

Metro Chicago

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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

August 30, 2006

Jesus said, "Whatever you ask for in prayer,
believe that you have received it,
and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24).

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Family Council Meeting

The ABCMC Family Council will meet on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at Montrose Baptist Church, 4411 N. Melvina, Chicago. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please phone Tony Rake at 773-695-9791 with your attendance and lunch plans no later than September 20. Please visit www.mapquest.com to obtain driving directions from your home to the church.

From Larry Greenfield

TO: Chairs and Members of Stewardship Campaign Committees
Chairs and Members of Finance Committees
Pastors and Congregational Staffs

FROM: Larry Greenfield, Executive Minister

RE: Stewardship Seminar, Saturday, September 30
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
North Shore Baptist Church
5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago

Great news!

We have secured the services of the Rev. Joseph Huse, the Minister of Mission Resource Development for the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis, to lead a seminar on stewardship planning and implementation in congregations. The seminar is being underwritten by ABCMC, so there will be no cost to participants.

As I look to the year ahead, I can see that we all of us are going to be severely tested in terms of our budgets. Fuel and energy costs alone will be a significant challenge. But other expenses are rising, too.

And we need to remember that those ministries and organizations that depend on our mission support dollars are facing those same increases.

So it is important – very important – that we prepare ourselves and members of our congregations for raising the money for ministries and missions that are crucial to our Christian calling.

Rev. Huse has a terrific track record of helping congregations become financially vital. He has been a pastoral leader himself, so knows firsthand the challenges and opportunities—and what works and what doesn't work. And he has been a great help to the churches in the Indianapolis area.

An announcement that gives more details on the seminar can be found below.

Please register for the seminar soon by calling the ABCMC office (773-695-9791). And be sure to have other members of your congregation attend.

Stewardship Seminar

On Saturday, September 30 ABCMC will present a seminar for churches and lay and professional church leaders on seminar. Rev. Joseph Huse will be the seminar leader. Location and time are to be announced. Here is information we have at present.

Stewardship for Life—A Basic Seminar

The goal of the seminar is to help persons/churches

- Move from fund raising to funding ministry
- By developing a stewardship life style
- Through a year-around stewardship education program

During the seminar, participants will explore:

1. the basics of a Biblical rationale for stewardship
2. a budget development process
3. how to interpret ministry to the congregation
4. develop a plan to bring people to commitment of their (God's) resources for ministry

Pastors and Family Council Representatives

ABCMC has sent a survey to all church pastors and other Family Council representatives. If you have not yet returned your survey, please return it promptly to ABCMC, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60631.

ABCMC Staff News

We regret that our highly competent bookkeeper, Douglas Galbraith, has decided to return to Florida. Because of that decision, he will be completing his work in the ABCMC office in September. We hope to identify candidates for this position as soon as possible.

Please post the announcement of this vacancy.

Tea and More at First Baptist Church of Chicago

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will be having its Annual Church Tea on Sunday, September 17th. Our Special Guest will be Mr. Willie Pickens the jazz pianist. Mr. Pickens was featured in a recent Chicago Sun Times article and will be one of the performers at the Chicago Jazz Festival. He is also a member of the Hyde Park Union Church. This year's program will be a journey through the history Black Church Music. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12 years of age. A soul food meal will be served at 2:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 3:15 p.m.

ABCMC Women

WOMEN OF ABCMC -- Please hold this date and time: Sunday, October 15, 2006 from 2:30-4:30p.m. Virginia Holmstrom and the American Baptist Women's Ministries' Leadership Team will be in Chicago and would like to have a gathering of as many women as possible at this time. Watch for the flier and details with next week's eWind.

Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Dr. Larry Greenfield's ordination on Sunday, October 15th as part of its 173rd Anniversary. Dr. Greenfield will be preaching at the 11:00 a.m. worship. Rev. Taurus Scurlock will be preaching at the 4:00 p.m. service and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir will be singing.

Nonagenarian **NEXT WEDNESDAY!**

Many of us know Rev. Ed Boone, a faithful servant of God within the ABC. A native of South Dakota, he is an alumnus of William Jewell College and Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ed served as a missionary in the Congo. Later he was an instructor at Sioux Falls College. He pastored several suburban churches before retiring as pastor of Immanuel Community Baptist Church, Des Plaines, in 1981. Ed did quite a bit of interim ministry through the Minister at Large program. Then in the 1990's Ed was ABCMC's Minister of World Mission Support.

