

Metro Chicago

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

Weekly Electronic Newsletter of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago
A patchwork of varied news and announcements
from our churches, communities, denomination and other organizations,
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of our region

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When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive;
I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together,
so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand,
that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.
Isaiah 41:17-20

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ABCMC NEWS

ABCMC Annual Meeting

2008 Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago
 Disparity and Difference
 New Testament Perspectives and Imperatives
 November 8
 Morgan Park Baptist Church
 11024 S. Bell Avenue
 Chicago

Children’s Sabbath

Children's Sabbath this year will be observed on the weekend of October 17-19. ABCMC congregations are encouraged to observe Children's Sabbath in their worship services on Sunday, October 19.

Excellent resources are available for use in observing Children's Sabbath. "When Will We Hear Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Call to End Poverty in America?" is the title of the manual with educational and worship sources for this year. It can be obtained by calling 865-457-6466 or by visiting childrensdefensefund.org >Programs >Religious Action Program.

Save the Date

Hold the dates October 3-5 for a spectacular spiritual renewal weekend.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Metro Chicago,

We are asking you to pull out your calendars, or smart phones, or PDAs – however you reserve important dates – and enter “Holy Spirit Renewal Weekend” for October 3-5.

This will be a time to give concentrated attention to how the Holy Spirit can operate in our personal lives, our church lives, and, yes, our regional life.

We will be lead by a bilingual and international team from across the country and here close to home.

Topics will include on Friday, October 3:

“The Holy Spirit in the History of Christian Spirituality”
“The Study of the Spirit Today”
“Keys for Opening the Doors of the Spirit in Your Congregation: A Practical Guide”
“Tending the Spirit-Filled Life: The Personal Dimension”
“Tending the Spirit-Filled life: The Ecclesial Dimension”

On Saturday afternoon and evening, October 4, we will be focusing on:

“Called to High Adventure: Living the Spirit-Filled Life”
“How the Holy Spirit Can Impact Your Church”
“How the Holy Spirit Can Impact Our Region”
and a worship service centering on
“Opening Ourselves to the Holy Spirit for God’s Kingdom”

On Sunday, October 5, we are asking churches of the Metro Chicago region devote their worship and education to the work of the Holy Spirit in their life together.

Friday and Saturday’s program will be held at North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood in Chicago.

Let us make our life in Christ be empowered anew by the Holy Spirit.

In Christ and the Spirit,

Pastor Keith Cerk, First Baptist Church of Waukegan
Pastor Rony Reyes, North Shore Baptist Church
Pastor Larry Greenfield, American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago
Pastor Gonzalo Palacios, First Baptist Church of Waukegan

Christian Financial Stewardship in Difficult Economic Times

TO: Clergy and Lay Leaders of ABCMC
FROM: Larry Greenfield, Executive Minister
RE: Stewardship Seminar

I hope you are making plans to attend our Third Annual ABCMC Stewardship Seminar on Saturday morning, September 20, at Third Baptist Church.

There's an announcement about this Stewardship Seminar in this edition of e-Wind, and again you can download an attachment of the poster for posting in your church.

Our theme this year is extremely relevant: **CHRISTIAN FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP IN DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES**. I don't think there is any doubt about the conditions we face in our economy, whether we are individuals, families, churches, or church-related organizations. The question we have to face is, how do we continue to sustain our ministries in these circumstances.

I am pleased that we have such terrific leaders in the field of stewardship to help us address that question. Let me introduce two of them to you briefly:

Lawrence E. Wilson III is the Executive Vice President of the American Baptist Foundation of our denomination. With a degree in economics from Drew University and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and a successful career in marketing and public relations in some of the country's largest corporations and significant cultural and educational institutions, he brings an unusual set of gifts to our seminar this year. Besides that, he is a person of vision for our ABCUSA ministries.

Larry Robinson is one of our own in Metro Chicago. He has a deep dedication to the church and its ministries. And in recent years, drawing on his experience at Second Baptist Churches of Wheaton and other congregations, he has developed an amazing set of resources for churches who are committed to Christian stewardship, which are now being used across the country and around the world. Entitled "More Than A Gift," the program Larry has developed is based on a rich array of biblical teachings that are made applicable to everyday life of faith.

I hope you and members of your congregation will be sure to take advantage of this timely and important opportunity.

Please print, post and share the poster that is attached to this issue of *eWind*.

Stewardship Seminar

CHRISTIAN FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
in
DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

Third Annual Stewardship Seminar
American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago

Saturday, September 20, 2008
9:00 a.m. – Noon
Heritage Plaza Center
1500 W. 95th Street
Chicago, IL 60643

How can the ministries of Christ's church *not* suffer when members of congregations are themselves hurting financially in tough economic times?

Attend the Third Annual Stewardship Seminar of the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago to be equipped for:

Church Budgeting in Lean Years
The Annual Stewardship Campaign
Stewardship Education for the Whole Year
Benefiting by Becoming Congregationally Green
Gift Planning and Planned Giving
Giving to Those Who Need Our Help
Preaching and Teaching Stewardship

A free seminar designed for church leaders who accept the challenge of securing resources to support the opportunities for ministries and missions of congregations.

Make reservations by calling (773-804-1655), faxing (773-804-1656), or e-mailing (office@abcmc.org) the ABCMC office.

(Free parking at Third Baptist Church, 1551 W. 95th, east end of the parking lot.)

A flier is attached with this issue of *eWind*. Please print, distribute and display the flier. Above all, please come to the event.

Church Newsletters

Does your church produce a newsletter? ABCMC is happy to be receiving newsletters from a number of churches. Whether electronic or in print, your church's newsletter contains valuable information. The rest of the ABCMC family would like to know the news from your church. Does your church send its newsletter to ABCMC? If not, we would love to start receiving it.

