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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

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## ABCMC NEWS

### *Youth Event at FBC-Berwyn*

*Jesse Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, is sharing this information about preparations for the ABC youth gathering in Colorado this summer.*

We are having a Youth Event at the First Baptist Church of Berwyn on June 14 at 2 p.m. to raise the cost of bus transportation for the young people going to Estes Park, Colorado. The churches involved are: First Baptist-Berwyn, First Baptist-Chicago, First Baptist-Park Forest, North Shore, Beth Eden and 3rd Baptist. The program participants will be the young people from each church, and there will be a commissioning prayer by our Executive Minister.

If any of our churches would like to donate funds for this trip they can send them to FBC-Chicago, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, IL 60615, and make the check payable to First Baptist with the designation, **More Than A Week**. We will be leaving Chicago on July 4th.

ABCMC is paying for 33 teens to attend the National American Baptist Youth Event. We appreciate those gifts.

### **Only One More**

There is one paid spot still available for a young person wishing to go to the **More Than A Week** conference in Colorado. Those going will leave Chicago on July 4. If you are interested in filling this spot and going to this fantastic, life-changing conference, please contact Jesse Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, ASAP at [pastordude60304@yahoo.com](mailto:pastordude60304@yahoo.com).

### **Disciples Dinner**

**Please see the attached documents about the upcoming ABCMC Disciples' Dinner. Everything is due no later than May 31. Please print out and use these documents as appropriate to make reservations, sponsor the event, purchase an advertisement in the program booklet, nominate Daily Disciples, and nominate region-wide awardees.**

## **Disciples' Dinner III**

**American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago**

## **RADICAL DISCIPLES: THE CHALLENGE OF NOW**

**Saturday, June 21, 2008  
Lindner Conference Center**

(on the campus of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary)  
660 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard

5:30 p.m. Reception  
7 p.m. Dinner

**Featured Speaker: Rev. Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins**  
**Executive Director of National Ministries, ABCUSA**  
**Chief Executive Officer, Judson Press**

Reservations must be made and paid for in advance  
\$35 donation per person or \$260 for a table of eight

Facilities are wheelchair-accessible

Contact [office@abcmc.org](mailto:office@abcmc.org) or 773-804-1655 for more information.  
Please make reservations ASAP, no later than May 31

## **NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS**

### ***175th Anniversary Year Celebrations***

*This invitation is from the First Baptist Church of Chicago.*

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary during 2008. Please join as we celebrate. Our Children's Day Service is Sunday, June 8th at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Khaliph Green, will be our speaker. Our Men's Day Service will be Sunday, July 13th at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Phelps Pastor of Concord Baptist Church. On Anniversary Sunday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Michael Thomas, the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker. On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. our guest speaker will be Rev. Reginald Bachus Pastor of the historic Friendship Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Roy Medley, the General Secretary of ABCUSA will be our guest speaker on December 14th at 11:00 a.m.

### ***145th Anniversary Celebration***

Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago, is celebrating 145 years of service in the name of Jesus. The theme for the celebration is "Moving Forward: Walking by Faith," based on II Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

An anniversary dinner will be held at the church on Saturday, June 21 at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. A program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. The cost for adults is \$15; the cost for children 5-12 years old is \$7.

The anniversary worship service will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 11 a.m.

Beverly Finley-Gardner is interim pastor.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## ***Rally to Commemorate 60 years of the Palestinian Nakba (the Catastrophe)***

**On Friday, May 23, there will be a Rally to Commemorate 60 years of the Palestinian Nakba (the Catastrophe)** at 5pm at the Federal Plaza (Dearborn and Adams in downtown Chicago).

This rally acknowledging "60 Years of Exile, 60 Years of Catastrophe" will be held to

- Support the Right Of Return for all Palestinian Refugees and their Descendants.
- Demand the End of Israeli Occupation.
- Support Self-determination for the Palestinian People.

EVERY YEAR PALESTINIANS COMMEMORATE THE NAKBA (THE CATASTROPHE): the expulsion and dispossession of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their homes and land in 1948. More than 60 percent of the total Palestinian population was expelled. More than 530 Palestinian villages were depopulated and completely destroyed. To date, Israel has prevented the return of approximately six million Palestinian refugees, who have either been expelled or displaced. Approximately 250,000 internally displaced Palestinian second-class citizens of Israel are prevented from returning to their homes and villages.

