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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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O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you'
My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
(Psalm 63:1-3)

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ABCMC NEWS

ABCMC Stewardship Seminar

TO: Pastors and Church Leaders

FROM: Larry Greenfield

RE: STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR, Saturday, Sept. 12, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

In keeping with our shared economic condition, we are doing our annual STEWARDSHIP SEMINAR differently this year, even if it means we will need to travel farther to benefit from it.

Instead of “going it alone” we are joining with the United Church of Christ in a stewardship workshop on “Stewardship in Hard Times,” being held in Yorkville, Illinois (about 50 miles west of the Loop) at the Yorkville Congregational Church, 409 Center Pkwy, 60560.

The workshop is being led by the Rev. Steve Clapp, Executive Director of Christian Community, Inc. (headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana), which serves congregations across the nation on issues of congregational development and stewardship.

I’ve known Steve for years and come to greatly respect him for both his practical knowledge about the way churches work – and can work better! – and his capacity to communicate that knowledge and counsel for very different settings. He is a United Methodist minister (graduate of Garrett-Evangelical in Evanston) with an MBA from Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Management. He has published extensively on church finance and stewardship and led hundreds of workshops on these topics.

I can tell you that this seminar will not be flashy or flim-flam. It will be solid, down-to-earth, useful instruction, based on decades of experience and research about what works and doesn’t work and how all of this applies to the current financial issues we face now.

Because we are very interested in encouraging ABCMC congregations to take advantage of this opportunity, the Region will help offset the costs of registration (\$30, including lunch) and transportation for up to two people per congregation

Please contact me as soon as possible about (1) interest in attending the stewardship workshop, and (2) your request for any financial assistance. You can do so by e-mailing me at larry@abcmc.org or calling me on my cell phone (312-497-0688) and leaving a message if I don’t answer.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Larry

Hold the Date: Vitalizing Congregational Ministries, October 3, 2009

Earlier this year the Ministers Council and ABCMC sponsored a day with Dr. C. Jeff Woods (Associate General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA) to assess "trends in ministry."

Those who attended insisted that we invite Jeff back to Metro Chicago, but this time to involve both clergy and lay leaders, to draw on his expertise on vitalizing the ministries of congregations.

This will be a highly beneficial gathering for churches that want to move ahead with new direction and energy. Location will be announced later, but please mark it on your calendar now.

Pandemic Planning

At the Family Council meeting on August 22, John Wilson, a member of the South Church, and a chaplain at Lutheran General Hospital, shared from his knowledge and experience in planning for disasters such as pandemics. He focused on how churches can fill an important role if/when a pandemic of H1 N1 flu develops in the next few months. Folks who study such things are pretty sure that's going to happen.

It is important for congregations and pastors to be an informed, calming presence in the situation. Advance planning is essential. We must be prepared for it before it happens, or it will be too late.

We can, first of all, help prevent spreading of infection by making sure that surfaces in church buildings are clean and sanitized. This includes door knobs and kitchen counters, as well as toys and equipment in church nurseries. Using face masks during an epidemic can be helpful. More important than keeping us from breathing on each other or inhaling germs, wearing face masks keeps us from putting our fingers into our mouths and noses before we touch sanitized surfaces or other people, or after we touch contaminated surfaces or sick people.

Providing plenty of soap, hand sanitizer, and tissues can help prevent the spread of disease. Trash cans containing used tissues should be emptied frequently by folks wearing disposable latex gloves.

How are we to greet each other when there is concern about transmitting dangerous germs? Rather than hugging or shaking hands, we can learn to do an elbow bump. This is a friendly, sometimes humorous form of greeting. Touching elbows rather than hands is not likely to spread disease, because people rarely place their elbows in their mouths.

We need to be prepared ahead of time for rapidly-spreading infection. In many churches, it is a good idea to appoint a team of folks who commit to becoming informed about pandemic flu through reliable sources such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Team members can help educate fellow church members by sharing what they learn.

Churches need to make plans ahead of time for what they will do, and how they will keep the church's ministries going, if the minister and/or other staff members and/or leaders in congregation become ill. The church needs to know who in the congregation will fill in for those individuals while they recover.

If illness becomes so rampant that church members are unable to attend worship services, churches can bring worship services to members. A good, germ-free way of doing this is by doing a web cast of a service. Large public gatherings may be prohibited by law during a severe outbreak, and churches need to plan ahead of time how they will maintain contact with one another.

