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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

September 20, 2006

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:11

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Pray for Thailand and for our Missionaries & Volunteers Serving There

In the early afternoon of Tuesday, September 19, Stan Murray received a phone call in his office in Valley Forge, PA, from missionaries of International Ministries (IM) serving in Thailand, telling him that a coup d'état was under way in their nation. Stan is area director for Southeast Asia and Japan and oversees IM's mission activities and relationships in Thailand. He reported that the situation on the ground in Thailand appeared to be calm during the first hours of the coup, and that missionaries were safe. Stan and the IM crisis management team will be in close communication with missionaries and partner church leaders as the situation develops.

Charles Jones, IM's acting executive director, called for prayer on behalf of the people of Thailand, its leaders and our many sisters and brothers throughout the country.

- **Missionaries presently in Thailand:** Kim Brown, Pat and LaMon Brown, Annie and Jeff Dieselberg, Chuck and Ruth Fox, Lea Lindero, Becky Mann, Jan and Larry Brown, Karen Smith.
- **Global Consultant :** Mike Mann
- **Volunteers:** Sarah Reid, Chandra Denherder, Alex Rogers
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As the bloodless coup d'état unfolds in Thailand, missionaries and national partner churches are closely monitoring the situation, while continuing to pursue their various ministries, according to Stan Murray.

The coup began when General Sonthi Boonyaratkalin, the head of the Thai army, declared martial law, suspended the constitution and surrounded government buildings in Bangkok with tanks. The army has declared its loyalty to Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, at the same time that it seeks to depose the nation's Prime Minister, Taksin Shinawatra. Shinawatra was in New York at the United Nations session at the time of the coup.

IM has a long relationship with the people of Thailand. IM's work in the country, then known as Siam, began in 1833, when pioneer missionaries John Taylor Jones and his wife Sarah first arrived in Bangkok.

Stan Murray explained that IM works in Thailand as part of a rich network of national churches and international mission agencies. Baptists from 7 different agencies based in 6 different countries combine their efforts under the umbrella of the Thailand Baptist Missionary Fellowship (TBMF). TBMF has a Crisis Management team in place. Conditions in Thailand have remained calm and, with apparent endorsement of the governmental change by Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, is likely to remain so. Still the TBMF crisis team has encouraged specific ways in which missionaries can exercise prudence and be prepared, should the national situation take a turn for the worse.

Murray continues to call for prayer for Thailand, its leaders and its people, as well as for those from around the world who serve them.

Gospel and Inqil Lecture Tonight **TONIGHT!!**

This evening, Wednesday, September 20, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies will present "Gospel and Inqil: 'The Gospel in the Christian and Muslim Traditions,'" a lecture by Dr. Mahmoud Agoub, a scholar of comparative religions. The lecture will take place at 7:30 in Hamming Hall, at the corner of Foster and Kedzie Avenues in Chicago. The lecture will analyze and compare the uses of the Gospels in Christian tradition with its role in Islam as the "Inqil."

Dr. Ayoub's expertise as a scholar of comparative religions and his extensive experience in Christian-Muslim relations place him in a unique position to stimulate our theological explorations and Muslims and Christians. He has been involved in inter-religious dialogue throughout his academic life. He has participated in numerous national and international conferences and seminars. He has worked as a consultant to the U. S. Department of State, and he has served as an advisor to U. S. embassies in various Muslim countries in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

*ABC General Secretary Invites All to Join in
International Day of Prayer for Peace **TOMORROW!!***

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/12/06)—The Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), today invited American Baptists to pray with others around the world on September 21st during the International Day of Prayer for Peace; a joint effort across denominations sponsored by the World Council of Churches (WCC) of which ABCUSA is a partner. "Please join with me to pray for peace in our world." said Medley.

ABC's Director of Cooperative Christianity and Ecumenical Formation, Rothang Chhangte, said "In the Gospel of John, the last words of Jesus to his disciples, before his death, were that of peace: 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you' (John 14:27). In a time of heightened anxiety and fear in our world, there is no greater message we can bring to the world than these words of peace from the gospel and, by our non-anxious presence, to be Christ's witnesses through our words and actions."