Join Chicagoland Palestinians and their supporters to commemorate this important occasion and to demand the Right of Return!

For more info, contact [info@palestineactivistnetwork.com](mailto:info@palestineactivistnetwork.com)

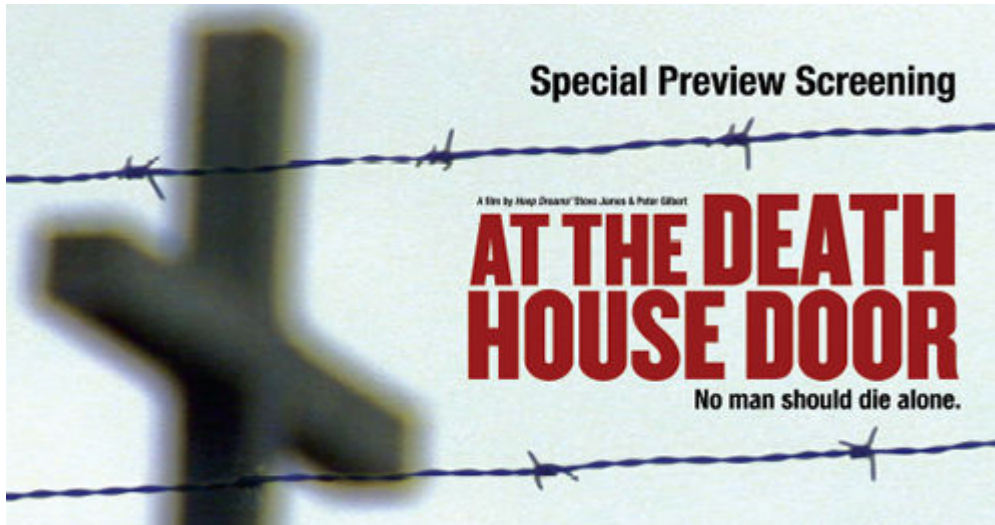
Buses will be leaving from south and north side locations.

Also sponsored by: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), ANSWER Coalition, Chicago Coalition Against War and Racism (CCAWR), Chicagoans Against Apartheid in Palestine (CAAP), Church Network for Education on Palestine (CNEP), Fight Back! Newspaper, International Solidarity Movement (ISM) - Chicago

### ***Film Viewing and Discussion***

*This invitation is from the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois*

***Civic Cinema: At the Death House Door***  
**Chicago Screening and Discussion**



**Wednesday, May 28**

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Northwestern University School of Law  
Thorne Auditorium  
375 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago

**This event is free and open to the public.** Reservations are required and can be made online. To RSVP email [screening@aclu-il.org](mailto:screening@aclu-il.org) or call 312-201-9740 x307.

Join us for Kartemquin Films' latest award-winning documentary, *At the Death House Door*, which looks at the death penalty in Texas through the eyes of prison chaplain **Carroll Pickett**. After the screening, there will be a discussion on the ethics and effectiveness of the death penalty and the state of the criminal justice system in the United States, featuring **Carroll Pickett**. He will be joined by Chicago Tribune reporter **Steve Mills**, filmmakers **Steve James** and **Peter Gilbert**, **Ed Yohnka** of the ACLU of Illinois, and **Rob Warden**, director of the Center for Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University.

**At The Death House Door** tells the story of Carroll Pickett, who served 15 years as the death house chaplain to the infamous "Walls" prison unit in Huntsville and presided over 95 executions, including the world's first lethal injection. The film particularly focuses on how Pickett was affected by Carlos De Luna, one of the inmates he counseled and who is now widely-regarded as wrongfully convicted—based on evidence uncovered by Chicago Tribune reporters Steve Mills and Maurice Possley. It is a film about of the failures of the criminal justice system; about one man's spiritual and moral journey; and how this very final act of punishment does not bring closure. It was co-directed and co-produced by Steve James and Peter Gilbert. It runs approximately 94 minutes. For more information on the film, visit its official website: <http://kartemquin.com/films/at-the-death-house-door>.

*Note:* Rev. Carroll Pickett will also participate in the 2008 ACLU National Membership Conference! Read more about it: <http://blog.aclu.org/index.php?/archives/652-Death-Row-Chaplain-Becomes-Abolition-Activist.html>.