Celebrate ABC Christian Education Sunday September 21

"Teach your children well"—and youth and adults, too!

This month's Christian Education Sunday, September 21, is an excellent opportunity to focus your congregation, whatever their age, on the importance of learning and growing in the faith from birth to old age. Christian education doesn't have to mean only Sunday School - in fact, if it does, your congregation is probably missing out on some excellent opportunities to challenge people to open their minds and let a fresh wind of the Spirit blow in (and perhaps even blow some cobwebs away)!

Celebrate faith formation this month in whatever form it takes in your congregation:

- an ABW group learning about a need in the world and taking action;
 - your youth group traveling to the National Youth Gathering or working with Habitat or a food pantry;
 - the church council studying how the Bible informs a decision they are laboring over;
 - a study group learning about various ways of praying as they practice *lectio divina* on Tuesdays;
- and, yes, Sunday School and study groups of all sorts for all ages!

This might also be the perfect time to pick up some resources that will help your church's Christian educators assure that curriculum materials align with your congregation's understanding of Christian life and faith formation. The Judson Press book, *Christian Educators' Guide to Evaluating and Developing Curriculum* will do just that. This highly practical resource includes reproducible worksheets along with workshop designs and questionnaires that help identify educational goals and match materials to your purpose. Why not order it for your Christian ed folk today?

Have more questions? Remember that ABC-MC congregations receive consulting in Christian education at no cost! Contact Rev. Denise Janssen, Christian Education coordinator, to take advantage of this service (phone 708-955-8913 or email revdlj@att.net).

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

Supporting Christians in India

ABCMC's two Telugu-speaking congregations—India Baptist Telugu Church of Greater Chicago, and Antioch Telugu Baptist Church—and others in the region are engaging in prayer for Christians in India, where much anti-Christians violence is taking place. More information about events in India, and related links, are in the article "Pray for Christians in India" in the "Community News" section below. Please go to <http://chicagorevival.blogspot.com/2008/09/rev-david-sagar-fedsaca-prayer-for.html> and <http://chicagorevival.blogspot.com/2008/09/rev-vidya-sagar-fedsaca-prayer-meeting.html> to view a portion of David's comments at the Federation of South Asian Christians in America prayer service for Orissa on September 5.

Blonde Wood Pulpit Available

Christ Community Church, 602 E. Geneva Road, Wheaton, has a large wooden pulpit for which the church has no use. It is available for no charge. It is blonde wood, has a cross in relief in front, a microphone holder, and two shelves for notes. The dimensions are 46" tall, 32" wide.

The South Church Craft & Vendor Showcase

The South Church invites all crafters to participate in their Craft and Vendor Showcase. This year's event will be on Saturday, November 15, 2008, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at The South Church, 501S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, Illinois. 847-253-0501.

The church will furnish 6-foot or 8-foot tables with two chairs for each crafter/vendor. Electrical outlets will be available on a limited basis. If you would like to participate, please confirm your space by October 25, 2008, by sending the form below and a check for \$50 for one table or \$100 for two tables. Please make your check payable to THE SOUTH CHURCH and mail it to The South Church, Attention: Melissa Ciske, 501 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056. Tables will be available on a firstcome, first-served basis, with completed form and payment. It is our goal to limit 1-2 tables per type of craft/product such as jewelry, food, ceramics, knitted items, or makeup.

Set-up time will be from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on the day of the event. The doors will open at 10 a.m. If you would like to donate one of your items for our raffle, please indicate that on your form. Your contributions will benefit the programs of The South Church and are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 847-253-0501. Melissa Ciske is chair of the event.

THE SOUTH CHURCH CRAFT & VENDOR SHOWCASE	
NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
PHONE _____	EMAIL _____
NAME OF BUSINESS (IF APPLICABLE) _____	
TYPE OF PRODUCT/BUSINESS _____	
TABLE SIZE PREFERRED (not guaranteed; based on availability) ____ 6-foot ____ 8-foot	
ELECTRICITY NEEDED? Y ____ N ____ RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION? Y ____ N ____	
PAYMENT RECEIVED (office use) _____	

Annual Homecoming Celebration

Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, will host their Annual Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 14. Festivities will begin with breakfast at 9 a.m. Jim Byrne will be the chef. The worship service will follow at 11 a.m. All are welcome. Please contact the church at 773-286-6800 to make breakfast reservations.

Dr. Hatch's 15th Anniversary



New Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Marshall E. Hatch, Sr. as their pastor. Marshall Hatch is the 2008 recipient of ABCMC's Esther Davis Award in Ministries of Social Justice. The celebration will take place September 9-16. On Sunday, September 14, the church will have a special anniversary Sunday service. ABCMC's Executive Minister Larry Greenfield will be the guest preacher. The service will begin at 11 a.m. Congratulations to congregation and pastor!

Back to School Bash



On Sunday, September 14, Morgan Park Baptist Church, 11024 S. Bell Avenue, Chicago, will say to the neighborhood, "Hey! We're here!" All around the church grounds that day from 1 to 3 p.m. the church will host a "Back to School Bash" with music, ice cream, information about the church, and carnival type games with school supplies as prizes. All are welcome.

Jazz Vespers at Woodside

Woodside Church is pleased to announce the new season of Jazz Vespers, held the third Friday of every month, each focusing on the church's theme for 2008-2009: *Living Our Purpose*

Everyone is invited to participate in this spiritually uplifting event where some of the area's best jazz musicians add their musical interpretation to a selection of readings—classic to contemporary—creating a unique experience. Jazz Vespers is presented in a coffee house setting at Woodside Church, located at 1509 East Court Street in Flint, right next to Mott Community College.

Each of these light-hearted alternative services is different, collectively showcasing a variety of instrumentalists and vocalists. Performers are being finalized. So, visit www.woodsidechurch.net or call 810-767-4911 for the most updated information throughout the season.