The day coincides with the United Nations' International Day of Peace and grew out of a 2004 conversation with WCC General Secretary, Dr. Samuel Kobia, and UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan.

Medley's invitation was, "...a call to pray for peace. For peace among the nations as war and violence continue to threaten the innocent. For peace in our country as issues such as immigration, national security, and a polarized political atmosphere continue to divide us. For peace in our denomination as we endeavor to move ahead with spreading God's redemptive love throughout the land. For peace in our churches when we see financial deficits but also hear God's call to renewed mission. And for peace in ourselves as we wrestle with God's desire for our lives and our own hardness of heart.

"September 21st is an opportunity for American Baptists to pray together, as a denomination, for the peace of God to descend on us, to bind us together as a Christian family, to enliven us, to enlighten us, and to make us whole. I invite you to join your brothers and sisters in prayer wherever you are and raise your voices to God for such peace."

More information on the International Day of Prayer for Peace can be found in the [Cooperative Christianity](#) section of the ABCUSA website. You can also find information on the World Council of Churches' [Decade to Overcome Violence](#) website.

Ministers Council News

Meetings of the ABCMC Ministers Council

September 21, Noon to 2 p.m., First Baptist Church of Maywood

TOMORROW!!



Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 21 from noon to 2 p.m. at the First Baptist of Maywood, 401 S. Fifth Avenue, Maywood. We will be blessed to have Jim Wall with us to share his expertise on how to use films in our ministries. We will also discuss ways to have the arts be more a part of each of our ministries!

Jim Wall is Senior Contributing Editor of the *Christian Century*, where he was editor from 1972 to 1999, and continues to contribute articles on religion, culture and film. He is the author of *Church and Cinema* (Eerdmans, 1971), editor of *Three European Directors* (Eerdmans, 1972), and has lectured widely on film and theology at universities and film festivals. Wall has served as a representative of the National Council of Churches to the film industry and on the appeals board of the Ratings Board of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA). He is president of North American Interfilm, an organization that conducts workshops and seminars for church groups, and assigns members to serve on ecumenical juries at secular film festivals in Berlin, Montreal and Cannes. Mr. Wall was named the 2001 "Alumnus of the Year" by the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Please call Rev. Kathy Taylor at 773-783-9774 or email her at Ferkat92@sbcglobal.net to let her know you are coming so she can plan for lunch by September 19. Lunch will cost \$5 each.

November 10, 3 p.m.

Remember to keep your Friday, November the 10 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. available for our special Minister's Council meeting with the guest speaker for our Annual Meeting of ABCMC. This will be a focus on the Children In Poverty Initiative of National Ministries of ABC/USA.

Together in Ministry

Applications for Together in Ministry 2007 funding for collegial covenant groups are due in the Ministers Council office by October 31. They are to be sent first to the constituent Ministers Council officers for review and forwarding to the national office. Forms and essential instructions are available at www.ministerscouncil.com under the Together in Ministry link. If you have any questions please contact Kate Harvey at Kate.Harvey@abc-usa.org.

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.

Invitation to Action from AFSC **TOMORROW!!**

This invitation is from the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

Join AFSC in nonviolent direct action on Thursday, September 21, Meet at AFSC, 637 S. Dearborn Chicago at 11:00 a.m. September 21 is the deadline of the Declaration of Peace and the International Day of Peace.

AFSC will be assembling 100 + volunteers in Federal Plaza at noon on September 21st to create a stunning visual for the media and people of Chicago to show the daily reality of Iraqi civilian casualties.

We need you to volunteer as an individual, or as someone willing to organize a 3-5 person affinity group. We do not expect arrests, but civil disobedience options do exist within the framework of the action. Please wear a white shirt and bring a white sheet (preferably fitted) and make sure you'll be warm enough. Supporters are needed also.

Details of the action:

We will meet first at AFSC, 637 S Dearborn, at 11:00 a.m. to organize ourselves before we walk over to Federal Plaza in procession. At the plaza we will ask all the people who are willing to lie down and cover themselves with a white sheet to represent dead Iraqis to do so. We will organize you into a grid pattern. We do not have a permit to be in Federal Plaza, so we are going to have people lie down until we are asked to disperse - then anyone who does not want to risk arrest should get up. If we are not asked to disperse we will stay on the ground for roughly 20 minutes, enough time for the media to get shots. AFSC will play the role of police negotiator and we will have National Lawyers Guild legal observers on hand. We will make

every effort to make sure that those who participate will be safe.

