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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
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

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In a week when the world is experiencing disasters of weather and violence,
let's hold fast to our faith and our loved ones
with confidence that God is our sure and certain help.

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Upcoming Events

TOMORROW! **September 1**--Eyes Wide Open tag making, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Chicago Office (Grace Place), 637 S. Dearborn, Suite 300, Chicago; 1-4 p.m. Phone 312-427-2533.

September 2--Islamic Society of North America Interfaith Unity Banquet, 6 to 8:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Rosemont. RSVP **no later than August 28** to 312-751-5324.

September 2-5--National ABC Singles Conference, Marshall, IN.

September 3-4--Convention of the Islamic Society of North America, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. RSVP **no later than August 28** to 312-751-5324.

September 6-8--"Bring them Home Now" events at various times and locations: see article.

September 10--Peace Fair, Noon to 5 p.m., Scoville Park, corner of Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street, Oak Park.

September 19-20--"Tested and Transformed: Healing Congregations after Conflict or Trauma," 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, at The Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin. To register, phone 800-442-4617. Cost is \$225.

September 20--15th Annual Charity Golf Outing for Kids Hope United, Bonnie Brook Golf Course, Wakegan, 11:30 a.m.

September 24--ABCUSA National Ministries Executive Committee forum, Third Baptist Church, 1500 W. 95th Street, Chicago, Third Baptist Church, 1500 W. 95th Street, Chicago, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at noon. RSVP to ABCMC, abcmchi@aol.com or 773-695-9791.

September 24--MMBB's "Managing for Ministry: An Employer Workshop," Third Baptist Church, 1500 W. 95th Street, Chicago, 1-3 p.m. RSVP to ABCMC, abcmchi@aol.com or 773-695-9791.

September 24-25--Workshop on African American Music with Horace Boyer, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068. Tel: 847.823.4126. <http://www.stmarysparkridge.org>. Begins at 9:30 a.m.

September 25--Mission Fair, Community Baptist Church, 28W 144 Main Street (corner of Main Street and Warren Avenue), Warrenville, 9 a.m. to noon. Phone 630-393-9609 for more information.

October 12-13--The National Conference on Black Religious Life: Members Voice Project presents "Economic Empowerment Through Partnership-Building" for pastors and lay leaders, Atlanta, GA. See www.itc.edu/conference.

October 14-16, 28-30--Parish Nurse Basic Preparation Course, Jefferson City, MO. Visit www.msr.crm.org.

October 17-21--Pastors Conference in Prague

October 30--"Reviving Congregational Singing Using African-American Song" with Dr. James Abbington.

November 11-12--Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

April 17-20--Ministers Council's "Wait on the Lord" conference

Invitation from AFSC **TOMORROW!**

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) has extended an invitation to interested parties to come to their Chicago office, 637 S. Dearborn, Suite 300, Chicago, tomorrow, September 1, to help with making tags. They need volunteers to work from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. helping prepare 1,200 tags for shoes representing Iraqi civilians killed during the current Iraq war.

These tagged shoes will join 3,000 others that are already a part of the "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit that is on national tour. "Eyes Wide Open," the American Friends Service Committee's widely acclaimed exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq war, commemorates all the lives lost. The exhibit includes a pair of boots honoring each U.S. military casualty; a field of shoes and a wall of remembrance to memorialize the Iraqis killed in the conflict; and a multimedia display exploring the history, cost and consequences of the war.

For more information about helping tomorrow, contact Erin Polley at 312-427-2533 or epolley@afsc.org. For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://www.afsc.org/eyes/about-the-exhibit.htm>.

Relief Assistance for Hurricane Victims

American Baptists are being urged to pray for and assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina, which left a trail of devastation Monday as it hammered Gulf Coast states with 140 mile-per-hour winds. An initial One Great Hour of Sharing emergency grant of \$10,000 has been sent to Church World Service, which will provide Gift of the Heart Kits, seed grants to long-term recovery organizations, and other assistance.

American Baptists can respond immediately to emergency relief needs by contributing online to the "Give Now" option available on either www.abcusamissions.org or www.abc-usa.org. Churches so doing will receive credit for OGHS giving. You may also make *designated* gifts to your church, which will forward those gifts to ABCUSA. All contributions should be marked "OGHS--Hurricane Katrina."