Light refreshments are served. And, admission is free. So, be sure to mark your calendars for the entire season's schedule:

- September 19, 2007
This service will be enhanced by the talents of local jazz vocalist, Kim Streby, performing. "Mrs. Streby has been on the DIVA faculty for over ten years. Located in the heart of the college and cultural center, DIVA Institute of Vocal Arts has been teaching voice in the Flint, Michigan community for over 10 years. At DIVA our motto is "Complete training in the Classical Tradition." Through proper voice technique, which includes proper breathing, relaxation, and healthy singing, we enable our students to pursue their singing goals. After receiving her B.A. in music from Albion College, Mrs. Streby went on to study voice at Indiana University with Carol Smith, where she performed in many operas and musicals, including *Patience* and *Little Mary Sunshine*. Mrs. Streby has been an in demand soloist in the Flint Area for over ten years. Along with teaching at DIVA, Mrs. Streby has also taught voice at Marygrove College's Center for Creative Studies and at Whaley Children's Center. Mrs. Streby currently teaches music at Holy Rosary Catholic School and continues to teach at Whaley Children's Center with Jean Weamer. Mrs. Streby is a performing member of St. Cecilia." From www.divavocalarts.com

Blessing of the Animals



At 3:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, September 28, the Federated Church of Wauconda will hold a brief worship service in the back yard of the parsonage, and thank God for their animal companions. Each pet will be introduced and blessed with prayer. Water and treats for cats and dogs will be served.

South Church to Install Pastor

The South Church, 501 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, will install Rick Kesler as pastor on Sunday September 21 at their regular worship service time, 10:30 a.m.

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 Anniversary Sunday, October 12 at 11 a.m. Dr. Michael Thomas, the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker. On that Sunday afternoon at 4 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 14 at 11 a.m.

Morgan Park to Install New Pastor

On Sunday, October 26th, at 3 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth will be installed as Pastor of Morgan Park Baptist Church. The speaker for the afternoon will be Dr. Larry Greenfield. All are invited. A reception will follow the service.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pray for Christians in India



In the state of Orissa in eastern India there have been recent attacks on and killings of pastors and other Christians. Churches and homes of Christians have been burned to the ground. It is reported that mobs from the RSS (National Volunteers Association) and VHP (World Hindu Council) have been responsible for the violence. The government is making efforts to detain those who are causing the death and destruction, and to safeguard the well-being of Christians. The groups who are suspected of perpetrating the attacks are extremist fringe groups.

The RSS is a militant nationalist Hindu organization that was founded in northern India in the 1950's. It has a desire to exclude (or absorb) religions other than Hinduism. The organization is very well-organized. It is based on local cells, called Shakas, whose members are mostly young men between the ages of 15 and 25. These groups meet daily to practice their faith. They reject the old caste system. Although the leaders are mostly well-educated men from higher castes, the RSS recruits young men from lower castes, even untouchables. The organization is thus perceived as populist. It nonetheless has a racist ideology. The RSS has a militia that is formed around the local Shakas. The militia trains young men in strict discipline, and provides arms for them.

The VHP is an activist Hindu group that was founded in Mumbai in the 1960's, and now exists throughout India. It is also mobilized throughout the world. The purpose of the organization is to protect Hinduism from communism, Christianity and Islam. The VHP believes that Christians are forcing Indian Hindus to convert to Christianity. The VHP wants them to convert back to Hinduism. The organization has been especially effective in recruiting immigrant and middle class Hindus to the cause. It receives funding and support from around the globe. The group engages in political agitation and incites violence.

On August 23, VHP leader Swami Laximinand Saraswati and several of his disciples were murdered. Maoist rebels have acknowledged responsibility for the deaths. The VHP believes that the Maoists are in league with Christians, and is therefore agitating and taking action against Christians.

Conflicts between Christians and Hindus have been going on in India for many years. Events of recent weeks are a result of long-running tension.

A helpful article with detailed information about the background and present state of the conflict is available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_Orissa_violence. This is a very complex situation of which eWind is providing only a rudimentary description.

David Sagar, pastor of AntiochTeluguBaptistChurch, expresses his thanks to ABCMC for our prayers for Christians in India. To stay aware of current concerns in Orissa, David suggests the web site <http://chicagorevival.blogspot.com/>.

Indian Christian Festival

On Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20, the United Indian Community Churches of Greater Chicago will host an **Indian Christian Festival**. On Friday and Saturday evenings, the festival will be at Mather High School, 5935 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago. Celebration will continue on Sunday morning, September 21 at 10:30 a.m. with the worship service at India Mission Telugu Methodist Church, 1049 S. Euclid Avenue, Oak Park. International evangelist Anil Kumar will be the guest preacher. He is the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, India.

A Better Day 2008

Treat yourself on September 20 to a day of lively interaction on topics that are vital to creating "A Better Day" for our world. Come to this one-day "fest" to identify, connect, and support learning and collaboration among groups and individuals working on peace, justice, and ecological sustainability issues.

We are faced with serious national and global problems: violence and militarism, social and economic injustice, and challenges to environmental sustainability. At this event we can share ideas and forge connections with each other to fuel our hopes and strengthen our effectiveness.

Hear how peace, justice and the environment are shaping our future on a global level; gain insights into our health care system; and learn about remarkable "green" initiatives being done right in our local community. The guest speakers will make us think, start dialogues that matter, and help us consider ways we can take action on the big issues that challenge us. In addition to speakers, the day will include exhibits and advocates from a number of different community organizations.

The event will take place 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist, 1025 Smith Street, Palatine. Lunch will be available on-site for a modest fee. The suggested donation for attendance is \$10. For more information about speakers, schedule and registration, please visit www.better-day.info, or email info@better-day.info. The event is sponsored by the Adult Faith Development Council of Countryside Church. Everyone is welcome.

