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Grace Institute - Still Time to Register

"We are approaching the point of limited seating left for the "Taking the Next Step" workshop January 27th" said Roger Jenks. Grace Institute is a ministry of the Grace Community Christian Church, Aurora, where he is pastor.

Jenks continues "It appears that the online registration is now working and has been adjusted for the new rates now that we are past the early bird time." For information and to register go to: <http://www.gracecc.org>

Continuation of Standing Forms

The 2007 Continuation of Standing Forms are due Friday, February 9th. This year, there are two forms: one for active clergy(4 pages), one for retired clergy(2 pages).

If you did not receive a form, they can be found on our website at the "Ministry Committee Documents" link. Or, for active Clergy: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/07ContinuationStandingForm.pdf>

For retired clergy, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/07ShortStandingForm.pdf>

Miracle Day 2007 Site Chosen

The Miracle Day Planning Committee recently announced that Camp Walter Scott in Dieterich, Illinois has been chosen as the site for Miracle Day to be held on September 29, 2007. This year, Camp Walter Scott is celebrating its 45th year of serving the children, youth and families in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Begin planning now how your congregation can be part of Miracle Day by raising funds and sending volunteers. Miracles WILL happen and you will want to be part of it! As more details become available, they will be posted on the Miracle Day page of the CCIW website.

If you have any questions, you can contact Project Coordinator, Doris Carter, at dcarter340@aol.com or 630-668-2135.

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"We Are The Church Together" - workshop

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one of the four scheduled workshops being held in the Illinois and Wisconsin region. The workshop will focus on ways of dismantling racism, and will be held the following dates and locations:

- March 3 - Centennial Christian Church, Bloomington, or Austin Blvd Christian Church, Oak Park
- March 10 - First Christian Church, Canton or at Camp Walter Scott, Dieterich

The workshop will begin with Fellowship at 8:30 and Closing by 2 pm. Registration fee is \$15 per person to cover lunch and materials. Registration deadline is February 23. Watch the CCIW website for registration brochure, and plan to attend one near you.

Fall Equipping Workshops Coming Your Way

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one of the upcoming Equipping Workshops to be held October 14th and 21st. One is being planned in each area and will cover materials to aid in fostering healthy pastor and parish relationships. Your pastor, board chairs and ppr chairs will want to attend.

Stay tuned to the MOPS, *The Christian*, and the website for information as it becomes available.

CPR-First Aid Certification

On Saturday, February 17th, CCIW will be hosting CPR and First Aid Certification training for all Camp personnel (Directors and counselors). If anyone in your congregation would like to join the group, cost is \$15 per person.

The training will begin at 9:00 AM and end by noon. Please call the Regional Office at 309-828-6293 to let us know you are coming so we can have enough materials.

Musical Opportunity

Central Christian Church, 650 W William St, Decatur, will be hosting **James O'Donnell**, the principal organist at Westminster Abbey in London, in concert on the Diller Memorial Organ in their sanctuary. Mr. O'Donnell is the only person in history to serve as organist both in the Roman Catholic cathedral in London and at the famed Westminster Abbey. He is a stellar artist, and you will not want to miss hearing him play. A free will offering will be received at the concert to help with the cost of his appearance.

Another Mission Trip

Glen Oak (Peoria) Christian Church's Youth Group is going on a mission trip June 23-30 to Alderton, West Virginia, in the Appalachian Mountains. They are participating in one of the F.A.S.T. programs with Homeland Ministries. For more information, contact David Blasco at 309-688-3464.

For more Mission Trips, visit our website homepage at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org>

Regional Prayer Concerns

None to report at this time.