

# Metro Chicago eWind

*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  
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region.

**December 20-27, 2006**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
Authority rests upon his shoulders;  
And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6



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**Editor's Note:** The ABCMC office will be closed December 22, 2006-January 2, 2007. The staff will check phone messages during that time. The next issue of *eWind* will be published on January 3, 2007.

## **TONIGHT!** *One of the Girls*

One of the Girls, a Celtic/Folk/Etc. band, will perform at 9 p.m. on December 20 at The Horseshoe, 4115 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago. There will be no charge for admission. Tripp Hudgins, pastor of the Community Church of Wilmette, plays mandolin in the band. With a smile he says, "From out of the shadows....One of the Girls rides again! This time we open for Majors Junction. We are so very cool." Come enjoy this evening with a group of talented musicians.

## **FRIDAY!** *Missionaries of International Ministries* *on NBC Nightly News*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/13/06)—[Hope Unlimited](#), a ministry to Brazilian street children led by [Philip and Corenne Smith](#), missionaries of [International Ministries](#), will soon be featured on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. The Friday evening edition of the program includes a series entitled "Making a Difference," focused on positive news stories. NBC has confirmed to the Smiths that the segment on Hope Unlimited is to be shown on Friday night, December 22. In Chicago, the program will air on channel 5, WMAQ, at 5:30 p.m. Once the program has aired, it will be available for viewing on the "[Making a Difference](#)" section of the NBC website.

Phil Smith co-founded Hope Unlimited in 1991 and currently serves as its president. The goal of Hope Unlimited is to be "Transforming the lives of children at mortal risk, providing them with a productive future and eternal hope." When an NBC film crew visited the Smiths at the end of November, 2006, its members were struck by the depth of transformation they saw in the Brazilian street kids that Hope Unlimited serves. Here is what Phil Smith wrote about the visit of the NBC film crew:

The filming with NBC went very well. The crew arrived Friday around midnight. Although they were supposed to have a waiting van and driver, they actually ended up with a rented station wagon and no driver – for 4 crew and 17 crates of equipment. So I was glad I was there with my van because we had an early start in the morning.

The graduation ceremony Saturday morning was the highlight of my year, and I was thrilled that NBC was there to capture it. On Sunday they filmed the chapel service and did interviews. They were pleased to have IBA member Paul Husby, just retired VP of 3M, visiting Hope for the weekend to provide a corporate investor perspective. On Monday the NBC crew went to visit graduate Thayan at his new workplace (Third year law student Thayan just landed a well paying internship at a prestigious law firm and -- as he excitedly told me --. "They did not even know I was from the City of Youth!") NBC spent the rest of Monday filming the campus.

The crew's one moment of excitement was filming street kids at the central square. (I was not with them at the time.) Some drug traffickers with their kingpin happened to be there and threatened the crew, and were going to break their cameras. Do you remember Leo, who I recently wrote a story about Evangelizing the park? Leo happened to be walking by, returning

from his own graduation, and saw what was happening. He recognized a barber who owned a mobile barber shop because this barber had volunteered with a group cutting hair at the City of Youth. Leo talked to the barber, who knew everybody in the square, and the itinerant barber in turn talked to the drug lords, explaining about the City of Youth, and convincing them to leave the crew alone.

Bob Faw, the reporter, seemed to be very taken. At one point over lunch he turned to Paul Husby and said, with apparent awe, "These kids really are transformed."

... The exciting news is that Bob Faw told Paul that they had the material to produce a longer segment which he hoped could air on the TODAY show. Now that could be a blessing for this ministry, and for Brazil's street kids...

In His Hope,  
Philip

## **SATURDAY! SUNDAY! SATURDAY!**

### *Irving Park Baptist Church Christmas Coat Drive*

Do you have any extra coats you just don't seem to use any more? Help someone out by donating them to the Irving Park Baptist Church Coat Drive! As winter approaches, more and more people will struggle to keep warm, but with your help many can have nice, comfy coats this season!

If you'd like to donate a coat, the church will be collecting them Saturday, December 23 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday, December 24 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road. From there, members of the church will transfer the coats over to the Irving Park Food Pantry where they will be distributed.

