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REGIONAL MINISTER'S MOMENT



Dear Friends in Christ,

A New Year is a time for taking stock of what has been and looking forward to what might be. As you know, personally, 2013 was a very difficult year for my family. Yet, even in the midst of our grief there have been blessings to behold. I have heard others say, "I'm glad that year is over." As for me, I would not throw away 2013 because it was hard. Life is a mix of joy and sadness, blessing and struggle, living and dying. As a person once said, you get the whole thing together. Love deeply, grieve deeply. When you cut yourself off from what hurts, you cut yourself off from what gives joy. It is all intertwined.

So, here are some things that I would like to take stock of that happened this past year. First, Camp Walter Scott is doing much better. We made hard decisions at the end of 2010 to give up the model of a year round staffed facility. That decision alone has made the Camp more viable. We continue to see modest growth in camper numbers, volunteer hours, and contributions to capital needs---air conditioning for the dining hall and a new ramp are among the biggest changes. We invite you to encourage use of the Camp and our Summer Camp Ministry in the coming year. (See the related article.)

Second, we continue to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a Pro-Reconciling/Anti-Racist people. Our PRAR Team has grown in number and in enthusiasm. We shared more resources with our congregations for inspiration, including a Children's book and an Advent devotional. In the coming year, our Team is encouraging us to read "A Lesson Before Dying" by Ernest Gaines for our One Region, One Book club. There is also talk of an event in the Quad-cities for church and community leaders. It is important that we come to understand the blessings of our diversity and the tragedy of the sin of racism, so that together we can be life-giving and sustaining communities of faith.

Third, we are projecting a balanced budget for 2014 and may even end 2013 with one. We rejoice, aware that it has not come without cost. Thank you to all of our congregations that support Disciple Mission Fund or give to special day offerings. Thank you to our Annual Fund contributors. Thank you to our CCIW regional staff who are doing more with less.

Fourth, we have many congregations in transition of one kind or another. Some are hanging on by a thread. Others are choosing to let go of the thread, faithfully preparing their legacy gifts. Still others are making every effort to re-school leaders for the new context of ministry they find themselves in. And, still others are emerging in new ways, such as Big Life Community Church in Oswego, and Root and Branch Christian Church in Chicago. We also have new relationships emerging with affiliating congregations, like Grace Myanmar Christian Church in Moline, and Happy Christian Church (Korean) in Chicago.

Last, we continue to develop leaders to support our mission "Together Making Disciples of Christ." This includes our Regional Elders, as well as a group of Pastors who are being trained as Coaches for other Pastors and congregations. Our hope is to also identify Spiritual Directors to serve as spiritual mentors for the journey ahead.

Let us continue the journey looking for the blessings, even when the way is hard. God, is still God and there is much love still to be shared.

Rev. Dr. Teresa
Dulyea-Parker



WE ARE ONE

Week of Compassion is

FEBRUARY16-23, 2014

ILLINOIS TORNADO RELIEF

If you have a group interested in assisting the Washington area Tornado relief, we have some resources to offer you. First, Eureka College has designated dorm space for work groups. Please contact Rev. Bruce Fowlkes, Chaplain at Eureka for information. Second, Eureka Christian Church has offered kitchen space for meal preparation for your group. Please contact the church office to make arrangements. Third, Volunteer activities are being organized by a Washington area congregation. Please contact Rev. Evan Williams at Sunnyland Christian Church for volunteer information.

CCIW REGIONAL DISCIPLES WOMAN'S MINISTRY

Spring is just around the corner, and the CCIW Regional Cabinet is making plans for our Spring Event! Our special day this year will be held at the beautiful Chiara Center, just off I-55, near Springfield, Illinois in the center of the state. The date will be Saturday, April 12, 2014.

We are delighted to announce that our speaker will be Min. Sheila Spencer who serves as an Assistant to the President of Disciples Home Missions. Her ministry has included being a resource, leading workshops, writing, planning and implementation of leadership/ministry events for congregations and women. She leads missionary journeys and encourages women to see life through a new set of eyes. Min. Spencer was selected by the The Disciples Women Ministry to give leadership and direction for the birth of Just Women Magazine. She also provided staff support to the 2010 and 2014 Quadrennial Assemblies. Min. Spencer is a published author, poet, speaker, and writer.