Hardest hit by the storm were coastal areas of Mississippi, Alabama and western Florida. Storm surges destroyed an estimated 90% of the buildings along the coast in Biloxi and Gulfport. New Orleans, while not hit as directly, is now dealing with collapses in its levee system, and 80% of New Orleans is now under water. More than 100 lives have been lost, and the toll is expected to rise. Approximately five million people along the Gulf Coast have lost electric power.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Parrish II, Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the South, reported today that six of the region's churches--three in Baton Rouge, two in New Orleans and one in Mobile--have been severely damaged by the storm.

Church World Service Emergency Response Teams

Responding to what it anticipates may be the largest U.S. relief and recovery effort in its history, humanitarian agency Church World Service (CWS) says its Executive Director and CEO Rev. John L. McCullough will travel to Hurricane Katrina-devastated Louisiana, arriving in Baton Rouge this evening (Wednesday, August 31 – Saturday, September 3), to personally assess emergency and long-term recovery needs and to meet with area faith leaders.

"Church World Service is particularly concerned about the plight of what we anticipate to be a high percentage of poor people, the elderly and other vulnerable populations throughout the affected Gulf Coast area and beyond," he says. "Stories of individuals who had to stay in their homes because they couldn't afford to evacuate personify that crisis." While in the region, McCullough hopes to connect with area faith leaders "to offer immediate support, solidarity and hope."

Monday (August 29) CWS issued a national fundraising appeal for survivors of Katrina, and has directed an initial shipment of emergency supplies to reach Baton Rouge today.

This week, CWS's disaster response specialists are meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials via telephone conferences, along with partners in the faith community and state Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) to identify material resource needs and storm-affected areas where CWS will concentrate its efforts.

In addition to providing emergency aid following domestic disasters, CWS specializes in assisting in the development of community-based, long-term, recovery organizations that are established in impacted areas to help vulnerable populations and those with unmet needs.

CWS Associate Director for Domestic Emergency Response Linda Reed Brown says, "We anticipate deploying at least 11 of our disaster recovery liaisons just in Mississippi and Louisiana, where greatest need is seen. Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi will be the first to get our attention next week, when it is safe to go there. At that point," she says, "we'll be performing extensive assessments and can begin organizing local long term support systems."

Brown says, based on CWS work in disasters affecting a comparable geographic area and knowledge of disaster experience in an affected area, CWS estimates as many as 20 recovery organizations may be organized and supported in Louisiana, Mississippi, northwest Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

"With such catastrophic damage," says McCullough. "It will be a while before we know the full extent of lives lost and material destruction, but we can be sure that recovery will take a very, very long time. "There is no question that the area's faith leaders will shoulder a massive amount of responsibility in caring for those populations and helping them find resources at a time when the church leaders themselves may have suffered great personal losses."

Individuals and groups wanting to help Katrina's survivors are urged to contribute cash rather than material goods. Please see the article above for information about making donations to CWS through ABC's One Great Hour of Sharing.

ABCMC Nominating Committee

ABCMC's nominating will be preparing its slate of officers, committee chairs, and other leaders for the region. If you feel God leading you to a position of regional leadership, please do not hesitate to contact committee chair Gloria Mayberry 773-881-8722. And if a committee member should contact you, please give serious consideration to our leadership needs in 2006.

Thinking Theologically

Our Interim Executive Minister, the Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield, writes a fortnightly column for *The Common Good Network*, a regular email publication of Protestants for the Common Good. Larry's latest column "Acting Like Gentiles," is attached to this issue of *eWind*. The entire latest issue of *The Common Good Network* is devoted to questions about the repeal of the estate tax and cuts in domestic spending. Take a look at *The Common Good Network* at <http://www.thecommongood.org/showfile.asp?file=index.html>. You can subscribe at www.thecommongood.org.

Your Church's Report

Every ABC church has been sent a form (months ago) for a 2004 statistical report. These reports were to be sent to Valley Forge. Has your church sent in a report? If not, please find the form, complete it and send it in as soon as possible. If the form has been lost or misplaced, please phone 800-222-3872 (800-ABC-3USA), ask for Maureen Morrissey, and ask her to have a replacement form sent to your church. Only 18.03% of ABCMC's congregations have filed an annual report. How embarrassing! Let's get those completed forms in!

Baby on the Way

Marcos and Mary Almonte are expecting their first child. The baby is due on April 3, 2006. Congratulations to them at this good news! Marcos and Mary are both graduates of Judson College. Marcos worked as a summer intern in the ABCMC office in 2002 and 2003. He is now a student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. We also offer congratulations to future paternal grandparents, Evelyn Almonte and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Omar Almonte. Omar is the Hispanic Pastor at North Shore Baptist Church. Evelyn formerly worked with the youth and children of North Shore Baptist.

