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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

November 12, 2008

Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.
Psalm 19:13-14 (NKJ)

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ABCMC NEWS

Music Festival

ALL METRO CHICAGO AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES
 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2ND ANNUAL ABCMC
 CHRISTMAS/ADVENT SEASON MUSIC FESTIVAL

DATE: Saturday, December 13, 2008

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Irving Park Baptist Church
 4401 W. Irving Park Road
 Chicago



The purpose of this program is to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas/ Advent season through music and song. Each participating church is asked to send a musical component (ranging from a full choir to a smaller number of singers, including duets or soloists, as well as musicians and praise dancers) to participate in this glorious afternoon of musical praise for our Lord and Savior and the Christmas/Advent season. And as happened last year, this year's musical festival will begin with a mass sing-a-long (involving all in attendance) of many of everyone's favorite Christmas carols and will conclude with a mass (unrehearsed) singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus", involving all the participants in the program, as well as willing volunteers from the audience.

Regardless of whether or not your church decides to participate musically, members and friends of Chicago Metro ABC churches are encouraged to attend. Admission is **FREE**. There will be a Free-Will Offering to support ABCMC and its programs and missions.

So mark the date and time (Saturday, December 13 @ 3:30PM) on your calendar, encourage your church to participate, plan to attend, and warm up your voice for the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus"!

Any church wishing to participate is asked to call Lowell Young, ABCMC Mission Support Associate, at 773-804-1655 or 773-370-2003, or e-mail him at younglowell@aol.com.

Kids Hope United Annual Dinner

Kids Hope United invites you to their Annual Dinner. Join them to commemorate 113 years of providing innovative services to protect children and strengthen families.

Jennifer Witherspoon will be the main speaker. She grew up in the Robert Taylor Homes on Chicago's South Side and is now the chief of corrections at Lake County Jail, the first African American and first woman ever to be named to that position. She has worked as a substance abuse counselor and law enforcement patrol sergeant in California, and as a legal advocate for victims of domestic violence in the YWCA ALIVE Program in Washington. She is a founding member of the North Shore Bronzeville Association in Chicago, which assists young men and women from underprivileged families by providing experiences and skills that participants would not ordinarily receive in schools. She earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the City University in Bellevue, Washington, and her law degree from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She lives in Waukegan with her husband of 24 years, Michael, and their two children, Megan and Tyler.

The dinner will be held Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. at Drinker Biddle, 191 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 3700. There is no charge for the event, but reservations are due October 31. Please contact Kristy Cechini at kcechini@kidshopeunited.org or 847-245-6505.

Kids Hope United is an American Baptist related organization. Linda Requilez, Clarke Robinson, Edward Santiago, and William Wallin serve on the Northern Region Board. Larry Greenfield serves on the Federation Board. Come join us.

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

Invitation and Request from North Shore Baptist Church

Dear Friends,

As we approach our first Karen American Open House on Sunday, November 16th at North Shore Baptist church, we would like to include another opportunity to assist our Karen brothers and sisters.

We been happy to receive clothing and pantry items on their behalf, this has been received with much appreciation and thanks. The biggest surprise to people coming to Chicago has been our frigid temperatures. Yet, we still have had people coming to worship and school in sandals and sweaters!

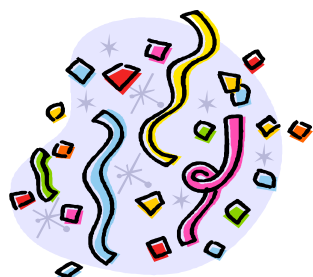
*Can you help us help them? We will accept **winter coats** in all children's sizes, women's sizes (S-M-L) and men's sizes (S-M-L). We also need shoes and boots in all sizes.*

Another thing we have learned is that there are four young men that have been laid off of their jobs until they have steel-toe shoes. If you would be able to make a donation to help us purchase these shoes, it would help them get back to work. Please make your check payable to *North Shore Baptist Church*, memo: *Karen Welcome Pantry:Shoes*.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dawn Noldan
North Shore Baptist Church
Missional Ministry Chairman

Hispanic Congregation's 30th Anniversary



On November 15 and 16, the Hispanic congregation of North Shore Baptist Church will celebrate their 30th anniversary in ministry. At 6:30 p.m. on November 15, the congregation will have a special anniversary service followed by a reception at the church.

