

Metro Chicago eWind

Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)

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A SPECIAL FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHICAGO METRO REGION AND ABCMC CHURCHES

Below is information about a special fundraising opportunity for the Chicago Metro Region and ABCMC churches. As the attached information flyer describes, this special fundraising opportunity involves an ABCMC member church buying tickets for one or more De Paul University men's basketball home games at the discounted price of \$5.00 each and then selling these discounted tickets at the face value price of \$15.00 each, with the ABCMC member church keeping the resulting profits.

Last year, Irving Park Baptist Church participated in this project and realized a significant profit. This happened even though most Irving Park Baptist Church members were not sports or college basketball fans. However, the members of Irving Park Baptist Church clearly understood that their church would benefit from their efforts to sell game tickets at the face value price of \$15.00 each to their family, friends and business and work associates (as well as buying tickets for themselves). And so they did so enthusiastically. Oh, and by the way, those from the church who attended the game (and many were attending a De Paul men's college basketball game for the first time ever) ended up having a great time. In fact, things went so well last year that Irving Park Baptist Church already has decided to participate in this fundraiser in the 2007-08 season.

ABCMC churches are invited to follow the example of Irving Park Baptist Church and participate in this special fundraising opportunity this season. Make a decision to attend one or two of the De Paul men's basketball home games listed on the attached flyer; contact the De Paul ticket office and purchase your church's tickets at the discounted price of \$5.00 each; sell these discounted tickets for the face value price of \$15.00 each; and reap the profits.

PLEASE NOTE: The De Paul vs. Rutgers game on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 1:00 PM will be a fundraiser for the Chicago Metro Region. In order to succeed, this Regional fundraiser will need the support of ABCMC churches.

More specifically, the Chicago Metro Region will purchase a bloc of tickets at \$5.00 each for the 01/19/08 De Paul game vs. Rutgers. ABCMC churches will

be asked to purchase from 6 to 12 tickets for that game from the Region at the face value price of \$15.00 each and then to sell these tickets for the same face value price. This will result in the Region securing its profit, while each participating ABCMC church will get its original investment (ranging from \$90.00 to \$180.00) back in full!

Doing this not only will help the Chicago Metro Region, it will also help each participating ABCMC church lay the groundwork for success with its own De Paul fundraising game(s). In other words, since they will have experienced first hand the enjoyment and excitement of a De Paul men's college basketball game, the 6 to 12 individuals from a particular ABCMC church who attend the Rutgers game will be better able to encourage others from their church to attend their own church's De Paul fundraising game(s) and to promote the sale of tickets for those game(s).

ABCMC churches interested in supporting the Chicago Metro Region by purchasing 6-12 tickets for the January 19, 2008 De Paul vs. Rutgers game are asked to phone Lowell Young, ABCMC Mission Support Associate, at 773-370-2003 or to e-mail him at younglowell@aol.com

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISING
OPPORTUNITY
FOR AMERICAN BAPTIST
CHURCHES
OF METRO CHICAGO**

PURCHASE FROM 25 TO 200 TICKETS FOR SELECTED DE PAUL UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES FOR \$5.00 EACH; SELL THESE TICKETS FOR THE FACE VALUE PRICE OF \$15.00 EACH; YOUR CHURCH KEEPS THE RESULTING PROFITS!

The Available Games

Each participating ABCMC church may select the one game available in January 2008 and/or one of the two games available in February 2008.

JANUARY 2008

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 @ 7:30 PM vs. Syracuse
(The deadline to purchase tickets for this game is Friday, January 11, 2008)

FEBRUARY 2008

*Saturday, February 9, 2008 @ 1:00 PM vs. **University of South Florida***

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008 @ 8:00PM vs. **Louisville***

(The deadline to purchase tickets for one of the February games is Friday, Jan. 25, 2008)

(All De Paul men's basketball home games are played at the All State Arena in Rosemont, IL)

HURRY! Get your church's block of tickets while they are available! Each church may purchase a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 200 tickets for one or two of the available three games.

COME TO THE ALL STATE ARENA'S FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT AND EXPERIENCE THE ENJOYMENT AND EXCITEMENT OF DE PAUL MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL AND RAISE FROM \$250.00 TO \$4,000.00 FOR YOUR CHURCH!

For further information, please contact Lowell Young at 773-370-2003 or younglowell@aol.com. To order your church's tickets, please contact Jay Finnerty, De Paul University Director of Ticket Sales at 773-325-7544 or via e-mail at jfinner2@depaul.edu. (Please refer to **PROJECT 501**).