Churches need to plan ahead of time how they will keep financial support coming in. It is good for churches to set up a system through which supporters can transfer funds electronically.

NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

120th Anniversary Celebration



Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, is celebrating their 120th anniversary this year. The special day of celebration will be Sunday, September 13. The congregation and pastor Alice Greene invite the ABCMC family to celebrate with them on that special day.

The guest preacher in the 11 a.m. worship service will be former pastor Michael Harvey. The service will also include music and thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the church's many years of ministry.

Following the service there will be a 1 p.m. luncheon at LaVilla Banquets, 3638 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago. Luncheon tickets will be \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

Peace Day Event September 19 in Mount Prospect

On September 19, the South Church will host a community-wide afternoon Peace Walk and an evening Peace Day Celebration to commemorate International Day of Peace. The General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution in 2001 naming September 21 as International Day of Peace ("Peace Day").

"On this International Day, let us promise to make peace not just a priority, but a passion. Let us pledge to do more, wherever we are in whatever way we can, to make every day a day of peace," said U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

Civic, community and religious groups will walk together from the South Church to the Mount Prospect Village Hall. On the village green, there will be a short ceremony to reflect on the importance of global and personal peace. Speakers will include Mt. Prospect Mayor Irvana Wilks, and other civic and community leaders. Following the ceremony, the walk will continue back to The South Church for a Peace Day Celebration. The route is handicapped-accessible.

The activities for the evening Peace Day Celebration include a tree planting, peace-related crafts, games, food and live music by Voodoo Cadillac and Friends. The walk and the evening activities are open to the public.

"I'm hoping that many people in our community come together for this Peace Walk and Celebration. There is power in numbers. This weekend we invite our neighbors to participate with the global community in honoring the International Day of Peace. It is my hope that as we walk, we will contemplate the many ways we are called to create a world where true peace becomes possible. May our walk for peace be a first step toward working for justice and equality," says Reverend Rick Kesler in his an open invitation to all individuals and organizations in the community.

Additionally, the South Church welcomes all to join an interfaith community worship service on Sunday, September 20th at 10:30 a.m.

Event Details:

2:00 Walk will begin from The South Church, 501 S. Emerson St.

3:00 Ceremony at Mount Prospect Village Hall

4:00 Peace Day Celebration at The South Church, 501 S. Emerson St.

Crafts, games, tree planting, food and live music

Fulbright Scholar at Woodside Church

Woodside Church is pleased to announce that a Dr. Hadeer Abo El Nagah will be taking part in a number of events being held at the church in September and October as part of her visit to Flint and Ann Arbor, September 14 through October 25. This visit is sponsored by the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Michigan-Flint, Mott Community College and Woodside Church.

Dr. Nagah is a Fulbright Scholar, teacher, author and lecturer who focuses on a number of important topics:

- Understanding the Culture of Islam: Understanding Islam as a religion, culture and the major issues facing Islamic societies
- Gender equalities
- Peace vs. War
- Women in struggle
- Colonization
- Identity vs. Globalization

This diverse set of interests will be showcased through a variety of events, including those with Woodside Church, as follows.

Concert for a Cause: Kick-off Event

On Friday, September 18, Dr. Nagah will help Woodside kick-off the second annual “4 Concerts for a Cause” concert series, designed to showcase four special issues. This event will explore “Global Interfaith Relations” and begins with a dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

“This event—which is actually a combination of our Concerts for a Cause series and our monthly Jazz Vespers service—starts a little later than the usual 6:00,” explained Woodside’s pastor, Rev. Dr. Deborah Koehler. “This was decided out of respect for our Muslim friends who will be observing Ramadan.” Followers of the Muslim faith will break the fast at sunset, which will be 7:30 p.m. The menu includes Lemon Lentil soup, Baba Ganoush and other Middle Eastern fare. Please note that a special room will be available for prayers just prior to the beginning of the event.

Following dinner, Dr. Nagah will speak to the issues surrounding global interfaith relations—especially as they relate to the quest for world peace. The event will continue with a concert by *The Unexpected Song* (Ms. Kim Streby and Dr. Quincy Dobbs) with music that centers on themes of peace, faith and understanding.

