



REGIONAL MINISTER'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker

Rev. Dr. Teresa Dulyea-Parker is on sabbatical at the time of this issue. She will return with an article in the next issue of The Christian.

CCIW Youth Midwinter Retreat 2016

“God Thinks...” (Mission, Fellowship,
Worship)
Chi-Rho and CYF Retreat
(Grades 6-12)



Dates: January 30-31, 2016

Registration Deadline: January 18, 2016

Location: First Christian Church, Blue Mound, Illinois

Address: 100 S. Lewis Street, Blue Mound, Illinois

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ellen B. Moma

Cost: \$35 per person if Registered by December 18, 2015

Cost: \$40 per person December 19-January 18, 2016

Registration forms are on the CCIW website

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2016 Regional Assembly

October 21-22, 2016
Springfield, IL

Prayer Concerns

Deaths: Rev. Lindsay Churchman; Rev. Jay Johnson, Mother of Bruce Fowlkes, Rev. Edwin Jacobs, Ed Taylor's brother Jim

Pastor Changes: Arvil Bass retired; Jim Boswell resigned from Bellflower; Rebecca Kirby to interim at Mackinaw; Jan Harris resigned from Casey; Tom Cici to Hoopston; Bryan Burgess to Carlock Christian

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Guatemala 2016

People to People Pilgrimage

Friends, the CCIW Region has had five years of great and positive relationship with our Guatemalan Mission partners Nora Colomo and Vittalino Similox from Concejo Ecumenico Cristiano de Guatemala (The Ecumenical Council of Guatemala) We have taken a total of three pilgrimages, and the both the journey and education have been enriching and life altering. April 10-15, 2016 we will make our fourth journey. There is an invitation for five persons ready to have a cross cultural experience to join this delegation.

The Purpose:

To take a look at human trafficking in the United States and Guatemala. Conduct a research about the theme, seen from a United States perspective. What is at stake? Which are the root causes, the consequences in terms of human rights, dignity and ethics, among others.

Guatemalan women can then have their own research process about human trafficking from their point of view. They can also share with their churches about their findings. Sharing common goals and dreams from each others' reflections and research. To see the similarities and the differences in the approach to the theme.

To work together towards a solidarity initiative where you can work together with pastoral accompaniment, advocacy and presence on both places (US and Guatemala).

The Dates: April 10-15, 2016

The Costs: Approximately \$2,500.00 per person

The Firm Deadline: January 30, 2016 (Application and Deposit must be into the Regional office on this date) No exceptions.

Must be in good physical condition. (Must be able to walk over 1 mile)

Please be advised that the immunizations needed for Guatemala can be received by your private physician or our Local Health Department. These immunizations can be pricey. Please factor this in when planning. (Check our website for more of an update on immunizations)



New Day 2016 Congregational Transformation in CCIW – Coming Soon



New Day 2016 is an offering of the Regional church to help your congregation create an atmosphere open to God's transforming power. Together we pray, we listen to God, we take risks, we experiment with new ideas, and we focus on ministry opportunities outside and inside the congregation. We are on a spiritual journey and God is guiding our path.

Each congregation has its own unique experience of transformation. In this two-year process, there will be training retreats for church leaders to get the process started, monthly coaching calls for the ministers, and follow-up events to hear about progress and offer more resources.

New Day is a new approach to congregational transformation. Driven by deeper spirituality, enriching partnership and ongoing support, churches find their path to a faithful future. This is not a cookie cutter program. Congregations with similar interests and similar callings can work together. The Regional church is making a huge commitment to help with congregational transformation. This could make a big difference in the life of a congregation!

What outcomes do we expect? We'll experience spiritual transformation as individuals and as a congregation. We'll be clear about our purpose as a church, our focus will change and we'll share God's love in new ways. We'll be able to tell story after story of lives that have been changed through our ministry together.

What will it cost? The Regional church is willing to cover the costs of programming and leadership for the training retreats and other meetings for New Day 2016 – keynote speakers, trainers, resources, staff, etc. We ask the congregations to pay for their room and board for the events and for the monthly conversations with their transformation coach.

New Day will be starting in the first quarter of 2016. Contact us soon to get on board.