Faith Summit for Criminal Justice Reform

Community Renewal survey data indicate that a solid majority of Illinois voters believe the best criminal justice policies are those that seek to reduce and prevent crime through education and rehabilitation, such as job training and treatment for substance abuse. Conducted by political scientist Tari Renner, Ph.D., for Community Renewal, the survey mirrors results of recent national surveys that indicate overwhelming public support for rehabilitation and other options for prisoners both during and after release from prison.

People of faith in Illinois are calling for a justice system rooted in the principles of restoration, rehabilitation, and healing. On October 5 there will be a faith summit for criminal justice reform in Illinois. The Faith Summit for Criminal Justice Reform is an initiative of communities of faith in Illinois and the Civic Action Network of Community Renewal Society. The Community Renewal Society (CRS) urges you to attend. The purpose of the Faith Summit is to more fully engage Illinois' religious community in a strong show of support for significant reform of our criminal justice system.

At the event CRS will:

- Unveil a statement of shared values as a blue-print for ongoing criminal justice reform
- Demonstrate broad and deep support and a growing constituency for change
- Secure commitments from policy-makers and leaders to advance specific criminal justice reforms

TAKE ACTION!

Call for a Criminal Justice System Based on Restoration, Rehabilitation, and Healing!
Sign the Statement of People of Faith on the Transformation of the Illinois Criminal Justice System.
People of faith in Illinois are calling for a justice system rooted in the principles of restoration, rehabilitation, and healing. Your voice is needed. On October 5th, Illinois faith communities and the Community Renewal Society will convene the first ever Faith Summit for Criminal Justice Reform to lay out a new vision for our broken criminal justice system. Take action now to call for our state to turn away from vengeance and take a stand for restoration, rehabilitation, and healing:

- 1) Sign the statement
- 2) Register to attend the Faith Summit
- 3) Spread the Word

HERE IS THE BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUMMIT:

Faith Summit for Criminal Justice Reform
Sunday, October 5, 2008
Resource Fair – 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.
Summit Event – 3 to 4:30 p.m.
The Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago
725 W. Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608

Ample parking located two blocks west of the UIC Forum at 1135 S. Morgan St., Lot 5.

Citizen Action/Illinois to Honor Lisa Madigan

On Friday, Sept 12 Citizen Action/Illinois will have their Annual Dinner & Fundraiser. The organization is engaged in a number of efforts for reform and social justice throughout the state. This year the organization will honor Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who is a hard-working advocate for families, workers and consumers in Illinois. Citizen Action/Illinois says that Madigan “has aggressively fought to protect” the rights of Illinois citizens “in battles for environmental protections, predatory mortgage and payday loan reform, fair utility rates, and the rights of seniors, women and children.”

The dinner will take place at The Chicago Hilton and Towers Grand Ballroom, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago. There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. The dinner and program will be at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$150 each. To reserve your ticket, please phone Hannah at 312-427-2114, extension 203.

ABCUSA NEWS

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

National Ministries Calls Rev. Eddie Cruz to Lead Development Effort

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 09/4/08) — National Ministries has called the Rev. Eddie Cruz as associate executive director for Mission Interpretation and Development. Cruz joins National Ministries' staff October 1.

In the newly created position, Cruz will articulate the vision for National Ministries' development efforts along with setting objectives, establishing policies and implementing plans that incorporate a broad base of fundraising strategies. In addition, he will hold responsibility for maintaining fundraising schedules, databases and tracking systems.

"I am excited about the Rev. Eddie Cruz joining National Ministries as we seek to transform leadership and transform lives," says National Ministries' Executive Director Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III. "Eddie's wealth of experience as a pastor, program director, development specialist and chief executive officer of one of the state's outstanding community-based organizations are all skills and gifts that make him the ideal choice for our associate executive director for Mission Interpretation and Development. He will hit the ground running as a valued member of our leadership team."

Cruz comes to National Ministries from ACLAMO Family Centers in Norristown, Pa., where he has served as executive director since 2005. During his ministry at ACLAMO, he expanded direct services to more than 5,500 low income individuals in the nonprofit's service area; he created and introduced an AIDS/HIV awareness program to more than 1,300 Latino individuals throughout southeastern Pennsylvania; and he strengthened the community's understanding of comprehensive immigration reform by designing and leading public discussions, summits and training for key stakeholders in business, law, institutions and politics. In addition, he developed more than \$3.2 million of grant funding that fueled housing developments, program expansion and educational scholarships.

Previously, Cruz served International Ministries as the Team Leader for the US/Puerto Rico Mission Partnership Team, and National Ministries as national director for Hispanic, Portuguese and Haitian Ministries. Cruz also served Iglesia Evangelica Misionera and Trinity Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill., as senior pastor and the University of Illinois as assistant director of the minority engineering program.

Cruz holds a master of divinity degree in church and society from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, Ill., and a bachelor's degree in psychology and human relations from Judson College, Elgin, Ill. Cruz and his wife, Priscilla, have three children and one grandchild.

AB Women's Ministries Distributes "Break the Chains" Funds

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 09/4/08) — American Baptist Women's Ministries has distributed six grants in the amount of \$23,307.60 each to new ministries dedicated to ending human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children, announced Virginia Holmstrom, executive director of AB Women's Ministries. Three ministries receiving grants from donations received by AB Women's Ministries' Break the Chains mission project are based in the United States and three are based in other countries. Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service, Peoria, Illinois received a Break the Chains grant for its new ministry to empower poor immigrant women served by the Center to earn a living wage by making

and selling charm bracelets depicting symbols from Matthew 25. Citing poverty as a leading cause for victimization of women caught in prostitution and human trafficking, Director Barbara Hartnett is pursuing large-scale opportunities with Christian book stores to market the "Matthew 25 charm bracelets." Elizabeth House, a new residential ministry begun by First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, ministers to exploited women, empowering them to experience life-changing transformation. Rev. Susan Omanson, director of Elizabeth House, will use the grant to develop models of ministry based on the Elizabeth House ministry and resources that can be adapted by other churches in ministering to at-risk women.

