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## ***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

October 24, 2007

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge the Lord, and the Lord will make straight your paths.  
Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.  
It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.  
Proverbs 3:5-8

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# ABCMC NEWS

## *Preview of a Coming Attraction*

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 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).

## **TOMORROW!** *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, extension 113

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.

## ***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).

## **NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS**

### ***Wonderful New Life***

Rev. Rich Landers, Associate Minister and Hyde Park Union Church, and his wife, Rev. Andrea White, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago Divinity School, along with their daughter Mara Landers, have welcomed a new wee one into their family. Chloe Catarina Landers was born at 1:08 p.m. on Friday, October 12. Chloe, who was born the day after big sister Mara's third birthday, weighed in at a petite 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long. We congratulate the White/Landers family! And we welcome Chloe to the ABCMC family.

### ***Retreat at Camp Grow***

A group of women from the Federated Church of Wauconda had a delightful retreat experience at ABCMC's Camp Grow this past weekend. Wisconsin, where our camp is located, is a beautiful place to spend time in the fall. The women, whose ages, and life experiences covered a wide range, enjoyed their time at the camp, and were thrilled with the good food and hospitality they experienced there.

The trip home was a little more exciting than the ladies expected, because the church van broke down along the way. The passengers went to a nearby fast food restaurant, where they continued to enjoy the fellowship of the weekend. Meanwhile, volunteers from the church swiftly went to work, traveled to where the ladies were waiting, and drove everybody home to Wauconda.

This was the first time the women from Federated Church had had such an event. But they hope it won't be the last.

You might want to consider Camp Grow as a retreat site for groups from your church. Camp Grow now has some year-round facilities, not just the unheated cabins for summer campers. Camp director Paul Ethington is always happy to welcome folks from ABCMC congregations. For information about having a retreat at Camp Grow, send him an email at [paul@campgrow.org](mailto:paul@campgrow.org).

### ***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>.

### ***Travel to Africa with American Baptist Leaders***

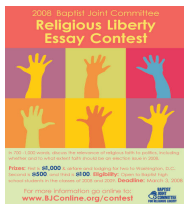
VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/17/07) — Today, American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) unveils a new blog that will follow American Baptist leaders through a two-week visit to Africa.

The blog will provide on-the-spot reflections, experiences and images as the group visits with International Ministries (IM) missionaries serving as Christ's hands and feet to some of the poorest parts of the world. The group will meet as well with their national counterparts, congregations and government leaders to see first-hand the faces of our neighbors, of our brothers and sisters in Christ, who live in economic jeopardy. You can find the blog at <http://abc-usa.blogspot.com/>.

This visit was organized by IM's area director for Africa, Rev. Eleazar O. Zihherabere to connect with fellow Baptists in Africa, including the Baptist Community of Congo, the Baptist Convention of Zambia and the Baptist Convention of South Africa. On the trip are: Rev. Dr. Reid Trulson, IM executive director; Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, National Ministries executive director; Rev. Sumner M. Grant, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) executive director; Virginia Holmstrom, American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) executive director; and Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, ABCUSA general secretary. All will make contributions to the blog.

ABCUSA has a long history of service to the world through IM – dating back to the Judsons' mission to Burma in 1814. Today, however, ABCUSA recognizes that it needs to work in concert with various organizations and governments to bring desperately needed help and hope to all corners of the world. The denomination continues to press governments around the world to recognize and grant basic rights to the poor. ABCUSA has also been a pioneer and a developer of programs and resources tackling the ravages of poverty among the poorest of the poor – whether in the United States through National Ministries or overseas with IM.

### ***March 3 Deadline for Religious Liberty Essay Contest***



WASHINGTON—To engage high school students in church-state issues and to generate interest from a wide range of Baptists, the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty has launched the 2008 Religious Liberty Essay Contest.

Open to all Baptist high school students in the classes of 2008 and 2009, the contest offers a grand prize of **\$1,000** and airfare and lodging for two to Washington, D.C. Second prize is **\$500**, and third prize is **\$100**.

Winners will be announced in the summer of 2008 and will be featured in the BJC's flagship publication, *Report from the Capital*. The grand prize winner will also be recognized at the BJC board meeting in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 6.