Ed and his wife Janet now live at the Fairview Baptist Home in Downers Grove. September 6, 2006 will be his 90th birthday. That will provide a great opportunity for our American Baptist family to drop Ed a note or card **today** letting him know we remember and appreciate him, and wish him a happy birthday. His address is:

The Reverend C. Edwin Boone
200 Village Drive, Apartment 503
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Beyond Toleration

A program on Muslim-Catholic Understanding, The Matthew J. Lamb Dialogue Series, will be presented by the Siena Center of Dominican University. "Beyond Toleration: Emerging Islamic Theologies" will be the topic on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Priory Campus auditorium of Dominican University, 7200 W. Division (Harlem & Division), River Forest.

Farid Esack will explore the challenges Islam faces in entering into dialogue and the implications of living in a religiously pluralistic world from an Islamic point of view. Admission will be \$10. For tickets or more information contact the Siena Center at (708) 714-9105 or siena@dom.edu. A flyer about this and other Siena Center event is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

When He's 65

Will we still need him when he's 65? You betcha! Our Executive Minister, the Rev. Dr. Larry L. Greenfield will mark his 65th birthday on Friday, September 8, 2006. He blesses our ABCMC family daily. Let's all celebrate his birth and his ministry among us.

Culto Unido de las Iglesias Bautistas Hispanas de Metro Chicago

Culto unido de Las Iglesias Bautistas Hispanas de Metro Chicago

Fecha: sabado 9 de septiembre, 06
Lugar: Iglesia Bautista Misionera
Direccion: 6715 S Hamlin Ave Chicago, Il 60629 tel. 708/288-1351

Nota especial: en este culto unido estaremos celebrando el acto de instalacion del pastor de la Iglesia Misionera, José Nunez. La adoracion y la predicación estarán a cargo de la iglesia local y al final tendremos una cena.

Tanto la iglesia local como su nuevo pastor, el hno. Nunez esperan el apoyo de todos los pastores/as e iglesias hispanas para este importante culto de instalacion. Los esperamos.

Para más información llame al pastor Almonte: 773/784-2479

Joint Worship Service of ABCMC's Hispanic Congregations

ABCMC's Hispanic congregations will gather for a joint worship service on Saturday, September 9 at Iglesia Bautista Misionera, 6715 S. Hamlin Avenue in Chicago. In this service we will celebrate the installation of José Nunez as pastor of Iglesia Bautista Misionera. The local church will be in charge of the worship and preaching. A dinner will follow. For more information, please phone ABCMC's Hispanic Coordinator, Omar Almonte, 773-784-2479.

Interfaith Prayer Gathering

The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions (CPWR) and the Sikh Religious Society in Palatine invite you to an Interreligious Gathering to Pray for Peace in the Middle East on Sunday, September 10, 2006 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Sikh Gurdwara Sahib / Sikh Religious Society, 1280 W. Winnetka St., Palatine, IL (Map link below)

(From Rt. 53, exit NW Hwy Rt. 14, go west, cross Baldwin St., right on Deer Ave., right on Winnetka St., 1 block)

Representatives from different faith communities from Metropolitan Chicago area will lead us in prayers for peace in the Middle East. Opportunity for informal conversation and Langar (community meal) will be provided after the prayers.

RSVP through one of the following:

- 1) CPWR by e-mail to info@cpwr.org with subject title: Sep. 10, 2006; or
- 2) CPWR by FAX to (312) 629-2991
- 3) CPWR by telephone to (312) 629-2990 x244
- 4) Sikh Religious Society by telephone to (847) 358-1117
- 5) Balwant Singh Hansra by telephone to (847) 991-7761
- 6) Rajinder Singh Mago by telephone to (630) 440-7730

Map link:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=1280%20W%20Winnetka%20St&city=Palatine&state=IL&zipcode=60067%2d1853&country=US&geodiff=1>

Installation of Tripp Hudgins

You are cordially invited to the installation of the Reverend George V. "Tripp" Hudgins, III as pastor of The Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Avenue, Wilmette, on Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 5 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

Religious Liberty

This article is from the Baptist Joint Committee for religious liberty.

Harris' Comments Lack Respect for Religious Diversity of The U.S.