Celebration will continue the next day with the customary Spanish service at 10 a.m. followed by North Shore's All Church Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

South Church Showcase



The Craft & Vendor showcase at South Church, 501 S. Emerson Avenue, Mount Prospect, is this Saturday, November 15, from 10a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature vendors/crafters from the congregation as well as from the local community. There will also be a bake sale and a raffle. It is the perfect time to get a jump start on your holiday shopping!

Bethesdan Choir to Present Cantata

On Sunday, November 16 at 4 p.m., the Bethesdan Choir of Greater Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church will perform the Christmas Cantata "Born to Die," Opus 25 by Glenn Edward Burleigh. This fine work traces the birth, live, death and resurrection of Jesus. It ends with a glorious chorus of "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men."

The Bethesdan Choir was organized in April, 1976 by then pastor (now pastor emeritus) Dr. A. Lincoln James, Sr., and has become an integral part of the music ministry at Greater Bethesda Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Kenneth Woods, Jr., this 25-member group has become known for its superb ensemble sound, excellent soloists, and inspirational musical messages. The outstanding success of the choir's annual "Sermon-In-Song" presentation has enabled the group to minister to various congregations and other religious groups.

All are invited to come and enjoy the Christmas cantata. It will be presented at the church, 5301 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Karen-American Open House



K A R E N - A M E R I C A N **OPEN HOUSE** *Stepping to the Beat of the Same Drum*

You are invited to attend the Karen-American Open House

Where:

North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago 5244 N Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640

When:

Sunday November 16, 2008 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Why:

To welcome our new neighbors to Chicago and to join us in exploring ways to help them succeed in America. Over 2,500 refugees from Burma and Thailand, most from the long persecuted Karen ethnic minority, have come to Chicago in the last year.

What to Expect:

An interactive, open forum where Karen refugees and Americans meet to share information and ideas for helping the Karen overcome their most pressing challenges, particularly:

English tutoring for adults
Employment opportunities
Eligibility and Access to Public Support
Housing
Children's Programs

What Else?

Representatives from state and city government specializing in refugee affairs.
Karen crafts and cuisine will be available for sale.
Karen art and culture will be demonstrated and discussed.
Performances by local Karen and American musicians.
Volunteer opportunities for you to explore.

What can I do?

Simply join us on the 16th. Bring your ideas and creative problem-solving skills. Our aim is to leverage the power of networking within our community on the Karens' behalf. No need to bring your checkbook, however, if you like, you may contribute to the Karen Welcome Pantry project of North Shore Baptist Church.

How do I RSVP?

Please email Theneeners@aol.com to confirm your attendance and/or to ask questions. Please feel free to forward this email to others who may be interested. (Of course, you do not need to be Karen to benefit from the information presented at this event. It is OPEN to all!)

Fun Raiser at Irving Park

If you weren't able to make it to either of the previous musical fun raisers at Irving Park Baptist Church, you really missed a good time. Don't deprive yourself again! The next musical fun-raiser is scheduled for November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago.

175th Anniversary Celebration

The First Baptist Church of Chicago, the oldest Baptist church in the city of Chicago, is celebrating 175 years of ministry this year. On October 12 they held a joy-filled time of celebration. They're not done yet, though.

First Baptist's 175th Anniversary Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on the evening of Sunday, November 23. The banquet will take place in Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 East 59th Street on the campus of the University of Chicago. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please call the church office at 773-536-3430 reserve your seats. Evening attire is requested.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Inaugural Edgar Boss Lecture Series to Take Place

This article is from Judson University in Elgin.

The first Edgar Boss Lecture Series will take place the week of November 17 and feature visiting lecturer Dr. Fisher Humphreys. Dr. Humphreys is a noted Baptist theologian and professor emeritus of Systematic Theology from Beeson Divinity School, Samford University of Birmingham, Ala.

The Series includes Dr. Humphreys delivering the message at chapel on Monday, November 17, on the theme "The Will of God," and Wednesday, November 19, on the theme of forgiveness. During the three-day lecture series he will also speak to select classes and the faculty through the Colloquia Series.