Tsunami Update

American Baptist members and friends have contributed more than \$2,500,000 to Tsunami Relief through One Great Hour of Sharing. To date, ABCMC congregations have contributed nearly \$5,000 to One Great Hour of Sharing. Because of this compassionate and generous outpouring of gifts--the largest ever by American Baptists--we will be able to accompany our partners in Asia and Africa on the long road to recovery.

The ABC has supported the relief, recovery and rehabilitation efforts of partners in Asia and Africa. Most of these partners were engaged in initial emergency relief activities, and are beginning to move beyond the relief phase to long-term rehabilitation. In Indonesia and India--two of the most heavily affected countries--our partners are using a comprehensive approach to recovery that includes psychosocial and pastoral counseling, education of children, establishment of clean water sources, reconstruction of homes and community centers, and gifts of boats and nets.

There is little doubt that rehabilitation will last for the next 5 to 10 years. Rebuilding lives, livelihoods, communities and economies takes time. Because of the extraordinary response of American Baptists, our care and compassion for the survivors will continue to be expressed through tangible means well into the future.

As with all gifts given through One Great Hour of Sharing for specific disaster assistance, 100% of the funds given to support tsunami relief will go directly toward the provision of goods and services to survivors. It is remarkable what our gifts do!

"Bring Them Home Now" Tour to Stop in Chicago

Gold Star Families and other groups who were demonstrating in Crawford, Texas for an end to the war in Iraq have left Texas in three different contingents taking different routes to Washington, D. C. for a massive anti-war rally there on September 24. One of the three groups will visit the Chicago area next week.

They invite their supporters to join them for peace vigils and other activities while they are here. Scheduled public events in the Chicago area are listed below:

Tuesday, Sept. 6

- 3:15PM Senn Academy 5900 N. Glenwood, Chicago -- Meet in front of school
- 7-9 PM Interfaith Candlelight Peace Vigil at Camp Casey -- North
Unitarian Universalist Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge -- Bring candles
Tour Riders to Speak

Wednesday, Sept. 7

- 10 AM Visit Congressman Rahm Emmanuel's office, 3742 W. Irving Park
- Noon Brown Bag Lunch in Chicago Loop to meet all of the riders -- Call 312-427-2533 for location. Please bring your own lunch
- 3 PM Visit Congressman Hastert's Office, 27 N. River St., Batavia, IL
- 7 PM Peace Vigil Wheaton, IL

Thursday, Sept. 8

- 10 AM Visit Congressman Mark Kirk's office, 102 Wilmot Rd., Suite 200, Deerfield, IL
- 11:30 AM Memorial Event at Eyes Wide Open -- The Human Cost of War, St. John's and Central Aves., Highland Park, IL

Leave Chicago at Noon

For updates to this schedule go to www.chicago.afsc.org or call the American Friends Service Committee at 312-427-2533

Hosts for the Chicago Events: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Evanston Neighbors for Peace, North Suburban Peace Initiative and Military Families Speak Out -- Illinois

Co-sponsors (list in formation): Chicagoans Against War and Injustice (CAWI), Fox Valley Peace and Justice, Save Senn Coalition, West Suburban Faith-Based Peace Initiative

Peace Fair

You are invited to attend a peace fair on Saturday, September 10, noon to 5 p.m., at ScovillePark, the corner of Oak Park Avenue and Lake Street, Oak Park. The fair will include information about dozens of Chicago area peace groups, as well as entertainment. Children's activities will be part of the fair. For more information, visit www.opctj.org.

Wait on the Lord

April 17-20, 2006 the Ministers Council will host "Wait on the Lord," a national conference on spiritual formation for pastoral leaders. Full conference details are available at www.ministerscouncil.com. Online registration for the conference has commenced at the following link:

<https://gmhost1.gomembers.com/clients/t-abcc/etrakWebApp/meetings.aspx?DirectLink=WOL406>

National Ministries

Mark your calendar now for an important event at the Heritage Plaza Third Baptist Church of Chicago, 1500 W. 95th Street, Chicago. From 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, there will be an opportunity for pastors and lay leaders in ABCMC to be a part of a forum with the ABCUSA National Ministries Executive Committee. Learn more about ABC's missions for God in the USA. RSVP to the church, 773-779-1800, or ABCMC, 773-695-9791.

