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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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Disciples' Dinner

The first annual ABCMC Disciples' Dinner took place at Hyde Park Union Church in Chicago, on Saturday, June 10. The theme was "Radical Evangelists: Claiming the Promise, Quickening the Pace."

Remarks by those who came consistently included words like "excellent." Rev. John Sundquist, pastor of the First Baptist Church of La Grange, said this week, "Saturday was phenomenal." Attendance at this year's event suggested that next year's event will require a larger venue.

Over 220 individuals attended. 24 ABCMC congregations were represented. Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of ABCUSA, was the keynote speaker.

Guest pianist Willie Pickens set the mood with jazz settings of hymns, including the “Doxology,” which everyone joined in singing before dinner. Soloist and music leader Ingrid Wallace brought much to the evening with her beautiful voice and warm leadership of group singing.

Volunteers from the Federated Church of Wauconda prepared and served a delicious meal. Their gifts of cuisine and hospitality were much appreciated.

Those in attendance demonstrated with their presence and applause strong support for the ministries of congregations, the region and the denomination. Dr. Medley was welcomed with a standing ovation before he even began his remarks. The evening’s offering of \$2358 was divided between ABCMC’s new Sub-Saharan African congregation and ABCUSA’s Office of the General Secretary.

The whole evening focused on discipleship. Dr. Medley’s message emphasized faithfulness in following the example and teachings of Jesus—even in the face of opposition.

Part of the reason for the evening was to honor some of ABCMC’s disciples. The event marked the first presentations of four new region-wide awards. The awards and recipients were:

Elmer Johnson Award for Exemplary Service to American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago: Throughout his life Elmer Johnson exhibited extraordinary creativity, generosity and service to Morgan Park Baptist Church and the many diverse ministries of the Metro Chicago region. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABC/MC family who follows in this tradition of exemplary contributions to the region’s life-in-association. The 2006 honoree was **Gloria Mayberry**, Morgan Park Baptist Church, Chicago.

William A. Johnson Award in Educational Ministries: Throughout his distinguished pastorate of the St. John Church – Baptist, Dr. William Johnson advocated for the importance of education in every stage of life and served as a leader in religious and ministerial training. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABC/MC family who exhibits a similar commitment to the growth of mind and spirit in the Christian life. The recipient of the award for 2006 was **Barbara Waller**, First Baptist Church of Waukegan, Waukegan.

The Esther Davis Award in Ministries of Social Justice: Over decades of service, Esther Davis gave courageous and energetic witness to the centrality of social justice in Christian commitment. The annual award in her honor pays tribute to a member of the ABC/MC family for similar service in the cause of God’s reign. The 2006 award went to **Sherry Nelson**, North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago.

The Jitsuo Morikawa Award for Relating Christian Faith to Contemporary Life: The former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, Dr. Morikawa imaginatively and prophetically led Baptists to a renewed understanding of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the contemporary world. The annual award in his honor celebrates a member of the ABC/MC family who breaks open new paths of the Christian life in our time. Honored with the 2006 award was **Douglas Sharp**, Community Baptist Church, Warrenville

In addition to these region-wide awards, each ABCMC congregation had the opportunity to honor one of their members as a “Daily Disciple.” This was to be a person who demonstrated in day-to-day life their commitment to following Jesus as a faithful disciple. Since the Community Church of Barrington found themselves in a quandary over which of two outstanding Daily Disciples to honor, they chose both of them. Each honoree received a certificate expressing appreciation for their discipleship. Daily Disciples who were recognized at the dinner were:

Bill Akerstrom, Community Church of Barrington

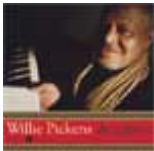
Pam Babler, Grace Baptist Church of Chicago
Surendar Charles, Antioch Telugu Baptist Church
Velma Chiles, First Baptist Church of Chicago
Drucilla Hargrett, Hyde Park Union Church
Leola Howard-Powell, Original Providence Baptist Church
Candee Nustra, Federated Church of Wauconda
Rev. Robert Reekie, Community Church of Barrington
Grace Robinette, Irving Park Baptist Church
Barbara Rosga, North Shore Baptist Church
Patricia Streeter, First Baptist Church of Park Forest
Anita Taqi, Saint John Church Baptist

A good time was had by all. We look forward to the annual celebration of the event in years to come.