Event to be held at Woodside Church, 1509 East Court Street, next to Mott College

Student Life Luncheon

This presentation and Question & Answer session will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at Prah College Center beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Nagah will be joined by Dawn Vanniaman, Director of Student Life and Rev. Dr. Deborah Kohler, pastor at Woodside Church.

Prah College Center (PCC) at Mott Community College located at 1401 East Court St., Flint, MI

Worship Service

Finally, on Sunday, October 11, Dr. Nagah will take part in Woodside’s worship service, which starts at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Nagah will deliver the homily during the church service, with a reception and Question & Answer session to follow.

Event to be held at Woodside Church, 1509 East Court Street, next to Mott College

For more information on all of these events, please call the church at 810-767-4911 or visit www.woodsidechurch.net.

Hadeer Abo El Nagah PhD

Associate Professor of English literature, Second time Fulbright awardee. A graduate of Al Azhar University in Cairo, one of the world's most ancient and prestigious universities. Abo El Nagah, is currently teaching at Taibah University KSA. Taught at Misr international University in Cairo, State University of New York, University of Ottawa and a visiting professor to Carleton university, Ottawa, Canada.

Inspired with her life mission in bridging the cultures of the East and West, Abo El Nagah authored a series of 10 books introducing Islam to the English readers and translated a large number of books. She is an invited speaker to numerous conferences in North America and the Arab world discussing the relation between Islam and the West. Abo El Nagah is frequently interviewed by media and a regular contributor to a large number of news papers and magazines. Her Research interests focus on post colonial and ethnic literature, women literature and the representation of Islam in English writings. She blogs on *New York Times Union* on Muslim women in America.

Family Conference

"Life is good. A healthy marriage makes it better." This will be the theme of a family conference on September 19 at Waukegan High School. Guest speakers will be Judge Gloria Hatchett and Carlos Cuauhtemoc Sanchez. To register, please call 877-41BRIDGE. For more information, please call First Baptist Church member Barbara Waller at 847-244-3192.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Healthy Boundaries for Clergy & Spiritual Teachers

The Faith Trust Institute offers resources about doing trustworthy ministry in the faith community. ABCMC's Executive Minister Larry Greenfield says, "I have worked with the Faith Trust Institute for many years, and highly recommend their program." This excellent organization has a workshop scheduled in Chicago. For more information and registration, please visit http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/index.php?p=Healthy_Boundaries&s=341

Two-day Training of Trainers
September 9-10, 2009
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Chicago, Illinois

Training Description | Registration Info | Accommodations

This training will prepare you to train others on healthy boundary issues for clergy and spiritual leaders using *A Sacred Trust* curriculum.

Who Should Attend:

- Those who want to learn more about using *A Sacred Trust* curriculum to train local clergy about healthy boundaries in ministerial relationships.
- Those who are already a trained facilitator and want a refresher course.
- Those who have a background in addressing clergy ethics and abuse and want to help other clergy leaders in preventing misconduct and the harm it causes.

Training Fee Includes:

- Two-day Training
- DVD program [***A Sacred Trust: Boundary Issues for Clergy and Spiritual Teachers***](#)
- Facilitator's guide with background information, discussion questions, interactive exercises, and audience handouts
- NEW! Participant Workbook
- Additional training handouts and materials

Walter Wink to Give Public Lecture at Chicago Theological Seminary



On Thursday, September 24, at 7 p.m., Chicago Theological Seminary, 5757 S. University Avenue, Chicago, will host Walter Wink, a noted author, theologian and Bible scholar for a lecture and book signing with the theme “Non Violence for the Violent.” Wink will address the question, “Is there a way between absolute pacifism and just war theory, a position committed to non-violence that is able to address the thorny issues of armed aggression, terrorism and civil strife responsibly?” In this presentation we will attempt to find a nonviolent path for people who are opposed to war and the mindless addiction to violence in our society, yet who are unsure of their capacity to respond with love in every situation.

Tickets will be sold at the door only. The cost will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Space is limited, and tickets will be available on a first come first served basis.

Some of the books the speaker has written will be available for purchase and signing. These three books are *Engaging the Powers*, *Jesus and Nonviolence* and *Powers that Be*. Don't miss this opportunity to hear an outstanding speaker who is a gifted interpreter of scripture.