## ***Doing Justice in the Global Economy: Fair Trade, a Panel Discussion***

*This invitation is from the Church of Jesus Christ, Reconciler.*

On Thursday, June 5th, 7-9 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale Avenue, Chicago, just east of Clark and Elmdale Red Line Thorndale stop or on the Clark bus route, will be the location for a learning and sharing opportunity about fair trade in our global economy.

The program will feature Panel and discussion with **David Schweikart**, author of *After Capitalism*, Professor of Philosophy at Loyola University **Kelemwork Bayu**, a former fair trade worker in Kenya, Ethiopian refugee to the US and other guests

Faith-based, academic, and experiential perspectives on Fair Trade and the globalized economy will be shared  
Learn what you can do about it!

For more info contact Jeremy John  
[Jeremy@jubileeUSA.org](mailto:Jeremy@jubileeUSA.org)  
773-262-2975

The Social Justice League of Edgewater Is a ministry of Church of Jesus Christ, Reconciler

Hope to see you there!

## ***Educational Possibility for Boys***

*Thank you to Dawn Nolden of North Shore Baptist Church for passing along this information.*

If you know of any young men who will be entering 5th grade in the fall of 2008, they and their parents may wish to know this information. There is an opportunity for acceptance and a full scholarship to a private school located on Chicago's west side. Chicago Jesuit Academy, 5058 W. Jackson Boulevard, is an excellent school. It operates as a full-scholarship middle school for young men from modest economic backgrounds. For more information please call Lauren Hogel, Director of Fifth Grade Year of Studies, at 773-638-6103.

## **ABCUSA NEWS**

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

## ***Pray Concerning Major Catastrophes that Have Recently Hit China and Burma***

*This article is from ABCUSA International Ministries*

Calamities resulting in tens of thousands of deaths and affecting millions have taken place recently. A fierce cyclone in Burma (Myanmar) and a major earthquake in China have impacted millions of lives. We recently received reports from our missionaries and our partners in mission in these areas.

### **Pray for Burma.**

Stan Murray, Area Director for Southeast Asia and Japan writes:

“As suspected, things are as bad, or worse, than we anticipated. The good news is that the people of Myanmar are resilient and have already formed networks and are working together in many ways to try to overcome this situation even without the assistance of the government. Friends of Burma and other organizations (Asia Pacific Baptist Aid and Baptist World Aid, etc.)

besides IM (ABC) are raising funds for relief work. Rick Burnette, a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) missionary will be traveling to Yangon this Thursday and bring news of our concern and plans to help directly to our Baptist brothers and sisters there as well as an initial OGHS grant of \$5,000 to help with the needs

"Mike Mann (Global consultant for IM) has been across the border from Thailand once to the area across from the "delta area" that was wiped out by the cyclone. IF he can get another visa he will be returning to do a more comprehensive assessment for us. He has provided a bleak picture of the need from his first visit. Mike is a long-time friend of the Myanmar Baptist Churches (MBC) leadership (especially with their development arm) since he has consulted on many projects that they are doing in Myanmar."

Pray for:

- Mike Mann to be granted a visa to return next week and for Rick Burnette as he travels there Thursday.
- That the government and may change its stance and allow a full flow of relief assistance in the face of this disaster.
- Rev. K.D. Tu Lum in his capacity as General Secretary leaving a heavily damaged (MBC) office building and his own home without a roof to travel to the most affected areas to be with the Baptist brothers and sisters.
- American Baptists to rally to the need and give generously to the relief efforts as they move forward.
- Our missionaries and staff members of International Ministries and World Relief as they lend assistance and network with others who are also called to help.

#### **Pray for China:**

Judy Sutterlin, International Ministries' missionary in China, asks American Baptist churches to pray.

- Pray for the people in areas where the quake was strongest. Pray for their safety, for any needs they might have and that they may not be afraid.
- Pray for the churches. The churches in Sichuan Province have a long history of a wonderful outreach ministry to the needs of those in the communities around them.
- Pray for the Amity projects in that area (a partner of International Ministries), including church run social service projects and including the community based rehabilitation projects for the disabled.
- Pray for an Amity teacher who is on leave this year to study Chinese in Chengdu. Pray for several of the students at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary who come from the earthquake area and who are concerned about their families that they have not been able to reach yet."

### ***MRD Bids Farewell to Jayne***

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/16/08) — Andrew Jayne, web master/communications specialist in Mission Resource Development, will leave his position on June 9. He has accepted a position as Intranet Coordinator for Transfield Services in Philadelphia, Pa.