Music for You

Everyone who attended the Disciples' Dinner had the pleasure of hearing Willie Pickens on the piano. If you were there, and loved the music—or if you weren't there and want to hear what you missed, here's an opportunity to purchase Willie's double CD set, *Jazz Spirit I & II*.

As Seen in *Christian Century*:



Willie Pickens' new 2-CD set release, *JazzSpirit I & II* available for purchase at www.williepickens.org or www.hpuc.org.

Lloyd Sachs, music critic for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, praised *JazzSpirit I & II*, saying: "Pickens' joyful devotion to religion is matched by his joyful belief in the higher power of improvisation ... his originality and winning personality shine forth."

Featuring: A Mighty Fortress · Doxology · Wade in the Water · Siya Hamba · When Peace Like A River · and more!

In *JazzSpirit I & II*, Willie Pickens takes European canonical hymns, American gospel music, and African-American Spirituals, which have become "church" and puts them into the wonderfully strange and compelling vernacular of jazz. Mr. Pickens uses the phenomenal range and power of jazz to magnify the unfathomable breadth and length and height and depth of the Divine.

Proceeds benefit the Sanctuary Centennial renovation at Hyde Park Union Church. Please call 773-363-6063 with any questions.

Ministers Council News

June Meeting **TOMMORROW!!**

Thursday, June 15, noon to 2:30 p.m., Irving Park Baptist Church 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Francine Stark will discuss the summit meeting on the future of the ABC. RSVP to Alice Davis, 773-286-6800.

Nominations for Ralph Garfield Schell Presidential Award for Excellence in Ministry

The Ministers Council welcomes nominations for the Ralph Garfield Schell Presidential Award for Excellence in Ministry. Nominations are due by June 30. Please mail or email a letter that includes your name and contact information, the name and contact information of the candidate, and a description of his or her ministry that makes clear the reasons you have made this nomination. The recipient of the honor will be chosen by Ministers Council President Alice Davis and will be announced at the Senate banquet on August 15.

Ministers Council Dues

Ministers Council dues may be paid by sending a check to the treasurer, Rev. Dr. Sara Day, 3013 Wolf Road, #324, Westchester, IL 60154.

Dues are:

- \$45 for individuals
- \$60 for clergy couples
- \$22.50 for seminarians

Retired clergy membership is free for retirees who were dues-paying members of the Ministers Council for 3 out of the last 5 years prior to retirement.

Report from International Ministries

Below is a report from Jose Norat-Rodriuez, IM's Area Director for Central and South America.

We just received word from Marlene Dell, director of the Caribbean Theological Center (CTC), in Limon, Costa Rica of the tragic deaths of eleven people including the president of the CTC Panama and her husband.

After the CTC farewell for visiting IM missionary Ingrid Roldán-Román (who was planning return to Puerto Rico this week) at the Bella Vista Baptist Church on Saturday night, eleven people got on the back of a pickup truck to go home as usual. Ten minutes later the pickup truck ran head-on into an on coming Semi-tractor trailer and all eleven passengers were killed. It took two days to identify the bodies she said. Please pause and remember these families, Ingrid, neighbors, friends and the CTC Panama and Limon in your prayers.

IM Mourns Deaths of those Killed In Accident

by Andrew Jayne

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—International Ministries (IM) mourns with the Baptist communities in Costa Rica and Panama the recent deaths of several of our partners who were attending an event for an IM missionary.

On Saturday, June 10, around 11 p.m., ten persons who attended a farewell service for missionary Ingrid Roldán-Román, at the Iglesia Bautista de Bella Vista in Panama, were killed as the pick-up truck on which they were passengers collided head-on with a tractor trailer. One other person not connected with the church group was killed, for a total of 11 fatalities. The driver and front passenger of the pick-up truck survived the accident, which occurred in northeast Panama, near the Costa Rica border. Consumption of alcohol by the driver, who was a friend, but not part of the church group, apparently contributed to the accident.

