

# **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 the region

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## NOTICE

The **Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago** will be held on **November 10, 2007** at the Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, IL, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 3:30 p.m.

The morning session will be devoted to the theme **PREVIEW OF A COMING ATTRACTION: A FORETASTE OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY**, followed by lunch, with the afternoon devoted to the the Region's official business.

RSVP to the ABCMC office no later than Friday, November 2. The phone number is 773-695-9791. The fax number is 773-695-9793. The email address is [office@abcmc.org](mailto:office@abcmc.org).

### ***Family Matters Fall Benefit***

Family Matters invites you to celebrate their **Twentieth Anniversary** and their partnerships with Community Church of Wilmette, Lake Street Church, North Shore Baptist Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church on **Thursday, October 25 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** There will be a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Mid-Day Club, 21 S. Clark Street, 56th Floor, Chicago. Garage parking will be available at 172 W. Madison

The program will feature:

The Young Men of Family Matters Drum Team

Twenty Years of Dance as performed by the Young Women of Family Matters

A Fine Living raffle with outstanding prizes

A silent auction

RSVP by email at [emily@familymatterschicago.org](mailto:emily@familymatterschicago.org) or phone Emily at (773) 465-6011 x113

Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds benefit Family Matters seven leadership programs for youth and families in the North of Howard neighborhood of Rogers Park in Chicago.

### **Family Matters Benefit "Fine Living" Raffle Prizes:**

#### **Grand Prize**

*Explore!* Receive two roundtrip tickets courtesy of TAM Brazilian Airlines, the official airline of Brazil. Tickets are valid from the TAM port cities of Miami or New York to any TAM destination city in South America including Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Buenos Aires and more.

#### **First Prize**

*Indulge!* Enjoy a case of vintage wines and champagnes valued at \$2,000.

## Second Prize

*Sail Away!* You and three guests will enjoy a four-hour cruise on a 30-foot sailboat with lunch included. Courtesy of Sam & Joan Lovering.

## Third Prize

*Savor!* Enjoy dinner for four at David Burke Primehouse.

**\$10 per ticket or \$25 for three tickets. Winners may be absent at drawing.**

## ***Cook County Jail Ministry Dinner***

ABCMC's Cook County Jail Ministry will host its fall dinner and fund-raising event on Saturday, **November 3, 2007**. The event will take place at the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 820 Ontario Street, Oak Park.

There will be a time of fellowship from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner and a program will follow. The meal will be a Thanksgiving style dinner by Lee & Eddie's Catering.

The cost will be \$15 per adult, and \$5 per child. A table will be \$100. All tickets will be purchased at the door.

Free parking will be available just south of First Baptist Church at the Oak Park Public Library. Enter Library Parking from Lake Street (parallel to and one block south of Ontario Street). Turn your parking slip in at the CCJM reception desk, and you will be given a paid one.

Come and share this special evening, which will include testimonies and good Christian music. A free will offering for the Jail Ministry will be taken. Let's all support this important ministry.

## ***Thinking Theologically***

ABCMC's Executive Minister Larry Greenfield writes a fortnightly column for Protestants for the Common Good. His latest column is attached to this issue of *eWind*. Alternatively, you may click on [http://thecommongood.org/showfile.asp?file=6\\_21/tt.html](http://thecommongood.org/showfile.asp?file=6_21/tt.html) to access Larry's column on the PCG web site.

## ***ABCMC Music Festival***

All ABCMC member churches are cordially invited to participate in ABCMC's First Annual Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival.

This event will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. The purpose of this event is for the ABCMC family to joyfully welcome the Christmas/Advent Season through music and song.

Each participating church will have the opportunity to perform musically for approximately 10-12 minutes. Performances can include solo and/or group vocal and/or instrumental presentations, as well as praise dancing. Adult's and children's choirs are particularly encouraged to participate.

All performers and all members of the audience will begin the afternoon by singing together some of the Christmas season's well-known hymns and carols. Then the performances from individual ABCMC churches will take place. Following all churches' musical performances, the afternoon will conclude with a mass singing (involving the performers and the audience, of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

While no admission cost will be charged for the event, there will be a free will offering to benefit ABCMC.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline for an ABCMC member church to reserve a place as a performing church in the December 8 Christmas/Advent season Music Festival is FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007.