Dr. Humphreys will be the featured guest for a Pastor's Luncheon and Dialogue on Tuesday, November 18. The luncheon will provide a "question and answer" forum with Humphreys providing guidance and theological perspective for area pastors.

The Lecture Series honors the late Dr. Edgar Boss, Judson's founding dean of the academic programs. The series is sponsored by Dr. Albert and Edith Lambert. A flier promoting the event is attached with this issue of *eWind*.

Color of Change

We've just elected the first Black president, Barack Obama--a leader who will serve all of us. It's a profound moment many of us thought we'd never see. What makes it even more special is that it couldn't have happened without all of us.

[ColorofChange.org](http://www.colorofchange.org) is putting together a story about how we feel at this moment and in what ways we helped achieve this victory. Our stories are an important part of this historic moment. I've shared my story with ColorOfChange, will you share your story too? It takes just a moment:

<http://www.colorofchange.org/stories08/?id=1848-206914>

Ordinary people won this campaign for Obama, and we should be proud. Black people and our allies stepped up as never before: some of us talked to friends and neighbors, some of us voted for the first time, some volunteered, some gave money, and more.

And we feel great--we were personally inspired by Obama and witnessed history we never thought we'd see, while moving our friends and family to get involved in the political process and making new friends along the way that will last far beyond November.

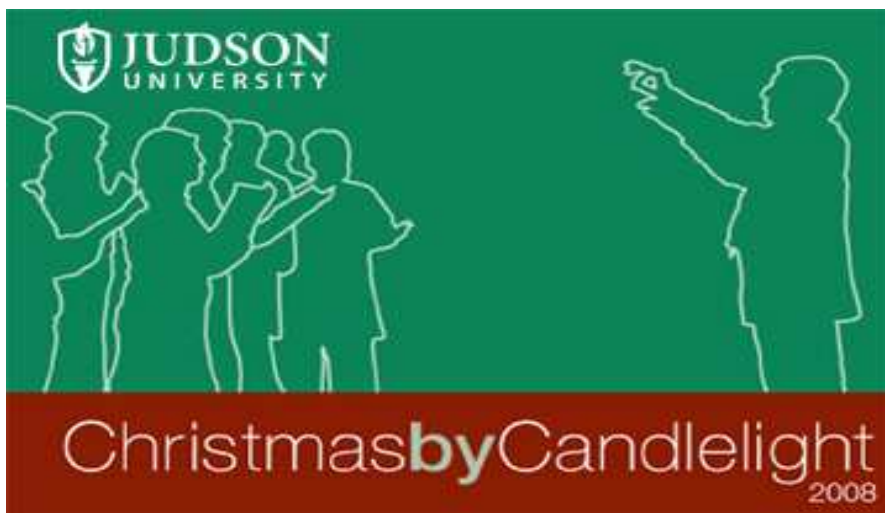
As the dust settles, the whole media will be talking about how this victory came to be, and how everyday people feel about it. Your story should be a part of that conversation.

[ColorofChange.org](http://www.colorofchange.org) will gather the stories, and push to showcase them in the media, and also make them available to us. We'll be able to see what our neighbors had to say--as well as someone half-way across the country. They'll highlight the most interesting stories, and make sure the world knows how we helped make this happen.

A piece of this victory belongs to you. Make sure your story is a part of history:

<http://www.colorofchange.org/stories08/?id=1848-206914>

Christmas at Judson University



Celebrate the start of the holiday season with Judson University at our annual Christmas by Candlelight event on December 5 & 6, 2008, in the Lindner Campus Commons. The Christmas celebration will begin with a hearty holiday meal followed by Judson's Concert Choir performing John Rutter's *Gloria* under the direction of Dr. Dale Voelker. Special music will also feature Judson's Handbell Choir!

FESTIVITIES

Gift Bazaar

12 p.m. through the Evening's Activities
Lindner Campus Commons, Upper Level

Friends of Judson Annual Christmas Bake Sale

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Lindner Campus Commons

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner Served at 6 p.m.

Lindner Campus Commons, Dining Hall

**Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m.
in the Herrick Chapel**

Featuring the Judson University Concert Choir and Handbell Choir
To place your reservation, visit www.judsonu.edu/candlelight.aspx

Please register by November 17, 2008.

