informed of Regional events.

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Other Important Information

Clergy Clinic and Dinner – There will be a Clergy Clinic and Dinner **March 22 at Camp Christian** to replace the traditional Ministers Convocation Dinner. Specific details will be available on the Regions website very soon. Stay tuned for more information!

CYF Mid Winter Retreats – There is still time to register for the Wilmington, Hiram, and Lakeside CYF Mid Winter Retreats. For more information go to <http://www.ccinoh.org/docs/CYFWebEng.pdf>.

Spiritual Life Retreat – The Spiritual Life Retreat is quickly approaching. This retreat is for all Ministers. Ordained or Licensed, Active or Retired. If you have a spouse who would also like to attend, they are more than welcome. Register at http://www.ccinoh.org/events_details.aspx?id=98.

Licensed Ministry Classes – Attention all Licensed Ministers! Please mark your calendars now for the 2010 Licensed Ministry Classes. They will be held at the Regional Church Office March 13 & 20 and May 1 & 8. More information will be out very soon.

OWM Convocation – Ohio Women’s Ministries Convocation will be held April 17, 2010 at Gender Road Christian Church in Canal Winchester. Plan now to attend!!

Disciples Fellowship Retreat – Mark your calendars now for the Disciples Fellowship Retreat, May 28-30 at Camp Christian. They will be doing some Camp cleanup, Bible studies, and much more!!

Open Church List – Will now be available to Ministers upon request. Email jtoddart@ccinoh.org or call 614-433-0343

Prayer Concerns

If you have anything to put in the Prayer Concerns (Deaths, Health Issues, and don’t forget JOYS) please email them to ccio@ccinoh.org or call the Regional Church Office. Prayer Concerns are emailed out as needed and included in every Congregational Leaders Mailing.

Earthquake in Haiti

Please continue to respond to Week of Compassion's Earthquake Relief; in addition, there is an URGENT need for more CWS hygiene and baby kits -- our warehouse has been emptied -- please go http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main to for a list of items needed for the kits.

Here are all the links related to Haiti from disciples.org.

- [Give To Week of Compassion for Haiti Relief Efforts](#)
- [Update: Week of Compassion's Haiti Response](#)
- [Latest Updates from Global Ministries](#)
- [Be Active: Church World Service In Need of Relief Kits](#)

Week of Compassion

There are so many churches doing such cool things -- we want to help churches inspire each other! Please post your congregations stories, events, activities, etc. on their page: <http://www.weekofcompassion.org/share-your-haiti-stories/>

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Deaths

Judith Ponting died Friday January 1 at the Cleveland Clinic after a long illness. Judy was a licensed minister who had been the Minister of Pastoral Care at North Eaton Christian Church since 1992. Messages for Judy's husband, Jim and family can be sent to 10861 Durkee Road, Grafton, OH 44044. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, in Judy's memory, can be sent to the Church, 35895 Royalton Rd, Grafton, OH 44044.

For more information, go to <http://www.neccdisciples.com/staff/layminister.html>.

Dana L. Meadows, Father-in-law of Rev. Steve Brown, died January 2 at his home. A private service was held in Steubenville for the family. Steve is the Pastor at the Hebron Christian Church. Messages for Steve and his wife Dana may be sent to sbrown1775@yahoo.com or to the Church at PO Box 736, Hebron, OH 43025-0736.

Rev. Caroline Bloomfield, beloved pastor of Central Christian Church in Warren, died January 6, 2010. Caroline had been battling cancer for some time. Until recently, she also served on the Regional Church Council, Executive Committee, and the Commission on Ministry. There were several memorial services for Caroline. Please keep Caroline's family, friends, and the congregation at Central in Warren in your prayers.

Becky Shonle, wife of Rev. John Shonle, died January 7. Becky had been battling a brain tumor for several years. John is a Disciples Minister serving at a United Church of Christ Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association, 1133 S. Edwin Moses Blvd, Suite 190, Dayton, OH, 45408-2071. Please hold John and his family, including his three school-age children, in prayer.

Rev. Dr. S. Thomas Niccolls died January 10 at his home in Sebring, Ohio. A memorial service was held at the Hiram Christian Church. Tom, an ordained Presbyterian minister, was the Campus Minister at Ohio University from 1958-1970, then Chaplain and Religious Studies Professor at Hiram College from 1970-1992. Cards may be sent to Betty Niccolls, 800 S. 15th Street #1631, Sebring, OH 44672-2050

Mary Gillespie this January. Mary is the Mother of Bonnie Goldner, and Mother in Law to Rev. Dr. Russell Goldner. Mary is also the Aunt of Rev. Dr. Janet Long, Pastor at Washington Ave. Christian Church in Elyria. Messages for Bonnie and Russ may be sent to bgoldner@roadrunner.com, go2russ@roadrunner.com, or 796 Ravenhill Rd, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067. Messages for Janet may be sent to pastor@waccelyria.org or Washington Avenue Christian Church, 301 Washington Ave, Elyria, OH 44035-5124.

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Health Concerns

William Mabry, husband of Diane Mabry who pastors the Faith United Christian Church in North Canton, is home after a stay in the hospital. Cards may be sent to: 1937 Fourth St SE, Canton, OH 44707.

Mike Weber has been having some procedures done and health complications since his heart attack late in 2008. Mike is currently serving as an Interim Minister in Kentucky and was a former Ohio pastor for Mantua Center Christian Church and 1st Christian Church of Middletown.

Stephanie McBee, daughter of Rev. Brad McBee had brain surgery on January 8th to help control her seizures at the Cleveland Clinic. Please keep Stephanie in your prayers, she is 22 years old. Brad is the Pastor at the First Christian Church in Shelby. Messages for the McBee family may be sent to manofjoyandlove@yahoo.com.

Doris Woodson, Camp Christian Food Services Director, fell and broke her wrist. She will be recuperating with a cast for around 6 weeks. Messages for Doris may be sent to dwoodson@ccinoh.org.

Mary Beth Cascio was admitted to a hospital in Lakewood. They are running several tests and they are unsure as to when she may get to go home. Mary Beth and her husband Peter are Licensed Ohio Pastors. Messages for Mary Beth may be sent to mbcascio@juno.com.

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I am excited to introduce to you the “**Congregational Leaders Mailing**”. You are receiving this special communication because you have been identified as a leader in a congregation of the Christian Church in Ohio.

The vision of the Regional Church calls us to be:

***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.***

A “**covenant network**” means that we are intentional about our relationships; “**centers of transformation**” means that our congregations become a place where individuals are transformed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in turn our congregations are transforming the communities in which they are located. As leadership within the region has prayerfully considered this vision, three priorities have emerged:

- **Strengthen Relationships and Building Networks**
 - Become true community by...Building **trust** through open and clear communication...Listening to one another’s hopes and dreams...Caring for one another in times of joy and of pain...Sharing our transforming experiences of Jesus Christ with our communities around us
- **Leadership Development**
 - Building on the strong ministry foundation of Camp Christian and other leadership programs that will deepen our Christian Spirituality.
- **Congregational Transformation and Evangelism**
 - Reclaiming the Great Commission to strengthen and renew the life of established congregations and starting new congregations.

I would like to invite your spiritual wisdom and prayerful insight in discerning God’s direction for our leadership together in accomplishing our vision.

The **Congregational Leaders Mailing** is our commitment to keep you informed on what’s going in the ministry of the Regional Church. We are also committed to a partnership of ministry with you to support and resource your work in any way possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call. I look forward with great anticipation of what God will do through us as Disciples of Christ and leaders in Christ’s church in the days ahead.

