

*Metro Chicago*

## *eWind*

*Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...  
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)*

Weekly Electronic Newsletter of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago  
A patchwork of varied news and announcements  
from our churches, communities, denomination and other organizations,  
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region

**June 1, 2005**

Our prayer is that you will see  
God's hand of blessing  
in each day's new life.

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### *Upcoming Events*

**Now through June 5--Harry Chapin's Cotton Patch Gospel**, Chicago Dramatists Theater, 1105 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago. Tickets available through [www.provisiontheater.org](http://www.provisiontheater.org).

**June 2, 9, 16--"One, Body, Many Parts!"** Brown Bag Lunch discussion of evangelism, Baptist style, noon-1:30 p.m. Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, will host this series of meetings.

**June 4-7--National Hunger Week.** The Alliance to End Hunger presents *One Table: Many Voices* conference, in Washington D.C. June 4-7, 2005. For more information, visit [www.onetableconference.org](http://www.onetableconference.org).

**June 4, 11, 18, 25**--Enlivening Congregational Singing Seminar, North Shore Baptist Church 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. plus fifth session TBD. Contact Mark Bowman at [worshipalive@comcast.net](mailto:worshipalive@comcast.net) or 773-728-8274.

**June 8**--Prayer service for Ghana partnership, 7 p.m., FBC of Chicago, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago.

**June 9, 16, 23, 30**--Enlivening Congregational Singing Seminar, Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 171 N. Cuyler, Oak Park, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. plus fifth session TBD. Contact Mark Bowman at [worshipalive@comcast.net](mailto:worshipalive@comcast.net) or 773-728-8274.

**June 12**--Interim Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield preaches at The Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest, Wilmette, 10 a.m.

**June 14**--Finance and Property Committee Meeting, ABCMC office, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240, Chicago, 3 p.m.

**June 16**--Mission Partnership Meeting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Mc Cormick Theological Seminary, 5460 S. University, Chicago.

**June 18**--Family Cabinet Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-Noon, ABCMC office, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240, Chicago.

**June 19**--Interim Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield preaches at Central Spanish Baptist Church, 2417 N. Campbell Avenue, Chicago, 11 a.m.

**June 20**--World Refugee Day. For more information about World Refugee Day, see <http://www.churchworldservice.org/immigration/archives/2005/05/62.html>.

**June 26**--Ordination of Taku Longkumer to the Christian Ministry by Christ Community Church, 602 E. Geneva Road, Wheaton, 10 a.m. For more information, phone the church at 630-665-2259.

**July 1-3**--ABCUSA Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO.

**July 6-August 12**--Xtreme Team Mission Adventure. Please see article.

**July 25**--A conversation with Imam W. Deen Mohammed and Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.: Faith and the Common Good, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center Auditorium, adjacent to Holy Name Cathedral, State and Superior Streets, Chicago, 7p.m. RSVP by July 18 to 773-456-5637.

**July 28-30**--Missional Church Conference, Cenacle Retreat Center, Chicago.

**July 29**--NCC's Green Ministries conference, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., ELCA building, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago. More information is available from Cassandra Carmichael at 202-544-2350 or [www.nccecojustice.org](http://www.nccecojustice.org).

**August 1-5**--Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders, sponsored by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, 675 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines. Brochures with registration form available from ABCMC. For more information, contact LMPC, 630-627-0507, or visit [www.lmpeacecenter.org](http://www.lmpeacecenter.org). Register before July 5 for best tuition rate, \$595.

**August 1-6**--30th Annual Gathering of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR.

**August 6-11**--World Mission Conference, Green Lake, WI. More information and registration materials available at [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org).

### *One Body, Many Parts!*

Celebrate God's work of evangelism *Baptist-style*. Are you interested in colleagues' understandings of Good News or the strategies and lessons others have found helpful in sharing their Good News? Interested clergy and lay leaders are invited to this 3-part brown bag lunch discussion to explore the shape of evangelism among local churches in Metro Chicago. Rev. Dr. Alice J. B. Davis (Pastor, Irving Park Baptist Church) and Rev. Jacki Belile (Pastor, Grace Baptist Church) will present opening remarks on June 2. Taku Longkumer (Assistant to the Pastor, Christ Community Church) will present opening remarks on June 9. Ample time for discussion and prayer will be provided. Join others in celebrating the distinct local church expressions of evangelism in Metro Chicago's American Baptist family, and bring your questions and resources to share. Thursdays, June 2, 9 and 16, noon to 1:30 p.m. at Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Contact co-planners Doug Harris ([dharris@northshorebaptist.org](mailto:dharris@northshorebaptist.org)) or Jacki Belile ([GBCFriends@aol.com](mailto:GBCFriends@aol.com)) for more information.