Soldier's Heart

What we know as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, a condition that afflicts many military persons after their experiences at war, was known as “Soldier's Heart” in the time during and after the American Civil War. Today “Soldier's Heart” is the name of an organization committed to helping returning veterans and their families. You can learn more about this caring ministry by visiting www.soldiersheart.net

Next month the organization will host a workshop for returning veterans and their families, as well as those who wish to help them.

Veteran Return Retreat and Training

Led by Dr. Edward Tick and Kate Dahlstedt, September 17-20, 2009, Racine, Wisconsin

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the spiritual, holistic, community-based, and cross cultural approach to healing from war, as found in Dr. Tick's book, WAR AND THE SOUL. This experience provides an opportunity for veterans, family members, helping professionals and all who care to learn practical ways of integrating essential healing strategies into relationships and practices.

EVENT DETAILS

COST: \$795 includes tuition, room and board

To inquire about veteran scholarships – info@soldiersheart.net

START & END TIMES: Registration begins at 3 PM Thurs. Sept. 17, opening ceremony at 7
Program ends on Sunday after lunch

PLACE: Siena Center, Racine, WI – www.racinedominicans.org

DIRECTIONS: arriving by car – www.racinedominicans.org

Arriving by plane – fly into Milwaukee Airport; contact lind@merr.com for transportation from airport.

To register: write to info@soldiersheart.net. Questions? info@soldiersheart.net or 518-274-0501 X10

Capacity is limited to 30 and filling up quickly. We encourage you to register now.

To learn more about Soldier's Heart, please visit www.soldiersheart.net

Preparing for Advent



It's August, and preachers and worship leaders know what that means: it's time to get ready for Advent.

Chicago Theological Seminary will host an Advent Lectionary Workshop on Thursday, September 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Covenant United Church of Christ, 1130 E. 154th Street, South Holland. This workshop will focus on studying and preaching the lectionary texts for Advent 2009. Timothy Sandoval, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at the seminary, will be the presenter.

The cost will be \$40 prior to September 10 and \$45 thereafter. Breakfast and lunch will be included. All are invited—ministers, church leaders, worship planning committee members, seminarians and persons interested in biblical study and theological conversations.

A registration form is attached with this issue of *eWind*.

What We Need to Know

What We Need to Know: two remarkable Muslim woman speak of faith, peace and hope in today's world

Wednesday, October 14th
5:15-5:45 Reception 5:45-7:00 Program
"Let's Talk About It" series
St. James Cathedral
65 East Huron Street, Chicago
RSVP to ron.fox@seabury.edu

Come hear two remarkable Muslim women share their stories and speak together about how we create the space for dialogue, for sharing our own traditions and learning about each others traditions.

Ms. Manar Fawakhry, a Muslim from Mazra'a in northern Israel, is Program Director of Face to Face/Faith to Faith at Auburn Seminary in New York City. In the program, 50 participants at a time, ages 16-18, from communities in the US, the Middle East, Northern Ireland, and South Africa are brought to a facility in upstate New York staffed by young adult counselors, religious leaders, educators, and trained facilitators. The curriculum consists of multi-faith education, dialogue, and communication skills-building workshops, and experiential learning activities that foster interfaith understanding, including arts projects, visits from musicians, storytellers, and off-site excursions.

Dr. Ingrid Mattson a Canadian convert to Islam who was elected in 2006 to lead the Islamic Society of North America, told the Chicago Tribune at that time that women should participate fully in Muslim life, whether that means sitting next to men during mosque lectures, but not at prayers, or contributing to the rules that govern religious observance." I want to make sure women are fully engaged," Mattson told the Tribune. "They should sit on boards and in mosques in space equal to men so they can participate in discussions." She is Professor of Islamic Studies and Director of Islamic Chaplaincy at the MacDonald Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT.

This program is sponsored by Seabury, Bexley, EPF, Cathedral, Peace and Justice Commission/Chicago EPF.

ABCUSA NEWS

Other articles from the American Baptist News Service are available at <http://www.abc-usa.org/Resources/AmericanBaptistNewsService/tabid/79/Default.aspx>

Bible Curriculum in Public Schools

This article is from the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty



Responding to a question on how religion should be taught in the public schools, BJC Executive Director Brent Walker offers advice for everyone trying to find the right balance in [his latest "On Faith" post](http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/panelists/j_brent_walker/2009/09/the_d_evil_is_in_the_details_1.html) (http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/panelists/j_brent_walker/2009/09/the_d_evil_is_in_the_details_1.html) for *Newsweek* and *The Washington Post*. Walker takes a look at the Department of Education's guidelines on the topic, and he lays out five ways to help everyone find a way to teach about religion that is constitutionally appropriate, culturally sensitive and educationally sound.