Any ABCMC member church interested in participating in this event is asked to immediately contact Lowell Young, ABCMC Mission Support Associate, at 773-370-2003 or [younglowell@aol.com](mailto:younglowell@aol.com).

## ***Let's Go to Ghana!***

As part of ABCMC's on-going commitment to our partnership with the Ghana Baptist Convention, we are organizing our annual Mission Partnership Trip to Ghana for \*May 12-25, 2008.\* The approximate cost is \*\$2500\*. We are encouraging participation from both first time travelers to Ghana and representatives from churches who have sister church relationships.

Our time of learning and serving with our Mission Partners will be structured in such a way that representatives of sister churches will have opportunity to spend time on site with their respective partners. This is an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the Ghana Baptist Convention and be renewed and challenged by the vibrancy and energy of God's people in Ghana.

If you are interested in traveling, please let contact the Reverend Joanne Lindstrom (773-538-4378 or [kjoanne@ameritech.net](mailto:kjoanne@ameritech.net)) by October 20.

A deposit of \$200 is due by \*November 1\* payable to American Baptist Churches Metro Chicago, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Suite 240, Chicago, IL 60631(in the memo line: Ghana Trip 2008)

## ***World Mission Offering***

American Baptist congregations *usually* take the World Mission Offering, which supports our international ministries, in October. It's getting to be that time of year.

This year American Baptists in Metro Chicago can designate their World Mission Offering to the Baptist mission work in Ghana. It is a way of honoring our special partnership with the Ghana Baptist Convention, its churches, its schools and its ministries.

We can even choose one or more of three projects:

1) The **Frankadua Vocational Training Center**, which buys children--largely girls--out of slavery from tribal priests in rural areas, provides these kids training in a vocation (usually dressmaking, weaving, and carpentry), and upon graduation gives them the equipment (a sewing machine, a loom, a set of tools) and some up-front cash to get started in the vocation.

2) The **Rural Church Building Project**, which provides funds so that new churches can buy land and construct a building for their ministries. The total cost ranges between \$5,000 and \$7,000. With their own facilities, churches will not be under constant threats of harassment, escalating costs, and ejection they may experience when they rent from the government or private owners.

3) The Support for Women Seminarians Initiative, which provides scholarships for women, growing numbers of whom are accepting the call to ministry, but often don't get the kind of financial aid from their local congregations to complete their seminary training. (Approximately

\$700 will cover the costs of a student for a year.)

With God's guidance, through the World Mission Offering this year, we American Baptists in the Chicago area can make a tremendous difference for persons in Ghana and elsewhere. Please give serious prayer and thought to your gift to the 2007 World Mission Offering.

## **NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS**

### ***Choir Concert at Second Baptist Church of Wheaton***

The Mass Choir's of Second Baptist Church of Wheaton where the Sr. Pastor is Rev. Andre Allen will host its annual fall concert on Saturday October 27th at 6:00 p.m. The Mass Choir has been lifting the name of Jesus for 27 years and is still on the battlefield for the Lord. Our special guests are Wheaton College Gospel Choir and De Paul University (Chicago-Lincoln Park Campus) Gospel Choir. The Wheaton College Gospel Choir has been singing for over 20 years and the De Paul University Gospel Choir has been singing for over 13 years. Both choirs are comprised of college students who want to continue serving God and ministering to others while pursuing a higher education. Everyone is invited. Admission is FREE. This program is in support of the College Fund of Second Baptist Church of Wheaton.

### ***North Shore Second Sunday Series: November***

The November concert of the North Shore Second Sunday Series will take place at North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 11. The concert will feature The Mosaic Trio.

The Mosaic Trio, representing musicians from the Chicago Classical Oriental Ensemble, performs traditional instrumental music from the Arabic, Sephardic, Egyptian, Levantine, Turkish, and Armenian repertoire. The core of the Mosaic Trio consists of Hicham Chami, who plays the qanun, Kim Sopata, flute and Egyptian nay, and Doug Brush, percussion.

## **ABCUSA NEWS**

For additional articles from the American Baptist News Service, please visit <http://www.abc-usa.org/whoweare/newsservice/newsservice.aspx>.