### *High Court Protects Religious Freedom for Inmates*

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a 2000 law that protects the religious rights of prisoners does not violate the First Amendment's Establishment Clause. The case involved the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), which among other provisions, prevents prison officials from imposing a substantial burden on the religious practice of inmates unless there is a compelling reason to do so and there is no less-restrictive way to protect the state's interest.

K. Hollyn Hollman, Baptist Joint Committee general counsel, said today's decision is important because the court recognizes government can accommodate religion, in an appropriate case, without violating the Establishment Clause. "Where government acts to lift a substantial government-imposed burden on religion, it allows religion to flourish," Hollman said. "The decision properly protects the religious rights of people who depend on the government for the permission and accommodation to practice their religion."

The case, *Cutter vs. Wilkinson*, was brought by three Ohio prison inmates, claiming they were denied access to religious literature and the opportunity to conduct religious worship services. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in the state's favor, that RLUIPA was unconstitutional.

Today, the Supreme Court reaffirmed that there is "some space for legislative action neither compelled by the Free Exercise Clause nor prohibited by the Establishment Clause." The court stated that "RLUIPA fits within the corridor between the Religion Clauses."

"We find RLUIPA's institutionalized persons provision compatible with the Establishment Clause because it alleviates exceptional government-created burdens on private religious exercise," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in the opinion.

A diverse collation of more than 50 religious and civil rights groups, led by the Baptist Joint Committee, supported the passage and signing of RLUIPA. The coalition filed a friend-of-the

court brief that argued RLUIPA did not impermissibly advance religion. The brief is available at <http://www.bjconline.org/issues/rluipa.htm>.

## *International Mission Opportunity this Summer*

### *- Xtreme Team*

Since 1998, International Ministries has sponsored an exciting program for young adults entitled the Xtreme Team Mission Adventure. Over 100 young adults have participated in this unique month long mission experience designed to expose participants to global mission and build up mission leadership for the future.

The Republic of Georgia and the Dominican Republic are the two destinations in 2005. International Ministries missionaries Dan Buttry and Madeline Flores are among the leadership of the teams. Originally fifteen participants were divided between the two teams, but an unusual amount of attrition has resulted in only twelve participants remaining. It is possible that one team will need to be canceled due to lack of participants.

Would you know of an American Baptist young adult 19-29 years of age interested in engaging in a mission experience this summer? The cost is \$3900 and includes airfare and expenses in the US and the host country for the entire experience. The dates are July 6 through August 12. The trip will begin with orientation at Judson College in Elgin, IL and concludes at the World Mission Conference in Green Lake, WI.

Those interested may register online [www.xtremeteamonline.org](http://www.xtremeteamonline.org) or contact the Volunteers in Global Mission office at 800-222-3872 ext .2367 or 2164 with any questions.

### *Ecumenical Opportunities for Young Adults*

The Stewards Program of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches offers a unique program for young adults (ages 18-20 years) to experience one aspect of the ecumenical movement from the inside. It involves learning about ecumenical theology and sharing with others the joy of worship and the excitement of fellowship with others in the ecumenical movement.

Julie Justus and Natlie Hanna, two American Baptist young adults, recently served as Stewards at the WCC World Missions and Evangelism Conference in Athens, Greece. To read about their experience go to the American Baptist home page [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org) and click on the Mission Greece Blog.

Application for the National Council of Churches can be found at [www.nccusa.org](http://www.nccusa.org). The application is due August 1, 2005.

Application for the World Council of Churches can be found at [www.wcc-assembly.info](http://www.wcc-assembly.info). The application for the WCC is due June 15, 2005.

### *Youth Advocacy Project Freedom Summer*

The Community Renewal Society is offering the young people of your congregation the chance to seek peace and promote justice. The Youth Advocacy Project (YAP), sponsoring Freedom Summer, is an intergenerational, interracial and interfaith fellowship fighting for civil and human rights while reforming the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Participants in Freedom Summer will meet people who fought for civil rights, and visit the places where those struggles took place. They will also have the opportunity to participate in demonstrations, poetry and writing contests, and a three day youth organizing seminar. Encourage your youth to become truth messengers and learn how to take action against hate to make the world a better place.

Those involved in the project will be taking a stand against hate. It will be a journey to stop the more than 50,000 hate crimes that occur each year. These crimes against humanity are crushing American values and destroying our youth. 62% of all hate crimes are committed by people under age 25, and 34% of the victims are children.