2009 Black Church Conference

"Power Connection: A Call to Greater Works" will be the theme of this year's American Baptist Black Church Conference. The conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Chicago Matteson, 500 Holiday Plaza Drive, Chicago November 3-7. The Third Baptist Church of Chicago will be the host church, and ABCMC along with the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin, will be the host regions.

A pre-conference event will be a Ministers Summit November 2-3. The Ministers Summit is designed to provide dialogue, networking and resource sharing for those ministering in the African-American Community.

Speakers for the Black Church Conference will include ABCMC's own Brenda Little, Alan Ragland, Marshall Hatch, Carol Jamieson Brown, Alice Greene and Francine Stark. ABCMC's own John Sundquist and Rick Barlow will represent the American Baptist Foundation to talk about estate planning.

The conference will end with a Super Saturday Extravaganza including a Hip Hop Intergenerational Summit. This will be a great event, and a good investment of a pastor's time.

For registration and more information, please visit www.ABCPowerConnection.org.

MINISTERS COUNCIL NEWS

Together in the Lord Conference

Come to Orlando January 4-7, 2010 for the *Ministry Renewal Conference!* The conference will be held at the Wyndham Resort and Conference Center, 8001 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. It will be presented by American Baptist Churches, USA -

For registration and conference schedule visit this link - <http://www.ministerscouncil.org/Together%20in%20the%20Lord/TITLinfopage.aspx>

HEALTH CARE NEWS

Your Call Matters!

This information and request are from Health Care for America Now.

The media and some politicians say we "don't have the votes" in the Senate for real health care reform with a strong public health insurance option.¹ But poll after poll shows that three out of four of people want a public health insurance option to keep the insurance companies honest.

The President's Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said today, "The President believes that **the public option is the best idea** he has seen for achieving the goals of lowering costs and increasing choice and competition." And Speaker Pelosi has made it clear that **the House of Representatives won't pass a bill without a strong public option.**

Senator Jay Rockefeller said yesterday that, "**I believe the inclusion of a strong public plan option in health reform legislation is a must.**"³

Unfortunately, some Senators are proposing state-based co-ops as an alternative. The non-partisan Government Accountability Office made clear that **co-ops do nothing to lower the cost of insurance.**⁴ And we know that only the government has the clout to force insurance companies to change the way they behave.

We need to get a simple message to Senators: **Join with the majority of Americans to support a public option to lower costs and keep insurance companies honest. A co-op isn't a public insurance option.**

Please call your Congressperson to tell them they can't be on the fence when it comes to our health!

Here is a sample script you can use when you call:

My name is _____, and I'm from _____.

I am calling to ask (Senator or Representative _____) to support health care reform that guarantees quality, affordable health care for everyone.

Please ask (Senator or Representative _____) to make sure the upcoming health care bill has a strong public health insurance option that all Americans can join. Thank you.

PEACE NEWS

Northwest Suburban Meeting



The Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at the South Church, 501 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, at 7 p.m. All who are interested in helping young people create positive futures and careers are welcome to attend.

Have Fun at Suburban Event for Peaceful Youth

Do you know what a zine is? We didn't until recently. The Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project (NWSPEP) says this is the dictionary definition:

Dictionary: zine 'zine (zēn)

- 1. An inexpensively produced, self-published, underground publication.**
- 2. "Give Peace a Chance" A DIY project to reach and encourage interaction with students.**

The organization has learned that zines are all the rage with high school and college students. Those are just the folks the group wants to reach. Volunteers from this group work with suburban high schools to encourage young people to consider careers in peace-making and social change. So NWSPEP is producing its own zine. The problem is, that takes some money. So they need our help.

The group is having a fund raising event in Rolling Meadows on Saturday, September 12. The weather should be great. There will be food and drink and music and fun beginning at 4 p.m. The charge for the event (which will include burgers and veggie-burgers and all the usual sides plus desserts) will be \$20 for adults or \$10 for students—but don't worry if you don't have such riches in your wallet: come anyway, because no one will be turned away.