Enjoy free coffee, hot cocoa and refreshments when you drop off your coats! If you have any questions, feel free to call 773-286-6800. Your donations will be greatly appreciated!

### *Seasonal Concerts*



#### **SUNDAY!** *First Baptist Church of Maywood*

The First Baptist Church of Maywood, 401 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maywood, invites everyone to their Christmas program this Sunday. On December 24 the choir will present a Christmas Cantata during the 11:00 am worship service.

#### **SUNDAY!** *Grace Baptist Church*

The Christmas Eve service at Grace Baptist Church, 5253 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday. All are invited to join the congregation for a traditional carol sing.

## *American Baptists Issue Statement on Immigration Reform*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS, 12/15/06)—Dr. A. Roy Medley, general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), and Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, executive director of National Ministries, ABCUSA recently issued a [joint letter on immigration reform](#) in the United States.

Building on the [1982 Policy Statement](#) made by the General Board on Immigration and Refugee Policy, this letter opposes legislation similar to the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act (H.R. 4437) passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on December 17, 2005.

The letter decries the movement towards more repressive measures by the U.S. government on the issue of immigration citing increased difficulty for those seeking religious and political asylum. The bill also would have made assisting immigrants without documentation a crime, even for faith based organizations providing food and shelter to those individuals in need.

American Baptists are encouraged to contact their Representatives and Senators and urge them to consider the action points of the joint letter when framing comprehensive immigration reform legislation as the 110th Congress convenes in January 2007.

## *Former American Baptist Seminary Leader, Ted Keaton, Dies*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS, 12/18/06)—American Baptist Seminary of the West (ABSW) President Emeritus Theodore A. Keaton died Dec. 6, 2006, in Walnut Creek, Calif. He was 77. Ted came to the seminary in 1987 as vice president for development and interim president. Appointed president in early 1990, he led the school for ten years through difficult times to a period of fiscal stability and academic excellence.

During his tenure, Ted eliminated the seminary's debt, balanced the budget, doubled student enrollment, and guided ABSW to a 10-year renewal of full accreditation. He was also responsible for conducting the 21st Century Fund Campaign, which raised more than \$3 million for the annual fund, endowment, and restoration of Hobart Hall.

ABSW President Keith Russell stated, "Ted Keaton's servant leadership grounded the seminary in mission, and his organizational gifts prepared the school for growth in this new century."

Born in Indiana, Ted Keaton was a member of First Baptist Church of Terre Haute, where he was ordained in 1954. He was a graduate of Indiana State Teacher's College and earned his seminary degree at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY. From there, he went on to pastor churches in Akron, New York and Franklin, Indiana. Ted served at both McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and Colgate Rochester Divinity School before transitioning to ABSW. He was also involved in denominational support for ABCUSA over the years.

The Theodore A. Keaton Lectureship was established at ABSW in 2001 to honor his contributions. This annual lecture focuses on the theme of encouraging and developing effective pastoral leadership. The upcoming lecture will be held Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at ABSW.

A memorial service will be held on January 6, 2007 at Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, California at 2 p.m. Gifts to the Theodore Keaton Memorial Scholarship Fund can be sent to ABSW, 2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA.

## *ABCUSA Bids Farewell to Cheryl Wade*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/18/06)—Staff and guests gathered at the Mission Center in Valley Forge last Friday to say goodbye to Associate General Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Cheryl H. Wade. Having served fourteen years in that position, Cheryl now moves on to serve the Kendal Corporation as director of philanthropy and executive director of Kendal Charitable Funds.

In his remarks to Cheryl at the gathering, ABCUSA General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, said, “I have served with many financial officers in my years of ministry, and I have never worked with someone who has, as consistently as you, raised the question of how decisions will impact the most vulnerable and most marginalized. This question arises not only out of your principles but also out of your heart because of your love for the poor and marginalized.”

Commenting on another of Cheryl’s attributes, Dr. Robert H. Roberts, special assistant to the Office of the General Secretary, said, “Cheryl Stewarded the mission treasury with high integrity. During the course of her tenure, more than 750 million dollars passed through ABCUSA and every dollar was audited accurately. Her faithful stewardship of mission funds made it possible for American Baptist fundraisers like me to ask for support without worry.”