May God’s Blessings be with you,

Bill



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February

- 5 Marketing Committee Meeting @ RCO 12:30 – 2:00pm
- 5 – 7 Phyto CYF Mid-Winter @ Community Christian Church, North Canton
- 10 Adventure Camp Planning Conference Call 7:00pm
- 11 Regional Elders Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
- 13 Anti-Racism Commission @ RCO 10:00am – 1:30pm
- 13 Ohio Disciples Men's Commission Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 15 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing Meeting 5:00pm
- 16 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 18 Regional Assembly Planning Team Conference Call 10:00am
- 19 – 21 Wilmington CYF Mid-Winter @ Mount Healthy Christian Church, Cincinnati
- 20 Ohio Women's Ministries Commission Meeting @ Camp Christian
- *23 – 25 Spiritual Life Retreat for Ministers (& Spouses if you have one) @ Camp Christian
- 25 Finance Committee Conference Call 11:00am
- 25 Personnel Committee Conference Call 2:30pm

March

- 1 Deadline for entries into The Buckeye Disciple**
- 2 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO
- 3 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
- 5 – 7 Hiram CYF Mid-Winter @ Westlake Christian Church, Cleveland
- *6 Equipping the Saints @ North Congregational Church, Columbus
- 6 Camp Christian Operations Team @ Camp Christian 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 9 Ohio Disciples Outreach Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
- *12 – 14 Advance Ministries Spring Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 13 Licensed Ministry Classes @ RCO
- 13 Ohio Women's Ministries Commission Meeting @ RCO
- 13 Chi Rho Commission Meeting @ Camp Christian 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 16 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 17 Personnel Committee Meeting @ Camp Christian 10:00am – 2:00pm
- *18 – 19 DOC/UCC Partnership Standing Workshop @ Camp Christian
- 19 – 21 Lakeside CYF Mid-Winter @ First Christian Church, Paulding
- 20 Licensed Ministry Classes @ RCO
- 22 Clergy Clinic and Dinner @ Camp Christian
- *23 New Ministers Orientation @ RCO
- *24 Anti Racism Training for New Ministers @ Camp Christian
- *25 Sexual Ethics Training for New Ministers @ Camp Christian
- 27 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 31 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting

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April

- 2** *Good Friday, RCO Closed*
4 *Easter Sunday*
9 – 10 Youth Council Meeting @ Camp Christian
17 Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation @ Gender Rd Christian Church 9:00am – 4:00pm
17 Advance Ministries Scholarship Fundraising Talent Show @ Camp Christian
*19 Workshop for Pastors & Lay Leaders @ Camp Christian 9:30am – 5:00pm
20 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
21 Personnel Committee Conference Call 1:30pm
24 Counselor Training @ Camp Christian
24 Congregational Transformation Conference @ Legacy Christian, Harrison 8:00am
27 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee meeting @ RCO 10:00am

May

- 1 Counselor Training @ Camp Christian
1 Licensed Ministry Classes @ RCO
3 Interim Ministers Working Group Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 2:30pm
8 Licensed Ministry Classes @ RCO
8 Cleveland Christian Home Work Day
11 Ohio Disciples Outreach Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 3:00pm
15 Camp Christian Reunion @ Camp Christian
18 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
19 Personnel Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 2:00pm
20 Retired Clergy Retreat @ Camp Christian
21 – 23 Ohio Disciple Men's Spring Retreat @ Camp Christian
26 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
28 – 30 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian
31 *Memorial Day, RCO Closed*

June

- 1** **Deadline for entries into The Buckeye Disciple**
5 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing
13 – 19 Hocking Chi Rho Camp @ Camp Christian
14 – 18 Adult Conference @ Northwest Christian Church
15 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
20 – 26 Otter Camp @ Camp Christian
27 – July 3 Hiram CYF Conference @ Camp Christian

July

- 4 – 10 Phyto CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
5 *Fourth of July Observed, RCO Closed*
11 – 17 Portahoga Chi Rho Camp @ Camp Christian
11 – 17 Badger Partnership Camp @ Temple Hills
14 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
18 – 24 Maumee Chi Rho Camp @ Camp Christian
20 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
25 – 31 Lakeside CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
25 – 31 Beaver Partnership Camp @ Pilgrim Hills
27 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee meeting @ RCO 10:00am

RCO = Regional Church Office
*** Online Registration is now available**

Haiti Assistance Income Tax Relief Act

The Senate and House have unanimously passed legislation that allows taxpayers to deduct cash charitable contributions to aid victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The bill was signed by President Obama on Friday, January 22, 2010. This includes contributions to local congregations designated for Week of Compassion Haiti Relief.

Under this law, a donor who makes a cash contribution for the relief of Haitian earthquake victims after January 11, 2010 and before March 1, 2010 can take a tax deduction for the gift for either 2009 or 2010. The law refers to this as an "acceleration" of the contribution deduction, since it may be claimed on the tax return filed for 2009, even though given in 2010.

Churches that receive gifts from members are not required to issue a second contribution letter to members who choose the accelerated method. **Members who make gifts to their church for Week of Compassion Haiti Relief and who choose the accelerated contribution method are required to keep their own record of the contribution.** When their 2010 statement is issued from the congregation, the donor is expected to modify their deduction on their 2010 Tax Forms. Members who took the accelerated method are advised to keep a second copy of the 2010 contribution statement from the church with their 2009 tax records.

The law addresses the Federal contribution deduction. Donors will need to check their own states' for conformity and should consult with their tax advisor.

For immediate release

***DisciplesWorld* magazine, website to cease publishing; non-profit to dissolve**

DisciplesWorld, the award-winning journal of news, opinion, and mission for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will cease publication after almost eight years.

Citing declining subscription and advertising revenue, and charitable gifts, Publisher and Editor Verity A. Jones said the non-profit entity that publishes the magazine —DisciplesWorld, Inc. — is also dissolving.

DisciplesWorld was launched in 2002 by James Suggs and Robert Friedly, retired publisher and editor (respectively) of *The Disciple*. Friedly and Suggs hired Sherri Wood Emmons as managing editor. Verity A. Jones was hired as editor and publisher and Rebecca Bowman Woods as news editor in 2003.

DisciplesWorld won numerous awards from the Associated Church Press, a trade association for religious publications. Following its first year, *DisciplesWorld* received second place in the “Acorn Award” category for best new publication. In 2006, 2007, and 2008, it placed second in the “Best in Class” category for denominational magazines, and in 2008 it won the top award for editorial courage for the January/February 2008 issue on the ordination of gays and lesbians.

The magazine’s subject matter included controversial issues such as war, gun control, and immigration. In November 2008, the editors devoted an entire issue to the survivors of the Jonestown mass suicide in Guyana, 30 years after the tragedy.

Faced with declining revenue from subscriptions, donations, and advertising, *DisciplesWorld* came close to shutting down in 2007 and again in 2008. In early 2009, the magazine received a major grant to formulate new strategies to adapt to the changing publishing landscape. *DisciplesWorld* had planned to re-launch its website in January 2010 with expanded features, including the ability for site users to post news articles and share content.

Jones said, “We made a valiant effort. We chose to move forward rather than just hold the course through the recession. I am saddened that this publication is coming to an end, but I am proud of the magazine, its staff, readers, writers, and supporters.”

By unanimous action of its board of directors, DisciplesWorld, Inc., is dissolving and winding down. The corporation will liquidate its assets to attempt to meet obligations to creditors. Any donations received will be used to pay those obligations.

Jones noted, “We thank our current subscribers for their support, and we regret that at this time, we are not able to refund unfulfilled subscriptions. We invite you to consider making a financial gift to *DisciplesWorld* in gratitude for this publication. Gifts will help us close with integrity.”

The *DisciplesWorld* website — www.disciplesworld.com — will remain live during the wind-down process. Web visitors can read past news articles, and current subscribers can continue to access

premium content from the magazine, including back issues and study guides. Updates on the wind down, including future contact information, will also be posted to the website. Gifts in gratitude for the publication can also be made online.