Rep. Katherine Harris' (R – FL) ill-informed comments—calling the separation of church and state a lie, bemoaning our nation of secular laws, and suggesting only Christians should be elected to office—shows a complete lack of respect for the religious diversity that is a hallmark of our nation. Americans are a religious people. And, yes, Christianity has influenced our civic values and public policy. The separation of church and state does not require a segregation of religion from politics, God from government or Christians from duties of citizenship. But our civil compact—the Constitution—is a secular document. It never mentions Christianity and refers to religion only once and then to ban a religious test for public office.

America is one of the most religious and religiously diverse nations on earth. Despite our religious passion and pluralism, we have been able to avoid the religious conflicts that have punctuated history and plague much of the world today. This is so precisely because we have not allowed government to take sides in matters of religion.

Baptists, from Rhode Island-founder Roger Williams to Colonial evangelist John Leland in Virginia to former Pres. Jimmy Carter have championed the separation of church and state as an essential corollary to the overall goal of achieving genuine religious liberty for all.

In calling church-state separation a lie, Harris disregards history. In bemoaning our nation of secular laws, she misrepresents the nature of our government. In saying that non-Christians will only "legislate sin," she sets up her own religious test for office and maligns a whole class of public servants.

J. Brent Walker
Executive Director
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

ABC-Sponsored House in Brazil Closer to Reality

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 8/29/06)—Habitat for Humanity has announced plans to proceed with the building of 40 houses in a poverty-stricken area of Porto Alegre, Brazil. Construction now is set for the 40 days of Lent, 2007, according to a Habitat fact sheet.

The plan to build houses in Porto Alegre was originally an initiative by the World Council of Churches, which held its Ninth Assembly last February in Porto Alegre. Various complications delayed a start on the project, but it will now go forward with partners that include Habitat for Humanity, churches, local government, and private businesses.

General Board members of American Baptist Churches USA contributed \$5,000 for one of the houses during an unusual offering at their meeting in Green Lake, Wisconsin, last November. Board members usually give several thousand dollars, for a special project, during the final Sunday morning of their meetings. Last November they were challenged to double that offering, in order to build one of the Brazilian houses and also aid Pakistan earthquake victims. The first Sunday offering fell short, so two more were taken, eventually bringing in more than \$11,600.

The houses will be for families that live on islands along the Guaibe River, who are among Porto Alegre's poorest residents. Many live in dilapidated wooden shacks and survive by recycling and selling items from garbage they collect in the city.

"There is an effort to build cooperative recycling shelters so the people will not literally have to live with the garbage, but that's only in its infancy," said Cheryl Wade, Associate General Secretary and Treasurer, who visited the site. "As we walked in the community, the odors were overwhelming and the flies and heat added to the atmosphere." Still, Wade added, they found residents trying to beautify their homes with flowers, and school children welcomed the visitors warmly.

Habitat for Humanity hopes to recruit 20 international church teams to work alongside local volunteers and Porto Alegre families to build the houses. Two international teams a week are planned for the first five weeks, and five teams a week for the last two weeks.

Churches interested in obtaining more information about how to assist with the project can e-mail Wade at Cheryl.Wade@abc-usa.org or Rick Beech of Habitat for Humanity at RBeech@habitat.org.

National Ministries Partners with Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference to Sponsor Katrina National Justice Commission

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 8/30/06)—As our nation marks the passage of one year since Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, National Ministries reminds American Baptists that the storm's winds and water left behind not only devastation, but important lessons as well.

To assure those lessons are not forgotten, National Ministries supported and participated in the Katrina National Justice Commission convened by the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference. The commission — the first national and independent body of African-American clergy and community activists to investigate events preceding and following the Katrina disaster — conducted public hearings in June and July.

"Katrina uncovered the ugly underbelly of America," says National Ministries' Executive Director Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III — one of more than two dozen national faith leaders from the African American church serving as commissioners. "This disaster disproportionately affected poor people of color. We want to provide healing. We want to provide counsel to leaders about an ethical response. We want to make sure this doesn't happen again."

American Baptist Churches USA had significant representation on the commission, since more than one fifth of the commissioners were connected to the denomination in one way or another. Those who served, in addition to Wright-Riggins, included:

- Mr. Cody Anderson; CEO, ACG Associates; President, WURD 900 AM; and member, Canaan Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA;
- Rev. Dr. Marcus D. Cosby; Senior Pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, TX;
- Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes; Professor, Colby College, Waterville, ME; and assistant pastor, Union Baptist Church, Cambridge, MA;
- Atty. Edward A. Hailes Jr.; Senior Attorney, Advancement Project, Washington, DC; and associate pastor, Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Washington, DC;
- Rev. Derrick Harkins; Senior Pastor, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, DC;
- Rev. Portia Wills Lee; Senior Pastor and Founder, Trinity Tabernacle Baptist Church, Mableton, GA;
- Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr.; Senior Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, CA;
- Rev. John H. Vaughn; Program Director, The Twenty-first Century Foundation, New York, NY.