When asked about Cheryl’s departure, Dr. Leo S. Thorne, associate general secretary for Mission Resource development, said, “Cheryl’s high professionalism and genuine Christian spirit will be missed among us. She leaves big shoes to be filled.”

In her address to the assembled guests, Cheryl spoke about her love for the denomination and the churches she has served while thanking her coworkers for the many good times and opportunities they had for working together. She was also frank and genuine in her estimation of the current situation: “The truth is that it can also be a heavy burden to serve here. We serve in a context that is chaotic. We work in a time that looks a lot like a second reformation, and we don’t yet know the shape of the church that will emerge. But we do know who will be the head of the church and that is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

## *Judson Press Staff Transitions Bolster Development and Distribution of Discipleship and Ministry Resources*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/19/06)—[Judson Press](#), National Ministries’ publishing arm, announces staff transitions that will strengthen its mission of developing and distributing Christ-centered leadership resources for the transformation of persons, congregations, communities and cultures.

Rebecca Irwin-Diehl, recently named editor, will be responsible for developing new book ideas and acquiring new authors. Irwin-Diehl has worked in various publishing capacities since earning her undergraduate degree in English writing, including a previous tenure with Judson Press as managing editor. She holds a master’s degree in theological studies, which gives her a sense of special preparation for Christian publishing. “I’m excited about seeing increased synergy between National Ministries’ vision of ‘Transforming Leadership, Transforming Lives’ and Judson’s longstanding commitment to equipping pastors and lay leaders to effect personal and congregational change—in the church and in the world,” says Irwin-Diehl.

Cassandra “Casey” Williams, previously managing editor at Judson Press, has been named national coordinator for Discipleship Resource Development at National Ministries. In her new role, she identifies, reviews and develops resources for discipleship/education endeavors of American Baptist congregations. A former pastor, Casey, who holds an Ed.D. in Christian

education, brings to her work extensive education and experience as well as passion for the ministry of local churches. “Our job at the national level is to support local churches as they develop mature followers of Christ,” she says. “My desire is to identify, develop and provide resources that are both practical and reflective of excellence in scholarship.”

Frank Seawright will join Judson Press in January as product manager, responsible for launching new products, utilizing events and exhibits, along with early sales to distributors, chains and national bookstores. With close to two decades of experience in various business development and advertising positions at the *New York Times*, Frank is a seasoned professional in sales, as well as new product promotion. Currently a graduate student at Westminster Theological Seminary, Frank holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from LaSalle University in Philadelphia and a certificate in editing from Philadelphia’s Temple University. “After balancing work in corporate America with ministry life for so many years,” says Seawright, “I am extremely excited at the opportunity of functioning fulltime in ministry-related business with Judson Press.”

Judson Press Publisher Laura Alden says, “I’m privileged to work with a gifted group of committed Christians in publishing ministries. A core motivation for us is to offer quality resources that uphold and advance the Baptist heritage and faith perspective.”

### *MMBB Elects Three New Managers*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/19/06)—The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board ([MMBB](#)) elected three new managers at its annual meeting, November 6-7, 2006. Effective January 1, 2007, Dene T. Hurley will serve as a manager-at-large, Jeffrey J. Kempton will represent the Board of International Ministries and James T. Napolitan, a new public manager, will serve on the board’s Finance Committee.

Dene Hurley traces her Christian roots back to the Judson mission in Burma. She earned a Ph.D. in economics from Northeastern University, an M.S. degree from the University of Bath, U.K., and a B.S. degree in economics from Lehman College—The City University of New York. She is a member of the Scarsdale Community Baptist Church in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Jeffrey J. Kempton was elected as a Board Member by International Ministries. He holds a B.A. from Virginia Technical Institute and is a Financial Planner. He has been active in his local church, the American Baptist Churches of Maine and the General Board of ABCUSA.

James T. Napolitan is a commodities trader with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. A graduate of Harvard College, Napolitan holds an M.A. in psychology and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a member the Board of Trustees of Franklin College.

At the close of the meeting, President George Tooze Jr. expressed gratitude and extended the board’s best wishes to Keiko Chew for her four years of service.