The editors are currently working on a plan to publish a final issue. Updates on the final issue will be posted to the website.

Digital versions of published articles and back issues of the magazine will be available for purchase on Jan. 15 through Scribd.com.

In 2009, *DisciplesWorld* launched a second magazine in partnership with International Disciples Women's Ministries (IDWM). The closing of *Disciples World* will not affect the publication of *Just Women* which will continue to be published by IDWM. Subscribers can expect the Winter 2010 and future issues to be delivered on schedule. Adonna Bowman, executive director of the Office of Disciples Women and secretary/treasurer of IDWM said, "We anticipate a smooth transition, and while we grieve the loss of *DisciplesWorld*, we embrace the opportunity for Disciples Women to publish their own resource."

Jones also expressed her gratitude for *DisciplesWorld* Founders who are named on the magazine's masthead, and for start-up supporters Joe and Nancy Stalcup and the J. Irwin Miller family. "These visionaries gave the church a great magazine," she said.

From 2002 through mid-2009, *DisciplesWorld* published 10 issues a year. As a cost-cutting measure, the magazine decreased its page count in 2009. It moved to a bi-monthly schedule with the July/August 2009 issue, but increased the number of published pages at that time.

In addition to a magazine, *DisciplesWorld* published daily religion news updates, reviews, and articles on its website, www.disciplesworld.com, and launched a community publishing and social networking site, The Intersection (<http://faithmeetslife.org>) in July 2009.

For more information, visit www.disciplesworld.com.

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Frequently Asked Questions ... about the closing of *DisciplesWorld* magazine. January 27, 2010

The following statement has appeared in the announcement about the closing of *DisciplesWorld*, both online and in the January/February 2010 issue of *DisciplesWorld*:

"By unanimous action of its Board of Directors, DisciplesWorld, Inc., is dissolving and winding down. We are liquidating assets to attempt to meet obligations to creditors. Any donations we receive will be used to pay those obligations. We thank our current subscribers for their support, and regret that at this time, we are not able to refund unfulfilled subscriptions. We invite you to consider making a financial gift to *DisciplesWorld* in gratitude for this publication. Gifts will help us close with integrity."

If *DisciplesWorld* were covering this story, they might ask the following questions about this statement. Some of you already have.

Is the non-profit corporation, DisciplesWorld, Inc, closing as well? Yes. DisciplesWorld, Inc., has moved out of its office. Staff members have not been paid since December 14. However, they have been graciously working as volunteers to assist the dissolution and wind down process. After a final

accounting is completed, the corporation will cease to be. DisciplesWorld, Inc., was incorporated separately from other church-related organizations, and has always been responsible for its own income, expenses, and debt.

What does dissolution mean? Is it the same as a bankruptcy? A voluntary dissolution is not a bankruptcy. It is the process of going out of business. A dissolved corporation does not carry on business activities except those necessary to wind down and liquidate the corporation's property and affairs, to minimize liabilities and to maximize payment of the corporation's obligations.

How much does DisciplesWorld, Inc., owe to creditors and who are they? In addition to unfulfilled subscriptions, DisciplesWorld, Inc., owes approximately \$43,170.00 to creditors as of January 20, 2010. Creditors include the magazine's design firm; printers; writers; utilities; one unpaid advertising bill; and Church Extension, a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Church Extension opened a line of credit for DisciplesWorld, Inc., in October 2008 to help it manage cash flow. Of the approximately \$43,170 owed to creditors, \$20,000 is owed to Church Extension. Church Extension is the only secured creditor. The \$43,170 does not include paying former staff to assist in the wind down process.

What is the plan for liquidating assets and the expected revenue? With the help of Church Extension, furniture and equipment are being sold. Inventory is also for sale, including back issues of magazines, copies of *We are Disciples* by Michael Kinnamon, and the *Browsing the Bible* DVD. (Inventory order forms are available at www.disciplesworld.com.) Other potential assets include *The Intersection* — the community networking site launched in July 2009 — and the subscriber list, although no plan is currently in place to dispose of either. The corporation must liquidate everything that can be liquidated. It is not yet clear how much income the liquidation will produce.

What other plans are in place to meet the obligations? Donations made to DisciplesWorld, Inc., are welcome and will help the corporation meet its obligations. Already more than \$14,000 in gifts has been received which have helped meet obligations and fund the wind down process. Also, approximately \$15,600 in advertising revenue is expected from the final issue of *DisciplesWorld*. It is hoped that liquidated assets, gifts, and advertising revenue will enable the corporation to meet all of its obligations. If that is not possible, unsecured creditors will be paid on a pro-rata basis.

How were you able to finance the final issue? A special designated gift was made to DisciplesWorld, Inc., on the condition that it be used only for the design, printing, writing, and mailing of a final issue, a cost estimated at \$17,480. This gift, volunteered by a couple who were among the magazine's founding supporters, made it possible to notify subscribers of the dissolution, to say farewell with some grace and care, and to generate about \$15,600 of advertising income which can be used to meet financial obligations. It was an incredibly generous gift.

Are gifts to DisciplesWorld, Inc., still tax deductible? Yes. If you would like to send a gift in appreciation for this ministry, please mail it to DisciplesWorld, Inc., P.O. Box 747, Plainfield, IN 46168.

Will subscribers be refunded the balance of their subscription? Unfortunately, as you can see from the accounting above, it is not possible for DisciplesWorld, Inc., to refund more than 7,000 unfulfilled subscriptions. The board of directors and the staff regret this situation and wish that other resources were available to do so.

Why did you accept my subscription one month before you announced the closing? It seems unfair. As soon the leadership of the board of directors realized that dissolution was a real possibility, the corporation stopped depositing subscription checks. Those checks were returned after the closing of the magazine was announced, about 13 days later. Prior to that time, the staff and board were working diligently to produce a quality magazine that was undergirded by a stable business plan.

Who will publish *Just Women* and how might I subscribe? DisciplesWorld, Inc., published *Just Women* in partnership with International Disciples Women's Ministries (IDWM). These wonderful partners decided to take over publishing *Just Women* magazine themselves after learning about the closure of *DisciplesWorld*. They were able to finish and mail the Winter 2010 issue without missing a beat. Former DisciplesWorld, Inc., staff continue to provide some assistance to IDWM during this transition. For more information, or to subscribe to *Just Women*, please call 888 346-2613.

Will the website, www.disciplesworld.com, continue? No. It will remain live for only a while longer.

What about the community networking site, *The Intersection*? Because the technology behind this community networking site is open source, the cost (other than staff time) to continue is minimal. The site will likely remain live until its future is determined by its members and/or others interested in maintaining it. Currently, members are engaged in a conversation on the site about its future. To learn more, visit <http://faithmeetslife.org>.

Can I get back issues of the magazine? Yes. While available, back copies of magazines, *We are Disciples*, and the DVD *Browsing the Bible*, can be ordered. To do so, please email info@disciplesworld.com, or visit <http://www.disciplesworld.com/dynamic.html?wspID=510>. Digital versions of published articles and back issues of the magazine will also be available for purchase through Scribd.com.

Where will the copyright to *DisciplesWorld* go? An answer to this question will be forthcoming.

How can I access the eight years of news that was posted online? An answer to this important question will be forthcoming

How do I get in touch with *DisciplesWorld* now? The mailing address is DisciplesWorld, Inc., P.O. Box 747, Plainfield, IN 46168. While the website is live staff email addresses will continue to work. For general inquiries, send messages to info@disciplesworld.com.

How did this happen? Please read the editorials in the January/February 2010 issue of *DisciplesWorld*, or the announcement and press release at www.disciplesworld.com.