**The topic for the 2008 contest is: In a 700-1000 word essay, discuss the relevance of religious faith to politics, including whether and to what extent faith should be an election issue in 2008. All entries must be postmarked by March 3, 2008.**

New to the 2008 contest, students must have a submission coordinator review his or her essay before submitting it. Coordinators must be a staff member from the student's home church and cannot be a parent. The coordinator reviews the essay to ensure that it meets all the necessary requirements, is free of typographical and grammatical errors and appropriately addresses the topic. A submission coordinator may work with more than one student.

Essays will be judged on the depth of their content and the skill with which they are written. Students should demonstrate a sound knowledge of the subject matter and support their assertions and provide bibliographical references. Essays that do not meet the minimum qualifications will not be judged. Judges reserve the right to present no awards or to reduce the number of awards if an insufficient number of deserving entries are received.

Completed essays and registration forms should be mailed to: Attn: Baptist Joint Committee Essay Contest 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002.

Visit [the BJC's Web site](#) to download registration materials. For more information, contact Phallan Davis at 202-544-4226 or e-mail her at [pdavis@bjconline.org](mailto:pdavis@bjconline.org)

Click [here](#) to download a registration form.

Click [here](#) to download a coordinator form.

Click [here](#) to download a promotional flier.

## ***Native American Spirituality-Bacone Hosts National Conference***

Muskogee, OK--Chief Ken Adams, Rev. David Flick, Rev. John Confer, Rev. David Wilson, Rev. Wil Brown, Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan Jr. will be lecturing during five sessions at Lucy Peters Hall on Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2007.

The Native American Spirituality Conference kicks off at 11am on Tuesday Oct. 30, 2007 at Bacone Hour inside Bacone's Chapel where President, Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan Jr. will speak. At 7pm, Rev. Kyle Taylor will lead worship service at Lucy Peters with a special appearance by the Bacone College Native American Song and Dance club.

Session 1, *How It All Started- The Settlers and the Upper Mattaponi* begins at 9am on Wednesday Oct. 31, 2007. At 10:30am, Session 2, *Theology-The Clash of Beliefs*, will be presented. Then Rev. Wil Brown, Dean of Students and College Chaplain, will lead Session 3 *Towards a Solution-The American Baptist Churches, USA*. To close out the day Rev. John Confer from Mashpee, MA, will provide the evening message, *God's Passion for Native People*.

On Thursday, November 1, 2007, Session 4 *Moving Towards A Solution-The United Methodist Church* will begin at 9am. Followed by Session 5 *Moving Towards a Solution-Bacone College*, which will conclude with a panel discussion.

For more details please call Kyle Taylor, Director of Native American Student Programs at 918-781-7414.

## ***More than a Week***

The theme of the **2008 National Gathering of American Baptist Youth** will be "More than a Week"--MtW. The five-day conference will take place July 5-11, 2008 in Estes Park, Colorado. This not-to-be-missed event happens only every four years. Make sure that the youth of your congregation will be there.

This event, in a beautiful setting in the Rocky Mountains, will have the sound of music everywhere with a house band at Bible studies and worship services, American Baptist musicians as guest artists and THREE CONCERTS featuring gospel music's premier artists. These concerts will be by Christian bands The Katinas, Stellar Kart and Da' T.R.U.T.H.

Challenging and entertaining speakers will include Duffy Robbins, professor of youth Ministry, Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania; Yamina Apolinaris, executive director, Corporacion Milagros del Amor, Puerto Rico; Emmett Dun, youth department director, Baptist World Alliance; and Eboni Marshall, assistant minister for youth, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City.

For more information and online registration, please visit [www.morethanaweek.org](http://www.morethanaweek.org).

## **PEACE NEWS**

### ***Peace Rally October 27 in Chicago***

*This invitation is from the Chicago Lawyers Contingent vs Iraq War.*

# Join Us in Chicago!

Saturday

## OCTOBER 27th

1:30 p.m. Union Park Rally

2:30 p.m. March to Loop

4:00 p.m. Federal Plaza Rally

to call upon our government to:

**BRING ALL OUR TROOPS HOME NOW!  
STOP THE VIOLENCE AT HOME & ABROAD; NO WIDER WARS!  
DEFEND OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES & IMMIGRANT RIGHTS!  
FUND HUMAN NEEDS, NOT THE WAR!**

**Why will we take a stand?**

**"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. ...Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."**--Frederick Douglass

**Who is going to be there?**

People who are in groups like African American Alliance for Peace & Justice, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Jobs with Justice, Protestants for the Common Good, Women for Peace, United Electrical Workers Union, Centro Sin Fronteras, American Friends Service Committee, Code