### *Arise & Shine Biennial*

The biennial meeting of the American Baptist Churches USA will take place in Washington, D.C. June 29-July 2, 2007. Please mark your calendar, and make plans to attend our Centennial meeting! The theme will be “Arise and Shine,” based on Isaiah 60:1. Informational packets have been sent to all ABC congregations. *EWind* will contain more details after the first of the year.

Attached to this issue of *eWind* is a bulletin insert with details. Please print out and share it in your church's worship bulletin and posted on bulletin boards to encourage folks to attend. This will be a special time to celebrate our American Baptist history and heritage.

### *Stewardship of the Earth*

If you've been wondering how your congregation can become even better stewards of our earth, save this date, Tuesday, January 30, 2007, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. to attend "For Religious Facilities: Cost-effective Ways to Go Green Inside and Outside," a workshop sponsored by Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church ([www.byzantinecatholic.com](http://www.byzantinecatholic.com)) and Openlands ([www.openlands.org/corporatelands.asp](http://www.openlands.org/corporatelands.asp)), a partner of Clean Air Counts ([www.cleanaircounts.org](http://www.cleanaircounts.org)).

At this free workshop, held at Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 Will Cook Road, Homer Glen, IL 60491, you will learn Clean Air Counts strategies you can implement today, inside your facilities and outside on your grounds. You will also hear Fr. Loya describe how his congregation planned and implemented native landscaping (recipient of a 2006 Chicago Wilderness Excellence in Conservation Award) on their campus.

To reserve your place, or for information, contact: Shirlee Hoffman, [shoffman@openlands.org](mailto:shoffman@openlands.org) 312/863-6257.

### *2007 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

The Ecumenical Millennium Committee, of which ABCMC is a part, will sponsor their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service during the 2007 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 21 at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago. Parking will be available at the John Hancock Center, 875 N. Michigan Avenue. (Access is from Chestnut Street.) The preacher will be Bishop Hee-Soo Jung from the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. All are welcome. Please print out and distribute the attached flyer.

### *American Baptist Teens "Stir It Up" for Souper Bowl of Caring*

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/06/06)— America's teens are transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving through the Souper Bowl of Caring, which encourages people of all ages to care for neighbors in need.

Armed with soup pots, teens in all 50 states collect cash donations at church, school and retail outlets, and every penny raised is given to local charities selected by each group. In February 2006, youth raised nearly \$5 million for charities through *Souper Bowl of Caring*. Eighty-one American Baptist churches participated in the 2006 event, raising more than \$27,000. Endorsed by NFL owners, this youth-led effort has raised more than \$33 million since its inception in 1990. Super Bowl Sunday 2007 —February 4—promises to set a new record, since *Souper Bowl of Caring* has raised the upcoming event's national goal to \$8 million for hunger and poverty-related charities across the country. With the help of more participants, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

Dr. David Laubach, National Ministries' associate executive director, Program Ministries, encourages congregations to get involved in the 2007 effort: "Here is a natural and creative opportunity for American Baptist youth to be engaged in making a difference in the lives of children and families in poverty in their local communities."

No matter the size of your congregation or your youth group, your church can stir it up in 2007, helping to provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to the needy by joining the national grassroots movement.

It's as simple as holding soup pots at church doors following worship on or near Super Bowl Sunday and asking worshippers to drop in a dollar for people who are hungry. *Souper Bowl of Caring* provides all the materials you need. All you have to do is:

- **REGISTER** your group at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org);
- **RALLY** your youth on Super Bowl Sunday;
- **REPORT** your collection to [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) on or near Super Bowl Sunday;
- **DONATE** your collection to the charity of your choice.

Registrants receive a resource kit that includes planning and promotion materials and an owner's manual with step-by-step instructions and ideas, along with a poster, bulletin insert, soup pot sticker and DVD.

"Youth everywhere are demonstrating how small efforts can make a huge impact in the fight against hunger and poverty," says Brad Smith, *Souper Bowl of Caring's* founder and executive director. "We applaud everyone who has signed up to use this event to step outside of themselves and help their neighbors in need."

For more information, call 800-358-7687 or visit [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).