### ***Prayer Request for Family and Co-workers of Martyred Bible Society Worker in Gaza***

From the Baptist World Alliance (BWA): Rami Ayyad, a member of the Gaza Baptist Church in Palestine and the manager of the Bible Society bookstore in Gaza, was found murdered Sunday morning, October 7. Ayyad went missing the previous day after closing the bookstore he managed.

Hanna Massad, pastor of Gaza Baptist Church, called the father of two a martyr and claimed Ayyad "Was under severe pressure to leave his faith and convert to another faith; but he refused and he was willing to pay the ultimate price – his own life."

In informing the Baptist World Alliance of the incident, Massad said that "Even though we are proud of Rami's faithfulness, we are nevertheless going through a very difficult time."

The Gaza Bible Society, which is run by Massad's wife, Suhad, has been attacked several times in the recent past. On April 15, the building was damaged by a bomb blast. The bombers first kidnapped the security guard, took him to another area of the city and beat him before setting off the bomb at the Bible Society building. The Society was previously attacked in 2006 when two pipe bombs exploded, damaging the building.

Massad indicated that "The Bible Society team will need to leave Gaza for a while."

Ayyad, buried on October 7, but for whom a memorial service was held at the Gaza Baptist Church on Sunday morning, October 14, leaves wife Pauline who is four months pregnant, and sons, two and a half year old George and ten-month old Wetham. Ayyad would have turned 30 on October 23.

- Pray for God's comfort and strength for Pauline Ayyad and her children.
- Pray for God's guidance and direction for Pastor Hanna Massad and the congregation of the Gaza Baptist Church.

### ***Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant***

**Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant** will take place January 30-February 1, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia. There is no conference registration fee. All conference information and links to register and to reserve lodging may be found on this page:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/NewBaptistCovenant108.aspx>.

The American Baptist Churches USA will sponsor a breakfast free of charge for American Baptist conference participants on Saturday, February 2, at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. The speaker will be Neville Callum, Baptist World Alliance General Secretary. BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. The registration form can be found in the conference section of the Ministers Council website or go directly to this link:<https://www.bimwebport.org/etrakwebapp/meetings.aspx?DirectLink=ATLBKFT> .

### ***BJC's Brent Walker Attends Dalai Lama's Medal Ceremony, Responds to Leader's Thoughts on Major Religious Traditions***



In his post for *On Faith* this week, Baptist Joint Committee Executive Director Brent Walker wrote that although he believes the major world religions, at their best, embody the principles of love, compassion and forgiveness, that is not to say all religions are the same or to gloss over significant differences among them.

In his post, Walker responded to this question on *The Washington Post*, *Newseek* magazine online forum:

**The Dalai Lama says 'All major religious traditions carry basically the same message: That is love, compassion and forgiveness.' Do you agree?**

Yes, but with few caveats, Walker replied.

"It is important to realize that love, compassion and forgiveness are virtues that are inherently related to and in tension with counterparts," Walker wrote.

"For example, many Christians are taught that **love** for God and one another must not dissuade us from actively hating sin itself. Our **compassion** for the downtrodden and those who suffer often requires us to engage in confrontation. **Forgiveness** (even seventy times seven) does not mean that we never make judgments — condemning injustices or seeking to hold one another accountable in churches, synagogues, mosques and other holy places," Walker wrote.

Walker attended the ceremony Wednesday in the Capitol Rotunda when the religious leader received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush.

To read the entire post, please visit the [On Faith](#) Web site.

The interactive forum is an online conversation on religion and its implications led by *Newsweek's* managing editor, Jon Meacham, and author and journalist, Sally Quinn.

## ***Sumner Grant Announces Consolidation of MMBB Mission Center Functions in New York***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/04/07)** — Dr. Sumner M. Grant, executive director of The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB), has announced the consolidation of a number of MMBB functions that historically have been performed at the Mission Center. These will be transferred to the New York office effective December 31, 2007. The change will result in greater efficiencies and cost effectiveness in serving MMBB's plan members and employers. MMBB will maintain a limited presence at the ABCUSA Mission Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Kenneth Stout, MMBB's regional representative for Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, based in Fairlawn, NJ, will become the regional representative for Mission Center staff. Other MMBB staff transitions will be announced at a later date.

Commenting on the transition, Grant said, "MMBB values its long presence at the Mission Center and its employees who have faithfully served ABCUSA personnel for over 42 years. The ready availability of regional representatives and improvements in technology have made the full staffing of a separate office unnecessary. Though change is difficult, we believe that the reallocation of these resources to an increased number of regional representatives will enable MMBB to more equitably serve all of our members.