PASTORAL STATEMENT

By the Governing Board of the
Ohio Council of Churches

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2010
In 2010, Celebrating 100 years of Ecumenism**

"You are Witnesses of These Things" Luke 24:48

As people of God, we are called to give witness to what we have seen and heard in scripture, and in the many ways Jesus has come to us. What does the word "witness" mean? It means 'somebody who gives evidence after seeing or hearing something'. It means 'signatory of document – somebody who signs to show that another signature is genuine'. It also means 'somebody who testifies to Christian beliefs, who publicly states his/her strong Christian beliefs'.

In this scripture from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the disciples that they are witnesses of all they have seen and heard- his suffering, his death, and now his resurrection. They have witnessed intense, incredible events over a span of several days. But they also witnessed his healings, teachings, compassion, and love for all people he encountered. How have we come to understand this scripture, and what kind of witness have we given?

It is a challenge today for us to give witness, both verbally and in action to who we are called to be as God's people. We are called to give common witness to who we are as God's beloved community. We are called to witness our partnership as the Body of Christ, as diverse and with many gifts to share with one another. Common witness and service in Christ's name, by those working side by side to relieve human need, have characterized our journey. As we give visible witness to our unity, we give thanks for each partner. We give thanks for the fruits of ninety (90) years of life together. We still yearn for more to be at the ecumenical table. It is in our witness that others see our ministry.

We, the undersigned, pledge our prayers for unity, urging all who claim the name of Christ to gather for fellowship, companionship, and prayer. We ask your prayers for us, that our own unity in diversity may be strengthened. Thanks be to God!

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Equipping the Saints 2010

“A New Day Dawning”

Saturday, March 6, 2010

9:15 AM to 3:45 PM



North Congregational United Church of Christ
2040 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220
A day of fellowship, worship and workshops.

Jointly sponsored by:

Central Southeast Ohio Association, United Church of Christ
The Christian Church in Ohio, Disciples of Christ



\$15.00 per person, includes lunch

Register and pay online at www.ccinoh.org

Or Mail Registration with Checks Payable to:

Christian Church in Ohio

355 E. Campus View Blvd., Suite 110

Columbus, Ohio 43235-5616

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

"A New Day Dawning"

Sponsored by

**Central Southeast Ohio Association, United Church of Christ
The Christian Church in Ohio, Disciples of Christ**

**North Congregational United Church of Christ
2040 W. Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010
9:15 AM to 3:45 PM**

(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	AM Choice 1 & 2	Afternoon – 90 minutes	PM Choice 1 & 2
1) Transformative Corporate Prayer		1) Managing Dilemmas	
2) Interim Ministry		2) What is Exurbia and Why Should We Care?	
3) Sharing Stories of a New Day		3) Sharing Stories of a New Day	
4) Communicating with Congregations		4) Generosity in Tough Times	
5) Re-Imagining Church		5) Resources for Transformation	

Cost is \$15.00 per person & includes lunch. Make checks payable to Christian Church in Ohio & return, with this form to: Christian Church in Ohio at 355 E. Campus View Blvd., Suite 110 Columbus, OH 43235. Or you may register on line at www.ccinoh.org

Special Food Requests: Vegetarian _____ Other _____

Childcare will be provided if requested no later than February 26, 2010 Number of Children _____

Ages of Children _____

Please! One registration per form. Permission is granted to make copies of this form as needed.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Morning Bible Study Leader is Rev. Dr. David Odell-Scott of Kent State University.

2010 EQUIPPING THE SAINTS WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Morning Workshops (choose one)

1. *The Transformative Nature of Corporate Prayer* - Come explore the "hows" and "whys," small group and corporate prayer can transform your church. Leader: Rev. Kerry Reed, Pastor, Gender Road Christian Church, Canal Winchester, OH.
2. *Interim Ministry as an Opportunity for Change* - Don't grind your gears when your church is shifting from one pastor to another. Intentional Interim Ministry brings valuable insights and resources for this "in between" phase. Come and learn why Interim Ministry can help your church get from "here to there" in the best way possible. Leader: Rev. Jeff Bartlett, Interim Pastor, First Christian Church, Athens and a leader in the Ohio Interim Ministers' Network.
3. *Sharing Stories of a New Day* - How has God been at work bringing a new day to your congregation? Come hear and share stories of new or renewed vitality with people from St. John Evangelical Protestant UCC and Karl Road Christian, both in Columbus.
4. *Communicating with Congregations: New Ideas to Create Community* - How does your congregation prefer to receive information? How much is too much or not enough? How can you use communications to create community? Explore innovative uses for social media, including Facebook and Twitter. Leaders: Seth Stark, Pastoral Intern, Karl Road Christian Church and Beth Schieber, communications professional and member of Dublin Community UCC.
5. *Re-Imagining What It Means to Be Church* - How are churches re-imagining themselves? From her study and visits of churches, Rev. Blaine offers some practical suggestions for churches as well as discussing your setting. Leader: Rev. April Blaine, Associate Pastor, Riverside United Methodist Church, Columbus.

Afternoon Workshops (choose one)

1. *Managing Unsolvable Dilemmas* - Learn how many issues that seem to be unresolvable conflicts, when managed, can create a healthy congregation. Leader: Rev. G. Forrest Hoppe, Association Minister, Central Southeast Ohio Association, Ohio Conference, UCC.
2. *What is Exurbia and Why Should We Care?* - Exurbia is the place where city and country meet. People moving to rural areas at an increasing rate have an impact on a diversity of community needs. Come learn about the church's response to exurban transition. Leader: Rev. Leslie Taylor, Pastor, Trinity UCC, Thornville.
3. *Sharing Stories of a New Day* - How has God been at work bringing a new day to your congregation? Come hear and share stories of new or renewed vitality with people from the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ and North Congregational UCC, Columbus.
4. *Generosity in Tough Economic Times* - Learn from actual local church experience how generosity has been encouraged, inspired and increased in the midst of difficult economic conditions. Leader: Pat Peoples, Commissioned Minister of Church Administration, First Congregational UCC, Marietta
5. *Resources for Transformation* - You will be able to survey many different materials available for churches who seek positive change for their congregation. A bibliography will be provided. Leader: Rev. Steve Bentley is a Regional Associate Pastor of The Christian Church (DOC) in Ohio.



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Lenten Companioning

Retreat for Women
Saturday March 20th 9 AM to 3 PM



At the Herald B. Monroe Lodge, Camp Christian
Leaders: Margot Connor and Kay McGlinchey

Cost \$35 by March 8th (\$40 after March 8th)

Come for a slumber party the night before for an additional \$25

A day of reflection, prayer, conversation and crafts.

Register: www.ccinoh.org

To register offline send payment along with the form below to:

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

Questions? Contact Ministry Leader Rev. Stephen Bentley (614)433-0343 or sbentley@ccinoh.org.

Lenten Retreat for Women March 20, 2010

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

BIRTHDAY ____/____/____ PHONE (____) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHURCH _____

FOOD CONCERNS _____

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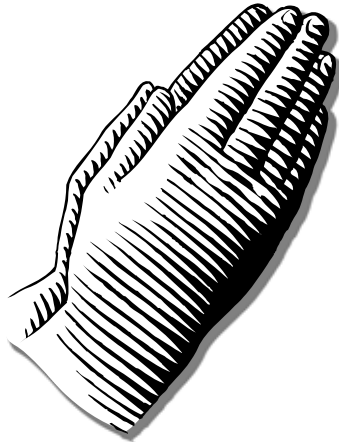


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And the Disciples said, "Teach Us to Pray."