Registrations are finalized when full payment is received.

If you have questions, please call Jaimee Bartha at 847.628.2514.

Programs on the Middle East

“Separate is Never Equal” Speaking Tour

Saturday and Sunday, November 15-16

Oak Park and Rogers Park

“Jerusalem: East Side Story”

**Film screening and Discussion with
Filmmaker Mohammed Alatar**

Friday, November 14

De Paul and Loyola University

See below for details

**“Separate is Never Equal”
Is There Apartheid in Palestine?**

Why is the term “apartheid” used by observers such as Nelson Mandela, President Jimmy Carter and Ha’aretz publisher

Danny Rubinstein to describe the separation policy enforced by Israel in the Occupied Territories? What are the parallels

between Palestinian life under Israeli occupation and apartheid in South Africa?

Legal and ethical issues surrounding Israeli policy will be analyzed by Canadian-Palestinian attorney Diana Buttu, a former

legal advisor to the Negotiations Support Unit of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and Rev. Eddie Makue, South

African veteran anti-apartheid activist and advocate of democratic reform.

These events are part of the “Separate Is Never Equal” national tour, sponsored by the US Campaign to End the Israeli

Occupation and endorsed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

****Two public presentations and discussions with Diana Buttu and Eddie Makue****

2:30pm, Saturday

November 15, 2008

Oak Park Public Library

834 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL

Sponsored by the Committee for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine (CJPIP)

12:30 pm, Sunday

November 16, 2008

United Church of Rogers Park

1545 W. Morse Avenue
Chicago, IL 60626

Sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Miryam Rashid at mrashid@afsc.org or 312-427-2533 x 18

Jerusalem: East Side Story
Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker Mohammed Alatar

“Jerusalem ... The east side story squeezes nearly one hundred years of history into an hour or so of cinema. It mainly exposes the past forty years of Israeli military occupation policies in Jerusalem and their devastating impact on the city and its peoples.”

- Review, Electronicintifada.org

Muhammed Alatar is a filmmaker and human rights activist whose other films include *The Iron Wall* (2006).

Jerusalem: East Side Story includes interviews with Palestinian and Israeli leaders, human rights activists and political analysts.

****Two film screenings, followed by discussions with filmmaker****

When: Thursday, November 13th at 3pm

Where: DePaul University, Schmitt Academic Center Rm. 280
2320 N. Kenmore Ave, Chicago IL

Sponsored by Students for Justice in Palestine at DePaul & American Friends Service Committee
For more information contact Lailah Farah @ lfarah@depaul.edu or Mara Suttmann at msuttmann@afsc.org

When: Friday, November 14th at 7pm

Where: Life Science Building Room 142
Loyola University-Lake Shore Campus

Sponsored by W.I.L.L. (Women in Leadership at Loyola) & American Friends Service Committee **Free Food!**

For more information contact Grishma Pandya @ gpandya@luc.edu

View the film's website: www.eastsidestory.ps

American Friends Service Committee Event

Creating Connections & Renewing Commitments
Celebrating 60 Years of AFSC Involvement in Israel/Palestine

The American Friends Service Committee Middle East Program cordially invites you to join us for an evening dedicated to creating connections and renewing our commitments to Middle East peace.

WHEN: December 4, 2008—6:30 to 9:30 pm

WHERE: Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Avenue, Chicago

Ticket Prices:

\$60 per person general admission ticket

\$30 per person student ticket

\$400 for a table of eight

All tickets will be held at the door on the evening of the event.

RSVP by November 26, 2008

Please make a check payable to the:

AFSC-Middle East Program

637 S. Dearborn Avenue

Chicago, IL 60605

If you would like a copy of the invitation through snail mail, please send your address to mrashid@afsc.org.

For more information call or email Miryam Rashid at 312.427.2533 x18 or mrashid@afsc.org

PROGRAM**Featuring:****Raji Sourani****Human Rights Lawyer, and Founder and Director of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights**

Raji Sourani is widely considered the foremost human rights lawyer in Gaza. He is the recipient of many international awards, including the 1991 Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award.

