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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

June 18, 2008

On the last day of the festival [of booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out,
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.
As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"
John 7:37-38

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Disciples Dinner

It's time for the **Third Annual ABCMC Disciples'** Dinner. The preparations are made, the tables are planned, the program booklet is printed, and the caterer is ready to serve a lovely reception and a delicious Italian buffet for dinner. **Saturday is the big day!** We will recognize **Daily Disciples** from quite a few different ABCMC congregations. We will also recognize the recipients of 4 **ABCMC Region-Wide Awards**. And we will welcome our guest speaker **Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III**, Executive Director of National Ministries, ABCUSA, and our guest musician, **Rev. Randy Creath**, pastor of Cosmopolitan United Church. You won't want to miss it!

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 or 773-804-1655 for more information.

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

Morgan Park Baptist Church Calls New Pastor

Morgan Park Baptist Church, 11024 S. Bell Avenue, Chicago, has called a new pastor, Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth. He is the founder and director of Tau Ministry and Spirituality Services (www.tauministry.org), through which he has offered workshops, counseling, and consulting. Although Thomas has been working as an independent Christian minister, he is becoming an American Baptist. He plans to be baptized by immersion at Morgan Park in September. The information below is from the Tau Ministry web site.

Thomas holds a D. Min. in spirituality, a M.Div. and a master's degree in counseling. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor. Thomas is the author of two books and many articles. In addition, he is a certified third degree black belt in the Korean martial art of Taekwondo.

Thomas was a Roman Catholic, and for 40 years he was a Franciscan Friar. He pastored several churches. He left the Franciscan order because of his desire to marry.

Morgan Park is delighted to welcome Thomas and his wife Beth into the Morgan Park family. We are looking forward to having them both as a part of the ABCMC family.

Ministering to the Masculine Spirit

Calvary Baptist Church, 2309 E. 80th Street, Chicago, will host a Men's Day Weekend on June 28-29 at the church. The theme for the weekend will be "Ministering to the Masculine Spirit."

Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a Boys, Youth, and Men's Seminar. John Worthy, Juvenile Probation Officer in the Juvenile Justice System will speak at 9 a.m. Melvin Caldwell, M.S.W., fro Education and Family Matters, will speak at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday morning worship service will continue the Men's Day Weekend event. The guest preacher will be Curtis Whittaker, Assistant Pastor, Progressive Community Church, Gary, Indiana.

Please encourage boys, youth and men to attend these events, especially the Saturday seminar. A flier promoting the event is attached to this issue of *eWind*. Please print, post and share the flier.

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 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.

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

Spring into Summer Fundraiser at Irving Park Baptist

The music department of Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, will present a concert, "Spring into Summer," and "Fundraiser" on Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. This congregation is blessed with talented and creative musicians. Go to the concert, have some fun and share in their blessing.

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.

98th Anniversary: Department of Missions

The Saint John Church-Baptist Department of Missions will celebrate its 98th anniversary on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the church, 4821 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. The theme will be "Servants of God: Called, Chosen and Faithful," based on Galatians 5:13 and Revelation 17:14b. Deaconess Earlene Blanchard will be the morning lay speaker.

An afternoon program at 1:30 p.m. will have the sub-theme, "Standing on their Legacy: Footprints in the Sands of Time." Sister Louise C. Moore is President of the Department of Missions. Dr. Ricky Freeman is Senior Pastor of the church.

Unity Revival

Save the dates for Irving Park Baptist's Unity Revival, August 1-3. Our guest preachers include Rev. Ozzie Smith, Rev. Carol Brown, Rev. Zina Jacque; Rev. Ramon Soto, and more! Join us on Friday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, August 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More details to follow soon. You won't want to miss this one!

Community Health and Wellness Fair

Irving Park Baptist Church is holding its 2nd Annual "Community Health and Wellness Fair," on Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come out as we hear from community health agencies, the local "Y" (they taught us belly-dancing last year!), financial consultants, and others who will provide vital information for health and wholeness. We'll have good healthy food, too!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Raising Freedom's Voice in Illinois' 13th District

A Forum on Civil liberties and the Constitution in 2009 and beyond

Wednesday, July 9th, 2008, 7-9 p.m.