NightLight Ministry, based in Los Angeles, California, was founded and is directed by Charity Marquis to develop outreach and support ministries to women in the sex industry who are trafficked or exploited. Marquis has initiated important coalitions and partnerships with Christian organizations and community and government agencies, and regularly hosts training events for interested persons.

The Mansion of Light Baptist Church, in La Guacima of Alajuela, Costa Rica received a grant from Break the Chains as seed money to develop programming through its new Family Life Center. Situated in an impoverished community, the congregation, pastored by Xinia Porras, requested funding support to help build a strong community of families that will protect, and prevent the recruitment of, vulnerable children and young women into the sex trade in Costa Rica. International Ministries missionary Mylinda Baits is working in partnership with the Family Life Center ministry.

The Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches will use the Break the Chains grant for new ministries to young girls who are vulnerable to sex trafficking and prostitution in the beach areas of Iloilo City. Components will include awareness raising, teaching alternative livelihood skills, anti-trafficking advocacy, and networking with government agencies for referral and support of victims. The New Life Center Foundation directed by International Ministries missionary Karen Smith in Chiang Mai, Thailand, received a grant to increase its capacity to provide education, vocational training and rehabilitation to girls residing at New Life Center who are at-risk for or victims of sexual abuse, labor exploitation or human trafficking.

AB Women's Ministries local groups and region/state organizations have sponsored fundraising drives, bake sales, and jewelry parties to raise needed funds for Break the Chains grants. First Baptist Church of Maywood, Illinois contributed \$50,000 to Break the Chains when the congregation closed its doors and sold its church property this year. The Break the Chains website at www.abwmbreakthechains.org regularly communicates news and information from individuals participating in the project.

"Our two-year funding goal for Break the Chains national project is \$250,000; however, Break the Chains has gone far beyond raising funds to empower new ministries," said Holmstrom. "God is using Break the Chains to transform the hearts of American Baptist women. A number of American Baptist women have personally responded to God's call to help end sex trafficking. Some are lobbying elected state government representatives to strengthen anti-trafficking legislation in their state; others are providing awareness information to their churches and communities. Some are reaching out in caring ministries to victims of trafficking." Holmstrom hopes that individual American Baptist women and AB Women's Ministries groups will be instrumental in beginning new ministries dedicated to ending sex trafficking. A portion of the \$183,988.03 received by American Baptist Women's Ministries during the Project's first year has been set aside for grants to be distributed in September 2010 to emerging American Baptist-related ministries that support the purpose of the Break the Chains initiative. Grant application forms for such emerging ministries will be available in early 2009 from American Baptist Women's Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

American Baptist Women's Ministries is currently receiving second year donations to Break the Chains through July 31, 2009, to award grants next September to selected American Baptist-related ministries in Ghana, Lebanon, Italy, and Kansas City, Missouri.

ABC Pastor and Race Track Chaplain, Homer Tricules, Dies

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 09/4/08) — Rev. Homer Tricules, long time American Baptist pastor and Race Track chaplain, passed away on August 22, 2008, surrounded by his loving family.

Tricules was a graduate of Rutgers University, Fairleigh Dickinson University and The New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and he traveled regularly into New York City pursuing doctoral studies. Prior to entering the seminary, Tricules served as an officer in the United States Army, as a teacher, and as an iron worker. He served pastorates in Carteret, Long Branch and Scotch Plains, NJ, and was a pioneer of the cutting edge ministry at the three thoroughbred New Jersey Race Tracks, where he served as track chaplain. His call to this unique work on the backside of the tracks was unusual, challenging and thrilling, and nothing gave him more joy than seeing the lives he touched come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. David Laubach, Associate Executive Director for Strategic Missional Relationships for National Ministries, said, "Homer's pioneering work in racetrack chaplaincy has grown into ministries at more than 100 racetracks, continues through American Baptist chaplains today, and represents a holistic concern for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of those on the 'backside'. Homer was especially concerned about the priority of evangelism in the American Baptist Churches and was a strong advocate through the American Baptist Fellowship. I remember the day the ABF dissolved...that same day, Homer sent a check to National Ministries celebrating and encouraging NM's commitment to sharing the Good News."

Tricules experienced God's call in a variety of endeavors. His love for youth and young adults was evident as he served many years as camp director for the Baptist Camp and Conference Center, Lebanon, expressing the love of Jesus for children and adults alike.

Concerned for the slipping moral standards of society, Tricules was integral in bringing a Billy Graham crusade to the Asbury Park Convention Hall. This endeavor began uniting churches of all denominations, and that became a trademark for Tricules: to see all churches join together for the cause of Christ. His interest in education and his community was evidenced by his service as an elected member of the Long Branch Board of Education, bringing a sense of unity to the difficult challenges the board faced. He furthered his passion for education while serving at the Race Track, when he began the Quiet Winter Scholarship fund for those grooms and stable hands who wanted to pursue their love of horses through higher education.

Tricules loved to teach the Bible in conversational type studies that took place in homes, businesses, at colleges and universities, and even restaurants. His passion was to make the Word of God come alive to people.

Tricules served as the president of the American Baptists of New Jersey, where he spearheaded an evangelistic program that spread across the state and saw many come to salvation. As a religious and political analyst he was the editor for the American Baptist Fellowship, a conservative national group begun by Dr. Lawrence Slaughter. Eventually he was invited to serve under President Reagan at the White House Round Table of Religious Leaders, and was featured in Who's Who in Religion. The world responded to the good works Tricules carried out for his Savior, and he was featured in a variety of radio, newspaper, magazine and television interviews. "Bet your life on the Lord Jesus Christ," he would say. "It is a bet you cannot lose."