As always, members and employers may call MMBB, toll-free, at 800-986-6222 with benefits questions.

## ***New Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Lauds American Baptists for "Deep Respect" toward Others***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/04/07)** — Recently elected General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), Dr. Neville Callam visited the American Baptist Churches Valley Forge Mission Center today as one stop on his 18-city, 'introductory tour' to North American Baptists.

In meetings with American Baptist leaders and laypeople alike, Callam noted that, "American Baptists are viewed by Baptists in other countries as true partners who engage in ministry and mission with a deep respect for everyone – no matter their ethnicity, origins or religious affiliation."

"It is our great pleasure to host Dr. Callam here in Valley Forge," said American Baptist General Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley. "We look forward to his inspiring leadership within the Baptist family and his representation of Baptist concerns and interests on the world stage."

In a luncheon address to staff and visitors, Callam helped to define what the BWA is. "We are Baptists coming together from different contexts to bridge the divide and to reach out in expressions of unity and fellowship. We are not an institution, an organization, a structure, a bureaucracy. Rather, we are people reaching out to other people wherever they are."

Callam, who assumed office on September 1, 2007, is the first non-North American, non-

European elected to the post. The Harvard-trained Christian ethicist was the youngest president of the Jamaican Baptist Union and has also served as the director of Jamaican Public Television. Callam began his work with the BWA over 20 years ago, serving on numerous committees, commissions and workgroups. Most recently, he served as the international body's vice president from 2000-2005.

## ***International Ministries Premieres God @ Work Missionary Video Series***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/11/07)** — International Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA announced that a new series of videos on mission around the world is now available! GOD @ WORK , a series of short videos on a single missionary or missionary couple, is now available through the website of International Ministries.

"We are pleased to be able to make these wonderful video presentations available for viewing and download by request to the public and especially to the many supporters of these servants around the world," said Dr. Reid Trulson, executive director of International Ministries.

Each GOD @ WORK video is a stand alone piece, lasting less than three minutes. The short videos profile the work of a missionary and include ministry presentations and up-close and personal interviews. Presently 28 videos are available on the International Ministries website, with several more to be posted in the near future.

Some of the videos had been available in limited release as part of the DVD package with the World Mission Offering materials, available to churches now through Judson Press. (call 1-800-458-3766).

"Churches can now enjoy these videos on demand all year round and not just with a special DVD," said Trulson.

The public may watch the videos online, (go to <http://www.internationalministries.org/videos/GodAtWork/>), or may email [GodatWork@internationalministries.org](mailto:GodatWork@internationalministries.org) to get a download of a video.

## **PEACE NEWS**

### ***Fall Out Against the War***

*This information is from web sites of several organizations involved in the nation-wide demonstration against war on October 27. These sites include United for Peace and Justice at <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/> and the web site for the event <http://www.oct27chicago.org/>, as well as Chicago will be one of the locations for this event. More than 100 organizations and elected officials have endorsed this event. A flier about the event is attached to this issue of eWind.*

Momentum is building toward Saturday, October 27th -- from [Orlando](#) to [Seattle](#), from [New York](#) to [New Orleans](#). On that day, people from all walks of life will gather in 11 cities around the country, including Chicago, in a national expression of the breadth and depth of antiwar sentiment in this nation. For many people, it will be their first step in transforming their antiwar feelings into antiwar action. Regional actions will enable much larger numbers of people to participate.

People everywhere want the war to end, but Washington has failed to take decisive action. With each passing month, the Iraq disaster claims the lives of nearly 100 service people and countless Iraqis as it drains 12 billion of our tax-dollars. Our communities are neglected and suffer the consequences.

On October 27th, the people will speak: We want this war to end, and we want it to end now!

The event in Chicago will be region-wide, with participants coming from across the United States. It will take place on Saturday, October 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The schedule for the Chicago event appears below:

#### **RALLY AND MARCH TIMES:**

11am-1pm: Local feeder marches

1:30 p.m.: The first rally begins in Union Park (Ashland & Lake)

3:00 p.m.: March toward the Loop

4:00 p.m.: Second rally begins in Federal Plaza (Adams & Dearborn)

6:00 p.m.: Rally ends

The rallies will involve speakers and music. This will be an important opportunity for folks from our area and beyond to express their opposition to continuing the war in Iraq. It will also afford participants an opportunity to meet and be in fellowship with others of like mind.

