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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.

FIVE POINTS
WASHINGTON

360 N. Wilmor Road
Washington, IL 61571

What originally started as an idea for a 3 million dollar fitness center in the city of Washington, Illinois blossomed into a large multi-purpose facility with a partnership among the City of Washington, the Washington Park District, Washington Community High School, Washington District Library, and the Washington Area Community Center Board. Five Points Washington is a nonprofit, 136,000 square foot facility that houses a fitness center complete with indoor walking/running track, aquatics center featuring an 8 lane competition, therapy and leisure pool, 2 court gymnasium, 1000+ seat performing arts center, four banquet/meeting rooms that seat up to 125 each, a senior room, a concession stand and the Washington District Library.

"Plant for the Future, Play with a Purpose"

2014 *OCTOBER 10-11*

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

2014 Schedule

Friday, Oct 10

EUREKA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11:30 Gathering with Child Care
12:00 Clergy and Friend Luncheon
Revs. Glenn and Nina Merkle Nestlerode/Wenois and New Hope Cluster will host.
12:45 Presentation by Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas

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12 noon set up begins for worship, display areas
1 p.m. Registration Opens and Displays Open

2:00-5:00 p.m. Workshops

Disciple Identity with Cherilyn Williams, VP for Communications Office of GMP
PRAR "One Region, One Book" discussion.

5:30 p.m. Gathering Time
6:00 p.m. Banquet, State of the Region
7:30 p.m. Worship in the Performing Arts Center
9:00 p.m. Moth Hour---Rebecca Anderson

YOUTH LOCK IN

Registration at 8:30 p.m. for late arrivals
9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. at 5 Points

Saturday, Oct. 11

Youth leave Five Points by 8 a.m.

TWO SITES TFIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND GLEN OAK, PEORIA

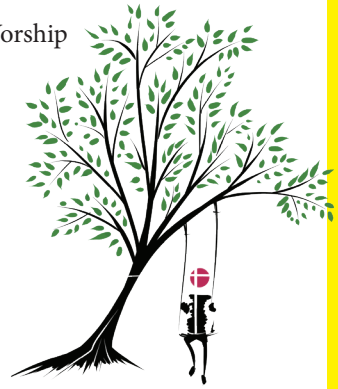
9:00 a.m. Biblical Story tellers
9:30 a.m. Break
9:45-11:45 a.m. Workshops and Mission

12 NOON LUNCHEONS

Women's Lunch at First Peoria
Social Concerns Lunch at Glen Oak
Other lunches

1:15-2:45 p.m. Workshops and Mission

3:00 p.m. Closing Worship



Nursery Care is available to all preschoolers registered at each site.

Children and Youth are welcome at the Friday banquet, worship and fellowship.

Children (Kindergarten through 5th grades) will enjoy their own special activities beginning Saturday morning.

Youth (grades 6-12) A Lock In is planned at Five Points for Friday night. Mission Opportunities and workshops will also be available on Saturday.

The Assembly is open to all CCIW Disciples. Each congregation is entitled to five delegates, and Pastors with standing.

More information will be posted at www.cciwdisciples.org as it becomes available.

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1 and Colossians 1:1-15

Hotels

You must make your own Hotel Reservation.
Cut off date for Discounted Rate Sept. 19th.

Hampton Inn East Peoria
11 Winners Way, East Peoria, IL 61611
309.694.0711
Rooms at $109.00 per night
Free Shuttle Service to Five Points

Sleep Inn and Suites
1101 N Cummings Lane, Washington, IL 61571
309.481.0450
Rooms at $72.00 per night

Display Tables

Here is the call for church related organizations, businesses serving church life, colleges, and General Ministries to reserve a display table located surrounding the convention hall. Cost is $25 per skirted table. Contact the CCIW Regional Office to reserve your table by September 12, 2014. There are limited spaces, so respond early! 309-828-6293

Church Addresses

Eureka Christian Church
302 S Main St | Eureka, IL 61530
309.467.2369

First Christian Church
6400 N. University | Peoria, IL 61614
309.692.1420

Glen Oak Christian Church
1115 East Republic St | Peoria, Illinois 61603
309.688.3464

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