Israel routinely denies Raji the right to exit Gaza, but we are hopeful that he will be able to join us for this important event.

Ali Abunimah**Political Analyst and Co-Founder of Electronic Intifada and Author of *One Country: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Impasse***

Ali Abunimah is a writer and commentator on Middle East and Arab-American affairs whose articles appear in major US newspapers as well as the Jordan Times, Ha'aretz and Lebanon's Daily Star.

He is a frequent guest on local, national, and international radio and television.

Hedy Epstein**Holocaust Survivor and Internationally Renowned Speaker**

Born in Germany, Hedy Epstein was brought in 1939 to a safe haven in England as part of a children's transport organized by the AFSC.

Hedy came to the US in 1948 and has been active in civil and human rights and social justice causes for many years.

She has visited the Israeli occupied West Bank five times since 2003 and has most recently worked on the Free Gaza Movement's effort to break the siege of the Gaza Strip.

The event will also include an exciting Silent Auction, a Light Buffet provided by Hel's Kitchen, and Musical Performance from jazz artist Michael Levin and Friends

ABCUSA NEWS

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

ABC Missionaries for India

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David writes: I arrived back in India for an 18-day. I have been celebrating that in the midst of much sad news that we have been receiving from India of persecution and political unrest, of burnings and bombings, there is also good news. God has blessed some of his faithful servants in Andhra Pradesh, and the work they are doing in the name of Jesus; the hungry are being fed, children are being trained and cared for in church schools, and the next generation of church leaders are being taught.

Andhra Christian Theological College, serves 160 men and 10 women as they study the Word of God. The school is expanding to meet the desire of more men and women to be equipped to spread the Good News throughout the state of Andhra. Their facilities are simple, but they look to the future with hopes to build a chapel, more classroom space, more living quarters and to keep up the quality of educational resources.

Another organization that is doing a lot of good work is the Banjara Development Trust. I have been out on trips each day with Director Dr. Wilson into the villages and lands of the Banjara tribal people. As with many of the Native American people in the USA, these tribal communities have been pushed to live and farm the most desolate areas. Yet the work of the Banjara Development Trust is alive with the Good News of Jesus. I had the privilege of meeting lots of really neat kids in their schools and at the centers for Banjara tribal children and young parents. There are after-school programs for kids and programs for new mothers where they get spiritual training, good hot food and caring staff to attend to special needs.

As the population in India grows by staggering numbers, so it is in these tribal areas as well. The centers/schools are growing, the programs getting more crowded; facilities that were extremely simple and austere to begin with are being strained. Some sites need the basics of water (a bore well will need to be drilled), electricity for lighting, more classrooms and more teachers for the classrooms. I also noticed needs such as boundary walls to protect the kids and the property from trespassers and theft, a library that needs more books, a science lab that needs equipment, a computer lab that needs..... computers. But their first request is for prayer.

Pray for the staff who run the programs and for the children they serve – for health and strength, for God to meet their needs, for the name of Jesus to be given honor and praise.

High Court Hears Case Caused by Government Support of Religion



November 12, 2008

WASHINGTON— A case heard today by the U.S. Supreme Court is a reminder that governmental involvement in religious expression does so to the detriment of religion itself.

In *Summum v. Pleasant Grove City, Utah*, the court heard an appeal arising from a faith group's request to place a monument of its Seven Aphorisms next to a Ten Commandments monument in the city's Pioneer Park. The High Court

considered the question of whether the lower court went too far by applying free speech principles to the city park in a manner that requires the city to allow the Summum monument.

A friend-of-the-court brief filed by the Baptist Joint Committee and a coalition of religious freedom advocates argued, however, that the case has an Establishment Clause dimension that should be before the court.

“Because of the peculiarities of Tenth Circuit jurisprudence, Summum couched its legal claims principally in the language of free speech and viewpoint discrimination. The proper locus of its complaint is, however, the Establishment Clause — which the Founders intended to serve as the principal bulwark against the government’s resort to rank denominational prejudice,” the brief states. “And although Summum has yet to develop its Establishment Clause claim and marshal its evidence, there is enough in the record to suggest that Pleasant Grove’s conduct may well have had a discriminatory object.”