Rev. Marlene Dell, director of the Caribbean Theological Center (CTC) in Limon, Costa Rica, contacted Rev. Dr. José Norat-Rodríguez -- IM's area director for Central and South America -- to inform him of the news. On the tragedy, Norat-Rodríguez said "We have profound sorrow, because of the depth of partnership we had with these Christians. We are doing everything we possibly can to comfort and assist the Bella Vista community, CTC and our own Ingrid Roldán-Román as they cope with this loss and seek God's comforting presence."

Acting Executive Director, Rev. Charles Jones, said "Our hearts are broken and deeply saddened in this terrible loss. We are entrusting the family, loved ones and friends of the deceased to God's comfort and care."

Dell confirmed published reports that among those killed were Mrs. Maritza Birch and her husband Mr. Selvin Espinosa. Birch served on the board of CTC Panama. Another CTC Panama board member, Mr. Rafael Pineda, and his wife also died in the accident.

In addition to our condolences, American Baptists, through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), released a \$3,000 grant to assist CTC and the families in making funeral arrangements for those killed in the accident.

These board members and other Baptist partners had gathered at the church to bid farewell to Roldán-Román, who planned to leave Panama Friday, June 16, after five years of service for her one-year US/Puerto Rico assignment.

Roldán-Román has worked in the Bella Vista community for the entire time of her recent term of service. In this poor, indigenous community, she has worked to build a chapel and spur economic development. She serves with our partners CTC of Limon and the Baptist Federation of Costa Rica. Among American Baptists, Rev. Víctor Monzón and Iglesia Bautista de Buenaventura in Carolina, Puerto Rico have been instrumental in assisting with building projects in Bella Vista.

Norat-Rodríguez said he had spoken with Roldán-Román several times. In addition to his pastoral care, he said one of her colleagues, Rev. Glenda McQueen, an Episcopal priest, will be with Roldán-Román, until she leaves. She has delayed her departure from Panama until Friday, June 23.

For more information on this story, the please see the following Spanish-language articles:

[Bajo el efecto del alcohol](#)

[Aventón fatal](#)

Gustavo Parajon to Receive BWA Human Rights Award

by Andrew C. Jayne

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—American Baptist Churches, USA celebrates the recent announcement that Gustavo Parajón, a former International Ministries missionary, is the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Baptist World Alliance Human Rights Award.

The award was previously handed out every five years but, following a vote at the BWA Centennial Congress held in Birmingham, England, in July of 2005, it is now given annually. It is awarded in recognition of "significant and effective activities to secure, protect, restore, or preserve human rights," and will be given this year at the General Council/Annual Gathering of the BWA, held July 3 to 8, 2006 in Mexico City.

Parajón, a medical doctor, clergyman, and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, is a prominent figure in Nicaraguan evangelical and medical circles. He is being recognized for outstanding relief and development work, as well as his contribution to the evangelical movement and Baptist witness in his country.

In response to the announcement, Rev. Jose Norat-Rodríguez, IM's area director for Latin America, said "This is a well-deserved recognition. Dr. Gustavo Parajón has dedicated his life and vocation to serving as a doctor in the poorest communities of Nicaragua through a program of preventive and clinical health." Norat-Rodríguez adds "Gustavo inspires a new generation to take very seriously the suffering of the poor and to work preferably for them."

Parajón has founded two major organizations. PROVADENIC (Nicaragua Vaccination and Community Development Program), founded in 1967, was started in partnership with the First Baptist Church of Cleveland in the United States, the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention and the First Baptist Church of Managua. It is a primary health care program that serves 25 rural communities by training local health promoters to treat and prevent common illnesses.

The second organization, CEPAD (Nicaraguan Council of Evangelical Churches), was founded in 1972 as an interdenominational relief organization to aid victims after an earthquake severely damaged the capital, Managua, and other parts of the country, taking more than 10,000 lives. CEPAD has broadened its ministry and now serves congregations of approximately 45 different member denominations and the population at large with emergency relief, development, and reconciliation programs.