Managing for Ministry

Plan to attend an important learning event on the afternoon of Saturday, September 24, at the Heritage Plaza Third Baptist Church of Chicago, 1500 W. 95th Street, Chicago. The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) invites pastors and other key leaders from ABCMC congregations to attend their seminar, "Managing for Ministry: An Employer Workshop." The seminar will present an approach to church staff budgeting that benefits both the staff and the church. It will also educate people responsible for church finances about compliance with IRS regulations. Additionally, it will promote the three ways churches and church employees can save for retirement through MMBB. This workshop is designed for church treasurers and finance committees, and for those who are responsible for overseeing the salaries and compensation of church staff. RSVP to abcmchi@aol.com.

Missions Fair

Community Baptist Church of Warrenville invites you to a Mission Fair! There will be interactive mission displays and activities for children, youth and adults. The fair begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 25 and will include a 10:30 a.m. worship service. Activities will resume for a while after worship. Judy DeRolf, recently retired as missionary to Japan, will be with us. Proceeds of our sale of organic fair trade coffee will go toward financing a new curriculum being written by Costa Rican Baptists working with missionary Ruth Mooney. Everyone is welcome! Suggested admission price: used glasses (to be donated to the Cap Haitian Eye Center in Haiti), school supplies for Kids Hope United, travel-size hygiene items for the Night Ministry, or non-perishable food for the church food pantry.

Leading from Spirit

Leading From Spirit: A Training in Leadership Development will take place September 26-27, 2005 at The Leaven Center near Lyons, Michigan

Leading From Spirit is an innovative training that taps the power of the human spirit and offers creative ways to build community and work for justice. This two-day training is designed for individuals and organizations that seek to bring more of their spiritual gifts and power to the creation of economic, social, and spiritual justice. *Leading From Spirit* helps individuals and communities avoid burnout by staying grounded in what they are working for rather than what they are working against.

Through presentations, story-telling, self-reflection, small and large group activities, and journaling, you will:

- identify and address the internal, interpersonal, institutional and cultural barriers that get in the way of effectively living your mission and values;
- explore how systemic oppressions such as racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, etc. are held in place and what is needed to transform them;
- practice creating an atmosphere that is truly participatory and inclusive across differences of race, class, gender, etc;
- investigate ways of using spiritual resources in your work;
- deepen a sense of your purpose and gifts;
- explore the ways in which transformation happens.

Although it is not a requirement for attendance, the Leaven Center recommends that organizations and groups send a team of staff, board, and/or volunteers to this training.

Leaders: Donna Bivens and Meck Groot

Time: Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: \$225 (\$75 deposit + \$150 balance due) Lodging is available for an additional \$25/night.

Since 1985, **Donna Bivens** has been co-director of Women's Theological Center (WTC) in Boston. In her tenure at WTC, she has created, developed and administered *Loves Herself. Regardless.* — a program for women of African descent. In collaboration with Mass School Age Coalition, she has also designed and facilitated Spirit in Leadership, a program in leadership development for after-school care providers of color. Awards for her work include Woman of the Year 1999 from the Irish Immigration Center, Woman of Justice 1997 from Network in Washington, DC and Drylongso 1995 from Community Change in Boston, for her efforts in working against racism. She also holds an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Marian (Meck) Groot has worked at WTC since 1990 – first as office manager and now as co-director with Donna Bivens. The focus of much of Meck's work is on the transformation of white culture through the development of the spiritual leadership needed to address the injustices of racism. In partnership with both Boston-based and national groups, she has organized a series of annual conferences on whiteness and is currently working with a network of white people that seeks to support anti-racism work in the Boston area. Meck received a Drylongso award in 2004. She holds a Masters degree in feminist theology.

Together, Donna and Meck work with WTC partners to develop and deliver resources in spiritual leadership development. Their aim, in keeping with the mission of the Center, is to engage and support such leadership for the purpose of strengthening individuals and communities, bridging differences and working for justice.

The Leaven Center in Lyons, Michigan, is midway between Lansing and Grand Rapids. The main floor of the Lodge and Guest House are barrier-free. The center is located on 40 beautiful acres of land and the meeting room in the Lodge faces the Grand River.

You may register online by credit card or download a registration form at the Leaven Center web site: www.leaven.org. For more information about The Leaven Center or to inquire about scholarships, call 989-855-2606 or e-mail leavencenter@leaven.org.

Workshop on African American Music

Choirs and singers, will you be available for the mass choir at the ABCMC annual meeting in November? Let's warm up those vocal chords at this exceptional learning event.