Men's Spiritual Life Retreat

Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Camp Christian
The Reverends Harry Bolen and Nik Donges, Leaders

9:30-10:00am	Registration in the Dining Hall
10:00-11:45am	Opening session
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00-2:00pm	Afternoon session
2:00-2:10pm	Break
2:15-3:15pm	Prayer time
3:15-3:30pm	Sending Worship

Cost \$35 by March 8th (\$40 after March 8th)

Night before accommodations and breakfast for an additional \$25

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Men's Spiritual Life Retreat March 20, 2010

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

BIRTHDAY ____/____/____ PHONE (____) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHURCH _____

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January 19, 2010

Greeting Ohio Disciples Ministers,

Advance Ministry began the New Year with a fresh start. We held our first retreat of the year with the theme of "Get Personal With Each Other: Diving Into Personal Relationships." This topic opened the group up to conversations regarding the pressures we feel to be in relationships and the pressures to maintain those relationships. Our keynote speakers Dr. Micah and Rev. Becky Baird pushed us to examine our own ideas of relationships, helped us to define them, and to broaden our scope of what relationships we need in our lives. They also encouraged us to realize that although God desires us to be in relation, we should not lose sight of ourselves.

Winter Retreat was an overall success and the spring is just around the corner. Our theme for Spring Retreat is "Get Personal With Yourself: Exploring the Individual." Here we will take the time to stop and look at ourselves. What does it mean to have a healthy relationship with your self? What does it mean to really know your self? The majority of our time we tend not to want to focus on our true selves, rather on what the world perceives us to be. Our keynote speaker, Rev. Denise R. Mason, the pastor of The Community of Reconciliation Church in Pittsburgh, PA, will help us to examine ourselves, and to question what we as individuals need, versus what we want, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially. We look forward to gathering together at Camp Christian on March 12-14, 2010 to get to know ourselves!

If you have any questions, please feel free to send us an email at officers@advanceministry.org. We are very excited to be serving as this year's officers and are grateful for your help.

Peace,

Jon Bernard
Brittany Stricklen
Christina Weldy



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Get Personal With Yourself!



Exploring The Individual

Advance Ministry Spring Retreat
Friday, March 12th – Sunday, March 14th 2010

Advance Ministry (young adults ages 19-29 & out of High School) is hosting our **Spring Retreat March 12-14, 2010**, at **Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs, Ohio**. The topic is “Get Personal With Yourself: Exploring the Individual.” Here we will take the time to stop and look at ourselves. What does it mean to have a healthy relationship with your self? What does it mean to really know your self? The majority of our time we tend not to want to focus on our true selves, rather on what the world perceives us to be. Our keynote speaker, **Rev. Denise R. Mason**, the pastor of The Community of Reconciliation Church in Pittsburgh, PA, will help us to examine ourselves, and to question what we as individuals need, versus what we want, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and socially.

Registration will begin Friday at 7:30pm and the retreat will wrap up approximately 11am Sunday. Scholarships are available to help those needing financial assistance. For more information about the Advance Ministry and Winter Retreat or to register online, please visit our website at advanceministry.org. You can also find us on our pages on Facebook at facebook.advanceministry.org

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Get Personal With Yourself! Exploring The Individual

Advance Ministry Spring Retreat | March 12-14, 2010 | Monroe Lodge - Camp Christian

Fees for the event are:	\$80 for early registration (by Feb. 12 th)*
	\$90 for regular registration (Feb. 13 th to March. 5 th)*
	\$100 for Late and Onsite registration (Mar. 6 th – Mar. 12 st)*
	\$50 for SATURDAY ONLY (Meals Included, NO LODGING)
	(*)Fees, except Saturday Only, include event registration, meals, and lodging.

Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and end on Sunday after worship. Please bring the following items with you: Bedding or sleeping bag and pillow, towels and other toiletries, Bible and notebook.

Register online at register.advanceministry.org or mail this form along with your payment to:	Make Checks payable to:
Christian Church In Ohio	Christian Church In Ohio
355 East Campus View Blvd. Suite 110	
Columbus, Ohio 43235	<i>*CCIO's refund policy applies to this event.</i>

Questions? Contact the Advance Ministry Officers at **officers@advanceministry.org**

Advance Ministry Spring Retreat March 12-14, 2010

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ Member?: Y / N

Dietary Needs: _____

Please Circle All Dates Attending 12th 13th 14th

Scholarship Assistance Needed?: Y / N

*An additional form will need to be filled out for scholarship assistance. Recipients are asked to pay a portion of their registration if possible. Please ask your church for assistance.

_____ I cannot attend but would like to contribute to the Advance Conference scholarship fund.

OFFICE USE ONLY
DATE _____
CHECK # _____
AMT _____



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.

Thursday March 18, 2010 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Continuing Friday March 19, 2010 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Camp Christian
10299 Maple Dell Rd
Marysville, Ohio 43040

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

For more information please contact
Rev. Stephen Bentley (DOC) 614-433-0343 / sbentley@ccinoh.org
or
Rev. Forrest Hoppe (UCC) 614-885-0722 / forresth@ocucc.org

*Dinner & Overnight stay available for an additional cost. Overnight stay includes breakfast.
You must bring your own bedding and towels if staying at Camp.*

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Ministerial Partner Standing Retreat



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Ohio Conference United Church of Christ

March 18 – 19, 2010

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (W) _____ (H) _____ (C) _____

Email _____

\$25.00 (per person) covers materials, lunch, and refreshments for both days.

Yes I would like to stay overnight at Camp Christian on March 17. (Additional \$25.00)

Yes I would like to have Dinner at Camp Christian on March 18. (Additional \$13.00)

Yes I would like to stay overnight at Camp Christian on March 18. (Additional \$25.00)

Dietary or Other Concerns _____

DEADLINE: March 1, 2010

Note: ***There is a \$5.00 late registration fee for anything received after March 1.*** Christian Church in Ohio's refund policy is in effect for this event.

Please make the check payable to Christian Church in Ohio and remit with this registration form to:

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

Don't forget you can also register online at www.ccinoh.org!



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NEW MINISTERS ORIENTATION, ANTI-RACIST PRO-RECONCILIATION & SEXUAL ETHICS WORKSHOPS REGISTRATION

Print Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____ City _____

Email _____ Phone _____

NEW MINISTERS ORIENTATION at The Regional Church Office 9am – 5pm

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

_____ No Charge, Lunch is also included

_____ \$13.00 Dinner at Camp Christian Cost (Optional)

_____ \$23.00 I will be staying Tues. night at Camp (Optional)

Next day breakfast is included in this fee

ANTI-RACISM at Camp Christian 9am – 5pm

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

_____ \$17.00 Registration Fee (Lunch included)

_____ \$13.00 Dinner Cost (Optional)

_____ \$23.00 I will be staying Wed. night at Camp (Optional)

Next day breakfast is included in this fee

SEXUAL ETHICS at Camp Christian 9am – 5pm

Thursday, March 25, 2010

_____ \$35.00 Registration Fee (Lunch included)

\$ _____ . _____ Total Enclosed

ANY DIET CONCERNS? _____

Registration Deadline **Monday March 15, 2010**, Make Checks Payable to ***Christian Church in Ohio*** and return with Registration to the Regional Church Office. **Any registration received March 16 – 25 will have a \$10.00 late/onsite fee added onto the total due.**

Note: Registration = Registered and Paid. **Refund Policy:** A \$30.00 processing fee will be retained by CCI on all refund requests. You can also register online www.ccinoh.org



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Advance Conference Talent Show & Fundraiser



April 17, 2010 | 12 p.m.
Camp Christian
Magnetic Springs, Ohio

- Free Admission
(Donations Appreciated)
- Silent Auction and
Cookout begin at Noon.
- Proceeds go toward the
Advance Conference
Scholarship Fund

For years, Advance Ministry has helped young adults better get to know themselves, the world, and God. All money raised at the event will go to the Advance Conference scholarship fund.



