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Growing Disciples congregations for healthy, vital ministry.

"On the Way with Jesus" to the Christian Church (DOC) of IL-WI Regional Assembly 2012



On October 12th & 13th the body of Jesus Christ, known as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin, has the privilege of joining together in praise, reflection, mission, fellowship and holy conversation as we journey "on the way with Jesus". The theme for our biennial gathering is taken from the heart-warming resurrection appearance story in John's gospel. The disciples were walking to Emmaus when they encountered the risen Christ. As they continued along the way with their yet-to-be-revealed risen Lord, the disciples told the story of all that took place back in Jerusalem. Jesus opened the word of life for them as they walked. Are we not walking on the way with Jesus still today? As church we are invited to encounter the risen Lord as pilgrims, ready to share the story of all God is doing in our midst and to hear anew Jesus' call to true discipleship.

CCIW, we are on a journey; from the past, through the present day and into the future, God promises to walk with us! We are on the Way! I am excited about the way ahead for CCIW! Our vision is sharpening. Our means are in focus. Our house is in order. We are sharing the Good News in new and exciting places within our region. Our outreach is expanding with our Guatemalan mission partners. Our passion for justice and reconciliation are re-ignited. We are on the Way with Jesus in IL and WI! Come and join us!

The 2012 Regional Assembly will be a streamlined, efficient, powerfully inspiring and meaningful experience for all who participate. As we walk the Way with Jesus, we will be inspired by great preaching and joined together in fellowship and prayer. We will celebrate the legacies of those on whose shoulders we stand and be led by a new generation of disciples, our youth, as we envision the future God calls us to. Even our work together, the business of the region, will be engaging and interactive! And, we are housed in the brand-new Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Normal, IL with awesome access for transportation services.

I do hope you and several members of your congregation will register and plan to come along the way with Jesus and CCIW this October. Early registration is open and will save you \$50! And, every congregation registering four or more members gives their minister a free lunch on Friday for an awesome clergy pre-assembly event with Rev. Dr. Bill Lee! Come and join us, On the Way with Jesus, October 12-13! We are anticipating your gifts for the CCIW journey!

Rev. Robert Bushey, Jr.
Regional Assembly Planning Chair

[Click here for more info and a registration form.](#)



Minister's Moment

Rev. Dr. Teresa
Dulyea-Parker

Good Morning Church!

One of my responsibilities as your Regional Minister is to share "Good News" stories with you. I have made it a regular part of our Regional Ministry Team meetings—we take time to share the good things we know about you. I write stories and take pictures to share on my Regional Facebook page—teresa.cciw. Our next Regional Assembly, Oct. 12-13 at the Normal Marriott, will feature a Friday evening banquet celebration of the ministries happening in our congregations. Dr. William Lee will remind us in worship that we are "On the way with Jesus!" We have a good news story to tell!

One story that never grows old is the story of men and women answering the call to ministry. It's an encouraging experience to be with people at the moment of ordination. The church offers its blessing, prayers and empowerment to new leaders for the church. It is a holy moment. After the laying on of hands, we remind ministers, that ordination (and commissioning) is something that is given to us by the church. It is not ours.

Therefore, we are accountable to the church for the good use of our gifts with their blessing. In the order of service, this is when they must sign the Ministerial Code of Ethics. And, yearly, in order to maintain standing, all of our ministers must give an account to the church. And, in our Region all ministers are required to attend Healthy Boundary training at least once every three years.

I remind our newly ordained that the basis of ministry is trust. Pastors have a burden of responsibility to maintain healthy ethical boundaries in order to protect the sacred trust we are granted by those we serve. Our code of ethics holds us accountable for the way we use the power we have been given to:

"Maintain the integrity of the Ministerial Relationship and protect those who are vulnerable (congregants, clients, students, employees, staff, etc.) It is clergy misconduct when any person in a ministerial role of leadership or pastoral counseling (clergy, religious, or lay) engages in conduct which violates boundaries (sexual, financial, etc.) with a congregant, client, employee, student, staff member, etc. (adult, teenager, or child) in a professional, pastoral relationship."