Supporters will be needed to hand out flyers, hold signs and place red carnations on the "body bags."

Please call or email AFSC to let us know if you will participate. Ask for Erin or Mary at 312.427.2533, or email epolley@afsc.org or mzerkel@afsc.org

Family Council Meeting **SATURDAY!!**

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 21.** Please visit www.mapquest.com to obtain driving directions from your home to the church.

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. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago.

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

Underwritten by ABCMC; no charge to participants.

World Community Celebration at Lake Street Church

This invitation is from Lake Street Church. The Saturday program is timed just right for those of us who will attend the Stewardship Seminar. Be sure to print out and share the attached flyer.

Lake Street Church of Evanston announces its 11th Annual World Community Celebration weekend - Saturday, September 30th & Sunday, October 1st.

Join us on Saturday at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary for a program on "Being Muslim in America." Our Muslim brothers and sisters will share their experiences, after which we will all share in a time of dialogue and reflection. We will break the Ramadan fast together after sunset, and continue our fellowship around the dinner table.

On Sunday, October 1st at 10:30 am the Sanctuary will be filled with the sights and sounds of eight diverse religious communities gathered together for worship. Imam Abdul Malik Mujahid, Chair of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, will speak about "Repairing the World Together."

Please see the attached flyer or visit our website www.lakestreet.org for more information.

Thinking Theologically

Larry Greenfield, our Executive Minister, writes a fortnightly column for Protestants for the Common Good. Please enjoy his recent column, "Sake," by using this link: [Thinking Theologically About the Common Good](#):

Congregational Singing Workshop

This invitation is from the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights.

The First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights is honored to host "The Ministry of Congregational Singing," a workshop for singers, pastors, worship teams & committees, and everyone who loves to sing. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 30 at First United Methodist Church, 1903 E. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights. The Rev. John Thornburg will lead the workshop.

John is a preacher/singer who believes in the transforming power of the gospel. He loves to laugh with others and at himself. In his 22 years of parish ministry, he was known as an innovative worship leader and teacher as well as an inspiring preacher. His mentors for this ministry include people like Jane Marshall, John Bell, Michael Hawn, Billy Crocket, and Ruth Duck.

He was the song leader of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church for 10 years, and has led singing at several regional and national gatherings. Recently John has returned from Cameroon, where he is working with the newest United Methodist mission to assist in the development of a Cameroon Hymnal.

The schedule for the day of workshops is:

9-noon "Strengthening the Singing Voice of Your Congregation"

We'll use a wondrous variety of hymns, songs and choruses as we learn methods for strengthening the congregation's singing, and practice good song leading.

12-1pm Lunch for those registered for the full day

1-3pm "The Gift and Challenge of Global Song"

We'll learn how to incorporate world song in worship with integrity, beyond liturgical tourism ("Oh, let's sing a song from Guatemala today.") You'll be introduced to rich and reliable resources from outside North America.

FULL DAY registration (including lunch) . . . \$25

HALF DAY registration (__AM / __PM) 15

Child Care Registration (Sept. 25 deadline)

of Children _____ Ages _____

\$10 full day/ \$5 half day

Register by calling 847- 255- 5112

OR mailing francyb@ahfumc.org

OR faxing 847- 255- 2986

Kindly provide us with your

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

First United Methodist Church
1903 East Euclid Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

- - - between Rand Road (Rte. 12) and Arlington Heights Road - - -

***Baptist Group Opposes "Unnecessary and Unwise" Language
on Military Chaplains in Defense Bill***

WASHINGTON—A diverse coalition of religious and civil liberties groups, including the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, has spoken out against a provision in a military spending bill that would alter the way military chaplains perform their duties. The provision was passed as part of a House bill, but was not included in the Senate version, called the National Defense Authorization Act.

The language provides chaplains the "prerogative to pray according to the dictates of the chaplain's own conscience except as must be limited by military necessity, with any such limitation being imposed in the least restrictive manner feasible."