### ***Get On the Bus for Peace - October 27th:***

*This invitation is from the West Suburban Faith-Based Peace Coalition.*

Dear Peace and Justice Supporters,

**On Oct. 27th there'll be a *huge* regional Peace Rally & March against the War in Iraq - in Chicago.** See Attached Flyer for Bus details

People from eight midwestern states are organizing bus caravans and peace trains to Chicago for this event. Chicago will be one of eleven regional mobilizations nationally - seeking to mobilize 2 million people on that single day - calling for the end of the War in Iraq. The Chicago area organizing committee represents the broadest coalition in the peace movement since the Vietnam War -- with 120 groups and growing daily.

**West suburban churches and peace & justice groups are organizing buses from key suburban sites - to help mobilize as many people as possible for this historic Peace Rally & March. *\*\*See Attached Flyer for Bus Details\*\****

**We have buses lined up at the following sites:**

- LOMBARD:** \$7, Lombard Mennonite Church,  
contact Dave at [davemartin777@comcast.net](mailto:davemartin777@comcast.net) or 630-768-9305
- WHEATON:** \$5, Gary United Methodist Church,  
contact Tony at [tonyasta@ameritech.net](mailto:tonyasta@ameritech.net) or 708-705-8669
- ELGIN:** \$7, Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren,  
contact Bettina at [bettinaperillo@yahoo.com](mailto:bettinaperillo@yahoo.com) or 847-695-0455
- LAGRANGE:** \$5, First Congregational Church of LaGrange  
contact Marlene at [mschemmel@csjoseph.org](mailto:mschemmel@csjoseph.org) or 708-482-5088
- MAYWOOD:** \$5, St. Eulalia Catholic Church,  
contact Pat at [paKeenan0731@yahoo.com](mailto:paKeenan0731@yahoo.com) or 630-620-7969
- DEKALB:** \$10, Unitarian Universalist Church in DeKalb  
contact Dan at [dkenney53@hotmail.com](mailto:dkenney53@hotmail.com) or 815-793-0950

BUSES WILL FILL QUICKLY. CALL ASAP TO BE ASSURED A SEAT.

**The Bus Plan:**

Buses will pick people up at west suburban sites (above) and drop riders off at Union Park (Ashland & Lake St. in Chicago). There's a 1:30 Rally at Union Park, followed by a 3:00 March to Federal Plaza in the loop, ending with a 4-6 pm Rally at Federal Plaza. Following the Federal Plaza Rally, riders will re-board buses near the Federal Plaza Rally, returning to their original sites. Note: After the 1:30 Union Park Rally, those not able to walk to Federal Plaza - can ride their bus to the Federal Plaza downtown.

We encourage everyone to get on the bus - especially those who've never attended a public peace rally before. Recruit your friends, neighbors and family members to come along. Let's make this the largest national peace mobilization in our nation's history. We need to make it unquestionably clear - that the people of the U.S. want the Iraq War ended now!

Another email with full bus details will be sent out in the next couple days. Please Watch for more details. For more information on the October 27 Demonstration, check out the Chicago Mobilization website [oct27chicago.org](http://oct27chicago.org) For more detailed West Suburban Bus Info, see [www.faithpeace.org](http://www.faithpeace.org)

**Donations Welcome:**

**If you cannot attend, but can offer financial support - please mail a check payable to WSFPC to: WSFPC, 115 E. Memorial Rd, Bensenville, IL 60106. Please write 'Oct.27 Bus' in the memo line.**

Let's turn out in huge numbers. It will take all of us TOGETHER to stop this war.

In Peace,

-Dave Martin, Coordinator

West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition (see co-sponsors below)

The Oct.27 west suburban bus initiative is co-sponsored by:

West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition, DuPage Peace Thru Justice Coalition, DuPage Against War Now, Pax Christi DuPage, Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice, DeKalb Interfaith Network for Peace, Lombard Mennonite Church Peace Committee, Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren, and others. (list in formation)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **SUNDAY! Chicago CROP Hunger Walk October 21**

It's not too late to sign up for this year's CROP walk in Chicago, which will take place on Sunday, October 21. It will start at the Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted, Chicago, on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Please visit <http://www.chicagocropwalk.org/> for more information. Registration at the kick-off site will open at 12:45 p.m.