- Faith and Trust Institute

Those Ministerial Relationships extend to how we relate to our fellow clergy. There are specific guidelines for clergy relationship to former congregations and/or the current Pastor of their former congregation. There are specific guidelines for retired Pastors in regard to the Pastor of the congregation where they worship.

If you want to read this document, we have printed it in this Christian; it is also available online at: www.discipleshomemissions.org/pages/CV-MinistryCodeofEthics.

All of this is about "trust."

Ministry depends upon those of us in the Ministerial Relationship upholding our sacred trust with the church, our fellow ministers, and in the community at large. This, too, is good news! For church, there is a safe haven in which to grow in faith and witness. For clergy, it is in knowing that we are not God.

Here are a few hints for healthy ministry from the Faith and Trust Institute that you can encourage your Pastor to do:

- **Get a life/Have a life**
- **Find colleagues for study and support.**
- **Remember who you are and what you represent.**
- **Don't take yourself too seriously.**
- **Take yourself very seriously.**
- **Pray always, and do not lose heart. Luke 18:1**

One last thing, our Regional Assembly includes a special lunch on Friday for clergy and their spouses. Dr. William Lee will be addressing us on our self-care and spirituality. We have added an incentive to the Regional Assembly registration, for every four people from your congregation who register for the Assembly, your Pastors lunch is free. Come to the Assembly and encourage your Pastor. Be the good news!

In other news:

Guatemala Partnership Next Steps

Gloria Vicente, our Global Mission Personnel in Guatemala is visiting UCC and Disciples gatherings through March and April She will be at our Disciple Women's Event, April 14, 2012 at Eureka College.

A group of 10, 9 from CCIW, 3 from Montana, and one from Ohio, will make our first Guatemala visit May 15-22, 2012.

And, our partners will be attending our Regional Assembly, Oct. 12-13 at the Marriott in Normal, IL.

For more information and updates check our website www.cciwdisciples.org or ask to be on the CCIW News email updates, or go to Teresa CCIW at Facebook.com!

Blessings,

Teresa

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If not, check these possible reasons:

- Your address or email changed and you forgot to notify us.
- Your computer security system is blocking us. List our server address, @cciwdisciples.org, in your computer mail security area as a "safe sender."

My Ministerial Code of Ethics

Believing that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God, and proclaiming him Lord and Savior of the world, I reaffirm my vows as a minister. Through dedication and discipline I will lead and serve with integrity. Relying on the grace of God, I commit myself to the following:

Personal Conduct

- Witnessing to the ministry of Jesus Christ
- Dedicating time, strength, vitality and energy for effective ministry
- Growing in faith, knowledge and the practice of ministry through the spiritual disciplines, study, continuing education, and service
- Living a life that honors my commitments to my family, including the need for privacy and time together
- Taking time for physical and spiritual renewal, recreation, and vacation
- Being a faithful steward of God's gifts to me by managing time, talents, and financial resources responsibly and generously
- Accepting responsibility for all debts that I incur
- Keeping physically and emotionally fit, and refraining from substance abuse and other abusive behaviors
- Using my position, power, and authority for good and never for exploiting another
- Maintaining high moral standards in my sexual behavior
- Regarding all persons with equal respect and concern, and undertaking to minister impartially

Relationship To

The Church That I Serve

- Nurturing and offering my gifts for ministry to the Church
- Calling forth and nurturing the gifts of others in the church, and joining their gifts with mine, for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ and the health of the Church
- Preaching and teaching the gospel without fear or favor and speaking the truth in love
- Administering the sacraments/ordinances and services of the Church with integrity and not for financial gain
- Working cooperatively and collegially with those whom I serve in the particular ministry to which I have been called
- Administering the corporate finances of the Church with personal integrity
- Refraining from accepting any gift which would compromise the church's ministry
- Protecting confidences; covenanting to only tell those who need to know, what they need to know, when they need to know it.