After serving in Nicaragua for five years through American Baptist Home Mission, Parajón and his wife, Joan, were commissioned by IM (then known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society), in January 1973. Parajón was awarded the Dahlberg Peace Award for his work by the American Baptist Churches USA in 1980. He and his wife retired December 2003.

In terms of new generations, David, the Parajón's son, was commissioned along with his wife Laura as IM missionaries at the 2001 World Mission Conference.

This is the second American Baptist to receive the BWA award in as many years. During the centenary last year, global consultant Rev. Luran Bethell received the award for her years of work among women and children affected by sex trafficking and forced prostitution.

Diane Giova Receives Award for 25 Years of Service to Refugees

By Andrew C. Jayne

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—National Ministries is pleased to congratulate Diane Giova on recognition she received from the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program for 25 years of outstanding service to refugees. The award and plaque were presented during an

evening dinner event at the Church World Service Refugees Sponsorship Conference in Houston, Texas, held in May.

Serving alongside Kenneth George, who coordinates National Ministries' refugee resettlement efforts, Giova is transforming lives. George praised her work: "Over the past 25 years, Diane Giova has been a dedicated and outstanding staff person working with refugees. She is recognized as the dean of refugee resettlement among the other representatives of the various denominations participating in the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program."

In response to this recognition for her work, Giova says, "It is nice being honored for something you love doing (helping refugees)."

Formerly a nurse, Giova took a temporary assignment with American Baptist Churches USA in 1981. She's been working with refugees through ABCUSA ever since then and hasn't looked back.

Since 1948, over 94,000 refugees have been touched by ABCUSA's refugee resettlement programs.

Mission Resource Development Appoints New Webmaster

by Andrew C. Jayne

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—The Rev. Dr. Leo S. Thorne, Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development, ABCUSA, announced today the appointment of Andrew Jayne to the position of Webmaster/Communications Specialist. "We're delighted that Andy, with his strong commitment to the local church, his media skills, and his writing gifts, will be joining us in this position," said Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary.

A resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Jayne has been performing the duties of the position part-time since the previous Webmaster, Matthew Brown, responded to the call to serve as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marshall, Michigan.

Jayne worked for five years with the Board of Educational Ministries, ABCUSA, managing their database and network systems until early 2004. He pursued an independent writing career and hiked the Appalachian Trail before stepping in to temporarily fill the Webmaster position back in February.

"We welcome Andy to this important position," said Dr. Thorne, "and believe that he will make a terrific contribution to our dedicated team."

ABC of VT & NH Call Peterson as Associate Executive Minister

The American Baptist Churches of VT & NH, following a nationwide search, has selected Rev. Rohn Peterson of Brookville, Pennsylvania as their Associate Executive Minister. The recommendation was formally approved by the region's Executive Committee on June 3, 2006. As Associate Executive Minister, Rev. Peterson will draw on his experience in development, stewardship services and administration, as well as pastoral leadership. He is expected to start in August.

Prior to accepting the call to ABC of VT & NH, Rev. Peterson served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Brookville, Pennsylvania; an ABC Minister-At-Large; in development for the Hudelson Baptist Children's Home in Centralia, Illinois; the Upstate Home for Children in Oneonta, New

York; and pastor of First Baptist Church of Anamosa, Iowa. He is a graduate of Sioux Falls College and North American Baptist Seminary, both in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has additional leadership training from Penn State University.

He completed a Presidential Faith Based Initiative project for the U.S. Department of Labor which helped churches minister to the unemployed through community based partnerships. He also served as the Town Supervisor of Milford, New York. Over his career, he has related professionally to twelve ABC regional boards, supervised approximately 3 million dollars in investments and over \$500,000 in budget. He founded radio station WWJL-FM, the Brookville Kiwanis Club, and Brookville Citizens for Community Values. He has provided leadership in the Clarion Association of the ABC of Pennsylvania and Delaware, Jefferson County (PA) Head Start, Brookville Chamber of Commerce, and the local ministerial association.

Organist/Choir Director Sought by Lutheran Church in Evanston

Grace Lutheran Church seeks a gifted musician to lead diverse (traditional, contemporary, global music) liturgical services from organ and piano as styles of liturgies, hymns, and choir anthems require.