A letter signed by the Baptist Joint Committee and 14 other groups called the language "unnecessary and unwise" and pointed out that the legislation is opposed by the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces, which represents a vast majority of military chaplains.

"The fact is, there was no outcry from chaplains or their endorsing organizations concerning an adverse environment for ministry," said K. Hollyn Hollman, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee. "Chaplains recognize that ministry in the military takes place in a pluralistic setting and that the focus should be on the armed service members and the soldiers' freedom to freely express their faith."

According to the letter, under current law and regulations, military chaplains are permitted to pray according to their specific religious tradition in a voluntary service. Chaplains should pray in a more inclusive manner, however, when "prayer is called for in a large-group setting or 'command ceremony' where attendance may not be voluntary. If a chaplain does not feel comfortable offering a non-sectarian, inclusive prayer in such a setting, he or she should have the right to refuse to participate without negative consequences."

"This issue is best left up to chaplains, the Department of Defense and religious endorsing agents, not lawmakers on Capitol Hill," Hollman said.

Christian Community Development Association

The Christian Community Development Association will hold their 18th Annual National Conference September 27-October 1, 2006. Come join over 2,000 people from across the country and the world. They will gather in Philadelphia to be inspired, to learn, to network and to share in their efforts to build communities, individuals, and the kingdom of God through the CCDA model developed over 40 years ago by Dr. John Perkins. The conference will take place at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia.

CCDA membership is made up of churches, community development organizations, schools, colleges, seminaries, businesses and foundations working successfully in some of the poorest neighborhoods across the Nation and the around world. The mission of CCDA is to inspire and train Christians who seek to bear witness to the Kingdom of God by reclaiming and restoring under-resourced communities.

The purposes of the conference are

- To inspire both new and seasoned urban workers to celebrate their calls and accomplishments and to challenge them spiritually and professionally.
- To teach and learn best Christian community development practices, to collaborate and envision breakthrough initiatives and to study and dialogue about the deeper issues affecting communities.
- To network practitioners and national leaders for information exchange, for fellowship and for sharpening of skills to be effective advocates for wholistic ministry in under-resourced neighborhoods.

Workshops will include

- The Heart of a Servant-leader in the 21st Century
- Beyond the Used Car Seat: Reaching Out to Teen Moms
- Building a Strategy for Effective Community Ministry
- Understanding and Reaching the Hip Hop Culture
- God's View of the City and Your Call to Leadership
- "Welcome Home" - Building a Comprehensive Prison Aftercare Network
- Islam and the City
- No Superstars Needed- A network approach to Youth Development
- Protecting Youth from Porn and Other Internet Dangers
- What Is Multicultural Ministry: What Makes it Work, What Hinders It

For more info. regarding the history, mission, etc. of CCDA or to register, please visit www.cdda.org.

SCUPE Anniversary

SCUPE (The Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education) celebrates 30 years of service to the city with an entertaining evening of spirited music for all to enjoy. Renowned jazz pianist Willie Pickens will be featured in the celebration concert, Friday, October 6th, 6:30 pm at St. James Cathedral, 65 East Huron Street in Chicago. Other talented performers include: Sue Conway, Robert Haigler, the Voices of Innocence Children's Choir from Chicago's Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, and Artistings. A special reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, please contact the SCUPE office at (312) 726-1200 or email urbanmin@scupe.com.

Invitation to a Wedding



*Two hearts, joined together in friendship and
united forever in love, by the grace of God.*

IT IS WITH JOY THAT

The Reverend Alice J. Burnette Davis

AND

The Reverend William Edward Greene

INVITE YOU TO SHARE

IN A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND BLESSINGS

AS THEY ARE JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

AT 2:00 P.M.

IRVING PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
4401 WEST IRVING PARK ROAD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THE REVEREND DR. CYNTHIA BELT, OFFICIATING



JOIN US AS WE DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN CELEBRATION
8:00 P.M.

WYNDHAM O'HARE HOTEL
6810 NORTH MANNHEIM ROAD
ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS

Rotation Model

Rev. Carol Jamieson Brown and Barbara Waller would like to hear from any congregation which is using a "rotation model" with children and/or youth for Sunday School or weekly Bible Study. If you are interested in sharing your story with them for possible consideration at the Black Church Conference in April, 2007, please contact them before October 1, 2006. Carol may be reached at the following phone numbers: 708-310-0067, cell, and 708-481-3367, home.

Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

Hyde Park Union Church, 5700 S. Woodlawn Avenue. Chicago, will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Susan B. W. Johnson as their pastor on Friday, September 29. Susan has been devoted to the shape of the church's identity and mission, and to the greater good of its neighborhood and city. Her leadership has been a balance of spiritual direction and community building, attention to children, compassion for the poor and vulnerable, institutional stewardship and development, and partnership with the wider community.

The congregation will celebrate with a reception at 6:30 p.m. and a dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the church at 773-363-6063.

Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Dr. Larry Greenfield's ordination on Sunday, October 15 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.

Central Sectional Black Church Education Conference

Ten ABC regions agreed, in conjunction with ABC National Ministries, to jointly sponsor this event to be held at Midwest Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, OH, April 19-21, 2007. Registration begins at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 19, and the conference adjourns at 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 21. ABC of Ohio is the host region and New Salem Missionary Baptist is the host church.

The theme chosen for this event is "MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS." There will be two major worship experiences, two luncheon plenaries, Bible study and praise and worship each morning, and three opportunities to participate in various seminar and workshop options. The registration fee for the conference is \$99, plus \$30 to cover the cost of the two luncheons. Rooms at the conference hotel will be available at a cost of \$79 per night which includes a complimentary buffet breakfast. We are in the process of securing leadership, but we can confirm that the Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church Cleveland, will lead the Bible studies and that the Rev. Dr. Edward Wheeler, President of Christian Theological Seminary, will give the closing address.

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).

Please pray for world peace, especially tomorrow, which is the International Day of Prayer for Peace, when we join with people of many faiths and nationalities in praying for peace.

Please pray for the people of Thailand, and for missionaries and others who are ministering with them.

Please hold in prayer the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for missionaries and others who are ministering with them.

Please remember in prayer the people of the Darfur region of Sudan, that international intervention may help to save those in danger from violence and upheaval there.

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

TOMORROW!! September 21—American Friends Service Committee peace action, beginning at AFSC, 637 S. Dearborn, Chicago, 11:00 a.m., to Federal Plaza.

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

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September 28—Mission Partnership Committee meeting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., McCormick Theological Seminary.

September 28—Eighth annual Christian Century dinner and lecture by Bishop William Willimon, 6 p.m., The University Club, 76 E. Monroe Street, Chicago. Email event@christiancentury.org or call 312-263-7510, extension 229.

September 29—Preaching workshop, “A Talkative God,” by William Willimon, 9 a.m. to noon, Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago. Email event@christiancentury.org or call 312-263-7510, extension 229.

September 29—20th Anniversary Celebration for pastor Susan B. W. Johnson at Hyde Park Union Church, 5700 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago. Reception, 6:30 p.m.; dinner, 7:30 p.m.

September 30—Congregational singing workshop, First United Methodist Church, 1903 E. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights. Please phone 847- 255- 5112 for registration and/or more information.

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.

September 30-October 1--11th Annual World Community Celebration, Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston.

Saturday, 4:30 p.m., "Being Muslim in America," followed by dinner after sunset.

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Imam Abdul Malik Mujahid, Chair of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, will speak, "Repairing the World Together."

October 6—Seminary Consortium for Urban Patoral Education (SCUPE) celebrates 30 years of service to the city, 6:30 p.m., St. James Cathedral, 65 East Huron Street, Chicago. To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, please contact the SCUPE office at (312) 726-1200 or email urbanmin@scupe.com.

October 7—Wedding of Alice Davis and William Greene, 2 p.m., Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Dancing at 8 p.m., Wyndham O'Hare Hotel, 6810 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont.

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—ABCMC Ministers Council Meeting, 3 p.m.

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.

April 19-21, 2007—ABC Central Sectional Black Church Education Conference, Midwest Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio.

April 27-28, 2007—Revive Us Again! Revival of our Spirit, Revival of our Baptist Principles, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, Massachusetts. This will be a gathering of progressive Baptists from around the country.

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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