**For more information or questions, please call
Daniel Anschutz at 614-893-5950.**

Advance Ministry – Christian Church In Ohio
advanceministry.org – officers@advanceministry.org
[facebook.advanceministry.org](https://www.facebook.com/advanceministry.org)



Christian Church in Ohio
 (Disciples of Christ)
 Ohio Conference United Church of Christ



Ohio's **Interim Ministry Working Group** presents *another* quality
Workshop for Pastors *and* Lay Leaders

**Resolving
 Congregational Corporate Pain
 Workshop !**



We will explore strategies for dealing with pain and how to turn it into creative energy for ministry

Well-known consultant, Dr. John Savage, will help us:

- Gain a much better understanding of the powerful effect corporate pain has on the life and mission of a local church
- Gain some valuable initial strategies for how to reduce the pain and the destructive patterns it produces
- Gain a helpful language to use in describing corporate pain and how to introduce the ideas to others in your own congregation
- Explore the nature of emotional clusters and how the leader's personal pain interacts with that of the congregation.

Location: Camp Christian
 10299 Maple Dell Road
 Marysville, Ohio 43040

Date: Monday, April 19, 2010

Time: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch & manual)

Online Registration:

www.ccinoh.org/events_details.aspx?id=99

Registration (or register online at above website)

Name: _____

Church: _____ Denom.: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be notified of future workshops: Y or N

Do you have any dietary restrictions:

Registration (\$30.00) \$ _____

Optional Overnight Sunday (\$25.00)
 (includes Monday breakfast) \$ _____

Optional Monday Supper (\$10.00) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Send Registration by April 12, 2010 payable to:

Christian Church in Ohio
 Attn: Sally Wears
 335 East Campus View Blvd.
 Suite 110
 Columbus, OH 43235-5616



Dr. John S. Savage

The Kilgore Group staff has created this training event. Dr. Savage has taught these skills to thousands of persons throughout the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and England. He has taught executives, managers, clergy, parents, counselors, doctors, teenagers, consultants, coaches, and supervisors from hundreds of organizations.

About This Training

Congregational corporate pain is the sum total of all pain that each individual brings to the life of the congregation. This workshop introduces the concepts of corporate pain in the local congregation. There will be a short time spent on the concept at the denominational and other levels.

Symptoms

You know the level of corporate pain by observing the following effects it has on the local congregation

- Low Energy
- Inappropriate Pious Language
- Bonfires of Controversy
- Rapid Turnover of Clergy and/or Lay Leadership
- The Miasmatic Principle
- Emotional Distance

This workshop will introduce you to how to observe these symptoms , and how to assess their intensity.

Strategies

We will explore specific strategies of intervention into this painful material and how to turn that pain into creative energy for ministry and mission. A significant amount of content will be shared so the student can understand the concepts and levels of corporate pain. As Dr. Savage puts it: "You can only enter the corporate pain of the congregation at the level you can enter your own personal pain. If you avoid your own you will avoid that which is in the congregation."

Location

Camp Christian

10299 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, Ohio 43040

(approximately 12 miles west of Delaware, Ohio, off of Route 37)

For more information contact:
Rev. Jeff Bartlett, Co-chair of IMWG
740-592-2291 bartletts4@yahoo.com

Schedule

9:30 - Registration and networking

10:15 - Session 1 (with break in middle)

12:15 - Communion Service

12:30 - Lunch and networking

1:30 - Session 2 (with break in middle)

4:45 - Evaluation and Closing Prayer

5:00 - Dismissal

Who Should Attend?

- Interim Clergy who are leading and pastoring a local congregation (settled pastors are also welcome to attend)
- Lay leaders who will partner with the clergy person in dealing with the corporate pain of the congregation
- Church executives who engage with congregations and their conflicts
- Those wishing to learn about congregational conflict and act as a consultant in such a place



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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

the

Camp Christian Reunion



May 15, 2010

*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 ... this event is for **you!***

WHO: Anyone who has ever attended an event at Camp Christian in the 60+ years of its existence, and their families.

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

WHEN: May 15

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

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

More information to come on Regions website www.ccinoh.org and in the mail!



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Dear Pastors & Lay Leaders,

The Planning Team for the 2010 Adult Conference is thrilled with the plans that are coming together for our June 14-18 Adult Conference. Under the theme, **“Deep & Wide: Living Out The Spiritual Journey,”** we will explore how all of us, as individuals and as communities of faith can spiritually go “down and out:” down deeper into our souls as well as out farther into the world. We hope you are planning on joining us for this inspiring and challenging week, as well as inviting your parishioners to experience it. More detailed information will be sent to each church in March.



We especially bring to your attention that our Bible Lecturer this year will be the Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Allen from Christian Theological Seminary, who has been the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Preaching and New Testament since 1982. Ron is the author of over 30 books and over 100 articles and chapters in books and is very much sought after as a speaker.

Scholarships

Many churches consider the Adult Conference experience so valuable that they pay part of the registration for their members. Where there is need, regional scholarships for the registration fee are also available through Adult Conference and are handled confidentially. To request scholarship help for a parishioner, ministers should write a letter to that effect with the person’s name, and mail it to:

Adult Conference
c/o Bob Thompson, Financial Liaison
746 Yorkshire Drive
Lima, OH 45804-3377

or contact Bob at:

419- 221-0509

jaybeetee@wcoil.com

Unfortunately, at this time we are not able to offer scholarship help for lodging in the hotel, but we are happy to make arrangements for conferees to stay with Columbus-area conferees in their homes.

An Added Incentive!

Adult Conference offers the opportunity for clergy *who have never attended* Adult Conference before to attend for one day of their choosing “on us.” It is so difficult to put into words everything that Adult Conference encompasses, so we want to give you the opportunity to enjoy all that Adult Conference has to offer free of charge for one day. Please write or call Bob Thompson (info above) to request your “one-day clergy pass.”

We hope you are able to return to Adult Conference this year if you have attended in the past, or try it out this year for the first time, either for a day on us or for the week.

For more information:

Deb Bolen, President

330.715.6648 or dhbolen@gmail.com

Allen Harris, Vice President

216.272.0622 or AHarrisCLE@aol.com




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Adult Conference

“Deep & Wide: Living Out The Spiritual Journey”

June 14-18, 2010
 Northwest Christian Church/Fairfield Inn
 Columbus, Ohio

For more information:
www.ccinoh.org/ministries/adultconf.aspx
 Deb Bolen: 330-715-6648 or dhbolen@gmail.com
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December 15, 2009

As you know, we are eagerly anticipating and making plans to attend the 2010 Quadrennial Assembly. The Quadrennial happens every four years and brings together diverse Disciples women of all ages, sizes, shapes, ethnicities, cultures and talents. Through a partnership with Global Missions we host international sisters coming from countries where we have ministry partnerships, missionaries, or have connected to in previous Woman to Woman Worldwide trips.

We are very excited in our region to have the opportunity to host a woman from Ghana! Hosting her means that we pay all her air travel (international and domestic) and create opportunities for her to speak to groups in our region. We will need to pay for her transportation to the Quadrennial Assembly, and arrange transportation and homes for her to stay while she is in the region.

This is a big commitment for the women of the Ohio region. We look forward to partnering with all our churches in fund raising, and in creating the very best possible schedule while she is here.

This is an incredible opportunity for the Ohio region. We expect it to cost about \$7,000. We raised almost \$3,000 from donations and giving at the Fall Retreat in September, 2009. We need to raise an additional \$4,000. Can you help us reach our goal? Send checks to the Christian Church in Ohio, with "OWM/International Guest on the memo line.

If you are interested in having her speak at your church or geographical area please contact the regional office at (614) 433-0343 or email ccio@ccinoh.org.