The Chiara Center also has rooms available for those who might want to stay overnight the evening before the event.

This will be a day for women to gather and spend the day with other women throughout our Region in worship and song! We hope you will save the date and join us! Registration material is online at www.cciwdisciples.org

Linda Blakeman,
President CCIW Women's Cabinet

CCIW REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION PROCESS 2014

Youth, Parents, Pastors, and Youth Leadership

It is freezing outside, here in the Urban Metro area. With record temperatures dropping below zero; moving around us-all I want to do is stay inside! Yet, with being very careful how we travel and do ministry in this winter weather, I wanted to be sure to send a big thanks, to all who support Regional Youth Ministries. (Summit, Mid-Winter Retreats, Mission Trip, Etc.)

WE are seeking NEW applicants both (Youth and Adults) for the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin Regional Youth Council and we need your help! We need your help identifying enthusiastic youth and adults that you feel would be a wonderful asset to our 2014-2016 Council.

So, you ask what exactly, is the CCIW Regional Youth Council? The CCIW Regional Youth Council, hereafter known as (RYC) is comprised of up to twelve (12) youth and up to three (3) adult leaders chosen from the four areas of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin (Urban Metro, South, East and West) to help pray, plan, and implement Regional Youth activities in the Region of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin. Serving a minimum of two years, our Regional Youth Council strives to honor God and the youth of our Region in the following areas: Christian Education, Worship, Mission-Service, Evangelism, Community and Pro-Reconciling-Anti-Racism Initiative.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DUTIES OF THE RYC;

A. Be responsible for representing RYC at the Regional Assembly
B. Be responsible for programming at Regional Assembly, Summit and at Camping Programs, Lock-Ins, Midwinter Retreats, Mission Trips sponsored by the Youth Ministries Program.
C. Work under the direction of the Associate Regional Minister for youth, the CCIW Regional Youth Committee and others to help facilitate a well-led and organized youth experiences.
D. Attend Summer Camp.
E. Attend CYF-Youth Leadership Retreat to be held in January or February.
F. Promote local, area, and Regional Youth events
G. Discipline him/herself to fulfill all given or assumed responsibilities to Regional and local CYF events.
H. Set an example to other youth by attempting to show a dynamic relationship with God, and a Christ like relationship with others.

I have given you a brief overview of our RYC. If there are persons in your congregation who fit these qualifications please be willing to nominate them. They can be nominated by the Pastor, Board chair or Youth leader. Please send them to the CCIW website to retrieve the application and other pertinent information. There are significant deadlines for the council. Please be sure to observe each deadline.
HTTP://CCIWDISCIPLES.ORG/2014/01/RYC

DEADLINES:

- All Nomination forms must be turned into the Regional Office by APRIL 1, 2014
- Deadline for All Applications, Reference Letters to be turned into the Regional Office is April 10, 2014. NO Exceptions!!!!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Christal Williams
Pastorchristal@cciwdisciples.org

CLERGY ETHICS 2014

These educational events provide opportunities to refresh your knowledge on continuing ethical issues and learn new information about hot topics such as social media ethics, financial ethics and other 21st century issues. You may also learn self-care tips to prevent burn-out and keep the minister and congregation healthy. For clergy entering the Search and Call system, completion of at least one course every three years is required to obtain a letter of reference or verify good standing from the any of the Regional Ministers.

HTTP://CCIWDISCIPLES.ORG/ETHICS/

"HEALTH BOUNDARIES:" Monday, February 3, 2014, @ Christian Church of Arlington Heights
"ETHICS:" Wednesday, February 19, 2014, @ Marshall Avenue Christian Church, Mattoon
"CLERGY SELF CARE:" Thursday, September 4, 2014, @ First Christian Church, Springfield
"PRO-RECONCILIATION, ANTI-RACISM:" Saturday, September 6, 2014, @ Christian Church of Abingdon

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES
A JOURNEY OF CHURCH TRANSFORMATION

Last year, eleven churches in our Region joined together on a journey of church transformation. Together with Hope Partnership and the Regional church, the adventure began. There were two weekend retreats call "Experience I and II." There was worship, sharing of faith story and hands-on/experiential learning. Insights about church life were gained and a direction for the future was mapped by leaders in each congregation.