Pink, The Woodlawn Organization, Teachers for Social Justice, SEIU, Campus Antiwar Network, Familias Unidas, Christian Peacemakers, NAACP, National Organization for Women, Alliance for Retired Americans, Adapt, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Citizen Action, Green Party, Progressive Democrats of America, Healthcare for All Illinois, Pax Christi, South Austin Coalition, United Auto Workers Union, Vets for Peace, Faculty Against War, Women for Democracy and Fair Elections, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Peace Action, Potluck Democracy, Voices for Creative Nonviolence, ANSWER, World Can't Wait, IBEW, Illinois Coalition of Refugee & Immigrant Rights, Progressive Democrats of America, Students for Social Justice, UNITE-HERE, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, U.S. Labor Against the War, AWARE, Chicagoans Against War & Injustice, DSA, Fellowship of Reconciliation, UFPJ, Women's Action for New Directions, and many, many more **INCLUDING** innumerable Ward Organizations, neighborhood groups, interfaith organizations, suburban groups, school groups, individual churches from all around Chicago **AND** a large number of similar groupings from Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota and Downstate Illinois.

### **Who will be speaking?**

Confirmed so far: Rev. Ra Chaka, African-American Alliance for Peace & Justice, Project Organizer; Rep. John Conyers, Detroit, MI, Congressman; Rep. Danny Davis, 7th CD, IL, Congressman; Joan Davis, VVAW, Member; Rev. Leon Finney, The Woodlawn Organization, President; Dennis Gannon, Chicago Federation of Labor, President; Sheilah Garland-Olaniran, National Nurses Organizing Committee, Midwest Collective Bargaining Coordinator; Rep. Luis Gutierrez, 4th CD, IL, Congressman; Stacey Hafley, Military Families Speak Out-Midwest (MO, KS, OK, SIL), Chairperson; Rick Harris, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308, President; Raed Jarrar, Iraqi Political Analyst, Iraq Project Director, AFSC; Emma Lozano, Familias Unidas, Centro Sin Fronteras, President; George Martin, United for Peace & Justice, National Co-Chair; Michael McPhearson, Veterans for Peace, Executive Director; Joe Moore, 49th Ward, Alderman; Imam Malik Mujahid, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, Chairperson; Jorge Mujica, March 10 Immigration Rights Mobilization, Organizer; Rick Munoz, 22nd Ward, Alderman; David Newby, AFL-CIO State Council, Wisconsin, President; Camille Odeh, Southwest Youth Collaborative, Executive Director; Jorge Ramirez, Chicago Federation of Labor, Secretary-Treasurer; Cynthia Rodriguez, SEIU Local 73, Vice-President; Lynn Talbott, UNITE-HERE, International Vice-President, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, 9th CD, IL, Congressman.

### **How can we participate?**

We're coming as ourselves. If we are union members, we'll wear our union jackets. If we are businesspeople, we'll wear a suit. If we are hospital workers, we'll wear our lab coats. We'll carry signs that say whatever we have to say and identify ourselves however we want to identify ourselves. We'll take trains, buses, and cars (arrival and parking info below under Details & Tips.) We can endorse as a group, or just show up as an individual. We can gather our neighbors together and come up with a theme of our own.

### **Details & Tips**

**Parking** information is available on our website (upper left hand corner, under Resources, click on the appropriate maps.) To find parking places downtown you can go to [www.chicagoparking.com](http://www.chicagoparking.com) or [www.grantparking.com](http://www.grantparking.com).

**Union Park** is at 1501 W. Randolph. It borders Lake and Ashland Streets ([plus Washington, Ogden and Randolph). That intersection is served by the Green Line CTA train.

**March distance** is 1.7 miles. If you are unable to march, you can take the Green Line CTA train back downtown along with many others from the rally.

**CTA information** is available at [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com). That website includes information about accessibility and phone numbers you can call to confirm that **accessibility** elevators are functioning.

**Federal Plaza** is downtown at Adams and Dearborn. The plaza is located near the blue line subway. The event ends at 6:00 p.m.

**You could bring** water, pocket snacks, a cell phone and the cell phone numbers of others in your group. Your group might plan a place to meet at the end of the event in case you are separated. The police do not like it when you put your signs on poles that could be used as a weapon. Slat wood (like that used in snow fencing) is fine.

