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1. Minister's Institute Registration

The Early Bird Registration has passed. Registration Fee is now \$150 for all who attend this very important seminar. Please make your own hotel reservations. The event registration form can be found at:

<http://www.cciwdisciples.org/2MI07brochure.pdf>

2. Pentecost Special Day Offering

- People today are meeting 35,000 new Disciples.
- Disciples are discovering vibrant Faith in service.
- Disciples are celebrating growth in the church.
- Disciples are joining together in a New Church movement.

In 2001, the goal was 1,000 new Disciples congregations by 2020. Many thought that was too ambitious, but to date there are 490 new congregations begun in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This is an exciting time and everyone in the Illinois & Wisconsin Region can be part of helping start new congregations.

Promotional dates are April 9 - May 27, with the offering to be taken May 20th and 27th. For more information, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/pent07firstletter.pdf>

3. Youth Leaders Workshop

Everyone in the CCIW Region who works with our youth is invited to attend a Youth Leaders Workshop to be held Saturday, April 21st from 12:30-4:00 PM at the Regional Office. For the informational letter, go to:

http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/youth/07_workshopltr.pdf

4. Opportunities for All CCIW Clergy

There are many educational opportunities for CCIW Clergy throughout the year. Here are a few:

- Minister's Institute - May 1-3
- Licensed Minister's Summer School - July 9-13 at CTS
- National Evangelism Workshop at General Assembly-July 19-21
- General Assembly - July 21-25
- Licensed Minister's Seminar "The Practice of Ministry" September 15
- Healthy Boundaries-Clergy Ethics 3rd tier - September 25 & 26, October 18 & 20
- CCIW Miracle Day - September 29
- ATIIM Fall Retreat with Israel Galindo
- CCIW Youth Summit - November 16-18

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Invitations are now being issued to all CCIW clergy and spouses who want to attend the Semi-Annual New Minister's Orientation. It will be held April 19 beginning at 9 am in the Regional Office. If you will be attending, please call Fay Bailiff at 309-828-6293 to register.

Any Clergy who wishes to meet with the CCIW Ministry Committee June 12 or 13, will need to call Fay Bailiff at 309-828-6293 for appointment time and information packet.

Information on all these events can be found on our website at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org>

5. Women's Gatherings

The CCIW Women's Gatherings are off to a great start. Just a reminder that the registration for the April 14th Gathering at Rend Lake has passed, but there are a few places still available.

Registration deadline for the April 21 st Gathering at Rolling Meadows is April 9, with deadline for the April 28 Gathering April 16. Get those reservations in. Call Beth Zumwalt at 309-828-6293 for more information.

Information on line can be found at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/women/GathRegis07.pdf>

6. Camp News

Registrations for the 2007 CCIW Summer Camps are beginning to arrive at the Regional Office. BE SURE to watch those deadlines for your particular camp. The late fees are \$100 more. For information about all the camps, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/camp/07summercamps.htm>

7. Disciples Home Missions Needs Our Help!

Disciples Home Missions (DHM) is planning to redesign its Web site, www.discipleshomemissions.org, and is interested in hearing from Disciples Regional and congregational staff. DHM staff want to know how well its Web site has served visitors. You are invited to participate in the survey to help shape the evolution of the DHM site. To participate, go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=365063398362>. Estimated time of completion is about 10 minutes. Thanks so much!

8. Regional Prayer Concerns

Diana Hankins, spouse of Rev Burt Hankins, new minister at First Christian Church, Chapin, suffered a slight stroke Sunday morning, April 1. She has weakness in her left leg and some trouble with fine motor skills in her left hand. She is recovering at home. Get Well wishes can be sent to her c/o: Mrs. Diana Hankins, PO Box 319, Chapin, IL 62628.

Pray for peace around the world this Easter season.