Yours in Christ,

Gena Stone-Phillips &
Joanne Howard
Co-Presidents of Ohio Women's Ministries



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JOHN L. BELL



John L. Bell is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. Bell is based in Glasgow

and works with his colleagues in the areas of music, worship and spirituality. He is a founding member of Wild Goose Resource Group, an expression of the Iona Community's commitment to the renewal of music and worship.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

CTS events are open to the general public. Anyone with questions may contact Joyce Weidner at (317) 931-4224 or LifeEd@cts.edu.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION

Our Beloved Community Festival

Saturday, January 16, 2010 >> 11am–3pm, CTS

Free and open to the public – everyone welcome!

Co-sponsor: Peace Learning Center

Celebrate the vision of a man and movement that brought positive change to America through selfless sacrifice and non-violence. Learn peacemaking strategies, engage in community dialogues, immerse yourself in visual art, music, spoken word, film and art-making in the name of peace. Great for families!

SALTSBURG WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Singing with the Global Church: The Gift of Music from Other Cultures

John L. Bell, Iona Community

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Workshop 9am-4:30pm; chapel service 1pm-2pm
Room B-29, CTS

Cost: \$40 for workshop and lunch

Deadline: February 9

CEU contact hours: 5.5

Have you noticed that God loves diversity? Have you noticed that while people often forget what they hear preached, they remember what they sing? Iona Community member John Bell can help you introduce global music that reflects the gifts of Christians from “every tribe and language and people and nation” and make the experience meaningful and transformative for the whole community. By singing songs from other cultures, we can stand to some extent in deeper intercession with these people. And through that experience our understanding of mission and evangelism and the kingdom of God is enlarged.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH WORKSHOP

Living with Loss: Discovering Your Life

Rev. Dr. Dan Moseley

9am–noon (registration begins at 8:30am) on two Saturdays listed

Cost: \$25

CEU Contact Hours: 3.0

Saturday, February 20, 2010

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 4601 N. Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis

Deadline: February 12

Co-sponsor: St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian Street,
Indianapolis

Deadline: March 5

Co-sponsor: Friedens United Church of Christ

Loss is the one constant we can count on. It occurs whenever there is a change in life. Some losses are deep and life changing. Others are not as painful. All of them have the potential of opening up new discoveries for our lives. Loss is a genuine gift that clears space for us to see and explore different parts of our lives. By attending to the pain and the emptiness, we can explore significant insights into who we are and who we might become. In this workshop for caregivers, lay leaders, Stephen Ministers, and anyone else seeking to explore spiritual growth in difficult times, Dr. Moseley will share a journey of discovery that is possible when we attend to the losses of our lives. In this unique workshop, you will find the grace to grieve your loss and through careful and thoughtful attention to your journey, you will discover new dimensions of your own life that will enrich you and open you to a new future.

BIBLE WORKSHOP

Genesis 1-12: First Times and the World Today

Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery

Monday, February 22, 2010 >> 9am-2:30pm (8:30 am registration)
CTS

Cost: \$50 for conference and lunch

Deadline: February 15

CEU Contact Hours: 4.5

This workshop examines the introductory chapters of Genesis about the origins of the human world that are in fact lessons on what it means to be human in any place or time. Participants will pay particular attention to narrative features and to the ancient legends and myths off of which the biblical stories play. We will focus on theological messages and ask what they say about our faith and witness today. Participants should bring their own Bibles—any translation will do.

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Indiana's Villages Take Responsibility (Part 3): A Blueprint for Educating Black Male Students

Saturday, March 6, 2010

8:30am–4pm; registration and breakfast begin at 7:45am

Shelton Auditorium, CTS

Cost: FREE and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.
For more information or to register, call NCEBC at (317) 283-9081.

Deadline: February 26

Co-sponsors: National Council on Educating Black Children (NCEBC)

This conference focuses on the education of African American children in 20 Indiana cities. Delegates will participate in developing a Blueprint for Educating Black Male Students in their city to improve the graduation rate for Indiana high schools and Indiana colleges.

DAN MOSELEY

Dan Moseley is the Herald B. Monroe Professor of Practical Parish Ministry Emeritus at CTS. He has been involved in the development of Grief Healing, Inc. and is author of *Living with Loss and Healing Relationships: A Preaching Model*. He is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and holds a B.D. and D.Min. in ethics from Vanderbilt Divinity School.



RICHARD H. LOWERY

Richard H. Lowery teaches Hebrew Bible at Phillips Theological Seminary, Oklahoma and Lexington Theological Seminary, Kentucky. An ordained Disciples of Christ minister, he is a member of the Standing Commission of the World Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission. He is the author of the book *Sabbath and Jubilee* and is currently writing a book on Genesis and human rights.



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IndyTalks is a collaboration fostering a sense of community through respectful and creative civic dialogue. This series of community-based discussions explores what it will take for Indiana to survive and prosper in the 21st century. Some of Indy's most active organizations will engage this question from their unique perspectives.

WFYI Radio Interview with Richard Longworth, author of *Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism* January 2010 at WFYI (90.1 FM)
For more information, contact Gail Thomas Strong at gstrong@wfyi.org or (317) 636-2020 ext. 0451.

Seven Simultaneous Lecturers
Wednesday, February 24, 2010 >> 7pm
Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair Street

Seven prominent names of the city's art community discuss the future of Indianapolis arts in the face of globalization. However, there's a twist—the lecturers will be speaking at the same time. Audience members will be given the power to raise or lower the volume of each speaker, creating a frantic, unstructured whirlwind of words and ideas.

For more information, contact Melissa Pederson at Central Library at mpederson@imcpl.org or (317) 275-4085.

Public Leadership and Ethical Questions for Indiana's Future

Thursday, March 18, 2010 >> 7pm
Allison Mansion, Marian University, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis

For more information about this panel discussion and public conversation, contact Vickie Carson, vcarson@marian.edu or (317) 955-6132.

When Did I Get Old?

April 2010 at University of Indianapolis

For more information, visit Indy Creative Aging online at www.indycreativeaging.org.

Food for Thought

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 >> 6pm–8pm
Various Indianapolis locations

Eat, think and talk with neighbors and strangers about issues central to Hoosiers, including issues inspired by Richard Longworth's book *Caught in the Middle*. Table leaders will help guide thoughtful discussion while dining on a delicious meal. For more information, visit the Indiana Humanities Council online at www.indianahumanities.org or contact Nancy Conner at nconner@indianahumanities.org or (317) 638-1500.

Is it Good to be a Hoosier?

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 >> 7pm
Indiana Historical Society, 450 W. Ohio Street

What is a "Hoosier?" Where did Hoosier traits and notions come from and how has Indiana been shaped by them? Noted Indiana historian James Madison (*The Indiana Way, Lynching in the*

Heartland) will facilitate a conversation on traditional Hoosier viewpoints and explore whether these traits are an asset or challenge to Indiana in the 21st century.

For more information, contact Erin Kelley at ekelley@indianahistory.org or (317) 234-3161.

What the Arts Mean

July 2010

Arts Council of Indianapolis, 20 N. Meridian Street, Suite 500

For date announcement and further information, contact Janet Boston at janetb@indyarts.org or (317) 631-3301 ext. 214.

Anthony Bourdain and Eric Ripert

September 2010 at Clowes Hall, Butler University

Join this conversation between two celebrity chefs on the place of food in our cultures and communities. Q&A will follow. For date announcement and further information, contact Pam Blevins-Hinkle at pbhinkle@iupui.edu or (317) 274-2455.

Hoosier Values: Can We Reconcile Independence and the Common Good?

Thursday, October 7, 2010 >> 7pm at CTS

Thursday, October 14, 2010 >> Noon at the IUPUI Campus Center

Hoosiers value their independence and self-reliance, but they also value their families and communities. A provocative panel will engage in conversation about where these values intersect, where they compete, and how "Hoosier Values" and ethics should (or should not) help shape Indiana's future. For more information, contact Joyce Weidner at LifeEd@cts.edu or (317) 931-4224.