## *Revive Us Again!*

### *Revival of our Spirit. Revival of our Baptist Principles*

Revive Us Again! Revival of Our Spirit, Revival of our Baptist Principles will be a gathering of progressive Baptists who come from across the country, and are ready to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are gathering to say that we are Christian, we are Baptist, and we believe our Baptist Principles are foundational to our understanding and sharing of the Gospel. We are gathering to say that we can be both progressive and evangelical! The gathering will be Friday-Saturday, February 16-17, 2007 at Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Speakers will include:

- Rev. Cynthia Maybeck, pastor, Trinity Church, Northborough, MA
- Rev. Nancy Hitt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Natick, MA
- Rev. Dr. Liliana Da Valle, Area Minister, The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts; Adjunct Professor, Andover Newton Theological School; and Adjunct Professor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Rev. Alan Newton, Executive Minister, ABC of the Rochester-Genesee Region
- Rev. June Cooper, Minister of Outreach, First Baptist Church, Framingham, MA and Executive Director, City Mission Society, Boston, MA

The gathering will begin on Friday evening at 7 p.m. with a healing service and worship led by Cynthia Maybeck. Saturday's program will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and will include Bible study, discussion groups, workshops, an update on ABCUSA, and closing revival worship. The \$30 registration fee is to cover the cost of meals on Saturday.

For information on registration, transportation and lodging, please contact Mindi Welton at [u2mindi@yahoo.com](mailto:u2mindi@yahoo.com).

## *Second Annual ABCMC Disciples' Dinner*

Save the date for the Second Annual ABCMC Disciples' Dinner on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Our late afternoon keynote speaker will be **Tony Campolo**, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern College. More information will appear in future editions of *eWind*.

## *Come to the Edge!*

The National Women's Conference will take place at Green Lake Conference Center July 21-28, 2007. Women are invited to "Come to the Edge!" and be challenged by the words of Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God goes with you." Participants will hear great speakers, sing powerful songs of praise and take time to connect with each other every day. Tuesday will be set aside as a Spiritual Retreat Day with refreshing quiet time.

Among the guest leaders at the conference will be Rev. Dr. Lauran Bethell, keynote speaker. Lauran is a global consultant for International Ministries, and is based in Prague, Czech Republic. Her task is to encourage and facilitate Christ-based ministries that address the exploitation and abuse of women and children.

Lauran, daughter of an ABC pastor, was a teacher at an international school in Hong Kong when she experienced God's call to missionary service. After graduating from seminary in the U.S., she was commissioned by International Ministries for service in Thailand. She helped to establish the New Life Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in 1987. The New Live Center offers freedom and hope in Jesus Christ to young women and girls who have been sold, tricked, or willingly drawn into prostitution. The New Life Center, now with branches in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, provides Christian education, literacy, and vocational training; rehabilitates former prostitutes; and works to reduce risk factors among other women.

Throughout the 1990's Lauran shared her knowledge and experiences in international venues. She continued to direct the New Live Center until 2000 when she moved to the Czech Republic and became a global consultant. Lauran's work has been recognized throughout the world. She received the Human Rights Award of the Baptist World Alliance in 2005. She was a featured speaker at the Living Hope International Consultation on Prostitution held at the Green Lake Conference Center in April 2006.

Lauran is an inspiring speaker who will bring the challenge of "Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in a way that will help women hear God's call to ministry in their own areas.

## *Prayer Requests*

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for NBTS professor Bob Webber and his family. Bob is now home from the hospital, and is moving into the last weeks of his earthly life.

Please hold in prayer ABC missionaries Ed and Miriam Noyes. The Democratic Republic of Congo, where they serve, is in the midst of some governmental transition.

## *Calendar*

**December 20**—One of the Girls performs at The Horseshoe, 4115 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago, 9 p.m. There will be no charge for admission.

**December 24**—Christmas Cantata, First Baptist Church, 401 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Maywood, 11 a.m.

**December 24**—Christmas carol sing, Grace Baptist Church, 5253 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, 6 p.m.

**December 22, 2006-January 2, 2007**—ABCMC office closed.

**January 21, 2007**—7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 4 p.m., Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 E. Chestnut Street, Chicago.

**January 30, 2007**—Environmental workshop by and for religious organizations, 8:30-10 a.m., Byzantine Catholic Church, 14610 Will Cook Road, Homer Glen. To reserve your place, or for information, contact Shirlee Hoffman, [shoffman@openlands.org](mailto:shoffman@openlands.org) 312-863-6257.