More information about the event is on the fliers attached with the last issue of *eWind*. There is a half-sheet flier just right for trimming down and using as a bulletin insert; the full-sheet flier is perfect for printing and posting—or even mailing.

For more information about this group, please visit their web site at www.nwsbpep.org RSVP to this invitation to the event at nwsbpep@comcast.net The Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project is a 501(c)(3) educational organization, and donations are tax deductible. If you can't make it to the cook-out fund raiser, you can still contribute to the cause. Learn how by emailing nwsbpep@comcast.net

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray and take action for real reform of the health care system in the United States.

Please pray for all families and individuals dealing with breast cancer.

Please pray for all pastoral search committees, and all pastors seeking a call to a position in ministry.

CALENDAR

NOW—Please take action—phone calls, emails, letters to the editor—for health care reform.

September 6—ABCMC Sunday with Larry Greenfield preaching, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 8301 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, 11 a.m.

September 9-11—Theological Conversation with Jurgen Moltmann, First Presbyterian Church, 219 Maple Avenue, Libertyville. Please visit <http://moltmannconversation.com> for information and registration.

September 12—ABCMC Stewardship Seminar, 10 a.m.

September 12—Memorial service for Eugene Nyman, 407 South Grove Avenue in Barrington, 4 p.m.

September 12—Northwest Suburban Peace and Education Project bar-b-que fund-raiser, 4 p.m. until...

September 13—Celebration of 120 years of ministry, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, with Mike Harvey preaching, 11 a.m. Luncheon follows at La Villa Banquets, 3638 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, 1 p.m.

September 15—Kids Hope United 19th Annual Golf Outing, Bonnie Brook Golf Course, Waukegan.

September 17-20—Soldier's Heart retreat, Racine, Wisconsin. To learn more about Soldier's Heart, please visit www.soldiersheart.net

September 18—Kick-off of "4 Concerts for a Cause, Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court Street, Flint, Michigan. This event will explore "Global Interfaith Relations" and begins with a dinner, 7:30 p.m.

September 21—International Day of Prayer for Peace.

September 24—CTS Advent Lectionary Workshop, Covenant United Church of Christ, 1130 E. 154th Street, South Holland, IL, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Advance registration \$40 until September 10; \$45 thereafter.

September 24—Lecture and book signing by Walter Wink, Grand Taylor Chapel, Chicago Theological Seminary, 5757 S. University Avenue, Chicago, 7 p.m.

October 3—ABCMC gathering with Jeff Woods on vitalizing congregational ministries. Save the date! More information to come.

October 4—ABCMC Sunday with Larry Greenfield preaching, Woodside Church, 1409 E. Court Street, Flint, Michigan.

October 7—Student Life Luncheon featuring Hadeer Abo El Nagah and Deborah Kohler, Prahel College Center (PCC) at Mott Community College located at 1401 East Court St., Flint, Michigan, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

October 11—Hadeer Abo El Nagah preaches at Woodside Church, 1409 E. Court Street, Flint, Michigan.

November 3-7—2009 Black Church Conference, Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 500 Holiday Plaza Drive, Matteson, Illinois.

November 8-9—Hidden Treasures: Spiritual Wisdom Through the Voices of Women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Catholic Theological Union, 5416 S. Cornell, Chicago. For more information and registration, please call the Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union, 773-371-5432, or visit www.ctu.edu

November 14—ABCMC Annual Meeting

December 12—ABCMC's 3rd annual Advent and Christmas Music Festival, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 3 p.m.

POSITION OPENING

Youth Program Assistant



The Youth Program Assistant (YPA) at Lake Street Church provides organizational and programmatic support to our Middle School & High School Youth Programs. This includes coordinating communication with youth participants and their families; maintaining event calendars; sharing information with volunteers; and encouraging youth participation.

Required skills include:

- strong communication skills, utilizing a variety of media;
- experience coordinating, planning and organizing events;
- attention to detail;
- experience and enthusiasm for working with youth.

Salary is \$18 - \$20/hour, commensurate with prior experience and qualifications. Weekly workload varies from 4-8 hours, based on scheduled activities; monthly schedule will range from 20-25 hours.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to Rev. Ann-Louise Haak. Materials may be submitted electronically (alhaak@lakestreet.org) or in hard copy (Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston, IL 60201). For more information about our congregation, please visit www.lakestreet.org.

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