Commissioners heard testimony from Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D - NY), as well as representatives from the Red Cross, America's Second Harvest, the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund and the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), among others, including survivors of the storm.

Clinton commended the Proctor Conference for establishing a "truly objective commission." With almost two million people displaced following the storm, she said, "it's easy for us in Washington to see disasters as numbers, rather than faces. ...What we saw along our Gulf Coast was shameful. It was a great indictment of our government. ...The government's reactions were a disaster in itself."

Even a year later, the need for healing and recovery is great. A New Orleans' evacuee, Karla Vance Weaver, told commissioners, "there are lots of evacuees still just trying to survive." Weaver, a correctional facilities worker, was evacuated when water in the facility was chest high. After several days living on a bridge, she went to Baton Rouge where she and her husband, with their baby, tried to start over.

"If you find a job in Baton Rouge making \$9 an hour, you are doing good," Weaver said. In April, her 36-year-old husband "took a gun to his head, because he could no longer take the pain of not being able to take care of his family." Programs need to be developed, she said, that address the emotional needs of people who survive disasters like this: "I have nightmares of just being surrounded by water."

Baton Rouge resident Sibal Holt, former president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO, testified that she had 39 evacuees — family and friends — living in her house for months following Katrina. Within her family, a dozen primary homes and five businesses were lost. Stress-related health problems developed: a sister had a heart attack, and another family member experienced an aneurysm. "America needs to look at what is happening here," Holt said. "Every city in America has to be prepared to take care of its citizens, its residents. Emergency preparation is not just about evacuation; it's about taking care of the people who cannot leave," she said.

In its final report, expected in September, the Katrina National Justice commission will recommend: 1. critical next steps for long-term reconstruction and restoration, 2. plans to ensure improved preparedness for disasters and emergencies across the nation, and 3. long-term public policies to eradicate racial and economic disparities evidenced by the disaster.

The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Chicago, provides a forum for leadership development and strategic planning for leaders of the African American faith community.

William Willimon

The Christian Century will sponsor two September events featuring the Reverend Dr. William H. Willimon, Bishop of the Northern Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, and author of many books on Christian identity and witness in today's world. He recently co-authored the best-selling *Resident Aliens*.

Bishop Willimon will be the speaker at the eighth annual Christian Century dinner and lecture on Thursday, September 28 at 6 p.m.. His topic will be "Adventures in Ministry: A Trinitarian Perspective." The event will take place at The University Club, 76 E. Monroe Street, Chicago. The cost will be \$150.

Bishop Willimon will also lead a workshop in preaching, "A Talkative God," on Friday, September 29. The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago. The cost will be \$100.

The reduced rate for attending both events is \$200. To register for either or both events, send your check to *Christian Century*, 104 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603-5901. No refunds will be available after September 8. Seating is limited. Email event@christiancentury.org or call 312-263-7510, extension 229.

From Missionaries in Lebanon

Sarah and Dan Chetti, IM missionaries in Lebanon, write:

The war between Hezbollah and Israel is over and there is an uneasy peace.

- Please pray that Peace as the only true option will take root in the minds of Israeli and Hezbollah leadership. Nothing is impossible for our Lord!
- Pray for the thousands of refugees returning to their homes, some damaged and many totally destroyed. Pray for those who lost loved ones in war and those who are maimed.
- Please pray for our daughter Rachel who is separated from us and living with her aunt in Oregon. She is distraught at having her best friends scattered all over the world and the prospect that she may not be able to study with them again. We need to make tough decisions about her final year of high school, the United States or Lebanon?
- Sarah and I will be traveling to the US on September 3rd. Pray that Beirut Airport will re-open fully and we would not have to travel by road to Damascus, Syria, to catch our flight out.

International Day of Prayer for Peace

Dear colleagues:

I wish to bring to your attention, The International Day of Prayer for Peace, an annual observance of the World Council of Churches that coincides with the UN World Day of Prayer on September 21, 2006. This year's theme, selected by the churches in Latin America is, "...and still we seek peace."