SPIRITUALITY AND PSYCHOTHERAPY CONFERENCE

Living with Forgiveness – Living with the Unforgivable: Learning from the Wisdom Traditions

Dr. Michael Conforti

Friday, March 12-Saturday, March 13, 2010

Friday, 7pm-9pm, Shelton Auditorium, CTS (registration at 6:30pm)

Saturday, 10am-2:30pm, CTS (book signing at 9am)

Cost: \$100 prior to February 19; \$125 thereafter until deadline of March 5

CEU contact hours: 5.5

Co-sponsors: Buchanan Counseling Center, Clarian Health Partners, CTS Counseling Center, Central Indiana Friends of Jung, Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Indiana Society for Psychoanalytic Thought

Dr. Conforti's studies show that we have confused the idea of forgiveness with a more profound issue of redemption, which is where authentic transformation resides. Drawing from the material in his forthcoming book, *Hidden Presence: Possessions, Spells and Redemption*, Dr. Conforti will explore redemption in the Bible and other sacred texts, examples from clinical practice, and the life and work of Elie Wiesel. These lectures will take us into the heart of redemption and its relationship to forgiveness.

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MICHAEL CONFORTI

Michael Conforti, Ph.D., is a Jungian analyst, author, and founder/director of the Assisi Institute. He lectures nationally and internationally and acts as consultant to businesses and government institutions. He served as script consultant on the recently released film *Pride and Glory* and authored the forthcoming *Dream Patterning: From Archetype to Living Reality*.



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JACK T. SANDERS



Jack T. Sanders received his Ph.D. from the Claremont Graduate University in Southern California. He taught at three Protestant seminaries prior to the University of Oregon, from which he retired in 2002. He

is the author of *The Jews in Luke-Acts* and *Schismatics, Sectarians, Dissidents, Deviants: The First One Hundred Years of Jewish-Christian Relations* and is at work on a biography, *Samuel Rothchild: Jewish Pioneer in the Days of the Old West*.

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A program based at Christ Temple Apostolic Church



JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Jews in the Acts of the Apostles: The Apostolic Church and the Gentile Mission

Dr. Jack T. Sanders

Monday, March 22, 2010 >> 9am–2:30pm (8:30am registration)

Common Room, CTS

Cost: \$50 for conference and lunch

Deadline: March 15

CEU contact hours: 4.5

Co-sponsors: Jewish Community Relations Council



These lectures analyze the ways the author of Acts portrays Jews, paying attention to differences between how Jews appear in the narrative and how speakers in Acts—especially Peter and Paul—refer to Jews in their sermons. The first lecture focuses on the “Jerusalem springtime,” when thousands of Jews become Christian, and the second lecture focuses on the gentile mission, when Jewish opposition to Christianity develops everywhere. The final lecture explores explanations for this and notes the challenges it presents for Christian preaching today.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE CONFERENCE AND BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday, April 24, 2010

10am conference (9:30 am registration); 5pm concert

New Beginnings Ministries, 1703 East 38th Street, Indianapolis

Free and open to the public. Lunch is provided free for teens and for a suggested \$5 donation for adults. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Not 2 Believers Like Us at www.n2blunhe.org or call (317) 923-7278 ext. 13

Deadline: April 16

Co-sponsors: Not 2 Kids Like Us and New Beginnings Ministries

The Faith Learning Initiative offers educational opportunities for learning more about spirituality and religious traditions. Watch www.cts.edu/events, or contact Joyce Weidner at (317) 931-4224 or LifeEd@cts.edu for more information.

We are also available to assist you in connecting with specialists on Bible, spirituality, public and interfaith issues, and other topics of interest and bringing those specialists to congregation(s) in your area. Contact Callie Smith at (317) 931-4225 or LifeEd@cts.edu for more information.

*Dr. William F. May, Morning Seminar
Mr. Daniel F. Evans, Jr., Luncheon Address*

As Americans address the challenges of how to improve health care, professionals engaged in health care must continue to grapple with the ongoing and fundamental ethical issues that arise in their work. In this crucible of change, questions of vocational identity and faith are more important than ever. Dr. William F. May, renowned medical ethicist, will lead the morning seminar on the ways current economic and institutional conditions affect professional practice and identity, and will offer suggestions for constructive responses. A panel of Indianapolis religious and health care leaders will discuss his proposals. At the luncheon, Mr. Daniel F. Evans, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer of Clarian Health, will reflect on the relation between the issues he faces as a health care executive and his sense of vocation.

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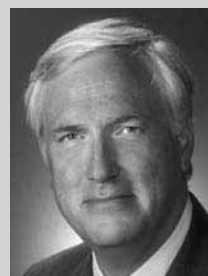
More and more people living with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia will impact the life of faith communities. This seminar provides an opportunity for clergy, faith community (parish) nurses, chaplains, Stephen Ministers, laity in visitation ministries, family members and others to explore practical questions of including these realities in the life of faith communities. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 for date announcement and additional information.

WILLIAM F. MAY



The Beleaguered Rulers: the Public Obligation of the Professional.

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SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS AND OTHER SESSIONS

Some CTS workshops are designed for people seeking professional development in their fields. If you are interested in a workshop but concerned that it may not be “for you,” please call Joyce Weidner at (317) 931-4224 to talk about the possibility of attending.

Rev. Dr. Dan Moseley (See biography, page 2)

Conflict is a constant reality within congregational life. There are occasions when conflict flares up and threatens to consume the good spirit of the congregation. Through conflict, the preacher must speak each week. This seminar will explore how preachers can develop sermons that will help lead reconciliation. It will also pay attention to biblical stories during the season of Lent that preachers may use to approach conflict with particular effectiveness.

MATTHIAS BEIER



**A Violent God-Image:
An Introduction to the Work of
Eugen Drewermann
Gott ohne Angst**

Dr. Matthias Beier

Images of God can hurt or heal, both in personal and public arenas. For many, God images touch on what matters most in life. But: God images are not God. This presentation will argue that God images express an experience of God only if they lead to healing, and pastoral counseling has a key role to play in the healing transformation of images of God in clinical and wider societal contexts. Examples from both clinical practice and religious texts will illustrate the powerful significance of the healing of God images today.

Dr. Jay D. Fawver



This conference is for congregational leaders and clergy of all faith traditions. Watch for date announcement and additional information at www.namiindy.org.

*Dr. Bernie Lyon and
Rev. Dr. Dan Moseley (See biography, page 2)*

Leaders know the power of conflict. They know its power to destroy or reform community. Effective church leadership helps congregations face the conflicts that come from the changing world in which we live and discover the vitality of new life rather than descend into destructive actions. This workshop will help pastors and lay leaders grow in their ability to lead by exploring the creative power of conflict as it intersects with the emotional, political, and spiritual resources and limitations of leadership.

JAY D. FAWVER



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CTS is working to ensure that the 2010 Summer School programs meet the new educational requirements for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) alternative ordination track.

For course description, more information or for brochures, call Joyce Weidner at (317) 931-4224 or LifeEd@cts.edu.

Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery (See biography, page 2)



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Curso Teológico de Verano Enseñado en Español offers five days of classes exploring new ways to live faithfully and joyfully together through the lenses of Worship, Christian Education and Pastoral Care.

For more information, contact Tércio Junker at (317) 931-2336 or Débora Junker (317) 931-2351 *en Español* or English.

To plan your travel, please note that the course starts on Monday (July 26) with an opening devotional at 8:45am, and ends on Friday (July 30) at 3:30pm. For those who request it, the CTS Hospitality House will be available after 5pm on Sunday, July 25.

Dr. Ann Graham Brock, Keynote Speaker

Contact the Network of Biblical Storytellers at (800) 355-6627 or nbs@nbsint.org for more information and to register.

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