Annerino Community Center

201 N. Recreation Drive, Bolingbrook, IL

The forum will feature national and local civil liberties updates from Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications and Public Policy, and James Ferg-Cadima, Legislative Counsel.

Allie Carter, Senior Field Manager, will discuss what you can do to stand up for the Constitution in Illinois' 13th District.

RSVP to Allie at acarter@aclu-il.org or by calling 312-201-9740 x333.

ABCUSA NEWS

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

Emergency Assistance

In the last week, heavy rains in the midwest have caused much flooding. Cresting rivers continue to add to the mess. Some folks have lost everything they had. Homes and other possessions have washed away. We can help with emergency assistance through the ABC World Relief Office and One Great Hour of Sharing. You may make a contribution through your church, or through the ABCUSA web site, www.abc-usa.org. Please indicate "Midwest Flooding" on your check.

HEALTH CARE NEWS

Health Care for Kids

This information is from Voices for Illinois Children. Thank you to Wendy Morris for passing it along.

The evidence is overwhelming: When children have access to quality health care, the benefits go far beyond improving their physical health to include increases in their likelihood of academic achievement and other future successes. While Illinois' landmark All Kids programs—which offer quality, affordable health insurance for every child in the state served 1.4 million children in 2007, one in 10 Illinois children remain uninsured.

To reach more children, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Resurrection Health Care and community groups have launched an All Kids enrollment drive. **This Saturday, June 21, All Kids agents and volunteers will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at locations throughout the Chicago area to enroll children in the program.**

All children who live in Illinois are eligible, regardless of medical conditions, family income or citizenship. Anyone enrolling should bring relevant materials to provide proof of income.

Call 877-RES-INFO or visit [1000 Healthy Kids & Families Web site](#) for locations and documentation necessary for enrollment.

Two ways you can help:

1. **Spread the word** about this important initiative to community groups and anyone who may need to enroll.

2. **Volunteer to sign children up** for All Kids. The drive has not filled all 300 volunteer slots needed to sign up as many children as possible. To volunteer, call 877-RES-INFO or e-mail rclarke@haymarket.net.

Interfaith Health Care Discussion

Interfaith Health Care Discussion
Tuesday, June 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
St. Gertrude Parish,
1420 W. Granville Ave. Chicago
(Where Granville Ave. and Glenwood Ave. intersect)

The Campaign for Better Health Care and the Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition will be holding an interfaith community discussion on health care in Illinois. What is the role of "faith" in helping those within our communities who are struggling with access to health care? Please come and participate!

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

RSVP to Eric Quamme at (312) 491-8161 x25 or e-mail equamme@ilmaternal.org.

PEACE NEWS

Summer Peace Conference

*The annual summer conference of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will take place at John Abbott College
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, Canada July 14-19. Below is information from the web site,
www.bpfna.org. Please check the web site for more details.*

MINISTERS COUNCIL NEWS

Ministers Council Cookout at McVetty- Harris Home

This invitation is from Doug Harris and Carol McVetty, pastors at North Shore Baptist Church. Doug is president of the Ministers Council of ABCMC.

Join us for a potluck cookout on Saturday, August 9th at 4:30pm
Bring your favorite picnic cookout dish to share with others
We live at 5232 North Lakewood Ave. just south of the North Shore Baptist Church
RSVP to dharris@northshorebaptist.org or by phone 773-728-4200
We will provide the drinks and stuff for the grill, so come and let's have a good time!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please remember in prayer--and with a card--Marjean Gonzalez, who works hard as chaplain of ABCMC's Cook County Jail Ministry. June 29 will be her birthday.

Please hold in prayer everyone who is working on ABCMC's Disciples' Dinner.

Please pray for the U.S. Congress, that they will make just decisions for governing our country.

Please hold in prayer flood victims all over the country, as well as those who are coming to their aid.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Mercy Gonzales and Rick Barnes who work in Baja Mexico, North, with the Dios con Nosotros (God With Us) Baptist Convention. Please pray for the churches and new church starts there. Please pray also for Mercy's and Rick's children, Aida (17), Richie (5) and Joshua (9).