Relationship To

Ministry Colleagues

- Acting to prevent and to report known or suspected cases of physical or sexual abuse or neglect
- Encouraging and participating in the regular evaluation of my ministry and cooperating with the Region in the annual review of my ministerial Standing
- Seeking the counsel of the Regional Minister should divisive tensions threaten my relationship with those I serve

Relationship To

Ministry Colleagues

- Engaging in covenant relationships with colleagues, which involve nurture, discipline, family support, vigorous dialogue, mutual teaching and learning, and spiritual formation
- Supporting colleagues in ministry and their families and not exploiting their problems or crises
- Performing pastoral services within another congregation or for a member of another congregation only at the request of that congregation's elders and current pastor

Relationship To

The Community And

The Wider Church

- Participating responsibly in the life and work of my community, bearing prophetic witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and working toward a just and morally responsible society
- Participating faithfully in the life and work of all expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Seeking to know, understand, and respect the diversity of opinions and people within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Being a responsible representative of the one Church of Jesus Christ and participating in activities which strengthen its ministry, witness, and mission

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Church News



Rev. Dr. Billye P. Bridges: Remembering her passion for education

The passing of the Rev. Dr. Billye P. Bridges to new life in February still reverberates around the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). "We are still realizing the gravity of this loss," said the Rev. Timothy James, associate general minister and administrative secretary of the National Convocation. "She had such widespread leadership and influence."

Even though the absence of Bridges is being keenly felt among those planning the National Convocation for Houston in July, the work continues. Four individuals will be identified to share the work of planning and implementation of education tracks for the event.

Rev. Ron Degges, president of Disciples Home Missions, said, "Billye was instrumental in the development of the Institute and remained committed to the fact that a good education can change life for the better." In honor of Dr. Bridges, a fund has been set up to

provide scholarships for people who may not be able to fully afford the National Convocation's pre-event, the Faith & Life Institute, which has shaped two generations of Disciples leaders. Donations in her honor can be made to the Billye Bridges Faith & Life Institute Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made payable to Disciples Home Missions Fund, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

- Disciples News Service, disciples.org

[Click here for more information and an obituary.](#)

THE MOMENT OF DISCOVERY



EUREKA
COLLEGE

Disciples GMP to present commencement address

The general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada will give the commencement address at Eureka College May 12. The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins will share a message titled "Using Our Words" with approximately 120 graduates at 10:30 a.m. in Rinker Outdoor Amphitheatre. Watkins will discuss how skills developed through a liberal arts education can be used for building the common good through reasoned and thoughtful, civil conversation in the public arena.

"It will be a call to dream big, to engage important questions with passion and to respect the one holding a different opinion, as these graduates seek to lead and serve in a time of dramatic change," Watkins said. Watkins will receive a doctor of humane letters honorary degree from Eureka College at the commencement ceremony.

"The Rev. Dr. Watkins is a strong advocate for Disciples-related colleges and universities," said Eureka College President J. David Arnold. "She has a great appreciation for the development of leadership among college students enrolled at church-related liberal arts colleges like Eureka." Watkins previously spoke at Eureka College on Founders' Day in 2007. Eureka College among 14 colleges and universities affiliated with the church.

- Eureka College News



Pentecost Offerings Support New Disciples Churches

New Church Development in the Disciples is going strong – over 700 new churches in the past 10 years! Our Region has been supportive in a number of ways through your gifts – starting churches in Illinois and Wisconsin, funding training opportunities for new church planters for the whole denomination and helping start new ventures like the Antioch Project that encourages new, large, entrepreneurial Disciple churches.