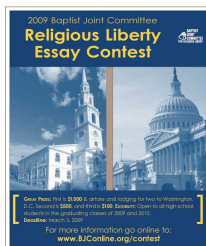
Baptist Joint Committee General Counsel K. Hollyn Hollman warns that while the Court did not reach the religious liberty issue, the facts demonstrate an inherent problem with religious displays on government property.

“The proclamation of religious Scripture or principles should come from people of faith, not the government,” Hollman said.

“Groups are free to design and construct monuments that support their faith and place them on private property,” Hollman said. “However, when the government decides which religious displays to accept and rejects others, it raises questions of fairness and invites suspicion from those who rightly expect government to be neutral in matters of religion.”

Details Released for the 2009 Essay Contest!

Contest open to all students in 2009, 2010 graduating classes



The Baptist Joint Committee has released details of its annual religious liberty essay contest, which is open this year to **all** high school students in the 2009 and 2010 graduating classes. The contest offers a grand prize of **\$1,000** and airfare and lodging for two to Washington, D.C. Second prize is **\$500**, and third prize is **\$100**.

The topic for the 2009 contest and all of the requirements are available from the [BJC Web site](http://www.bjconline.org). All entries must be postmarked by March 2, 2009.

Completed essays and required forms should be mailed to:

**Baptist Joint Committee Essay Contest
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

Visit the BJC Web site (www.bjconline.org) to download registration materials and for more information. If you have questions, contact Jeff Huett at 202-544-4226 or by e-mail at jhuett@bjconline.org

ABC Missionaries in Mexico

This article is from ABC International Ministries.



Tim and Patti Long minister in leadership training by the Baja Baptist Convention, Dios Con Nosotros (God With Us). They help in the acculturation process of the many people who relocate to the Baja Peninsula of Mexico from other areas in Mexico.

Tim writes: What a busy, tense and emotional time we have experienced the last few weeks! And it appears that there will not be much letup in the next weeks.

- **Pray for God's protection.** We covet your continued thoughts and prayers as the violence (mainly killings and kidnappings for ransom) due to the drug turf wars continues unabated, especially in and around Tijuana. We'll not enter into details here, but, please know that we continue our ministries in Baja, Mexico and do so taking necessary precautionary measures. The churches with which we work continue their witness in the midst of a climate of fear. And we are privileged to join with them as we all witness to the good news of life, hope and peace through Christ Jesus, and this not a message for the future, rather for the here and now.
- **Pray for Pastor Tec and his family.** Pastor Tec was a longtime pastor of the churches with which we work in Baja. A few years ago he retired from his church in Tijuana and began a church planting ministry in San Diego. He continued living in Tijuana while crossing the border each day to work and minister in the US. Some of you have heard about his ordeal. He was kidnapped a couple of weeks ago and finally 'released' after 10 days. He suffered greatly during those ten days and thankfully was found in time after being dumped and left for dead by the kidnappers. He is now recuperating in a hospital in the US.

ABCUSA Biennial

Are you ready to be challenged? Then come to the Pasadena Biennial!

If you are a new (or maybe even a seasoned) American Baptist, you may not have heard about the Biennial. Every two years, we gather to worship, learn, celebrate, grow and set direction for our lives as God's people. "Serving as the Hands and Feet of Christ" beautifully captures our servant heart. That theme will guide us throughout our time in Pasadena, California, June 26 to 28, 2009. We are experimenting! This Biennial will offer new experiences:

- **Mission Summit Experience**—Take advantage of "People on the Edge," including workshops and Bible studies, and see how American Baptists are joining Jesus in ministry with people on the edge.
- **Mission Fair**—Spend time at our exhibit area that is designed to be interactive and downright fun! Dialogue with missionaries; grab a cappuccino with friends; enjoy live music; and, yes, find books and bargains.
- **Discernment Sessions**—Attend fast-paced plenaries that will move and inspire you. Gifted speakers/ teachers; world-class Christian music, heart-moving videos and informative presentations will send you forth strong in faith and Christ's hands and feet.

ready to serve as o work for Christ.