"Andy has done a remarkable job for ABCUSA with his technological skills and dedication to the denomination," said Roy Medley, general secretary. "He has been a tremendous resource to us, combining his technical and writing abilities to meet the demands of his job. He established strong relationships with many persons across the denomination and represented us well in professional settings external to us. To his distinction, he was recently made Commander of his Engineer Company in the U.S. Army Reserve."

Jayne's service with American Baptist Churches began in 1999 as Systems Coordinator

(Information Technology) with the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication. Leaving that position in 2004, he returned in 2006 to the position he currently holds. Jayne's major accountabilities were in the fields of IT, Communications, and Production and, among other things, he will be remembered for working to make the denominational web site more user friendly.

"Andy has been a terrific colleague, and we are sad to see him go," said Leo Thorne, associate general secretary for Mission Resource Development. "We are pleased, however, that he has found a new opportunity where God will continue to use his abilities."

"I appreciate the time I have spent with the staff of MRD, the Office of the General Secretary, and other American Baptist entities in the Valley Forge Mission Center," said Jayne. "It allowed me the opportunity to broaden my skills while contributing to the efforts of the denominational leadership."

### ***Ohio Church to Host First World Mission Conference of 2008***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/16/08)** — Hundreds are expected to gather at the Montgomery Community Church in Cincinnati, Ohio Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18 for the World Mission Conference of American Baptist International Ministries.

Montgomery Community Church expects crowds from many churches from Southeastern Ohio and beyond. The event will feature 20 workshops, and ten missionaries or international guests from Italy, Thailand, Mexico and the Democratic Republic of Congo, among other countries.

"I am excited about the real mission presence that will be on our campus that weekend," said Tom Lipsey, senior pastor at Montgomery. "I want to see us come away with a greater heart for the world. Where we can't go, we can send, but more of us can go," Lipsey said. Montgomery is one of the leading church supporters of International Ministries. The church encourages its members to not only give financial resources to support mission, but to give of their time and talents as mission volunteers around the world.

"Churches like Montgomery are central to what International Ministries is all about," said Executive Director Reid Trulson. "Almost 200 years ago, Baptist churches like Montgomery came together all across the United States and said we can make a big difference in this world if we work together," Trulson said. "Today, thousands of churches are still vital partners, along with over 200 national churches and organizations with which we work around the world, sending more than 2,500 short- and long-term missionaries, including wonderful people from the Montgomery Church."

The surprises of people working together to share good news and meet human needs will be the focus on the weekend-long celebration of teaching, worship and interaction.

There will be a special opportunity for attendees to hear from Duane Binkley, a missionary who splits his time between Thailand and the United States, doing work with refugees. Binkley helps ethnic minorities who have fled Myanmar, a country in Southeast Asia, get out of refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border and relocate in the United States. "Because of the experience of these refugees, our government is giving more and more of them the opportunity to find a new life in the U.S.," said Binkley. "The surprise for many Americans is that many of these refugees are Christians, and when they come to the U.S. they look for the closest church, and churches are seeing their congregations transformed in welcoming their new Christian sisters and brothers." Binkley, who speaks the ethnic languages of groups coming to the U.S., will share with those who attend the conference how they can best prepare to help these refugees make the adjustment to life in the U.S.

Registration for the conference is \$70 for adults, \$60 for youth and students and \$40 for kids. Child care will be provided. Get a \$10 discount by registering online at

[www.worldmissionconference.org](http://www.worldmissionconference.org). Separately, you may call 1-800-222-3872 for more information.

American Baptist International Ministries, organized in 1814, is the oldest Baptist mission agency formed in North America. We serve more than 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in 76 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

## ***International Ministries Launches Global Food Crisis Fund***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/19/08)** — American Baptist International Ministries has launched a Global Food Crisis Fund, which will provide desperately needed money to help their partners in poor areas deal with the rising costs of basic foods. The fund will begin with \$100,000, with \$50,000 coming from International Ministries. The other \$50,000 comes from the One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering conducted by the World Relief Office of American Baptist Churches USA.

“Places around the world where hunger has been a big problem, have now seen it become a bigger problem as food prices have increased dramatically,” said Reid Trulson, International Ministries executive director. “Our fund is a response to our partners and other Christian organizations who are on the frontlines of helping to feed the hungry and homeless every day. We want to help them so they don’t have to cut back on basic staples their people need for survival,” Trulson said.