We have great potential in our Region for years to come – new since last spring include: Pneu Project in Oswego, an Anglo church that will launch and keep on launching other new churches; Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos De Cristo in Milwaukee will travel each week to launch Iglesia Cristiana Discipulos De Cristo in Blue Island; our first Burmese congregation has begun in the Quad Cities; and several Korean pastors have expressed interest in starting new churches in Chicagoland. We have an active New Church Establishment Committee, devoted to the Great Commission and encouraging of many new church starts. The motto we've borrowed from our friends in Indy – "A thousand new churches in a thousand different ways." Our role is to partner with new church planters in a variety of ways and serve as a valuable resource for new, healthy, vital congregations. It's working! Your gifts to the Pentecost Special Day Offering fuel this ministry. Visit the Regional church's website – www.cciwdisciples.org in the days ahead to learn more.

- Rev. Scott Woolridge, Assoc. Regional Minister

Church News

Prayers and Deaths in the Region

Rev. Ray Greenfield, Pastor at the Lewiston and Ipava CC, passed away unexpectedly on April 1st, 2012.

Rev. Ray Allen, retired, founding pastor of Old State Road CC in the Charleston/Mattoon area, passed away Friday, March 30th, 2012.

Please hold **Rev. Brittany Barber** and her family in your prayers. Rev. Barber's father, **Ray Barber**, passed away unexpectedly early on the 26th of December.

Please hold **Pastor Arelene Conaghan (Appenzeller)** and her family in your prayers. Arlene's father passed away on New Year's Eve.



Neil Baird, president of Men's Ministries in our Region in the 1990's, passed away on Friday, December 30th, 2011. He served on the Men's Council for a number of years and provided excellent leadership. [View the obituary here.](#)



Please hold **David McCracken's** family and friends in your prayers, as he passed away January 3rd, 2012. He served the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on the national level working in the Division of Homeland Ministries from 1988-2002, and ultimately was the Director of Men's Ministry for the denomination. [View the obituary here.](#)



Please hold the friends and family of **Rev. Jack Vernon Reeve** in your prayers, as he died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012. Rev. Reeve was the Regional Minister in the IL-WI region from 1968-1978. [View the obituary here.](#)



Chandlerville Christian Church celebrates 150th year

In 2012, Chandlerville Christian Church celebrates their 150th year of good and faithful ministry. Blessings and thanks are extended from the Region for all the church has accomplished in its 150 years.

Clergy Changes in the Region



Korean Christian Church installs new pastor: Youngseop Ahn

The Korean Christian Church, located in Springfield, IL, recently installed Rev. Youngseop Ahn as their new pastor. The Korean Christian Church is a new church start.



First Christian Church of Virden hosts ordination of Chase Wilhelm

On February 5th, 2012, Chase Wilhelm was ordained for the position of Chaplain in the Army National Guard. Hosting the ceremony was First Christian Church of Virden.

Dave Poeschel began as Pastor at Tallula CC in Tallula, IL in late 2011.

Rick Branaman will begin as Pastor at First Christian in Hoopeston, IL on April 1st, 2012.

Danny McCubbins resigned as Pastor from Carlock CC in Carlock, IL on March 1st, 2012.

Craig Roberston resigned as Pastor from Coldbrook CC in Cameron, IL on February 19th, 2012.

Sandra Anderson completed her interim at Bethany CC in Bethany, IL on March 11th, 2012.

Tracy Siegman began as Pastor at Bethany CC in Bethany, IL on March 11th, 2012.

Vertie Powers began as Associate Minister for the Chicago Metropolitan Association in Chicago, IL on January 1st, 2012.

Joseph Thawn began as Pastor at Myanmar CC in Moline, IL on March 25th, 2012.

Bill Kerns will begin as Pastor at Taylorville CC in Taylorville, IL in May of 2012.

Mission Activities

THE KING'S CARPENTERS

Missionaries to God's People
"Here I am, Lord; send me!"

The King's Carpenters, a missionary group run by Mike and Julie Robinson, have been very busy since the first of the year! In early February, they headed off to Joplin, MO to do some wonderful work repairing buildings in the area damaged by the recent tornado.