**February 4, 2007**—Souper Bowl of Caring. For more information, call 800-358-7687 or visit [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).

**February 16-17, 2007**—“Revive Us Again! Revival of our Spirit, Revival of our Baptist Principles,” Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA. This will be a gathering of progressive Baptists from around the country.

**February 17-April 8, 2007**—ABCUSA Lenten Build with Habitat for Humanity, Porto Alegre, Brazil. For more information, please communicate with Paul Wood, the Habitat for Humanity International American Baptist contact and team leader, at [pwood@habitat.org](mailto:pwood@habitat.org) or 603-357-5166.

**March 9, 2007**—“Fixing No Child Left Behind” Ecumenical Advocacy Days Pre-Event, Alexandria, Virginia, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the National Council of Churches Committee on Public Education and Literacy. For registration information, please contact Aisha Howard, 216-736-3714 or [howarda@ucc.org](mailto:howarda@ucc.org).

**March 15-18, 2007**—[Midwest Ecumenical Leadership Training](#), sponsored by the Institute for Welcoming Resources, Lutheran Concerned North America, More Light Presbyterians, Reconciling Ministries Network, Unitarian Church of Evanston, and the United Church of Christ Coalition for LGBT Concerns, will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, Mar 15–18, 2007. Register on the Institute for Welcoming Resources website, [www.welcomingresources.org](http://www.welcomingresources.org).

**March 16, 2007**—Christian Peace Witness for Iraq, Washington, DC.

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

**April 21**—Second Annual ABCMC Disciples’ Dinner.

**June 29, 2007**—“Ministry in Such a Time as This” pre-Biennial event, 9 a.m.-noon, Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC.

**June 29-July 2, 2007**—ABCUSA Biennial Meeting and Centennial Celebration in Washington, DC. The theme will be “Arise and Shine.”

**July 21-28, 2007**—National Gathering for Girls, Green Lake Conference Center. The conference fee is \$485 per person, and includes conference registration fee, housing, and meals;

scholarships are available. Further information may be found on the American Baptist Women's Ministries' website at [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org).

**February 21-23, 2008**—Gathering of Baptist Bodies from across the U.S. for a celebration of a new Baptist covenant, Dallas, TX.

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

### *Position Opening*

**Position:** Development Director (Chief Development Officer and Campaign Director)

**Organization:** Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS)

**Responsibilities:** The Development Director will become the chief development officer of the Seminary. Responsible for a staff of 5 full and part-time plus volunteers; the Director will lead a new capital campaign, now in the pre-campaign advance gift cultivation stage. The Director will work closely with the Seminary President to develop strategies for campaign, major gifts, planned giving, and annual fund. This position involves significant travel (50%) in making personal cultivation and solicitation visits.

**Education required:** Baccalaureate degree required, Master's degree preferred; CFRE preferred.

**Experience required:** The successful candidate will have 5 – 10 years of experience with a strong background in fundraising, running capital campaigns, organizational development, public speaking, religious leadership, implementation of major and planned gift strategies, as well as the ability to retain confidentiality of donor information.

**Resume required:** Applicants send letter of application and resume (see below).

**Starting date:** Negotiable

**About the organization:** A seminary of the United Church of Christ, CTS enrolls more than 200 students from more than 20 religious traditions and has 13 full-time faculty plus adjunct professors. Students and faculty together comprise an extraordinarily diverse community of learning, service and faith. CTS shares a rich network of resources with the Hyde Park Cluster of Theological Schools and the University of Chicago.

**Fundraising goal:** 5 year comprehensive fund raising goals in the range of \$20 million

**Fund raising budget:** Adequate

**Is there a contract for this position?** This is an at-will position; the Director must domicile in greater Chicago, Illinois

**Salary/increment policy:** The salary range for this position is \$95,000 – \$125,000 DOE with reasonable relocation costs paid

**Vacation:** 4 weeks vacation 1<sup>st</sup> year, car for business use, generous pension

**Retirement policy:** After one year of continuous employment

**Health/life insurance:** Full medical and dental benefits with availability for family members

**Other benefits:** Life insurance, disability insurance

**Position reports to:** President

**Web site:** [www.ctschicago.edu](http://www.ctschicago.edu)

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