Part-time position, 10 hours per week. One Sunday service, one weeknight choir rehearsal. Musician will participate with pastors and worship committee to plan services. Seasonal midweek evening services in Advent and Lent. Occasional help required with Sunday School children's singing and programs.

Organ is a 1992 two-manual, 12-rank Berghaus.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Please send resume in care of Musician Search Team, Grace Lutheran Church, 1430 South Boulevard, Evanston, IL 60202. Electronic submissions to ChurchOffice@GraceEvanston.org

Tapestry 2006: A National Gathering of Welcoming Church Programs

**A Gathering of People from the Welcoming Church Movement of Baptists, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ
Join in an Exciting Program of Speakers, Worship and Workshops**

Registration is Only \$124 Through May 30th

Tapestry 2006 is gathering at the University of Indianapolis June 26-29. It will bring together people from the welcoming church programs of the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, the Gay, Lesbian, and Affirming Disciple Alliance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church Coalition for LGBT Concerns. Welcoming Church Programs exist in many denominations to work for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons in the church and society. This gathering builds upon the historic ties between Baptist Churches, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

Each day of the gathering will focus on a word from the event theme "Live, Love, Laugh and Lead" to lift up the empowering aspects of what it is to be a person of faith in an LGBT-affirming Christian community. Keynote speakers and preachers from the three gathering traditions and others will speak. The schedule includes worship and preaching, workshops, opportunities for small group discussion, and denominational gatherings.

Registration for Tapestry is available <http://www.tapestry2006.org/>. Registration is only \$124 before May 30th with late registration of \$150 after May 31. Youth registration of \$99 is also available for those 18 and under. Lodging starts at \$75 and meals plans for \$60. Single day registrations are also available.

Keynoters, Preachers and Entertainers

- **Rita Nakashima Brock**, from the Disciples tradition, will speak on Monday night. Dr Nakashima Brock is Visiting Scholar at the Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.
- **Harry Knox**, formerly a United Methodist pastor, will keynote on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He is currently Director of the Religion and Faith Program of the Human Rights Campaign.
- **Obadiah Ballinger**, from the UCC tradition, is a student at Yale Divinity School. He will preach on Tuesday night.
- **Susan Sparks**, preacher, lawyer, and comedian from the Baptist tradition, is scheduled to be Wednesday night's Preacher and Comedian.
- **Kenneth Samuel**, from the Baptist tradition, will speak on Thursday night. Dr Samuel is adjunct professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Clark Atlanta University
- **Susan Drake and Julie Jennings**, singer-songwriters and UCC ministers, will entertain on Tuesday night.
- **Andra Moran** will serve as musician, choir leader, and perform throughout the event.

A Partial List of Workshop Topics

- Anti-racism/Pro-reconciliation
- Befriending the Bible
- Christ Has No Hands But Our Hands
- Ethical Dating and Relationships
- Exploring our Deepest Desires: An exercise in Loving and Liking
- Making the Case for Same-Gender Marriage
- Mentoring Queer Youth
- Planned Giving
- Process of Coming Out: Implications for Ministry
- Sex-Sexuality-Spirituality
- Sexuality Education Advocacy Training
- Sodomy and Dirt Biblical Insights into Cultural Homophobia
- Transgender Transitions for the Individual, Church And Society
- Why the Welcoming Movement Needs Straight Allies
- Women's Health

Register Online or by Mail

Online registration: <http://www.tapestry2006.org/onlinereg.asp>

PDF Form to print and mail: http://www.tapestry2006.org/docs/Tapestry_2006_Reg_Form2.pdf

Tapestry website: <http://www.tapestry2006.org/>

EL DOMINGO *Avivamiento*

Todos están invitados al tercer culto de avivamiento de las iglesias bautistas hispanas de Chicago el sábado el 17 de junio, 2006, á 6 p.m. en la Iglesia Bautista Lationamericana, 3756 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, 773-247-4448. Habrá refrigerios y algo más. Para más información, llame al Rev. Almonte, 773-784-2479.