To kick off Freedom Summer and the demise of hatred CRS will hold an anti-racism conference on Saturday, June 18. The conference will be 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 18 at the Logan Square YMCA, 1834 N. Lawndale, Chicago. The conference will include the viewing of a video on hate crimes, and a discussion of the video.

All are invited! RSVP to Julie Barki or Don Washington at 312-427-4830 by June 10.

### *Please Don't Leave It Blank!*

Recently your church received its 2004 Cooperating Church Annual Report form. Annual Reports are used to gather statistical, financial and leadership data on our member churches. They are one of the primary data-gathering vehicles for the ABCUSA. It is critical for the denomination to have current data on our member churches. We cannot do accurate projections on the trends within ABC without it. Your church's participation in the Annual Report process will have a significant effect on our ability to move the denomination forward.

Your church's Annual Report will become a part of your church's *Congregational Profile*, which includes ten years of giving history, five years of statistical history and a complete pastoral history for your church. The Congregational Profile is used for many purposes. It is provided to speakers who come to your church. It is used by Pastoral Search Committees, and also by pastors who might be interested in coming to a church. If you find incomplete or incorrect information on the report, please feel free to make corrections and include the *Congregational Profile* with your annual report so that corrections can be made.

### *Cotton Patch Gospel*

The Jeff-Nominated and award- winning bluegrass musical *Harry Chapin's Cotton Patch Gospel* will be at the Chicago Dramatists Theater, 1105 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago. This entertaining musical features the reverential retelling of the Gospels of Matthew and John in a contemporary southern setting, set to bluegrass music. The award winning musical is based on the book *The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John* by Clarence Jordan, a Bible scholar and civil rights activist. Performances are April 28-June 5, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are available from the box office, 773-506-4429, or from [www.provisiontheater.org](http://www.provisiontheater.org). Tickets are \$22. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more persons.

### *Ministers Council Response Form*

On August 24, 2004 the Ministers Council Senate approved a process to enable Ministers Council Senators to listen fully to the concerns of their constituents regarding the issue of homosexuality. One piece of this process is that every member of Ministers Council and every American Baptist engaged in professional ministerial leadership is invited to respond in writing (500 words or less) on the matter. This information will be reviewed by the facilitation team, and a full range of responses will be summarized at Senate 2005.

The following guidelines are offered as a framework for response:

1. Reflect on this issue of homosexuality in light of Christ's greatest commandments to love God and neighbor.
2. Under what circumstances do you believe you can be faithful to God and remain in fellowship with others who hold strong convictions opposite your own, regarding homosexuality?

Forms are available from [www.ministerscouncil.org](http://www.ministerscouncil.org). The ABCMC office also has forms. Please mail your completed response form to the address on the form. Responses *must be received by July 3, 2005*.

### *Enlivening Congregational Singing Seminar*

Mark Bowman, minister of music at the United Church of Rogers Park, Chicago, offers a series of five hands-on training sessions for church musicians, worship leaders and clergy. This program builds skills in leading and strengthening congregational singing. Each three-hour session includes presentations and discussion of topics such as the role of music in worship, skills for effective song leading, tips for introducing new songs and teaching groups to sing in harmony.

Two Chicago area churches will host Mark's seminar in June. North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago will have the seminar 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays June 4-25, plus a fifth session, date to be decided. Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 171 N. Cuyler, Oak Park will have the seminar 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays June 9-30, plus a fifth session, date to be decided.

The seminars are limited to 12 participants. The fee will be \$150 per person. For more information, contact Mark at [worshipalive@comcast.net](mailto:worshipalive@comcast.net) or 773-728-8274.

### *Prayer Service for Mission Partnership*

A service of prayer and worship co-sponsored by First Baptist Church of Chicago, Third Baptist Church of Chicago, New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Evanston and the ABCMC Mission Partnership Committee will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Chicago. The Ghanaian Baptist Fellowship will lead us in praise. There will follow a service of worship and prayer in support of our ministry partners, the Ghana Baptist Convention, as Reverend Alan Ragland, Reverend Taurus Scurlock and Reverend Joanne Lindstrom prepare to travel to Ghana as resource persons for Ghana Baptist Conventions annual Youth Convention. EVERYONE who is able is encouraged to come and join us in this time of prayer.

### *Ordination*

The following invitation is from Christ Community Church, 602 E. Geneva Road, Wheaton.

We are pleased to announce the upcoming ordination of Taku Longkumer, Assistant to the Pastor at Christ Community Church of Wheaton. All are welcome to attend the service on Sunday, June 26th at 10:00 am and celebrate with us.