You are invited to St. Mary's Gospel Festival Weekend of African American choral music with celebrated educator Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer. The event will take place the weekend of September 24-25, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068. Tel: 847.823.4126. <http://www.stmarysparkridge.org>. Everyone interested in choral singing in the African American tradition is invited to attend. Amateurs, professional singers, choral directors and instrumentalists are all welcome, regardless of religious affiliation or level of expertise.

The festival will kick off with a Saturday morning session on September 24, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. This workshop will focus on congregational singing of hymns, spirituals and gospel music using the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Dr. Boyer was General Editor of this hymnal, which was published for use in

Episcopal churches. However, the workshop will focus on style and interpretation, and will be relevant to any denomination.

Following a lunch and fellowship, the afternoon session, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., will be a choral workshop in which participants will learn several gospel anthems, including works by Dr. Boyer and other prominent composers. Choral workshop attendees are encouraged to return to St. Mary's on Sunday afternoon to sing four of these anthems as part of a mass choir in the 4 p.m. Gospel Concert finale.

The weekend festivities will continue on Sunday with the 10 a.m. Liturgy at the church. Dr. Boyer will be among the instrumentalists, and the service will incorporate the music from Saturday's workshop. The festival will conclude with the Gospel concert at 4 p.m.

Horace Clarence Boyer, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus of Music Theory and African American Music at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He has served as Curator of Musical Instruments at the Smithsonian Institution, and Distinguished Scholar-at-Large at Fisk University, where he conducted the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

If you would like to attend this unique event, please complete the registration form attached to this issue of *eWind*. Groups of ten or more are eligible for an all-day group rate of \$15. Please call the church office or email Tim Carlson at tacarlson2@comcast.net for more information.

Naga Tribes Demand Homeland on India, Myanmar Border

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Source: Reuters

By Biswajyoti Das

KOHIMA, India, Aug. 31 (Reuters) - A fierce Christian hill tribe took to the streets in India's remote northeast on Wednesday to raise a new demand for a homeland sliced out of areas dominated by them in India and neighbouring Myanmar.

Thousands of tribesmen, many wearing traditional headgear made of bamboo sticks and feathers, and women with handwoven shawls around their waists marched through Kohima, the capital of India's Nagaland state, carrying spears and placards.

At a public rally, Naga leaders reiterated their demand for an expansion of Nagaland to include Naga-dominated parts of neighbouring Indian states, and made a new call for the inclusion of parts of northern Myanmar as well.

"No artificial boundaries can separate us, let the world know the Nagas are one and want to live like a family," said Wangyuh Konyak, the sole member of India's parliament from Nagaland at the rally in Kohima, a small town perched on a ridge and surrounded by cloud-covered mountains.

Two million Nagas live in the remote state of Nagaland, another million in neighbouring states and roughly the same number across the border in the forested hills of Myanmar.

Separatist Naga rebels have been fighting Indian and Myanmarese government forces for independence for five decades, after British colonial rulers left the sub-continent in 1947.

The conflict has left more than 20,000 dead, mostly on the Indian side, until the most powerful Naga rebel group signed a ceasefire with the Indian government in 1997.

Since then the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Issac-Muivah), has been campaigning for the unification of Naga-dominated territory into a single "Nagalim" or Nagaland.

It is a demand fiercely opposed by other ethnic groups in the northeast and by New Delhi.

The NSCN (IM) and their allies stepped up their campaign in June and July by blockading roads leading to the neighbouring state of Manipur for more than 50 days.

Tensions with the Meitei people of Manipur have risen since Nagas began pushing for an expansion of their territory. Observers say the issue has complicated the search for peace in India's northeast, home to scores of separatist rebel groups.

Culturally and ethnically different from the rest of the country, Nagas were headhunters, divided into 32 constantly warring tribes, until the arrival of British colonial troops and American Baptist missionaries in the 19th century.

Since then, united by common traditions and by the Christian faith, they have forged a strong sense of nationhood.

"All Nagas want to live together as one people in a unified Naga homeland, and that integration of all Naga areas must be the foundation of any political settlement," Naga tribal and political leaders said in a

declaration in Kohima on Wednesday.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and all who are working to help them.

Please pray for the family of ABC pastor Bob Ford following his death last Thursday night, August 25. Bob was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fairchance, PA until this past May. Bob and his wife Jessie have a son, Homer, who is an ABC pastor in Iowa. Homer's wife, Soози, is Associate Executive Minister of the Mid-American Baptist Churches.

Please pray for our missionaries and others in Thailand, where serious flooding has been reported.

Please pray for typhoon victims in Taiwan, and those who are trying to help them.

Please pray for people in Nagaland, India and Myanmar in the midst of conflict there.

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