Please hold in prayer David and Joyce Reed, ABC missionaries in Baja Mexico, South, where they work in theological education. Please pray especially for David, who is recovering from heart bypass surgery.

Please join Morgan Park Baptist Church in prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth, and his wife Beth.

CALENDAR

June 21—Legal Seminar for churches, True Rock Ministries, 57 East 16th Street, Chicago.

June 21--145th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago, 5 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. Reception at 5:30; Dinner and program at 7 p.m.

June 22--145th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service, Original Providence Baptist Church, 515 N. Pine Avenue, Chicago, 11 a.m.

June 29--98th Anniversary Celebration of Department of Missions, Saint John Church-Baptist.

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.

July 11--Spring into Summer Concert and Fundraiser, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

July 13--175th Anniversary Celebration Men's Day, First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, Rev. Kenneth Phelps, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church, guest speaker, 11 a.m.

July 14-19—Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Peace Camp. Please visit 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 9—Ministers Council coddout at McVetty-Harris Home, 5232 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 4:30 p.m. RSVP to dharris@northshorebaptist.org or by phone 773-728-4200.

August 17-22—Christian Writers Conference, Green Lake Conference Center. Visit 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 23—Family Council meeting, 9 a.m.-noon, followed by lunch. Registration open at 8:30 a.m. Suggested donation for lunch: \$5.

September 16—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W.

Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

October 21—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

November 8—ABCMC Annual Meeting.

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

December 16—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

POSITION OPENING

National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries – Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking Churches Strategist

NATIONAL MINISTRIES, ABCUSA
<http://www.nationalministries.org/>

NATIONAL MINISTRIES is currently seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the **National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries – Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking Churches Strategist**. This position provides leadership to help strengthen the ministries of various Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking American Baptist constituencies. This position strives to encourage a denominational awareness of and sensitivity to cultural diversity while strengthening ministries in multicultural and intercultural contexts. The **National Coordinator** works to increase the capacity of American Baptist leaders to excel in implementing effective ministries of evangelism, discipleship, transformation and prophetic justice, provides support to the NM Strategic Mission and Goals, and supports NEW LIFE 2010 goals. This position is open immediately and is based at the Mission Center, Valley Forge, Pa.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide effective links and resources to Hispanic/Portuguese-speaking ministerial leaders to strengthen their ministries.
- Partner with American Baptist regions to strengthen Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking persons' connections to ABCUSA
- Work with regional, educational, national, general and international partners in areas of common concern to strengthen work among Hispanic/Portuguese-speaking American Baptists
- Work in partnership toward accomplishing intercultural and multicultural priorities and projects
- Work collaboratively toward achieving NM strategic priorities
- Promote National Ministries missions, programs and resources

- Articulate a compelling case for supporting NM through mission giving and the America for Christ offering
- Minimum of 30% travel time
- Other related duties, as assigned.

COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS REQUIRED

The successful candidate will be a self-motivated problem-solver, who is willing to work hard. The successful candidate will demonstrate interpersonal skills and a successful history in the area of conflict transformation. The successful candidate will possess the ability to build and cultivate networks and relationships with traditional and non-traditional AB partners. The successful candidate will have excellent administrative and supervisory experience.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Master's level theological degree or equivalent experience required. A minimum of 5 years of ministry experience required. Excellent communication skills in both English and Spanish (writing and public speaking) required, fluency in Portuguese a plus. Experience and a demonstrated ability to function well in a team setting a must. Appreciation for and experience working in a multicultural environment is required. Knowledge of American Baptist Churches USA history and polity. Proficient computer skills (Microsoft Office Suite: Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

NATIONAL MINISTRIES offers a competitive salary and benefits: participation in the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board retirement plan; participation in medical and dental insurance; opportunities to pursue professional development; and paid time off and sick leave.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

No later than August 31, 2008, submit a completed NM Employment Application and a current résumé along with a minimum of three professional recommendations to:

LAURA MIRAZ PH.D., SPHR
 HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER
 P.O. BOX 851, VALLEY FORGE, PA, 19482-0851
 FAX 610.768.2409
LMiraz@abc-usa.org

For an Employment Application and more information on **NATIONAL MINISTRIES**, visit <http://www.nationalministries.org/employment.cfm>

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