All of the ministers in these churches received monthly coaching and quarterly support group meetings. Every six months, clergy and lay leaders from these congregations gather to share victories and frustrations and energy for the path ahead.

We are learning that transformation looks different in each congregational setting and must be shaped to fit the current context for ministry. There needs to be vision for the church to move forward and we need to leave behind some of what we've been doing in order to be faithful in the future. Through triumph and struggle, transformation happens. In the months to come, churches involved in The Journey will have an opportunity to share insights and lessons with other congregations in the Region. In the meantime, please lift these congregations in prayer as they faithfully pursue their unique path of transformation - Christian Church of Arlington Heights, Central Christian in Jacksonville, Centennial Christian in Bloomington, Glen Oak Christian in Peoria, First Christian in Peoria, First Christian in Springfield, Rushville, Lexington, Central Christian in Decatur, Danville and Union Avenue in Litchfield.

PASTOR CHANGES

Brent Budd to Arcola
Rebecca Ingram to Interim at Bloomington Centennial
Tyler Whipkey to Pastor at Parkway in Springfield
Bruce Dobyn resigned at First Christian Church, Peoria
Terry Brace to First Christian DuQuoin
Rick Williams to First Christian Petersburg

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Jim and Sally Turner's granddaughter Isla Rose.
Health Concerns: Rev. Sandra Brown, Rev. Edwin Jacobs, Rev. Barb Short.
Congratulations to Rev. Shane and Tricia Hartman on their marriage, and to Rev. Rebecca Ingram and Ed Kirby on their marriage.

"ELDERS: THE DISCIPLES' GREAT ADVANTAGE!"

A WORKSHOP FOR ELDERS

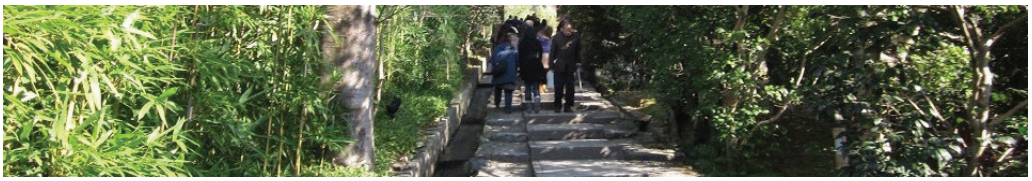
With Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm
Saturday, April 5
9:30 am – 3:00 pm
At First Christian Church, 6400 University St., Peoria, IL
Cost is $10 for lunch
Register online
Event Page

As a church consultant, and having served as executive for a national ecumenical organization, I have had the opportunity to see how many different denominations are organized. My appreciation for our Disciples' lay office of elder has grown through the years. In a time when people want to be equipped to do ministry, not simply pay for someone else to do ministry in their name, we have a terrific advantage! This workshop will briefly look at the history of the office of elder, the amazing relevance of the office of elder for the 21st century, and practical, Bible-based advice on how to strengthen yourself as an elder and your congregation's group of elders, the relationship between pastor and elders, dealing with conflict, and the implications of cultural and generational shifts. There will also be time for sharing 'elder best practices" as participants will be invited to share what has been working best for them (feel free to bring hand-outs, if you wish!).

Dick is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and served congregations for 25 years in Indiana, Kansas and Missouri. He has served in rural, exurban, urban and suburban settings and has been an associate minister, founding pastor of a new church, and senior minister of a multiple staff.

Dick served as Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee (1990-1993. He served as General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada from 1993 to 2003. He served from 2007 – 2012 as the first Executive Director of Christian Churches Together in the USA, a new and very broad ecumenical organization that includes 36 communions from five "families." Dick is the author of three books, 2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and From Mainline to Front Line and Recreating The Church: Leadership For The Post-Modern Age. Dick has written and spoken extensively on the subject of church renewal and transformation and coaches and consults with congregations, middle judicatories, denominational agencies and other church organizations. Dick is a Ministry Partner of The Columbia Partnership www.TheColumbiaPartnership.org . Dick is also part of an interfaith effort to improve relations between Pakistan and the United States, sponsored by Intersections (a ministry of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City). As part of this effort he has traveled in Oman and Pakistan. He is married to Mindy. They have two adult children and five grandchildren.