Half of the money will go to an immediate \$50,000 grant to the Thailand Burma Border Consortium, to help them with the rising cost of rice, which is the primary staple food given to hundreds of thousands of displaced people living in the refugee camps. Duane Binkley, a missionary who works with refugees both in Thailand and in the U.S. said, “The most recent report I saw shows that the Thailand Burma Border Consortium supplies all the food in nine camps. [They] still need about \$7 million to avoid having to severely cut the food ration,” Binkley said, adding that some cuts have been made already.

The remaining \$50,000 is being made available as partners apply for grants to the fund. Partners in the U.S. will be able to apply through National Ministries.

A \$5,000 grant has already been approved for Jean Rabel, a region on the northwestern tip of Haiti, where missionaries Kihomi and Madubiga Nzunga serve. Madubiga told International Ministries, “The situation there is critical.” He said families are reportedly selling their children in hopes that where they are taken they will be able to eat and survive.

Partners in the Philippines and North Korea have also applied for support during this critical period.

The food crisis is blamed on many factors including: the rising cost of oil, which makes food more expensive to transport; government subsidies that in some countries have made staple food more expensive; and ongoing poverty, where people simply cannot afford to pay the cost of the food that is available.

American Baptists wishing to support ongoing efforts confront the global food crisis can do so through their church’s monthly report of mission support, designating contributions “OGHS-Global Food Crisis.” For online contributions, go to the give now option available at [www.abc-oghs.org/give](http://www.abc-oghs.org/give).

One hundred percent of gifts will go to help feed hungry people worldwide and to develop sustainable food supplies.

## ***International Ministries Sends Relief Grant After China Earthquake***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 05/19/08)** — American Baptist International Ministries has sent a \$5,000 grant to their partner, The Amity Foundation, for immediate relief efforts, after one of the strongest earthquakes to strike China in decades happened Monday, May 12, leaving thousands dead and more missing.

According to news media reports, more than 15,000 people are estimated to have died when the earthquake, which measured 7.9 in magnitude, struck in Sichuan province, an area in Southwestern China. The province is very near a border with Myanmar, which has been devastated recently by a cyclone.

The grant was provided through the American Baptist World Relief Office with One Great Hour of Sharing funds. Ben Chan, area director for East Asia for International Ministries, said much more will be needed.

“We are very grateful for this initial response, which will support the Amity Foundation, who is providing more than \$140,000 in immediate aid, such as clean water, food, medicine and shelter on the ground for those affected,” said Chan. “Amity is a trusted partner, with good relationships with the churches and the government. They are playing a crucial role in helping victims and will need our continued financial support to be most effective.”

American Baptists wishing to support ongoing China efforts can do so through their church’s monthly report of mission support, designating contributions “OGHS-China Earthquake.” For online contributions, go to the give now option available at [www.abc-oghs.org/give](http://www.abc-oghs.org/give).

## **HEALTH CARE NEWS**

### ***Campaign for Better Health Care***

The Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care will host their Summer Gathering 2008 on Monday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at La Decima Musa Restaurant, 1901 S. Loomis Street, Chicago. Join your friends in the fight for health care justice while reflecting on the current legislative session, and planning for summer and fall. Come to the CBHC Summer Gathering to help kick off a unified summer and fall campaign for comprehensive health care reform.

Event tickets will cost \$50; sponsorships will be \$500. Please contact Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 to request registration materials or request further information.

## **PEACE NEWS**

### ***Nonviolent Peaceforce***

**The Chicago Chapter of Nonviolent Peaceforce [NP]** invites you to attend several free events on the topic of Nonviolent Peacekeeping in areas of conflict. Our special guest-speaker is Mel Duncan, Executive Director of Nonviolent Peaceforce, an international unarmed nonpartisan peacekeeping group presently with field teams in Sri Lanka and Mindanao Philippines. He’ll discuss proven methods of nonviolent peacekeeping as well as share personal stories from the field. Dr. Ann Frisch, returned peacekeeper from the Nonviolent Peaceforce team in Guatemala, will also be participating. Events listed below are illustrated presentations unless otherwise noted.

Nonviolent Peaceforce was founded in 2002. Its unarmed peacekeepers protect people in areas of violence around the world by working with local groups in applying effective and proven approaches to peacekeeping that deter violence and protect human rights. NP provides one-on-one accompaniment and community presence serving to: listen to and witness people's experiences living in conflict, provide protection to people and communities and serve as a non-partisan bridge to understanding and conflict resolution.