Want to know more? Visit cciwdisciples.org or contact Scott Woolridge – scott@cciwdisciples.org



In this time in which it is difficult to find good news, outside of the pages of the Bible, we join in congratulating the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Princeton, IL in celebrating 175 years as a congregation! On Sunday, October 4th, they marked their 175th anniversary as a congregation in a service of worship at Veteran's Park in Princeton.

In 1840 a group of 14 individuals resolved to form themselves into a congregation of Disciples of Christ in Princeton. They began meeting in one another's homes, in a local school house, and in a room above a candy store. Within a few short years, they had grown enough to construct a church building. During those early years the church was visited by none other than Alexander Campbell and by James Garfield, among many others.

Though the original church building no longer stands, the foundation of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ remains the cornerstone of the congregation.



CCIW YOUTH Summit 2015

God's Not Dead: Youth Awakening

Important Updates!

www.cciwdisciples.org

Summit Registration:

Summit 2015 is fast approaching. November 20-22 the youth of CCIW will converge upon the beautiful grounds of Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, Illinois for a weekend of great Worship, Fellowship and Fun. Registration will open in the Clark Room on Friday at 7pm. Our time will end on Sunday after lunch around 1pm. We are anticipating your arrival. Check out our website for updates, and changes. www.cciwdisciples.org

Summit's Got Talent:

We are still looking for great talent for Saturday Evening's "Summit's Got Talent!" If you are the one we are waiting on, plan to sign up at the Summit Event! We will have signup sheets posted on Friday Night. We are looking for a total of 15 great acts. If you are a singer, dancer, musicians, comedians then sign up! We will choose the first 15 acts signed up! It's first come-first serve. NO exceptions. You will need to bring your own cd, instruments and jokes to Summit with you. Only one act per person. No one will be permitted to perform multiple acts.

Summit Affinity Groups:

This time we will offer six Affinity Groups. Each Summit participant is invited to sign up on Friday night, and Saturday morning before Worship. Once the groups are filled, they will be closed.

CCIW Pro-Reconciling-Anti-racism Team—Featuring speakers and conversation around what it means for all God's children to live together in harmony. How must the church be at the forefront of promoting pro-reconciling and anti-racism in our churches and even the world?

Facilitators: Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe and Deitra Baker and Janice Person

Godly Pray and Play—How students incorporate Godly principles in every aspect of their lives; especially in sports and games. **Facilitators:** Rev. Tim Akers and Carol Gledhill

Sponsors Affinity Group—The Key to Transformational Leaders with Youth. **Facilitators:** Rev. Scott Woolridge and Vicky Woolridge

Choir Affinity Group—This will be a great group who would like to sing on Sunday Morning. **Facilitators:** Joe Pebbles and Tim Timmons

Worship Planning Affinity Group—This will be for those who would like to help plan and participate in Summit's closing worship on Sunday.

Mission Affinity Group—This group will be for those students who wish to help put together School, and Hygiene kits for Church World Service. **Facilitators:** Laura and Jake Cohen

Summit Church World Service School Kits and Hygiene lists

School Kit

One pair blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
Three 70 count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. (No loose leaf or filler paper.)
One 30 –centimeter ruler 12"
One hand held pencil sharpener
One large eraser
Six new pencils with erasers
One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

All items will get placed inside the cloth bags. Will need \$2 for processing each kit.

Hygiene Kits

One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
One washcloth
One wide-tooth comb
One nail clipper
One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
One toothbrush (in original packaging)
Six standard size Band-aids
One - one gallon plastic bag with zip closure

All items will be placed in bag with closure. Please do not include toothpaste it will be added at a later date prior to sending the shipments.

Will need \$2 for processing each kit.

Summit Snack List

Snacks needed for the hospitality room are: Individually wrapped snack items such as chips, cookies or candy, trail mixes, granola bars, juice boxes, juice bottles, water and soft drinks. Fresh fruits such as apples, oranges and bananas are also a good and healthy option.

*Please contact Terri Grove at the Regional Office to be sure to tell her what snacks your congregation will bring.



CCIW Disciples Women Cabinet **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The CCIW Disciples Women's Cabinet is asking you to save the date for the upcoming Regional Spring Women's Event. Our event will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Chiara Center at Riverton, Illinois. Registration forms will be posted on the CCIW website soon.

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2016