In a time of many wars and conflict in our world, I invite you to join Christian brothers and sisters from around the world in observing the day of prayer for peace on Thursday, September 21, 2006 or the Sunday before the date. If you go to the home page of www.abc-usa.org you will find a link to resources for the International Day of Prayer for peace. Brochures in several languages for the International Day of Prayer for Peace can be downloaded from the World Council of Church's website www.overcomingviolence.org under resources.

Below are some other websites you might like to visit:

From the National Council of Churches USA, a call to prayer by religious leaders see www.seasonofprayer.org

Baptist Peace Fellowship at www.bpfna.org

May God's peace, shalom, be with you and in you.

Rothang Chhangte
Director of Ecumenical Formation
American Baptist Churches USA

Women in Religion in the 21st Century

This article is from the Interchurch Center in New York City.

NEW YORK, NY – July 21, 2006 – More than 60 female religion educators, leaders, activists and scholars representing many faiths from around the world will present in Manhattan on Oct. 17-19 at the first Conference on Women in Religion in the 21st Century.

Sponsored by the Interchurch Center, home to more than 60 faith and non-profit agencies, the Conference will look at the role of women in the history of religion, as well as those relationships in the future. It takes place at 475 Riverside Dr.

The conference will explore the roles of leadership for women, the impact of women in religious communities, how religion affects women's lives, and the historical perspective of women in religion.

According to Conference Chair Lois Dauway, chair of the Ecumenical Affairs Committee of the Interchurch Center, the conference is the first of its kind in size and scope for women and has been recognized and endorsed by over 40 agencies internationally.

Speakers, presenters and moderators come from traditions of all faiths – Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Bahai, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Shinto, Afro-Caribbean, Zoroastrian, and others. An interreligious planning task force representing Auburn Seminary, Council of Churches of the City of New York, Council on American and Islamic Relations, Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, League of Conservative Jewish Women, Muslim Women's Research Institute, National Conference for Community and Justice, National Council of Churches of Christ, New York Theological Seminary, Reformed Church in America, Riverside Church, Sister Fund, Union Theological Seminary, United Church of Christ, Women in Islam, Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, World Day of Prayer planned the event.

Presenters are from Harvard University, the University of Notre Dame, Boston College, New York University Law School, Drew School of Theology, Fordham University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, University of South Carolina, Hartford Seminary, University of Chicago, Wellesley College, Messiah College, Hofstra University and many other leading universities and organizations.

Ann Braude, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer on American Religious History, Director of the Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., will give the first speech on "Faith-Filled Foremothers: Women in Religion in America in the 19th and 20th Centuries"; and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Founder and President of the Sister Fund, will give the closing keynote on "Faith and Feminism – The Wealth of Women's Spirit."

On Tuesday evening there will be a film festival featuring documentaries discussing women's relationships with themselves, each other and their society and the affects their religion may have. Other workshops will explore topics such as, "Shattering the Stained Glass Ceiling," "Women Should Not Be Quiet in the Community – The Impact of Interpretation," and "Equipping Students for Ministry in Our Multi-Cultural Environment."

In addition, the Conference will honor Ruth Stafford Peale, first women chair of the Board of Trustees who was a guiding force in the establishment of the Interchurch Center. Ruth, with her husband, the late Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, started Guideposts ministries in upstate New York.

The conference begins at 10 a.m. on Oct. 17, and concludes at 3 p.m. on Oct. 19. Full conference registration is \$300, before Sept. 10. One-day registration is \$140.

To register online or for more information, visit www.womeninreligion2006.org.

Ministers Council News

Together in Ministry

Together in Ministry 2006 evaluation forms have been for some time posted on the web <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/> under 2006 Forms to Submit, along with the 2007 application form. Please take note, any TIM groups that have current grants and/or might wish to apply for 2007 funding.

Practicing Our Faith Grant

For the second time, the Ministers Council of Valley Forge has been awarded a \$10,000 Valparaiso Project Practicing Our Faith grant. The grant will fund a year-long program for national leaders on the faith practice of testimony. The series will be shaped around monthly luncheons for prayer, reading and conversation about experiences of God in daily life and how God strengthens for mission.

The Valley Forge Ministers Council convenes pastoral leaders called to positions of national denominational leadership and based in the Mission Center. The previous Valparaiso Project grant in the 2002 and 2003 program year funded monthly luncheon gatherings for leaders who manage numerous responsibilities and heavy travel schedules, on the faith practice of honoring the body.

