

Christian Church in IL & WI

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Taking The Next Step Deadline Extended

- We've tried mailings!
- We've tried promotions!
- We've tried packaged programs!
- We've tried phone campaigns!
- We've done the "invite-a-friend"!
- We've handed out invitation cards!
- We've tried advertising and hosting community events!
- We're friendly - we still aren't reaching new people!
- There's a reason!

Find out the necessary next steps your church needs to make to begin reaching nonbelievers. Sign up now for this one-day workshop that will teach you:

1. How to change your church culture!
2. How to provide the tools to help that happen!

Register early for the January 27, 2007 workshop "Becoming a Great Commission Church" from 9 am - 4 pm at Grace Community Christian Church, 2770 Montgomery Rd, Aurora, IL 60504. Due to a technical difficulty related to the on-line registration service, the deadline has been extended to January 12.

To Register, call 630-898-7999 or go on-line at: <http://www.grace-institute.com/>

Continuation of CCIW Standing Forms

Be watching for these extremely important forms that will be coming your way Thursday or Friday of this week. The deadline for return to the Regional Office is **BEFORE FEBRUARY 9.**

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Anti-Racism Training

As a means of taking the churches in the Illinois- Wisconsin Region into the next steps, Anti-Racism Training has been scheduled in the four areas. The locations and dates are listed below and is open to all clergy and laity. Watch for more information coming soon.

- **March 3, 2007, 10 am - 4 pm**
- Bloomington Centennial Christian Church
- Oak Park Austin Blvd Christian Church

- **March 10, 2007, 10 am - 4 pm**
- Canton First Christian Church
- Camp Walter Scott

New Mileage Rate for 2007

The standard mileage rate for 2007 increases to 48.5 cents per mile and is applicable to all business miles for cars that are not fully depreciated. The standard mileage rate for medical and moving expenses increases to 20 cents per mile. The standard rate for charitable use is set by statute and remains at 14 cents per mile. (Pension Fund Bulletin)

Regional Office to Close

A reminder that the Regional Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. We will open again on Tuesday with regular hours 8 am - 4:30 pm.

Regional Prayer Concerns

The Tri-Region Merger Conversation Team as they prepare for discussions.

Prayers from the Region are being asked for Leila Ward's mother. Leila was the Chair of the 2006 Regional Assembly and is a member at United Christian Church, Country Club Hills. Her mother is extremely ill. Thoughts of encouragement can be sent to Leila at 3705 Maxey Ct, Robbins, IL 60472.

On Monday, January 8, we received word of the death of Bill Hoxworth (wife, Maxine) of First Christian Church, Centralia. Bill had not been in good health for some time, but continued to do work trips at Camp Walter Scott with his church group. He suffered two massive strokes while in Texas over the holidays and was flown home. He died on Tuesday, January 2, and memorial services were held at FCC Centralia on Friday. Condolences may be sent to Maxine at: 514 S Pine St, Apt 390, Centralia, IL 62801