American Baptist Affiliated Seminary Moving to New Campus

by Andrew Jayne

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)—Founded in 1901, Central Baptist Theological Seminary will be moving from Kansas City to its new campus in Shawnee, Kansas in mid-summer '06. In only its third move since founding, the Seminary's Board of Directors voted to move the campus to a new location that will "mobilize resources to match mission." Downsizing from its current 90 acre campus to the new 10 acre site will save the seminary approximately \$400,000 a year.

"We wanted very much to remain in Kansas," said President Molly T. Marshall. "American Baptist Churches in Kansas have historically supported the seminary. They have sent us students and we sent them ministers." In addition to American Baptists, the seminary today has students from over twenty denominations including Cooperative Baptists, Disciples of Christ, National Baptists, and Presbyterians.

The new location offers many opportunities for growth. "The coming year will be a time of inviting others to visit, learn and worship with us," said Dr. Lisa Wimberly Allen, Dean and Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "We want to share the abundance of blessings that have come our way through this new location." Churches and other special interest groups are encouraged to access the campus for workshops, seminar and retreats. "Central has been given much in this next place and the seminary desires to give to others as a natural extension of the hospitality and community that characterizes the institution," affirmed Wimberly Allen.

Besides its main campus, the seminary operates four satellite campuses in Milwaukee, Oklahoma City, Omaha, and Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Memorial Service for Paul LaDue

by John Dawson

The family of the late Paul LaDue, former President and CEO of American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake WI, thanks the host of Chicago Baptists for their prayers and notes of condolence upon Paul's recent passing. The family invites all interested Chicago Baptists to a memorial for Paul to be held in Green Lake's Vesper Circle on Sunday, July 2, 2006 at 2 pm. The service will be conducted by Rev. Ronald Newsom, retired Vice President of Development at the Assembly.

A reception will follow immediately following the service, in the new Kraft Centre, to which all of Paul's friends are cordially invited. Further information can be obtained by calling Green Lake at 1-800-558-8898. Lucille LaDue will be in residence at Green Lake most of the summer and welcomes visitors and old friends.

Gather -- Grow -- Get Up and Dance!

by LeDayne McLeese Polaski

This summer (July 10-15, 2006), the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will host **Becoming the Beloved Community**. Hundreds of folks from all around North America will gather at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia for a week of networking and relationship-building -- retreat and renewal -- inspiration and challenge -- growth and learning -- recreation and fun. Why might you want to be one of them?

To worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church, a cornerstone of the Civil Rights Movement and a congregation that continues to live out the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. for rights, freedom, and dignity for ALL.

To allow your children to gather in a glad community in which they will be loved, have fun, and be shaped as peacemakers -- including real world knowledge such as how to peacefully and effectively confront bullies in their schools.

To hear the inspiring preaching of J. Alfred Smith, widely acknowledged as one of the finest preachers of the day.

To hear encouraging stories of what other peacemakers (folks just like you) are doing in their own lives, families, churches, schools, neighborhoods -- and in the world. To share your own stories of peacemaking -- your successes and your challenges.

To honor, hear, and encourage U.S. Representative Barbara Lee, the lone U.S. congressperson to stand against the call to use "all necessary and appropriate force" -- a resolution that led to the ongoing disaster in Iraq.

To connect to the force of Love that enables and sustains peacemaking -- through morning meditation, evening Compline, and workshops connecting spirituality and the work for justice.

To hear "**Martin and Me, Confessions of a Born Again Whiteboy**," a story series from George Williamson which moves from the Civil Rights Movement of the sixties -- to Iraq -- to the struggle for GLBT equality.

To allow the youth in your life to take part in a program of community-building using art, drama, history, action, and fun -- including specific information and support for being a Conscientious Objector to war.

To experience "**Play With Borders: Reflecting Israeli and Palestinian Voices**," "**Theater for Social Change: A Playful Experience**" and other dramatic pieces with Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb and Hector Aristizabal.

To take part in a round table discussion of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath -- including what happened and why -- what is happening now -- and how we as individuals and churches can respond effectively and faithfully.