The American Baptist Lay Institute, now The Eastern School of Christian Ministries, was spearheaded by Reverend Tricules and Reverend Olmstead, meeting the need for trained clergy in churches throughout the state by providing training for lay people who are unable to financially or otherwise attend seminary. This program grew in stature and now operates in confluence with Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, (now Palmer Seminary).

Tricules also opened open the first Community Christian Counseling Center at The First Baptist Church of Red Bank, at the invitation of the church and pastor Rev. Dr. David Fish. In operation for 30 years, the faith based center met the needs of anyone who needed psychological help. His cutting edge ability to apply faith to principles of counseling served as the starting point for the recently released book *The Theory of Christian Psychology*.

Homer served the Lord faithfully and through that service has touched thousands of lives. He loved those who are unloved by society, and was a shining example of Christ to his family, his community, and his church. He has finished the race set before him and leaves behind a tremendous example for those still engaged in the journey.

General Secretary Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley said, "It was a joy and privilege to work with Homer in New Jersey and to see how his work has had an impact on our larger American Baptist family of faith. His tremendous spirit and giftedness were an asset to this denomination and, more importantly, to the kingdom of God. Homer's passion for Christ was evident in all that he pursued, and his legacy will be felt for years to come. He will be missed."

Reverend Tricules is predeceased by his daughter, Nancy Smith, and survived by his wife Magdalene, daughters Lori Tricules and Eva Klostreich, and grandchildren Kelly Smith, Adam Kiernan, Nathan and Harrison Andrews, and Christopher and Michael Klostreich.

A Celebratory Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Red Bank, NJ. Donations may be made to the United World Missions marked Roger and Camille Hoagland, #31239. Camille is the daughter of jockey Sammy Maple, fruit of Homer's Race Track Ministry at Monmouth Park. The Hoaglands are missionaries in overseas territory dangerous to Christians.

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Musicians Needed for Biennial, Sponsorship Program Announced,

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 09/5/08) — Plans are well underway for the 2009 Biennial gathering, June 26-28, where American Baptists will celebrate ministry and mission together in beautiful Pasadena, CA. The Biennial web pages were recently redesigned to reflect the many exciting opportunities available at next summer's meeting, and can be found at www.abc-usa.org/biennial/2009pasadena/index.htm.

New for the 2009 Biennial is a sponsorship program, offering corporate entities or organizations an exciting way to be an active participant in the Biennial, support the denomination, and receive excellent benefits at all levels of sponsorship. Sponsor levels are set at the \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, and \$20,000 levels. Find out more at www.abc-usa.org/biennial/2009pasadena/sponsorgrid.pdf

Applications are being accepted for musical groups and individuals to perform during the Biennial meeting. All choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, dancers, and performers...of all musical genres and backgrounds...are encouraged to apply, in order to celebrate ABC life in all its rich diversity.

"We want to encourage as many musicians as possible to apply," said Biennial Worship Designer Brad Berglund. "This Biennial will be a wonderful fusion of our rich diversity of life, faith, and experience, as we come together to worship. I hope that you will be a part of this unique and powerful celebration."

The application can be found at www.abc-usa.org/biennial/2009pasadena/BienMusicApp.pdf. The application deadline is November 1, 2008.

Assistance Needed for Hurricane Relief Efforts in Caribbean

VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 09/9/08) — American Baptist International Ministries has provided almost \$15,000 in emergency grants to our Caribbean partners, as they help victims of recent hurricanes. In Jamaica, the partner has received a \$3,000 grant. In the Dominican Republic, \$3,500 has been released. Haiti has received a \$5,000 grant. At least another \$3,000 in emergency aid is planned for the region. These initial emergency grants were made after these Caribbean nations weathered Hurricane Gustav, which struck the Caribbean beginning Aug. 26 and Hurricane Hanna, which took a surprising turn to hit Haiti and then Cuba beginning Sept. 1, and most recently Hurricane Ike, which hit the Caribbean over the weekend.

International Ministries is presently [accepting donations](#) for a hurricane emergency relief fund (specify gifts to Caribbean Hurricane relief through One Great Hour of Sharing).

The grants will allow our partners to provide immediate emergency aid, such as food and clean water. The funds were provided by [One Great Hour of Sharing](#), an offering raised each year by American Baptists. Lisa Rothenberger, who administers OGHS as the world relief officer, says more is needed.

"These initial grants will help meet some of the immediate needs but there will be great need for additional support," Rothenberger said.

The Haitian Baptist Convention confirms this view.

"We are very worried by this disastrous situation, which is added to the various problems to which we face each day with families who cannot eat, send their children to the school, [or] go to the hospital," said Pastor Emmanuel Pierre, the convention's general secretary. "The situation, certainly, is alarming," Pierre said.

News reports initially undercounted the death toll in Haiti, but recent reports suggest as many as 500 people have died from the recent storms in that country alone.

With the most recent storm, Hurricane Ike, which has caused damage in Cuba, Haiti and Jamaica, International Ministries expects the need to rise.

In Jamaica, Jamaican Baptist Union head Karl Johnson told International Ministries, "We are still assessing as we speak but [Hurricane] Gustav claimed approximately 11 lives and badly damaged the country's infrastructure."

And according to news reports Hurricane Ike affected Eastern Cuba, where we partner with the Eastern Cuba Baptists.

The Dominican Republic and Haiti are on the same island, and missionary Madeline Flores-Lopez says the DR has been affected as well.

A whole community called Batey Yabacao was taken out of their homes due to the river [overflowing]," said Madeline. "Of course the river [flooded] the community so they lost everything."