The philosophy of practices opens the possibility of new ways of being through communal conversation and sharing of stories and struggles, alongside the wisdom of our faith. Further information is available at <http://www.practicingourfaith.org/>.

Ministry in Such a Time as This

The Ministers Council, the Campus Ministers Association and International Ministries of American Baptist Churches invite you to MINISTRY IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS, a Pre-Biennial event for pastoral leaders in the Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC, on Friday, June 29, 2007, from 9 am until noon. The event is designed to invite pastoral leaders into reflection on what it takes to be faithful and effective Church leaders in such a time as this.

For more information and speakers, check www.ministerscouncil.com.

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.

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 (I Thessalonians 5:15-18, NRSV).

Dr. Robert Weber of Northern Baptist Theological was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please hold him in prayer.

Please hold in prayer ABCMC's bookkeeper Douglas Galbraith as he begins his transition from Chicago to Florida.

Please pray for students and teachers returning to their classrooms.

Please hold in prayer the people of Lebanon and Israel, especially those who have been displaced as a result of recent fighting between Israel and Hezbollah.

Please hold in prayer the children living at the House of Love in Thailand. This is a residential ministry where IM missionary Kim Brown and others work with HIV-infected children. Please support them with prayer while they grieve the death of one of their residents from AIDS-related illnesses.

Please remember in prayer IM missionary Carolyn Predmore in Japan, and the Japanese Baptist Union. Please join in prayers of gratitude with the Hiroshima Peace Christian Church for their successful peace camp in July. Please pray for their follow-up activities with peace camp participants this Sunday, August 27.

Please offer up prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for Rev. Ed Boone as he marks his 90th birthday on September 6.

Please offer up prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for the Rev. Dr. Larry Greenfield as he marks his 65th birthday on September 8.

Don Scott, minister of World Mission Support for the ABC of Indiana and Kentucky report that their young adult son Jeremy is responding very well to treatment for leukemia. Please continue to hold all of them in prayer.

In this one-year anniversary week, please remember in prayer those who suffered and continue to suffer the impact of Hurricane Katrina.

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September 18—“Beyond the First Visit,” Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Lindner Conference Center. Register online at www.GrowCenter.org, where there is also information about group rates, or also call the Grow Center at 630-620-2197 and request a brochure.

September 21—International Day of Prayer for Peace. See www.abc-usa.org for more information.

September 22-23—“Healthy Congregations” workshop, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC), Glen Ellyn. Register by September 8.

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September 28—Eighth annual Christian Century dinner and lecture by Bishop William Willimon, 6 p.m., The University Club, 76 E. Monroe Street, Chicago. See article above.

September 29—Preaching workshop, “A Talkative God,” by William Willimon, 9 a.m. to noon, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago. See article above.

September 30—ABCMC stewardship seminar, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago. Please register by phoning the ABCMC office, 773-695-9791.

October 13—Deadline for Biennial Award nominations. Please see the above article or www.abc-usa.org for specifics.

October 15—11 a.m. worship service celebrating the 173rd anniversary of the founding of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, and the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Larry Greenfield by that congregation. Larry will preach at the morning service. At the 4 p.m. worship service Rev. Taurus Scurlock, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Evanston, will preach, and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church choir will sing.

October 15—ABCMC women meet with Virginia Holmstrom and the American Baptist Women's Ministries' Leadership Team from 2:30-4:30p.m. See next week’s *eWind* for details.

October 17-19—Conference on “Women in Religion in the 21st Century,” Interchurch Center, New York, NY. The conference begins at 10 a.m. on Oct. 17, and concludes at 3 p.m. on Oct. 19. Full conference registration is \$300, before Sept. 10. One-day registration is \$140. To register online or for more information, visit www.womeninreligion2006.org.

November 10-11—ABCMC Annual Meeting.

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

December 7-9—“The Call to an Ancient Evangelical Future” conference, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, at the Lindner Conference Center. For cost and registration information go to www.growcenter.org.

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

June 29-July 2, 2007—ABCUSA Biennial Meeting and Centennial Celebration in Washington, D.C. The biennial’s theme will be “Arise and Shine.”

Feb 21-23, 2008—Gathering of Baptist Bodies from across the US for a Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant, Dallas, Texas.

April 14-17, 2008—National Workshop on Christian Unity.

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