2014 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

CCIW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
OCTOBER 10-11, 2014

Please join us as we "Plant for the Future, Play with a Purpose" based upon the scriptures from Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1 and Colossians 1:1-15.
Oct. 10 at the Five Points Washington, IL.
Oct. 11 we will gather at two of our congregations in Peoria (Glen Oak Christian Church and First Christian Church) for workshops and mission opportunities. Registration will soon be online at www.cciwdisciples.org.

Arrangements have been made with two local hotels---the Sleep Inn, Washington, IL and the Hampton Inn in East Peoria.

ALL PERSONS WHO REGISTER HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF THE ASSEMBLY WHICH INCLUDE:

- A workshops on Disciple Identity with Cherilyn Williams,
- A Great banquet, Worship with Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas preaching.
- Youth Lock In overnight at Five Points
- Story-sharing,
- Workshops and Mission at two of our congregations in Peoria—First Christian Church and Glen Oak Christian Church
- Opportunities to serve in Tornado recovery in Washington, IL.
- Each congregation is also entitled to 5 voting delegates; in addition, every Pastor withstanding in the Region has voting privilege.

Frank A. Thomas currently serves as Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics and Director of the Academy of Preaching and Celebration at Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana. His newest book is the revised and updated version ofThey Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration In Preaching, considered by many to be a classic.American Dream 2.0: A Christian Way Out of the Great Recession, was released by Abingdon Press in August, 2012.Preaching With Sacred Fire:An Anthology of African American Sermons, 1750 to the Present, co-edited by Martha Simmons, offers a rare view of the unheralded role of the African American preacher in American history. He is the CEO of Hope For Life International, Inc. which formerly publishedThe African American Pulpit.

Thomas holds a Ph.D. in Communications (Rhetoric) from the University of Memphis, D.Min. degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts degree in African-Caribbean Studies from Northeastern Illinois University. Thomas also serves as a member of the International Board of Societas Homiletica, an international society of homiletic professors.

Thomas and his wife, Rev. Dr. Joyce Scott Thomas, earned their Certified Professional Coaching Certificates (CPC) from the Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching. While they are equipped to coach corporate, executive, business, life, personal, or group, their most passionate areas are pastors, pastor's spouses, and coaching in the area of preaching.

Around the Campfire

News from Outdoor Ministries - Summer Camping Program

GET REAL
Finding Your True Self in Jesus

He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" – Matthew 16:15 (CEB)

Who are you? Who is Jesus? Who is God? These are real questions you may have heard or may have even asked yourself. This summer, I pray that you join us on the journey to Get Real: Finding Your True Self in Jesus. During our week of camp together you will learn that Jesus Is God with Us, Jesus Is Friend, Jesus Is Teacher, Jesus Is Healer, Jesus Is Savior, Jesus Is the Real Thing.

We all know that sometimes finding ourselves in Christ means moving to a week of camp. A community, time, and place where we grow together as a spiritual community by participating in campfires, worship, bible studies, and recreational activities. Our directors, counselors, CITs, camp staff and volunteers are praying and preparing for your arrival at Pilgrim Park or Camp Walter Scott this summer.

I look forward to seeing you at camp…it's time to *Get Real!*

God Bless,

Eron

Early Registration Deadline
April 15, 2014

Late Registration
April 16 – May 15, 2014

Visit www.cciwdisciples.org for more information and Family Camp Registration.

SUMMER CAMP CIT PROGRAM
"BE THE DIFFERENCE"

Contact your church for more information.