**Wednesday May 28 7 p.m. Portage Park Center for the Arts**, 3914 N Menard Ave SW Corner of Menard Ave (5800W) & Dakin St (3950N) in Chicago. Sponsored by: Chicago Chapter Nonviolent Peaceforce. For information call Dorothy Werner 773 338 8330.

**Thursday May 29 Listen in! World View WBEZ** Nonviolent Peaceforce on Chicago Public Radio 91.5 FM at 12 noon; repeated at 9 pm.

**Thursday May 29 7 p.m. Joliet Public Library** 395 Black Road, Joliet IL. 60431 Sponsored by Potluck Democracy. For more information contact Bob Braam [braamer@krausonline.com](mailto:braamer@krausonline.com) 815 478 5595

**Thursday May 29 Sing out for Peace with Anna Stange and Dorothy Werner, Unitarian Universalist Church** 70 Sycamore Drive, Park Forest (just off Western Ave., south of Steger Rd.) Cosponsored by St Liborius Peace and Justice Group; Rev. Rod Reinhart; World Sabbath; Earth Healers; St. Joseph and St. Aidan Episcopal Church, Blue Island, IL; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Harvey, IL; and Generations for Peace (G4P)

**Friday May 30 7 pm Regents Park apartment building. 5050 S Lake Shore Drive** (Directions: From South Lake Shore Drive exit at Hyde Park go straight, at 2nd STOP sign make a left and within 500 feet is Regents Park apartment building. Park any where around the building or in the building for \$ 4). For more information contact Hema and Manda Pokharna RSVP by Email: [hemapokharna@hotmail.com](mailto:hemapokharna@hotmail.com) or call 773-955-2414

**May 31 8 a.m Heartland Café Saturday.** Join us for breakfast with Nonviolent Peaceforce at the Heartland Café 8 a.m. Broadcast at 9. The Heartland Cafe 7000 North Glenwood Chicago, IL USA, Planet Earth, 60626 Phone: 773-465-8005

**More information on Nonviolent Peaceforce at <http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org>**

## ***In Memory***

In Memory: Meditations for Peace will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 7-8:30 p.m. at Living Well Ministries, 6554 N. Rockwell Street, Chicago. Join others committed to honoring soldiers' sacrifices *and* our longings for peace. This evening will be dedicated to recognition of the costs and sacrifices of war, with a special emphasis on the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The program will include reading, sharing and meditating for peace. The facilitator will be Jacki Belile. For more information, contact Jacki at 773.655.4357 or [jacki@livingwellministries.net](mailto:jacki@livingwellministries.net).

## ***Peace in the Middle East***

We are all invited to attend a panel discussion about peace in the Middle East on May 31 at 3 p.m. The panel discussion, titled "Envisioning a Future of Coexistence," will feature Ali Abunimah (co-founder of Electronic Intifada, Fellow – Palestine Center in Washington, DC), Yali Amit (Professor, University of Chicago), moderator: Jennifer Bing-Canar (National Coordinator, Middle East Peace Building Program, AFSC). The event will take place at ARC Gallery, 832 W. Superior

Street, #204

## **MINISTERS COUNCIL NEWS**

### ***Ralph Garfield Schell Presidential Award Nominations***

Do you know a local Ministers Council member deserving of the Ralph Garfield Schell Presidential award? Criteria: a pastoral leader who seems to be extraordinarily faithful in carrying out the principles of the Ministers Council Code of Ethics, as well as unusually effective in fulfilling the objectives of the five committees of our structure. The award is announced annually at the closing banquet of the American Baptist Ministers Council Senate. Nominations are due by June 15. For nomination information and form click here:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/WhoWeAre/RalphGarfieldSchellAwardInfo.aspx>

### ***Together In Ministry Grant Applications for 2009***

Applications are being received for 2009 covenant group grants. Groups may be comprised of pastoral leaders or may combine pastoral and lay leaders focused on faith practices. All information on group formation options may be found on the Ministers Council website:

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

Application forms are also available online:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/TIMApplication.aspx>

All TIM groups funded in 2008 are asked to complete the evaluation instruments for facilitators and group members. Continuing groups that wish to re-apply for funding are reminded that they must complete the 2008 evaluation forms. The group facilitator submits one form and each group member submits another. The forms are user friendly and may be completed online and then printed. Each TIM group contact person is asked to forward this information and these links to the group facilitator and every group member. Once completed, please collect them and send them together to the national Ministers Council office.