If you go, please bring along some non-perishable food items for the Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation.

UIC parking will be available on the east side of Halsted (across from the Student Center East) between Polk and Taylor Streets.

The program of the day will involve much fun and entertainment, in addition to the walk itself. Bring along a lunch, and enjoy activities prior to the walk.

A silent auction will take place from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. You may bid on items before and after

the walk.

A concert by Last Minute Music will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

A send-off program will commence at 2 p.m.

The walk will step off at 2:15 p.m. The route will take participants on a beautiful 10k walk to the Loop--through the Millennium Park--with rest stops and snacks along the way. Also along the way, walkers will be entertained by the St. Mel Providence High School Spirit Band.

Walkers will return to the starting point. The Jesse White Tumblers will provide entertainment for all at 4:30 p.m.

## **SUNDAY! Dream for Darfur Olympic Torch Relay**

*This invitation is from the Chicago Coalition to Save Darfur.*

Join us for the Chicago leg of the Dream for Darfur Olympic Torch Relay, an event organized by the Chicago Coalition to Save Darfur to remind China, host of the 2008 Summer Olympics, of its power to bring peace to the people of Darfur.

**What:** Dream for Darfur Olympic Torch Relay

**When:** Sunday, October 21, 1:00 pm

**Where:** Outdoor Plaza of Chicago's Episcopal Diocese Center, 65 E. Huron (corner of Rush and Huron)

The Dream for Darfur Olympic Torch Relay is symbolic relay from Darfur to China. We lit the first torch this August in eastern Chad, across the border from Darfur. It has since traveled to Rwanda and Armenia and will continue to other places affected by genocide.

The U.S. leg of the Relay kicked off in New York City on September 9. The torch will come to Chicago on October 21, continuing on to more than 60 cities across the United States, ending in Washington, D.C. on World Human Rights Day.

The Chicago leg will feature:

- Testimonies from refugees from Darfur and representatives from other communities affected by genocide, including Loul Deng, Sudanese refugee and Chicago Bull.
- Remarks from elected officials and representatives from local human rights and faith communities
- The Jesse White Tumblers
- Musician Trevor Menear from Amnesty International's "Instant Karma" benefit album
- Free ice cream from our committed allies, Ben & Jerry's!

For complete details and updates, please [click here](#).

## **MINISTERS COUNCIL**

### ***Together in Ministry Grants for 2008***

*This information is from the Ministers Council of the ABCUSA.*

1. October 31 is the deadline for the national office to receive applications for 2008 TIM grants. The applications are to be reviewed by constituent Council leadership before mailing them

to the national office. The application process is explained:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/08ApplicationProcess.aspx>

2. Application forms may be completed online here and printed (please print and retain a copy for yourself) for sending to the constituent Council for their review:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/2008Application.aspx>

3. Many Ministers Councils and regions are seeking ways to connect and support pastoral leaders. The Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware has just submitted a proposal for Together in Ministry funding for a project that will endeavor to serve those ends. Perhaps your Ministers Council would be interested in a similar project. Funding is available immediately. ABCOPAD leadership is willing to share their model. Other such creative proposals are most

welcome. <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/PADEModel07.aspx>

4. The new option for TIM group formation initiates pastoral leader-laity groups focused on faith practices. A model for Pastor-Youth Covenant Group on Practices has been presented by Gregg Sneller from Portland:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/documents/AncientPracticesYouth.pdf>

5. Some TIM groups have inquired about what other groups are doing. Various resource lists for groups and individual have been

compiled. <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/OnLineManual/ResourceListforClergy.aspx>

6. The Lilly Endowment's Sustaining Pastoral Excellence newsletter for October includes a sermon by Kate Harvey, "Good to Go: Collected, Connected, Commissioned."

<http://www.divinity.duke.edu/programs/spe/>

## ***Encouragement for Advent***

**Ministers, will you begin the new church year with a sense of personal spiritual renewal? This year the ABCMC Ministers Council offers an opportunity to begin Advent not as an overwhelmingly busy season, but as a time for refreshment, hope and revitalization.**

Ross Peterson, Executive Director of the Midwest Ministry Development Service, will lead a workshop on the theme "Encouragement for Advent." It will take place on Friday, November 9 (the day before ABCMC's Annual Meeting) at the First Baptist Church of La Grange, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange. The gathering will begin with lunch at noon, and continue until 3 p.m. All ABCMC Professional Church Leaders are invited.