Taku had his second meeting with ABCMC's ordination commission in May, 2005. The commission was pleased to recommend that Christ Community Church proceed with his ordination.

### *ABCUSA Biennial Meeting*

The American Baptist Churches in the USA will gather for their Biennial Convention in Denver, Colorado July 1-3, 2005. The theme will be "Lift Up Your Eyes (Ps. 121)." Much information appears in the Winter 2005 and Spring 2005 issues of *American Baptist in Mission*. You can also find information about the event and registration on the denominational web site, [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org).

Are you planning to attend Biennial, and interested in sharing a room, transportation, etc.? Give the ABCMC office a call at 773-695-9791. We may be able to help you find someone from ABCMC with whom to share expenses.

### *At Biennial-*

#### *ABCMC Reception*

Please let the ABCMC office know at 773-695-9791 or [abcmchi@aol.com](mailto:abcmchi@aol.com) if you are going to Biennial. ABCMC will host a reception at Biennial on the evening of Saturday, July 2 following the worship service. If you are going to Biennial, please let us know also whether you will attend the reception.

### *Christian Bodybuilding in a World Torn Apart*

July 28-30 the Center for Parish Development will present a two-day conference on building up the body of Christ in today's world. Dr. Rodney Clapp, author of *A Peculiar People: the Church as Culture in a Post-Christian Society* and a number of other books, will be the featured speaker. Please visit [www.missionalchurch.org/seminars/convo05/main.html](http://www.missionalchurch.org/seminars/convo05/main.html) for more information and to register. Since space is limited, please register soon. Costs are listed on the web site.

### *Mission U- -Mission You!*

International Ministries invites you to attend Mission University, a 6-day program of drama and mission stories, worship and music, missiology, daily electives, Xtra credit with Xtreme teams and much more! God calls us into mission both to reach the world and to change our own lives. This year's World Mission Conference will be all about the life-changing learning that happens as we follow Christ by going global. The conference will be August 6-11 at Green Lake. It will include activities for adults, youth and children. Call 800-558-8898 today to reserve your room. For more information, visit [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org).

### *Green Ministries*

Join together with other faith leaders to learn how to "green" religious congregations and

institutions. On July 29, the National Council of Churches will offer a morning event designed for camp and conference center ministry leaders, clergy and denominational staff. The purpose of this conference is to empower and enable participants to incorporate environmentally sustainable practices in their institutions and increase environmental stewardship while reducing financial burdens. The conference will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the headquarters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago. (This is the building in which our ABCMC office is located.) For more information or to register contact Cassandra Carmichael at [cassandra@toad.net](mailto:cassandra@toad.net) or visit [www.nccecojustice.org](http://www.nccecojustice.org)

### *Mediation Skills Training Institute*

Conflict is normal and inevitable--whether in the home, school, community, church or workplace. Leaders in all walks of life often have a responsibility to help others work through their conflicts.

The Mediation Skills Training Institute presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational intervention and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory.

The institute will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, 675 E. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, Monday-Friday, August 1-5. The institute runs daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of Monday, which starts at 9 a.m., and Friday, which concludes at 4 p.m.

Tuition is \$595 for those registering before July 5, and \$670 for those registering later. More information is available from LMPC at 630-627-0507 or [www.LMPeaceCenter.org](http://www.LMPeaceCenter.org).

### *Baptist Peace Camp*

#### **MARCUS BORG, CORRIE FAMILY HEADLINE BPFNA PEACE CAMP**

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America announces that it will hold its 20th annual summer conference August 1-6th at First Baptist Church and Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. The conference -- also billed as "Peace Camp" -- draws hundreds of attendees from throughout North America who are interested in peace rooted in justice. This year's conference theme will be "For the Healing of the Nations." This was chosen to reflect a Biblical vision of a world remade in the image of a peace-loving, justice-seeking God. Attendees join together in music, worship, Bible study, workshops, and plenary sessions. There are also special programs for children, youth and young adults.

Doris Garcia-Mayol will be the featured preacher. Garcia-Mayol has served as an active missionary with the American Baptist and Puerto Rican Baptist Churches for the past 18 years. She and her family are now in Chiapas, Mexico working with the Baptist Seminary of Mexico. A native of Puerto Rico, Garcia-Mayol's interests include microbiology, ancient cultures of the Near East, biblical narrative and discourse, and social movements.