Facilitator form:

[http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/documents/FacilitatorSurvey2008rev\\_000.pdf](http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/documents/FacilitatorSurvey2008rev_000.pdf)

Group Member Form:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/documents/Membergroupsurvey08rev.pdf>

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for people of China and Burma as they struggle to recover from recent disasters. Please consider making a contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing through your church, or at [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org).

Please pray for ABC missionary Judy Sutterlin, who teaches English and biblical studies at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary in China.

Please hold in prayer ABC missionaries Becky and Mike Mann, who serve in Chiang Mai, Thailand to help with developing water and/or agricultural projects, as well as ministering among the hill tribes of northern Thailand.

Please pray for Francine Stark and family as they celebrate the life and grieve the loss of Francine's father, James Carroll Parker, who went home to be with the Lord last week. Final services were held at Third Baptist of Chicago on Thursday May 15, 2008.

Please hold in prayer Senator Ted Kennedy and his family as they cope with his diagnosis and treatment for a malignant brain tumor. Please pray God's loving and healing presence for all who are dealing with difficult medical situations.

Please join in thanks for the work of Andy Jayne in the Mission Center. His skills and work in communications have blessed us immensely. Please pray for Andy as he prepares to leave his position at the Mission Center on June 9.

Please hold in prayer ABC missionary Kim Brown in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Please pray for the young women who live and learn at the House of Love, and for the children at the House of Blessing Day Care.

## CALENDAR

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**May 28**--Gathering for Nonviolent Peaceforce, Portage Park Center for the Arts, 3914 N Menard Ave SW Corner of Menard Ave (5800W) & Dakin St (3950N), Chicago, 7 p.m. For information please call Dorothy Werner at 773-338-8330.

**May 29**--Listen in! **World View WBEZ** Nonviolent Peaceforce on Chicago Public Radio 91.5 FM at 12 noon; repeated at 9 pm.

**May 29**--Sing out for Peace with **Anna Stange and Dorothy Werner, Unitarian Universalist Church**, 70 Sycamore Drive, Park Forest (just off Western Ave., south of Steger Rd.) Cosponsored by St Liborius Peace and Justice Group; Rev. Rod Reinhart; World Sabbath; Earth Healers; St. Joseph and St. Aidan Episcopal Church, Blue Island, IL; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Harvey, IL; and Generations for Peace (G4P)

**May 30**--Nonviolent Peaceforce gathering, Regents Park apartment building, 5050 S Lake Shore Drive, 7 p.m. For more information contact Hema and Manda Pokharna RSVP by Email: [hemapokharna@hotmail.com](mailto:hemapokharna@hotmail.com) or call 773-955-2414

**May 31**—Breakfast with Nonviolent Peaceforce at the Heartland Café, 7000 North Glenwood, Chicago, 8 a.m. Broadcast at 9. Phone: 773-465-8005

**May 31**—Legal Seminar for churches, True Rock Ministries, 57 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago.

**June 3**—"Disaster Planning: Building Bridges to Provide Care," Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, 222 S. Riverside, Suite 1900, Chicago, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. You must register at [www.mchc.org](http://www.mchc.org) to attend the conference.

**June 5**—Doing Justice in the Global Economy: Fair Trade, a Panel Discussion, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Elmdale Avenue, Chicago, 7-9 p.m.

**June 21**—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**—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**—Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Peace Camp. Please visit [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org) for more information.

**July 17**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

**August 17-22**—Christian Writers Conference, Green Lake Conference Center. Visit [www.glcc.org](http://www.glcc.org) and click on "conferences" for complete information.

**August 19**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

**August 19**—Family Council meeting, 9 a.m.-noon, followed by lunch. Registration open at 8:30 a.m. Suggested donation for lunch: \$5.

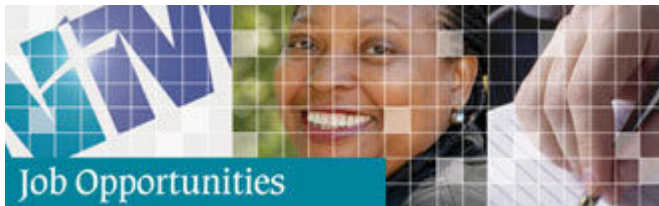
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**November 8**—ABC MC Annual Meeting.

**November 18**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

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