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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

May 6, 2010



“You whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners,
saying to you, ‘You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off’;
do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”
Isaiah 41:9-10

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NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Today I am at our national Mission Center to participate in a conversation on immigration. I'll report on this conversation at our Family Council meeting this Saturday morning at First Baptist Church of LaGrange. This issue is a priority for ABCMC, and I expect these new conversations will move us forward. Don't be mum or mummy-like. Join the conversation and the movement.

In the cause of the Evangel,

Larry

ABCMC NEWS

Family Council Meeting, Saturday, May 8, 2010



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CALL TO MEETING

FAMILY COUNCIL
Saturday, May 8, 2010

First Baptist Church of LaGrange
20 N. Ashland Avenue
LaGrange, Illinois 60525

WORSHIP THEME:

The Faithful Challenge to the Haitian Crisis
Samira El-Yasir, Speaker

PROGRAM THEME:

Criteria for Continuing Membership in ABCMC

8:30 a.m. – Registration and Refreshments
9:00 a.m. – Worship
9:45 a.m. – Program
11:00 a.m. – Quarterly Business Meeting
Noon - Luncheon

Please RSVP via email to office@abcmc.org. Include the name and church of each attendee, and whether you will stay for the entire meeting and lunch. Thank you!

An Invitation from Lowell Young



The Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) Commencement 2010 will take place on Saturday, May 15th at 10:30 a.m. at Hyde Park Union Church, 5600 Woodlawn Ave, Chicago. I will be receiving my Certificate of Theology during this ceremony. I invite everyone from ABCMC to attend. It will be a great day and I hope to be able to share it with as many of my brothers and sisters in Christ as possible.

Blessings and Peace,

Lowell

CONGRATULATIONS Lowell!!

Thinking Theologically

Check back next week for “Thinking Theologically.”

News from Friend of ABCMC, Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre

My dear colleagues,

Allow me to introduce my latest book, **Latina/o Social Ethics: Moving Beyond Eurocentric Moral Thinking**, which is being published by Baylor University Press. Either you, or your library, might be interested. You can find out more about the book at:

http://www.baylorpress.com/en/Book/259/Latina_o_Social_Ethics.html

Book Description: A groundbreaking corrective work, *Latina/o Social Ethics* strives to create a liberative ethical approach to the Hispanic experience by using its own tools and materials. First explaining why Eurocentric ethical paradigms are inadequate in their attempts to liberate oppressed communities, Miguel De La Torre looks with Hispanic eyes at three major ethicists of the twentieth century—Walter Rauschenbusch, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Stanley Hauerwas—and how ethics is presented in U.S. culture wars, from the Religious Right to the Religious Left. He deconstructs these ethical paradigms and demonstrates why all are detrimental to and irreconcilable with the Hispanic social location.

With a clean slate, then, De La Torre moves to constructing a new Hispanic-centered ethical paradigm that is rooted in the Latino community way of being. Reviewing the field of Hispanic ethical thought, De La Torre pays special attention to specific concepts ripe with potential that have been developed over the past generation. In the final chapter, De La Torre offers his own constructive paradigm—an ethics *para joder*, which is rooted in the Latina/o experience, and by which, he argues, the Hispanic community can survive within U.S. culture.

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NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS

Annual Mother-Daughter Program and Luncheon at First Baptist Church of Park Forest

Theme: "Woman of God -- Moments of Grace"

Date - Saturday, May 8, 2010

Time - 11:00 a.m. (program immediately followed by luncheon)

Place - First Baptist Church of Park Forest, 80 North Orchard Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466

Key Speaker - Reverend Lori Holmes, Pastor Of Caldwell AME Zion Church, Kankakee IL

RSVP or additional info at (708) 748 - 2566 (First Baptist)

NEWS FROM ABC ORGANIZATIONS

Join Judson University for the Micah 6:8 Conference

Join Judson University, a partner of the Micah 6:8 Conference at Park Community Church on June 4-5 to learn more about social justice issues, understand God's plan for defeating injustice and become an advocate for the oppressed.

Speakers include:

Alvin Bibbs, Sr. and Heather Larsen of Willow Creek; Kent Steiner and Brit Gilman of Harvest Bible Chapel; Larry Martin of International Justice Mission; John Fuder of Moody Bible Institute and many more!

Online registration, schedule and speaker listing is available at <http://micah68.conversationsnext.com>. Early bird discount ends May 7, 2010.

PEACE NEWS



National Religious Campaign Against Torture

TORTURE IS A MORAL ISSUE

It's time to begin planning for June's [Torture Awareness Month](#) activities for your congregation and/or religious organization. NRCAT has developed a number of useful resources to help you prepare.

This June, NRCAT is highlighting two major efforts:

- Passing federal legislation granting the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) access to all detainees in U.S. custody.
- The need for a comprehensive investigation, a Commission of Inquiry, into the use of torture by the United States since September 11, 2001.

We are asking congregations and local interfaith groups to focus on two primary activities to engage people of faith in these efforts:

1. **Have a table before or after each worship service in June** to gather signatures on postcards and petitions on these two issues to present to Members of Congress.
2. **Hold an educational session**, using NRCAT's 20-minute video or a new study resource on a Commission of Inquiry based on a recent book review.

Complete information about these activities and resources are available on our new [Torture Awareness Month webpage](#).

You'll also find an interfaith prayer, a bulletin insert, [new banners and bumper stickers](#), and sample Letters to the Editor.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the family of Dr. Harm A. Weber.

Please pray for all of those affected by and perpetrating violence in Chicago and cities around the country.

Please pray for our country in the midst of the struggle for immigration reform and financial reform.

Please pray for the people of Haiti, the people of Chile, and people around the world who are suffering.

Please pray for world peace.

Please pray for our troops and our government.

Please pray for all persons facing job loss and job searches in the current economy.

Please pray for all children who are homeless and/or hungry.

Please pray for ABCMC staff and all ABCMC churches for effective Christian witness and service in 2010.



CALENDAR

May 8 – ABCMC Family Council Meeting at First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 N. Ashland Avenue LaGrange, Illinois 60525, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

May 8 – “Woman of God -- Moments of Grace” Annual Mother-Daughter Program and Luncheon, First Baptist Church of Park Forest, 80 North Orchard Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466, 11:00 a.m.

May 15 - Sing to Live Community Chorus concert, Chicago Music Institute, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, 7:30 p.m.

May 16 - Sing to Live Community Chorus concert, Pilgrim Congregational Church, 460 Lake Street, Oak Park, 4 p.m.

May 23 – William Wallin in Recital, a benefit for One Hope United at the Community Church of Wilmette, 1020 Forest Ave., Wilmette, IL, 3:00 p.m.

June 21 – July 30 – A Cool Summer Experience, Summer Educational Program, First Baptist Church of Waukegan

August 19 – 20 – *Women Together, Lifting and Encouraging One Another*, Conference for Female Clergy, New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, MI

June 24 – 26, 2011 – American Baptist Biennial, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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