- **Mission Projects**—Experience hands-on mission projects to put your hands and feet t
- **Learning Opportunities**—Attend workshops that will grow, inform and challenge you. st
- **Decisions**—As a Delegate, participate in significant decision-making around a 21st Century structure for ABCUSA.
- **Young Adult Ministers**—Come and enjoy a dinner planned especially for you!

And as always, enjoy seeing lifelong friends and making new friends; new ideas for ministry; inspiring preaching; and international and ecumenical guests.

HEALTH CARE NEWS

Campaign for Better Health Care 2008 Annual Meeting

The Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care, an advocacy organization for improving the quality and availability of health care in our state, will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 25 for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The gathering will take place at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in Chicago.

The morning program will present a panel discussion featuring a number of leaders from state government. They will discuss the role of states in health care, and what the federal government can do to help and support states in moving forward in securing health care for all. The afternoon will see a panel discussion by leaders of different advocacy organizations, who will address health care reform on the national level.

Tickets for the meeting are \$60. To order yours, please go to www.cbhconline.org or contact Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 or kduffy@cbhconline.org.

PEACE NEWS

Northwest Suburban Meeting

The Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project will hold a monthly meeting tonight, November 12, at the South Church, 501 S. Emerson Avenue, Mt. Prospect, at 7 p.m.

U.S. Veterans to Speak

WHAT: Speak for Peace Tour: U.S. Veterans & Iraqis Creating the Way Forward

WHERE: First United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove

WHEN: Friday, November 14, 2008 at 7:30 PM

SPONSORED BY: American Friends Service Committee, West Suburban Faith-based Peace Coalition, Pax Christi DuPage, DuPage Peace Through Justice Coalition, and DuPage Against War Now.

Iraqi Civilian & Iraq War Veteran Give Eyewitness Accounts of War
Creating the Way For Peace Through Dialogue

DOWNERS GROVE, IL-- Local peace groups, working with the American Friends Service Committee, will bring the national Speak for Peace Tour to Downers Grove on Friday. The tour gives voice to two groups not often heard together: Iraqi civilians and U.S. veterans. The last stop on a nine-stop tour of Indiana and Illinois, this event in Downers Grove brings together Iraqi consultant Raed Jarrar and Iraq War veteran Eugene Cherry.

Raed Jarrar was living in Baghdad, Iraq in 2003 when the country was invaded. He became the country director for CIVIC Worldwide, helping to establish the only door-to-door casualty survey in war-torn Iraq. After coming to the U.S. in 2005, Jarrar became the Iraq consultant for the American Friends Service Committee.

Eugene Cherry is a former Army Medic who served in Iraq from 2004 to 2005. Cherry went AWOL for 16

months after returning from Iraq with symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The US Army tried to prosecute him through a Courts Martial. Cherry fought the Courts Martial and was eventually released with an honorable discharge

The Speak for Peace Tour aims to give voice to those who so often go unheard in America. It represents the ultimate goal of true reconciliation between Americans and Iraqis.

Peace Vigil

A Families for Peace vigil will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 3 pm to 4 pm in Palatine, at Hicks Road and Northwest Hwy. Information: 847-934-9648/LO21859@aol.com, Lisa Goranson

Families for Peace is sponsored by Sisters of the Living Word, Viatorian Community, Social Action Committee of Countryside Universalist Church of Palatine and the Women's Resource Center.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for newly elected leaders, as well as those leaving office, during their times of transition.

Please hold the people of India in prayer. Pray that the government will have the courage and wisdom to deal with the sectarian violence there.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Debbie and Jim Kelsey, working with immigrants in Italy. Please pray also for the people whom they are trying to help.

Please pray for Daniel and Sarah Chetti, ABC missionaries teaching at a seminary in Beirut, Lebanon.

Please pray for peace in Darfur, and for all the people there who are suffering from violence and starvation. Please pray as well for the aid workers who are endeavoring to help them.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Betsy and David Perkins, who normally minister in India, but are currently on assignment in the USA and Puerto Rico. Please hold in prayer those who are continuing to minister in India, in the midst of threats of violence against Christians there.

Please pray for Pastor Manuel Tec as he recuperates from the ordeal he suffered at the hands of kidnapers in Baja California in Mexico.

Please hold in prayer ABC missionaries Tim and Patti Long, ministering in Mexico in the midst of many dangers.