They also made great improvements to a picnic shelter by adding reinforced railing. A nearby Quonset hut, formerly South Joplin CC's youth building, was converted into a mission work and volunteer center. They worked on basic improvements to a home that will house the DHM lead volunteer.



Shortly after, they worked in Bayview, TX on multiple projects. Some of these included an addition to a trailer for a growing family and an addition to the Southwest Good Samaritan Church's dining area.



They also added hurricane straps to a local home, built a porch and did some painting and other general maintenance. The homeowner was very grateful, crying when she saw the renovations.

After returning to IL on the 20th, Mike had already made contact with people in Harrisburg, IL to assess their situation. While a date for work has not been set yet, we do know that they do not need clothes or food at this time. Most of the Spring and Summer will be spent working in Harrisburg.

Please join the King's Carpenters Facebook page, The Kings Carpenters, NFP for more pictures, updates and ongoing information.

Mike and Julie Robinson

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CAMP WALTER SCOTT

Assorted Improvement Projects

There are various improvement projects happening around Camp Walter Scott the next few months. Whether you are looking to volunteer individually or with other congregation members, your time and skills are needed!

Some of the projects include:

- Paint the house—exterior
- Paint house garage—interior
- Cut and split firewood
- Add ventilation to cabin bathrooms/dining hall storage
- Check inside doors on both cabins—better fit
- Build fence near south pond/lagoon
- More work on the labyrinth
- Clean/organize storage area, south shower house
- Interior painting—dining hall
- Spruce up south shower house
- Repair dining hall siding
- Remove fallen tree—north side drive
- maintain hiking trails
- Retreat house—outdoor ceiling fans—low
- Work on beach—sand
- Repair molding on dining entry doors
- Replace the parking to near the retreat house
- Create new/move basketball court
- Clocks for dining hall
- New ceiling fixtures in dining hall
- Haul away junk
- Ramp on west side of Cabin 1
- New steps for hogans/shelters
- Signs for hogans
- Dining hall – new entry ramp and doors
- New picnic tables

There will also be a complete overhaul of Cabins 1 and 2, including cleaning and insulating. The general campground needs cleaning, including the site of the trailer, prior to summer mowing.

The scheduled work days are as follows:

April 27-29

May 11-13

May 18-20

Please call CWS at 217-739-2332 to let them know you are joining them!

Various fundraising efforts are ongoing to provide new or replacement equipment at Camp Walter Scott. For more information on the work projects and fundraising efforts, please see the CCIW Regional website:

<http://www.cciwdisciples.org/fellowship-camp-groups>

Mission Activities

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Continued Work in Japan



Global Ministries missionary to Japan, Jeffrey Mensendiek, has been walking with our brothers and sisters in Japan as they recover from the devastating earthquake. He helps organize and accompany volunteer work teams through the Emmaus Center in Sendai, Ja-

pan. A year has gone by and he has regularly shared his experience with us in blog type entries on the Global Ministries website. [Check out your Disciples/UCC missionary in action here](#) and be inspired by the depth of his spiritual insight and commitment to God's mission.

- Global Ministries News

EUREKA COLLEGE

National Recognition for Community Service

THE MOMENT OF DISCOVERY



EUREKA
COLLEGE

For the second consecutive year, Eureka College has been named to

the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary community service. This year, Eureka College moved up in the rankings and is among only 110 schools nationwide and four in Illinois to be recognized on the Honor Roll with Distinction. The Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Education gives the recognition to institutions of higher education for their support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

"I am thrilled that Eureka College is being recognized for a second year for the efforts of our students and other college community members who are committed to making service an essential component of the college learning experience," said Shari Rich, director of applied learning. "Even more exciting this year is being included as an Honor Roll with Distinction recipient."