## **BOOK NOOK**

### ***October is Clergy Appreciation Month***

*This reminder is from Judson Press, [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com).*

*Don't forget to acknowledge your pastor's hard work and dedication! Judson Press has a number of inspiring and practical titles sure to be appreciated by your church leader. Consider one of these popular resources!*

**Self-Care:**

[\*Rest in the Storm: Self-Care Strategies for Clergy and Other Caregivers\*](#)

[\*Addicted to Hurry: Spiritual Strategies for Slowing Down\*](#)

**Devotionals:**

[Steal Away: Devotions for Baseball Fans](#)

[What did Jesus Say? A Daily Devotional Journal](#)

[Sister to Sister Gift Set](#)

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for the family and colleagues of Rami Ayyad, a member of the Gaza Baptist Church in Palestine and the manager of the Bible Society bookstore in Gaza. He was found murdered Sunday morning, October 7.

Please hold in prayer Rev. Diane Pomeroy and her husband, Rev. George Pomeroy as they begin a transition back to their native New England. Diane, pastor of Community Baptist Church in Warrneville, has been called to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Her last Sunday at Community Baptist will be October 28. Her first Sunday at First Baptist will be December 2. We thank God for Diane's eleven years of ministry in ABCMC.

Please keep in prayer the members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Maywood in this time of congregational transition.

Please join Christians in Burma as they pray for peace and the release of detainees.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Adalia and Ray Schellinger in Mexico, where they work with women who are in extreme need.

## CALENDAR

**SATURDAY! October 20**--Family Cabinet meeting, ABCMC office, 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY! October 21**--Children's Sabbath.

**SUNDAY! October 21**--Chicago CROP Walk, beginning from 750 S. Halsted, Chicago. Registration opens, 12:45 p.m.; Concert by Last Minute Music, 1 p.m.; Silent Auction, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Walk, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; Close, 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY! October 21**--Dream for Darfur Olympic Torch Relay, Outdoor Plaza of Chicago's Episcopal Diocese Center, 65 E. Huron (corner of Rush and Huron), Chicago, 1 p.m.

**October 25**--Family Matters Fall Benefit, Mid-Day Club, 21 S. Clark Street, 56th Floor, Chicago, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Garage parking will be available at 172 W. Madison

**November 2**--West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition Peace Talk and Potluck, Union Church of Hinsdale (UCC), Upper Floor Kitchen Classroom, 137 Garfield, Hinsdale. Potluck at 6:30 p.m.; program and conversation at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please email [wsfpc@comcast.net](mailto:wsfpc@comcast.net) or call 630-768-9305.

**November 2-4**--Healthcare Sabbath

**November 3**-- Cook County Jail Ministry fall dinner and fund raiser, First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 820 Ontario, Oak Park, 6 p.m.

**November 9**--Ministers Council program, "Encouragement for Advent," First Baptist Church, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange.

**November 9**--Deadline for churches to register to perform at ABCMC's Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival on December 8.

**November 10**--ABCMC Annual Meeting at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**November 11**--The Mosaic Trio, North Shore Second Sunday Series, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2 p.m.

**November 18**--Larry Greenfield preaches at First Baptist Church, 21 N. Catherine, La Grange, observing ABCMC Sunday.

**November 20**--Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

**December 8**--ABCMC's First Annual Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 2 p.m.

**December 15**--Family Cabinet meeting, ABCMC office, 9:30 a.m.

**December 17**--Finance and Property Committee meeting, 3 p.m., ABCMC office.

**January 30-February 1, 2008**--New Baptist Covenant Celebration, Atlanta, Georgia. Please visit [www.newbaptistcovenant.org](http://www.newbaptistcovenant.org) for more information.

**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

**June 21, 2008**--ABCMC's Third Annual Disciples' Dinner, Lindner Conference Center, Lombard. Aids and Wright-Riggins, Executive Director of ABCUSA's National Ministries will be our keynote speaker.

**July 14-19, 2008**--Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Peace Camp. Please visit [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org) for more information.

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