"Our partners all over the Caribbean need our prayers and support at this time," said Dr. Jose Norat-Rodríguez, area director for the Caribbean for International Ministries. "This has been an unusual storm season because really quickly one storm has hit after another, with the people not having time to recover. So we want to prepare to meet the need that has been made worse by multiple hurricanes"

American Baptists wishing to support ongoing hurricane-relief efforts can do so through their church's monthly report of mission support, designating contributions "OGHS-Caribbean Hurricanes."

Since 1950, several American Protestant denominations have annually received the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to support their ministries in disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. American Baptists joined this effort in 1973. Today, nine Christian denominations currently raise about \$20 million annually through this offering. Each denomination retains what it raises to support vital ministries in more than 70 countries around the world.

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.

HEALTH CARE NEWS

Health Care Speak-Out September 17

The Commonwealth Fund recently released a study reporting more than two in five adults report problems paying medical bills in 2007. 61% of these individuals were insured. As our health care crisis deepens its impact on individuals and families, we need to come together to create an American solution that protects both the health and financial well-being of everyone. Come be a part of our grassroots movement for Healthcare for America NOW! at a Health Care Speak-Out on September 17th. The event will take place at the Waukegan Public Library, 126 N. County Street, Waukegan at 6 p.m. A flier is attached with this issue of *eWind*. Please print it out and share it, and come to the event in Waukegan.

Des Plaines Community Conversation on Health Care

Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care (ICBH) will host a conversation on issues related to health care Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Des Plaines at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 766 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines. Everyone is welcome! Join others in discussing the health care crisis, learning about health care reform, and planning local advocacy action. For more information, please contact Eric Quamme, Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, at 312- 491-8161, extension 25, or equamme@ilmaternal.org.

Health Care Sabbath

This invitation is from the Illinois Health Care Justice Campaign and the Campaign for Better Health Care. We encourage ABCMC congregations to observe Health Care Sabbath on October 18.



Accessible, Affordable, Quality Health Care for ALL

Dear Person of Faith,

We have a unique opportunity this fall to call for healing and justice in our society. Millions of Illinois residents are uninsured, underinsured or risk losing their coverage. For many of us, these include our friends, relatives and

neighbors.

This is not just a medical and economic crisis - it is a moral one. But it is one that people of faith - like you - can change through advocacy. Given this, the Faith Caucus of the Health Care Justice Campaign invites you and your congregation to participate in:

The Health Care Sabbath October 17-19

To learn more about this important event, visit <http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html>

For a **free Congregational Advocacy Toolkit** - including prayers, liturgies, scripture readings and discussion guides - visit <http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html> You can even receive a Toolkit specific to the Jewish, Christian or Muslim faiths,

As part of this event, congregations across the state will do at least one of the following:

- Pray for the uninsured and others who are suffering from the health care crisis
- Read scripture and liturgies related to healing and justice
- Hold discussion groups on what it means to work for justice as people of faith
- Sign postcards to send to legislators, calling on them to enact health care reform.

We urge you and your congregation to take part in one or more of these activities - even if only to pause during worship to pray for those in your community who are uninsured.

To participate in the Health Care Sabbath and receive a free Congregational Advocacy Toolkit, please visit <http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html> today.

For more information, feel free to contact Jonathan VanderBrug, CBHC Chicago Office (312-913-9449 or by replying to this Email), or Josephine Kalipeni, CBHC Downstate Office (217-352-5600 or jkalipeni@cbhconline.org).

May you always have the blessing of good health care.

Sincerely,

Jonathan VanderBrug
Health Care Justice Director
Campaign for Better Health Care

P. S. - Even if you cannot take part October 17-19, we still encourage you to order a Toolkit and to observe the Health Care Sabbath at another time. You can also combine this event with other Sabbath observances, such as the CDF Children's Sabbath.

PEACE NEWS

BPFNA Delegation Received By Nicaraguan President

This article is from the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA).

MANAGUA, Nicaragua In a rare move, a visiting group of evangelical (Protestant) leaders from the United States were recently granted an audience with Daniel Ortega, the president of Nicaragua. It was the first such meeting Ortega had granted since his re-election to office in 2007.

The delegation was part of a larger Friendship Tour to Nicaragua sponsored by the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA). The tour was arranged in part through a longtime sister congregation relationship between the Second Baptist Church of Leon, Nicaragua and the University Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was hosted by AMOS, an American Baptist rural health initiative headquartered in Managua. The tour included Baptists from across the United States: California, Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, Vermont and Minnesota.

The group met with President Ortega and First Lady Rosario Murillo and assembled guests in Managua on August 21.

As a result of the unexpected invitation, the BPFNA delegation was able to include, as their guests, representatives of the several groups they had been working with earlier in their stay including leaders of a group working for justice for victims of the pesticide Nemagon and leaders of other groups working for social justice.

Spokesperson for the delegation was LeDayne McLeese Polaski, BPFNA Program Coordinator. During the meeting in the Nicaraguan capitol, Polaski spoke of the Fellowship's desire to learn from its visit to Nicaragua, and took time to introduce the extra invited guests as "our teachers." "We are grateful to them and to all those who have in their hearts a true concern for and a true commitment to the struggle for justice," she added.

The meeting was broadcast live on Radio Nicaragua and was covered extensively on Nicaraguan television and in the press.

Polaski later spoke of the group's "gratitude for the opportunity to speak directly to President Ortega" about its concerns and of their "thanks for being received with such hospitality."

The full text of the message delivered to President Ortega and the dispatches sent from the BPFNA Friendship Tour are available at: www.bpfna.org/nicaragua2008

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is a membership organization of Baptist individuals and congregations united in their concerns for issues of peace and justice.