Three Eureka College service projects that were highlighted in the college's application for the honor roll were the Bearded Men Knitting Hats fundraising and gender-awareness project that raised more than \$1,300 for Heart House homeless shelter; the Up 'til Dawn project that has raised more than \$100,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital over the last four years; and the annual alternative spring break trip coordinated by Chaplain Bruce Fowlkes, which included an emphasis on civic reflection as part of the trip.

A total of 642 colleges and universities are included on the honor roll for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. Of that total, 513 were named to the honor roll, 110 received the recognition of honor roll with distinction,

14 were identified as finalists, and five received the Presidential Award, which is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to community service.

Criteria for inclusion on the honor roll include the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school's commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than 5 million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Barack Obama's national call-to-service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, go to NationalService.gov.

-Eureka College News

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Grant Funding Approvals



The Social Concerns Committee allocates grant money each year to numerous deserving organizations and programs in the Region. This year, four different programs received funding to continue their efforts in the IL-WI region and beyond.

The Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism team works to coordinate long-range programs in the IL-WI Region. Their goal is to challenge racism in the church and create a pro-reconciling, anti-racist agenda. They have received funding for 2012.

In the Quad cities, a junior high drop-in center serves at-risk youth in the area by providing a safe place for teens to go after school hours. They host activities and create a secure environment for healthy social activity.

The Persephone Project, also known as the Still Point Theatre, was created to help serve incarcerated women. The goal is to increase self-esteem and empathy, build community and teach written and oral communication skills. These efforts assist in the rehabilitation of the incarcerated women, as well as help them develop healthy coping mechanisms.

A Thursday evening program at Glen Oak Christian Church provides youth from ages 4 to 12 with a meal and healthy activities.

These programs provide much-needed and valuable services to youth and adults in the Region. Look for a follow-up article in the next Christian about the good work!

The Annual Fund: 2011 Contributors



The Annual Fund provides donors the opportunity to support the Region's work year-round. These individual gifts, which are not designated for specific funds, are gratefully contributed to the Annual fund. We thank our gracious donors, named below:

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The 2012 Summer Camping Program

Memorial Day Family Camp Weekend
May 25 – May 28, 2012

Labor Day Family Camp Weekend
August 31 – September 3, 2012

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CAMPING
AT CAMP WALTER SCOTT!

Early Registration
Deadline

April 15, 2012

Late Registration

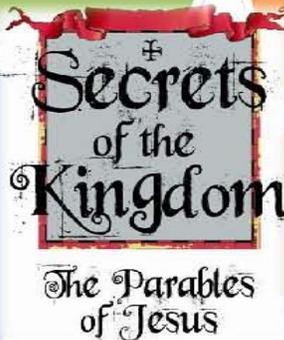
April 16 – May 15, 2012

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

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CCIW Outdoor Ministries



SUMMER CAMP CIT
PROGRAM
"BE THE DIFFERENCE"
Contact your church for
more information!

