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

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

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This announcement arrived *moments* after the July 6 *eWind* went out yesterday. Since it is about an event next Thursday, we are sending it in this extra edition of *eWind*.

WITHOUT SANCTUARY: A DIALOGUE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH--CHICAGO TEMPLE THURSDAY, JULY 14

Racism has been called America's gravest sin. The depths of that sin are displayed in the startling exhibit of picture postcards--"Without Sanctuary"--at the Chicago Historical Society (CHS). These pictures were taken and sold by photographers at lynchings in the United States from the 1870's to 1960. This haunting collection of souvenir photographs and postcards documents brutal acts of terror from America's past. The pictures on loan are from the collections of James Allen and John Littlefield. CHS augments the exhibition with materials from its own collection--most notably Chicago-based artist Franklin McMahon's drawings of the Emmett Till murder trial--and has developed programming to help address the difficult issues surrounding such violent images. You may wish to see this exhibit prior to the program at Chicago Temple. The Chicago Historical Society is at Clark Street and North Avenue. Chicago Historical Society's phone number is 312.642.4600. Museum hours are:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sundays: 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

On July 14, First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple will host a panel discussion and an open dialogue on the response of contemporary Christians to the sight of ordinary people participating in a picnic-like atmosphere at scores of lynchings in American communities. Both adults and youth will benefit from attending this program.

Attached is a publicity flier for the July 14 event: A Dialogue on "Without Sanctuary" (the Chicago Historical Society exhibit of lynching photograph postcards). This program will be held at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (Chicago Temple), 77 W. Washington Street, Chicago. It will be in the James Parlor on the 2nd floor. A panel of 4 speakers will invite questions and conversation with attendees on the Church's response to racism then and now.

Please pass on the flier as you are able to your congregation, network and email lists.

For more information on the program, please contact Dr. Cheryl Magrini, Minister of Christian Education, First United Methodist Church at Chicago Temple, 312-236-4548, ext. 122. You can learn more about the CHS exhibit by visiting <http://www.chicagohistory.org/exhibitions/WithoutSanctuary/index.asp>

CHS is also offering opportunities for discussion about the exhibit. The following is from the CHS web site:

Programs for *Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America*

Drop-In Facilitated Discussions

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

CHS will host twice-weekly facilitated discussions to help visitors address the difficult themes presented in *Without Sanctuary*. Staff and volunteers trained by the Anti-Defamation League will lead the discussions.

Cost: This is a **free** event.

No reservations are required.

This summer, CHS offers a series of public programs to humanize the victims of lynching, foster understanding, and stimulate constructive dialogue on the current-day issues of justice and equity. The following programs are free, but reservations are recommended.

Remembering Emmett Till: The Murder that Changed America

Sunday, August 28
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Commemorate the 50th anniversary of the violent murder of 14-year-old Chicagoan Emmett Till. The program features a discussion on racial violence with Christopher Benson, author of *Death of Innocence: The Story of the Hate Crime that Changed America*; Emmett's cousin Wheeler Parker, who accompanied him to Mississippi; and moderator Bonita Blue, a freelance researcher who has spent decades studying Emmett's murder. The afternoon also includes an opportunity to talk with Franklin McMahon, artist of the drawings from the Emmett Till murder trial.

Cost: While this is a **free** event, reservations are recommended to ensure admission and seating.

You can make a reservation for the Emmett Till event on the CHS web site.

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