Suburban Peace Vigils

There will be a peace vigil in Arlington Heights at the intersection of Northwest Highway and Arlington Heights Road, 3-4 p.m., on Saturday, September 13. Families with children, high school and college students and military families are welcome. The site is accessible. Signs are welcome. The vigil is sponsored by Families for Peace, Sisters of the Living Word, The Viatorian Community and Women's Resource Center.

There will be a peace vigil in Palatine at the intersection of Hicks Road and Northwest Highway, 3-4 p.m., on Saturday, September 20. The vigil will take place at the Volunteer Plaze where the clock tower is. Parking will be available across the street in the large strip mall that contains Ace Hardware and Sparrow's Nest Thrift Shop. Participants in the vigil are not to park in the lot behind the Volunteer Plaza. *Be very careful crossing the street!* The vigil is sponsored by Palatine for Peace.

MINISTERS COUNCIL NEWS

Ministers Council Dues

Dues for 2008 must be paid no later than September 30. If you still need to pay your membership dues, please send \$45 to Sara Day, ABCMC's Ministers Council treasurer, at
Rev. Dr. Sara E. Day, CFP®
The Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board
2205 S. Wolf Rd. #281
Hillside, IL 60162
(This is a new address.)

If you have any questions about dues, please contact Sara by email at sara.day@mmbb.org or by phone at 800.531.1940.

ABCMC Ministers Council September Meeting

The Ministers Council of ABCMC will have an afternoon meeting at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, on Thursday, September 25, 4:30-6:00 p.m. The program for the meeting will include discussing with Bob Thompson, pastor of Lake Street Church, his recently published book, *A Voluptuous God*.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for World peace.

Please pray for everyone—teachers and students and others—returning to school this season. Please pray for guidance and energy in helping Illinois finding more just ways for funding public education.

Please pray for Christians being terrorized and persecuted in Orissa state in India. Please lift up in prayer all the people of Orissa.

Please pray for our denomination, and leaders who are working on the process of restructuring national governance to meet current and future needs and resources.

Please pray for those dealing with the impact of violent storms in this season. Please remember especially our mission partners and all other people in the Caribbean. ABC International Ministries has provided emergency grants to our Caribbean partners as they help victims of recent hurricanes.

Please pray for those in our nation preparing to cope with the landfall of hurricane Ike.

Please pray for the families of 17 aid workers killed in a plane crash in Congo. Those killed were working with The Global Fund, and were colleagues of ABC missionaries in that country.

Please pray for our nation in this season of decision making.

CALENDAR

September 10—Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project meeting, South Church, 501 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, 7 p.m.

13 de septiembre--Junta de los pastores hispánicos, Iglesia Bautista Central, 2417 N. Campbell, Chicago, 9 a.m.

September 14—Homecoming Celebration, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 9 a.m. breakfast, 11 a.m. worship service.

September 14—Celebration of the 15th anniversary of Marshall Hatch as pastor of New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; Larry Greenfield preaches at New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, 5301 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, 11 a.m.

September 14—Back to School Bash, Morgan Park Baptist Church, 11024 S. Bell Avenue, Chicago, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

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

September 19-21—Indian Christian Festival, featuring evangelist Anil Kumar from India. Friday and Saturday evenings, Mather High School, 5835 N. Lincoln, Chicago, 6:30 p.m.; Sunday morning, India Mission Telugu Methodist Church, 1049 S. Euclid Avenue, Oak Park, 10:30 a.m.

September 20—A Better Day 2008, Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist, 1025 Smith Street, Palatine, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

September 20—Third Annual ABCMC Stewardship Seminar, Third Baptist Church of Chicago, Heritage Plaza Center, 1500 W. 95th Street, Chicago, 9 a.m.-Noon.

September 21—Christian Education Sunday.

September 21—Installation of Rick Kesler as pastor of the South Church, 501 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, 10:30 a.m.

September 21--ABCMC Sunday, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago; Larry Greenfield preaching, 11 a.m.

September 25--Ministers Council meeting, Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, 4:30-6 p.m.

September 28—ABCMC Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Park Forest, 80 N. Orchard, Park Forest; Larry Greenfield preaches, 11 a.m.

October 3-5—ABCMC Renewal Conference with focus on the Holy Spirit.

October 5—Faith Summit for Criminal Justice Reform: Resource Fair – 1:30-2:45 p.m.; Summit Event – 3-4:30 p.m.; The Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago, 725 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago.

October 12—Memorial service for Andrew Kmetko, First Baptist Church of Park Ridge, 1266 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, 3 p.m.

October 12—ABCMC Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Berwyn, 6916 W. 34th Street, Berwyn; Larry Greenfield preaches.

October 17-19—Children's Sabbath. Please observe Children's Sabbath in your congregation on Sunday, October 19. For resources and additional information, please visit childrensdefensefund.org >Programs >Religious Action Program.

October 17-19--Health Care Sabbath. Please observe Health Care Sabbath in your congregation on Sunday, October 19. Please contact Eric Quamme (equamme@ilmaternal.org) or Jonathan VanderBrug (jvanderbrug@cbhconline.org) for more information. For a toolkit, please go to <http://www.cbhconline.org/index.html>.

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

October 21-22—Conference of Baptist Leaders from Burma, October 21-22, at the Chin Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

October 26—Installation of Thomas Aldworth as pastor of Morgan Park Baptist Church, 11025 S. Bell Avenue, Chicago, 3 p.m.

November 1—Workshop with Ken Medema, Rockford. For more information, please contact Mark Vincent by e-mail: marklv@DesignForMinistry.com or marklv@DesignForBusinessIntl.com or phone: 877-771-3330 or 888-463-9995.

November 8--ABCMC Annual Meeting, Morgan Park Baptist Church, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This year's theme will be Disparity and Difference: New Testament Perspectives and Imperatives.

November 12—Kids Hope United Annual Dinner, law firm of Drinker Biddle, 191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3700, Chicago (in the Loop), 6 p.m.

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

December 20--Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

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