Summer Camp Reference Guide

| CAMP NAME | COMPLETED GRADE | DATE | LOCATION | EARLY FEE | LATE FEE |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| POST-HIGH WEEKEND #1 | Ages 19-25 | JUNE 15-17 | Pilgrim Park | \$155.00 | \$180.00 |
| JYF #1 | 3rd-5th | JUNE 17-23 | Pilgrim Park | \$340.00 | \$365.00 |
| POST-HIGH WEEKEND #2 | Ages 19-25 | JUNE 22-24 | Camp Walter Scott | \$140.00 | \$165.00 |
| CYF #1 | 9th-12th | JUNE 24-30 | Camp Walter Scott | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |
| BEGINNERS CAMP #1 | 2nd-3rd | JUNE 24-27 | Camp Walter Scott | \$190.00 | \$215.00 |
| GRANDPARENTS & ME #1 | K-5th | JUNE 27-30 | Camp Walter Scott | \$155.00 | \$180.00 |
| BEGINNERS CAMP #2 | 2nd-3rd | JULY 1-4 | Pilgrim Park | \$205.00 | \$235.00 |
| CHI RHO #1 | 6th-8th | JULY 1-7 | Pilgrim Park | \$340.00 | \$365.00 |
| CYF #2 | 9th-12th | JULY 1-7 | Pilgrim Park | \$340.00 | \$365.00 |
| GRANDPARENTS & ME #2 | K-5th | JULY 4-7 | Pilgrim Park | \$170.00 | \$195.00 |
| JYF #2 | 3rd-5th | JULY 8-14 | Camp Walter Scott | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |
| CHI RHO #2 | 6th-8th | JULY 8-14 | Camp Walter Scott | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |
| BRIDGE BUILDERS | 9th-12th | TBA | | | |
| CYF #3 | 9th-12th | JULY 15-21 | Camp Walter Scott | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |
| 8TH GRADE CAMP | 8th | JULY 22-28 | Eureka College | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |
| ADDaM CAMP | 9th-12th | JULY 22-29 | FCC-BLM, IWU | \$330.00 | \$355.00 |
| JYF #3 | 3rd-5th | JULY 29-AUG 4 | Camp Walter Scott | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |
| CHI RHO #3 | 6th-8th | JULY 29-AUG 4 | Camp Walter Scott | \$325.00 | \$350.00 |

Upcoming Events



Healthy Congregations

DEVELOP. TRAIN. EDUCATE. CONSULT.

Healthy Congregations is an approach to family systems theory in the church that promotes understanding a church as a system and helps us ask and answer questions like, "What is my part in that system? How do I cope with anxiety? How can I be a helpful influence in my church's system?"

June 26-28; noon-noon; Eureka College

Typically, training and materials for a Healthy Congregations facilitator would be \$450 plus meals, housing and travel. Because of a generous gift in our Region for leadership development, **we will pay the \$450**. We would ask you to pay for your meals, housing and travel. Two nights and five meals at Eureka College for this event will cost about \$88.00.

To learn more and to make a reservation, contact Scott Woolridge—scott@cciwdisciples.org

**Courage
TO Lead®**

For more information and the registration form, please [click this link](#). Or, contact the Regional Office at 309-828-6293.

With the many demands and challenges of ministry, it is easy to lose a sense of self in the face of our work. This retreat will explore how we reconnect *who we are* with *what we do* in ministry.

In this Courage to Lead® retreat, up to 20 clergy will gather in large-group, small-group and solitary settings, to share their inner journeys via personal story-telling, poetry and teaching tales from various wisdom traditions. Guided by skilled facilitators, participants will be invited to speak honestly about their lives and work and to listen and respond to each other—and to themselves—with encouragement and compassion.

We will begin the retreat at 3 pm on June 26th and end by 3 pm on the 28th. You may check-in at 1:00pm at Eureka College on the 26th. The commitment is for the whole retreat time.

11th Annual Women's Spiritual Writing Retreat 2012

Remember the day that everything changed in your life – for the better? Nothing would be the same because of the blessings of that day. Remember the day that everything changed in your life – for the worse? Nothing would be the same because of the challenges of that day.

What changes an ordinary day into an extraordinary one? We'll reflect on this question and others as we explore the theme "This is the Day..." at Eureka College June 26-28. Registration is \$100, which includes meals, accommodations, and retreat materials.

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**EVANGELISM
is NOT a
DIRTY WORD**
Making evangelism Good News again

Somewhere along the line, sharing with people the thing that has changed our life the most has turned into a chore we don't want to do. It became a church program rather than personal behavior.

When: Monday, June 25, 2012 from 9:00am – 4:00pm
Where: Eureka College Campus
Cost: \$50/person

In this workshop you'll learn the following things and more:

- The biblical model
- The essential nature of true evangelism
- Why our old understandings miss the mark
- How to change the culture of your church toward evangelism
- Strategies for helping your church be open to growth and hospitality

For further information:

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Click on: <http://www.grace-institute.com/register-for-events>

Don't forget!