Bible studies will be led by Cam Watts, a pastor in Aylmer, Ontario, Canada and moderator of the Gathering of Baptists, a group of progressive Baptists in Ontario and Quebec. In his studies entitled, "By the Waters of Babylon: How the People of God Come to Terms with Their Oppressors," Watts will address from a pastoral perspective how Christians might learn to see themselves and the people who harm them.

Music and worship leader Michael Stern is a folksinger/songwriter who has traveled the world over singing and working for peace and justice -- he has taken his music to Malawi, Zimbabwe, El Salvador, and Nicaragua as well as throughout North America. Stern studied theology at the University of Edinburgh Scotland, received degrees in Nursing at the University of Washington and is a Certified Laughter Leader. Currently serving as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Stern incorporates a wealth of perspective and practical experiences from parenting, teaching and the healing arts into each of his presentations. His original music and programs address issues of peace, justice, hope and healing. Stern is a long-time member of University Baptist Church in Seattle where he serves as the current Artist in Residence for the Rauschenbach Center for Social Justice.

Plenary speaker Paul Dekar, a Canadian who teaches at Memphis Theological Seminary in Tennessee, will relate stories of social movements large and small which have served to create a more just world. He is the author of *Healing of the Nations* (1993) *Holy Boldness* (2004) and *Creating the Beloved Community* (2005).

Craig and Cindy Corrie, the parents of Rachel Corrie, will make a special presentation and lead workshops. On March 16, 2003, Rachel was killed by an Israeli bulldozer in Rafah in the Gaza Strip while she was trying to nonviolently prevent the demolition of a Palestinian home. The Corries have since made an extended visit to Israel and Occupied Palestine and have traveled extensively responding to interest in their daughter's story. They believe that in sharing Rachel's story they continue her work < drawing attention to the plight of the Palestinian people and supporting those Israelis, Palestinians and internationals who are working determinedly to end the occupation and to bring freedom, justice, and a secure peace to these two peoples. They are developing the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice, promoting U.S. and Palestinian sister city relationships, and supporting other organizations that work on the Israeli-Palestinian issue. They reside in Olympia, Washington, where they are active in the peace and justice community.

Marcus Borg, internationally known lecturer and writer, will serve as keynote speaker. Borg holds the Hundere Chair in Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University. Known throughout the world in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar, he is the author of twelve books, including *Jesus: A New Vision* (1987) and the best-seller *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (1994). Recent books include *The God We Never Knew* (1997), *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* (1999), *God at 2000* (2000), *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* (2001), and *The Heart of Christianity* (2003).

Planned workshops include "Signs of Peace: The Interfaith Letters of Thomas Merton," "Parenting Peacemakers," "The Hands Are Not for Hurting Project," "Community Based Organizing," "Justice Work with Indigenous Communities" and many more.

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America gathers, equips, and mobilizes Baptists to build a culture of peace rooted in justice. We labour with a wonderful array of peacemakers to change the world.

For more information, contact Summer Conference Coordinator, the Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski, by e-mail at [ledayne@bpfna.org](mailto:ledayne@bpfna.org) or by phone at (704)521-6051 or visit [www.bpfna.org/summerconference](http://www.bpfna.org/summerconference).

### *Accessible Faith Grants*

The Retirement Research Foundation's Accessible Faith Grant Program will have one more funding cycle in 2005. The deadline for receiving applications is August 1. The Accessible Faith Program enables houses of worship in Cook, Lake or DuPage counties to make accessibility improvements to their facilities. The full description of the program, application form, and tips for

completing the application are available on the Foundation's web site ([www.rrf.org](http://www.rrf.org)), or by contacting the Retirement Research Foundation, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 430, Chicago, IL 60631. The phone number is 773-714-8080.

## *Book Nook*

### **OUR HELP IN AGES PAST: The Black Church's Ministry Among the Elderly**

by Bobby Joe Saucer with Jean Alicia Ester

How can the black church fully and successfully forge ahead without recognizing the contributions, wisdom, knowledge, and insight of those who laid the foundation for its existence today? The authors of *Our Help in Ages Past* proclaim it cannot. Saucer and Elster issue a wake-up call to black churches everywhere: a wake up call to recognize the past and to reap the benefits of all the elderly have to offer, and are waiting to give. *Our Help in Ages Past* issues a challenge to the members and leadership of African American churches to make concerted efforts to meet the needs of the elderly in churches and in the larger community. This book offers guidance for acknowledging and responding to the needs of the very ones who have gone before, those whose sacrifices and commitments have made the church what it is today, while issuing an invitation to make use of the many ministry gifts older people have to offer. The book is available from [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com).

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