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SUMMER CAMP 2014



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2014 Summer Camp Schedule

CAMP NAME	DIRECTORS	COMPLETED GRADES	DATES	EARLY BIRD	FULL RATE
MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY WEEKEND*	Jane Cahill Eron Dupree	CCIW FAMILIES & FRIENDS	MAY 23-26	N/A	SEE REGISTRATION
CAMP WORK WEEK*	To Be Determined	FRIENDS OF CWS	JUNE 8-14	N/A	SEE REGISTRATION
CYF @ CWS	Bob Hayes Greg Summers	9th-12th	JUNE 15-21	$330.00	$355.00
GRANDPARENTS & ME @ CWS*	To Be Determined	K-5th & Grandparent	June 22-25	SEE REGISTRATION	SEE REGISTRATION
JYF @ PP	Jonathan Grant Terri Grove	3rd-5th	JUNE 22-28	$345.00	$370.00
BEGINNERS @ CWS	To Be Determined	1st-3rd	JUNE 25-28	$170.00	$195.00
BEGINNERS CAMP @ PP	To Be Determined	1st-3rd	JUNE 29-JULY 2	$185.00	$210.00
CHI RHO @ PP	Becky Comp Beth Rupe	6th-8th	JUNE 29-JULY 5	$345.00	$370.00
CYF @ PP	Rev. Amy Sue Johnson Hope Nelson	9th-12th	JUNE 29-JULY 5	$345.00	$370.00
GRANDPARENTS & ME @ PP*	To Be Determined	K-5th & Grandparent	JULY 2-5	SEE REGISTRATION	SEE REGISTRATION
JYF #1 @ CWS	Jeanne Koehler	3rd-5th	JULY 6-12	$330.00	$355.00
CHI RHO #1 @ CWS	Tracy Armstrong Rex Kibler	6th-8th	JULY 8-14	$330.00	$355.00
CLERGY FAMILY CAMP*	Teresa Dulyea-Parker	CCIW CLERGY & FAMILIES	JULY 13-16	N/A	TBD*
POST-HIGH & YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND	Tim Akers	Ages 19-30	JULY 18-20	N/A	$105.00
ADDaM Camp	Lynette Stanko Emily Williams	9th-12th	JULY 20-27	$345.00	$370.00
JYF #2 @ CWS	Rebecca Nevius	3rd-5th	JULY 20-26	$330.00	$355.00
CHI RHO #2 @ CWS	To Be Determined	6th-8th	JULY 20-26	$330.00	$355.00
LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND*	Jane Cahill Eron Dupree	CCIW FAMILIES & FRIENDS	AUG 29-SEPT 1	N/A	SEE REGISTRATION

Family Weekends, Camp Work Week, Grandparents & Me, and Clergy Camp Rates are based on the number of people attending, dates attending, lodging, and meals. See specific camp registration for complete details.

Camps with no early bird fee indicate camp registration is due two weeks prior to the camp date.



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Jan. 14, 2014

Dear Disciples,

Thank you so much for your compassion and prayers at the time of tornado damage and recovery period.

We were so blessed that our actual structure was not severely damaged. We do have to replace the roof and siding problems are definite; however, the structure is still sound.

A special thank you to you for your generous donation and we appreciated George and Doris Beckerman calling on us immediately after the storm. And a big thank you to you, Rev. Parker -

WORK DAYS
AT CAMP WALTER SCOTT

We depend on gifted volunteers to keep Camp Walter Scott beautiful. We have many projects planned for the year ahead and we are recruiting helpers along the way. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends to join you for productive days of fun and lively ministry. Our work weekends for the spring are – April 12, May 3 and May 17.

One new event we're offering this year – a work week at the camp. Don't want to travel a long distance for a mission trip? Want to just spend a few days, not a whole week? Join us for Camp Acts 20:35 - June 8 – 14.

CAMP WALTER SCOTT

FREE ROOM FOR A CLERGY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

At Camp Walter Scott, a guest room in a cabin or the retreat center is available free of charge to clergy for days of self-directed spiritual retreat. Draw close to God, spend time in quiet, get much closer to nature. Explore the rolling hills of our 180 acres, trails through the woods, on the shore or on the water at the lake. Many have experienced these surroundings as holy ground. If this would feed your soul – get more information and apply - Camp@cciwdisciples.org



AT THE HEART OF COMPASSION:

A DAY WITH JOHNNY WRAY,

Associate for Resource Development at Week of Compassion

Saturday, February 15th at

UniPlace Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
403 S. Wright St. Champaign, IL 61820

uniplace.org

AROUND THE WORLD Week of Compassion AROUND THE YEAR

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