You can still register for the
2012 CCIW History and Polity course:

June 25-29 at Eureka College

The deadline is June 8th; there is also a maximum of 30 people allowed for the class.

[Please click here](#) for a registration form and more information or contact the Regional Office at (309) 828-6293.

| April | | July | |
|-------|--|-----------|---|
| 2 | L&M Cluster—RO at noon | 1-31 | Summer Camps Continue (Various Dates) Please see page 9 of this issue for dates. |
| 6 | Good Friday | | |
| 8 | Easter Sunday | 22-28 | No Camps Scheduled |
| 12 | Regional Elders—RO at 10am | | |
| 14 | PRAR—Country Club Hills at 10am | | |
| 14 | Women's Spring Event—Eureka at 10am | 4 | Summer Camps End |
| 15 | Summer Camp Early Deadline | 9 | Executive Committee Meeting—RO at 9am |
| 20-21 | Camp Training at PP | 11 | Disciples Women Cabinet Meeting—9:30am |
| 22-24 | CEO Event | 25 | Regional Board Meeting—RO at 10am |
| 27-28 | Camp Training CWS | 31 | Labor Day Family Camp Starts |
| May | | August | |
| 3 | ATiiM—RO | 2 | Labor Day Family Camp Ends |
| 7 | L&M Cluster—RO at noon | 6 | ATiiM—RO at 10am |
| 12 | PRAR—RO at 10am | 22-23 | SOIL Women's Retreat—CWS |
| 15 | Summer Camp Late Deadline | 23-25 | Ministry Committee—Eureka College |
| 15-22 | Guatemala Mission Trip | 29 | Camp Directors Evaluation Meeting—RO |
| 25-28 | Memorial Day Family Camp | 29 | Outdoor Ministries—RO |
| June | | September | |
| 4 | L&M Cluster—RO at noon | 2 | Labor Day Family Camp Ends |
| 4-6 | Ministry Committee—RO | 6 | ATiiM—RO at 10am |
| 6 | CME Training—Eureka CC at 10am | 22-23 | SOIL Women's Retreat—CWS |
| 9 | PRAR—Country Club Hills at 10am | 23-25 | Ministry Committee—Eureka College |
| 15 | Summer Camps Begin | 29 | Camp Directors Evaluation Meeting—RO |
| 25-29 | Disciples History & Polity Course—Eureka College | 29 | Outdoor Ministries—RO |
| 26-28 | Women's Writing Retreat—Eureka College | | |
| | | October | |
| | | 3-4 | ATiiM Conference—Starved Rock |
| | | 12-13 | Regional Assembly—Normal, IL |
| | | November | |
| | | 1 | ATiiM—RO at 10am |
| | | 2-3 | Youth Leaders Spiritual Life Retreat |

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From the doorsteps of your congregation to the ends of the earth, the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) resource congregations for mission. The 2012 Easter Offering provides 20-25% of the annual funding for General Ministries.

The General Ministries serve on your behalf around the globe. In Central America, the Church has long-term partnerships for theological education, and agricultural and medical training. In Africa, which is among our largest global presence, there are more members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo than in the US and Canada. In Southeast Asia, our missionaries operate

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In the United States and Canada, your financial support provides leadership to congregations seeking mission assessments and strategic planning. Your gifts provide resources to bring together college students and young adults for leadership training and development where the students learn, but also help direct the future of the church through honest conversation about cultural and generational relevancy. Your gifts provide supplemental pension payments to clergy who served in the mission field or small congregations and whose retirement benefits are insufficient to keep them above the poverty level. Your gift provides a safe and stable environment for developmentally disabled adults and children in foster care transition. Your gifts bring life and resource your congregation for mission!

The General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are YOUR partners in mission, resourcing and equipping congregations for ministry. YOUR gift to the Easter Offering provides vital support of a critical common witness! Together, we are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world!

- For more info, visit the [DHM Website here](#).