To learn about "**King and the Theology of Nonviolence**" with Bob Hunter in the very places in which King's vision began.

To enjoy the great city of Atlanta -- from the Georgia Shakespeare Festival to the world's largest aquarium -- from the Carter Center to the King Center -- and everything in between.

To hear C.T. Vivian, close associate of Martin Luther King, Jr., deliver the key note address -- "**Becoming the Beloved Community: How Do We Live King's Vision NOW?**"

To experience music, Bible study, story-telling, drama, workshops, worship, and friendships that will inspire, change, and empower you for the work to which God has called YOU!

For more information or to register, visit www.bpfna.org.

Campus Ministers Association Hosts Annual Gathering in Green Lake

by Andrew C. Jayne

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS)— Emphasizing renewal, connection and mission enhancement, the Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Campus Ministers Association will take place at Green Lake Conference Center from Saturday, July 29, to Wednesday, August 2, 2006. Anyone registering before June 1 is eligible for a subsidy grant of \$150.

In addition to opportunities for exchange of ideas on campus ministry, participants are invited to join in selected events of the World Mission Conference of American Baptist Churches USA being held at the same time.

Download a registration form and event schedule at www.nationalministries.org. The conference fee of \$300 includes lodging, part-time registration for the World Mission Conference, most meals and association dues for 2007.

Learn whether you qualify for a continuing education grant by contacting Lynne Eckman, financial aid coordinator, National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, at 800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2067, or lynne.eckman@abc-usa.org.

For more information about the annual gathering, contact Rev. Jackie Saxon at Jackie5262@aol.com or call 512-478-8561.

Prayer Requests

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18, NRSV).

Please pray for those suffering from the recent earthquake in Indonesia, and all who are working to help them.

Please pray for the safety and security of people living near Mount Merapi in central Java, Indonesia. More than 5,000 people have been evacuated from that area due to the eminent risk of volcanic eruptions.

Please hold the ABCUSA and ABCMC families in prayer.

We all lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the ABCMC Disciples' Dinner last Saturday. We give thanks especially for the ministries of those disciples who received special recognition at that time, and for the two new ABCMC churches whose ministries we celebrated.

Please remember Cheryl Wade and her family in prayer. Cheryl is ABCUSA's Associate General Secretary and treasurer. Cheryl's father, Jack, who has Parkinson's Disease, has been ill with pneumonia and death seems imminent. Cheryl has gone to Virginia to be with her family.

Calendar

TOMORROW! June 15—Ministers Council meeting, noon to 2:30 p.m., Irving Park Baptist Church 4100 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Francine Stark will discuss the summit meeting on the future of the ABC. RSVP to Alice Davis, 773-286-6800.

June 17—Tercer culto de avivamiento de las iglesias bautistas hispanas de Chicago, 6 p.m., Iglesia Bautista Latinoamericana, 3756 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, 773-247-4448. Para más información, llame al Rev. Almonte, 773-784-2479.

June 20—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

June 23—Council on Religious Liberty luncheon, noon-1:45 p.m., in Grand Ballroom E (North Tower) of the Omni Hotel at CNN Center, Atlanta, GA.. Tickets are \$25. To register, contact the BJC at (202) 544-4226 or bjc@BJCOnline.org.

June 26-29—Tapestry: A Gathering of Welcoming Church Programs, Indianapolis. For information and registration, go to <http://www.tapestry2006.org>.

July 2—Memorial service for Paul LaDue, Green Lake Conference Center, Vesper Circle, 2 p.m.

July 7—Children in Poverty Initiative meeting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago.

July 14-16—ABMen National Conference, Parchment Valley, WV.

July 18—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

July 27-29—The Center for Parish Development's Missional Church Conference, at the Cenacle in Chicago. Visit www.missionalchurch.org/pages/seminars for more information and registration.

July 29-August 2—American Baptist Campus Ministers Association gathering at Green Lake Conference Center. For more information, visit www.nationalministries.org.

August 22—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

August 26—Family Council meeting, 9 a.m.

November 10-11—Annual Meeting.

November 21—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

December 19—Finance and Property Committee meeting, ABCMC office, 3 p.m.

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