BOOK NOOK

Encountering the Holy Spirit

Rony Reyes, Spanish language pastor at North Shore Baptist Church, has published a book, *Apocalyptic Anointing*. It is about his early spiritual encounters with the Holy Spirit. Although the book's original audiences are Pentecostal/Charismatic, nevertheless, everyone who is interested in spiritual gifts, visions and dreams, and want to deepen an understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit will benefit from reading this book. It is available from www.amazon.com or www.emethpress.com. For more information. visit the book's website: <http://apocalypticanoointing.com>.

POSITION OPENINGS

Associate Director of Development for ABCUSA



Role and Responsibilities: Responsible for significantly increasing giving to the Office of the General Secretary/General Ministries through a pool of new donors, by enhancing the giving potential of the General Secretary's Circle, and by creating and sustaining an annual fund campaign to consistently add to the endowment of the Office of the General Secretary. Provide congregation training in financial stewardship

Education and Experience: Bachelor's degree, but master is preferred. Proven and specialized skills and experience in the field of fundraising, 5 years minimum. A track record within the faith based community, with particular skills in congregational life, preferably within ABCUSA. A passion for the ministry of fundraising. Ability to focus on tasks to bring results. Effective communication and interpersonal skills, especially in diverse settings. Leadership skills, as well as ability to work with others.

Compensation: Competitive compensation package including employer paid contributions to a 403b retirement plan, healthcare benefits (medical, dental & vision) and paid time off (vacation, sick leave, and holidays).

If you are ready to be a part of this dynamic, faith based organization, send a cover letter, resume, and name/address/phone numbers of three (3) professional references to: jobs@abc-usa.org.

This posting will close on November 14, 2008

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Staff Accountant

Role and Responsibilities: As staff accountant, this position supports the Controller/Treasurer by overseeing monthly reconciliations, performing monthly closing procedures, assisting with monitoring and analyzing ledger accounts, and preparing monthly financial reports. Other responsibilities include bank reconciliations, A/P, A/R and journal entries.

As a mission fund accountant, this position will ensure Mission fund receipts are accounted for timely and accurately in ABCIS and MIP and to disburse mission funds in accordance with donor wishes.

Education and Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting/Business or equivalent experience required. Minimum two years of prior accounting experience. Knowledge of accounting principles and the ability to handle several projects of varying timing and importance. Must be detail oriented. Excellent computer skills with working knowledge of Excel, and Word required (MIP Accounting System experience a plus). Excellent analytical, communication, organization, and time management skills.

Compensation: Competitive compensation package including employer paid contributions to a 403b retirement plan, healthcare benefits (medical, dental & vision) and paid time off (vacation, sick leave, and holidays).



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CALENDAR

November 6—"Peace for India: Promoting Religious Tolerance," Common Room, McCormick Theological Seminary, 5460 S. University Avenue, Chicago, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

November 7—Concert by Quincy Dobbs and Annie Oper of Woodside Church, The Good Beans Café, downtown Flint, Grand Traverse at First Ave, 7-9 p.m.

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

November 8—Families for Peace's Peace Vigil, Northwest Highway and Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, 3-4 p.m.

November 8—Cook County Jail Ministry 30th Anniversary Celebration, First Baptist Church of Oak Park, 820 Ontario Street, Oak Park, 6 p.m.

November 12—Monthly meeting of Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project, South Church, 501 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect, 7 p.m.

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 14—U.S. Veterans speak, United Methodist Church, 1032 Maple Ave., Downers Grove, 7:30 p.m.

November 15—Peace Vigil, Northwest Highway and Hicks Road, Palatine, 3-4 p.m.

November 16—Karen-American Open House, North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago 5244 N Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 2-6 p.m.

November 16—Bethesdan Choir performs Christmas cantata "Born to Die," Greater Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, 5301 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 4 p.m.

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

November 25—Annual Meeting, Illinois Campaign for Better Health Care, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 West Mart Center Drive, Chicago, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Kathleen Duffy at 312-913-9449 or kduffy@cbhconline.org for more information.

December 4—AFSC Event, Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 North Knox Avenue, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

December 13—2nd Annual ABCMC Christmas/Advent Season Music Festival, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 3:30 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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