**Endorse** the event by contacting us at [oct27chicago@gmail.com](mailto:oct27chicago@gmail.com) or call us at **773-384-5799**. A \$50-100 contribution is encouraged (more if you can afford it.) Checks should be made to CAWI/Oct.27 and mailed to 3411 W. Diversey, #3, Chicago, IL 60647. Or you can make a secure contribution using the 'Donate' button on our web site.

**Additional information & updates** can be found at our website: [www.oct27chicago.org](http://www.oct27chicago.org). For events in 10 other cities coast-to-coast that day, go to [www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org)

SEE YOU THERE!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ***Campaign for Better Health Care--Annual Meeting***

*This invitation is from the Campaign for Better Health Care (CBHC).*

**CBHC 2007 ANNUAL MEETING**  
**- The Place to Be on November 20! -**

(<http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596578/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/issues/hcjc/annualmeeting07form.html>)Click here to reserve your tickets online today!

Whether you are working for health care reform full time or you are new to the issue and just want to learn more, CBHC's 11th Annual Meeting is the place to be.

More than 300 people - including national and state leaders - will come together to enjoy prominent speakers, in-depth panel discussions, good food and fun. This is a unique opportunity for you to network with health care reform leaders and learn more about how you can help advance health care justice in Illinois.

Tickets are going fast! Click here reserve yours online now!

(<http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596578/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/issues/hcjc/annualmeeting07form.html>)

Annual Meeting Details:

When: Tuesday, November 20, 2007 - 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (lunch provided!)

Where: Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N Orleans St, Chicago, IL

Who: You, your colleagues and friends! Participants will reflect diverse interests such as consumers, providers, advocacy and community organizations, labor, businesses, faith congregations, the media and more.

What:

Panel discussions moderated by Elizabeth Brackett, MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour

Speakers from faith and grassroots community organizations  
Business and health care round table  
Discussions with providers, labor, children's advocates and more  
Keynote address by a national political leader  
Awards luncheon  
Board elections

Join us for this important and fun event by registering  
(<http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596578/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/issues/hcjc/annualmeeting07form.html>) today!

Discounted and donated tickets are available  
Excellent sponsorship opportunities give your organization maximum exposure!

For details, download our sponsorship form  
([http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596577/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/documents/adb\\_book\\_orderform\\_AM2007.pdf%20](http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596577/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/documents/adb_book_orderform_AM2007.pdf%20)) and ad book size sheet  
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For more information, contact CBHC Annual Meeting Coordinator Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 or [kduffy@cbhconline.org](mailto:kduffy@cbhconline.org) (<mailto:kduffy@cbhconline.org?subject=>)

"YES, WE WILL make quality, affordable health care a reality for all!"

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Let's all join in prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for Chloe Landers, born on October 12. We share the joy of her dad, Rich Landers, her mom, Andrea White, and her sister, Mara Landers, as well as her church family at Hyde Park Union Church.

Please pray for world peace.

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 Warrenville, has been called to be pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Her last Sunday at Community Baptist will be this coming Sunday, 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 join ABCMC's leadership and staff in giving thanks for Douglas Galbraith, who has stepped in as our bookkeeper after a brief retirement. Please pray for Douglas as he deals with health concerns.

## CALENDAR

**TOMORROW! 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.

**SATURDAY! October 27**--Rally and March for Peace: 1:30 p.m. Union Park Rally; 2:30 p.m. March to Loop; 4:00 p.m. Federal Plaza Rally. See article for more information.

**SATURDAY! October 27**--Sing to Live Community Chorus Concert "It Takes a Village," Music

Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, 7:30 p.m. Reception to follow performance. Tickets available at the door.

**SUNDAY! October 28**--Sing to Live Community Chorus Concert "It Takes a Village," Pilgrim Congregational Church, 460 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois, 4 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

**October 30-November 1**--Native American Spirituality Conference, Bacone College. Please see article. For more information, please phone Kyle Taylor, Director of Native American Student Programs, 918-781-7414.

**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** 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.

**November 20**--Campaign for Better Health Care, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (lunch provided!), Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N Orleans St, Chicago. To register, go to (<http://e2ma.net/go/777465632/668492/23596578/goto:http://www.cbhconline.org/issues/hcjc/annualmeeting07form.html>)

**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. Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Executive Director of ABCUSA's National Ministries will be our keynote speaker.

**July 5-11, 2008**--**The National Gathering of American Baptist Youth**, Estes Park, Colorado, sponsored by National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA. For more information and registration, please visit [www.morethanaweek.org](http://www.morethanaweek.org).

**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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