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1. **Minister's Institute Early Bird Deadline March 30** March 30 is the deadline for early bird registration of \$100 for Communion of CCIW Clergy and \$125 for non-members. Dues to CCCC are \$25 a year. If you pay your dues when registering, you will receive a free copy of Dr. Vic Hunter's book Desert Hearts and Healing Fountains: Recovering Pastoral Vocational Clarity (Chalice Press 2003).

After March 30, registration fee is \$150 and no free book. Please make your own hotel reservations. The registration form can be found at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/2MI07brochure.pdf>

2. IDF Seminar with Charles Bayer

On Thursday, March 29th, the Illinois Disciples Foundation (IDF) will be hosting an all-day workshop for clergy and lay leaders with Rev. Charles Bayer. The workshop entitled "Reclaiming the Prophetic Vision" will discuss current issues facing the mainline church, the power of marginalization, how to develop an action agenda, and finally, how to put faith into action.

The IDF is a pioneering peace with justice campus ministry located in Champaign, IL on the University of Illinois campus. Registration for the workshop is \$20 (\$25 after March 15) and includes a box lunch. For more information about the workshop and other events with Rev. Bayer AND to register, please visit

<http://www.prairienet.org/idf/bayer.html>. You can also contact Rev. Jen Tayabji at tayabji@shout.net or (217) 352-8721 for more information.

3. Author Philip Gulley, General Assembly Speaker

Acclaimed author Philip Gulley and Christian Theological Seminary will bring a bit of Indiana to this summer's General Assembly in Fort Worth, TX. CTS is inviting friends and alumni for a luncheon, fellowship and "porch talk" July 23.

CTS is a fully accredited ecumenical seminary located in Indianapolis, and is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It offers eight graduate-level degree programs, including theology, ministry and counseling, with specializations in ministries that emphasize the arts and programs for life-long learning. More than 40 denominations are represented among faculty and students. For more information about the Assembly luncheon, contact CTS at 317-931-2317.

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4. Pentecost Offering Materials from CCIW Coming Soon

Watch for the Pentecost Offering Materials from CCIW. They will be coming to your church after Easter.

This Offering supports New Church Ministries and Development, with 50% going to the General Office and 50% coming to the CCIW Region. Promotional dates are April 9 - May 27, with the offering to be taken May 20th and 27th.

5. Mission Trip

First Christian Church in Quincy is planning a trip to the Port Arthur/Beaumont, TX site during the week of July 15-21. There are ten spots reserved, and those spots not taken by Easter by church members will be open to anyone who would like to participate. If you are interested or need more details, contact Rev. Joby Brown at 217-222-0812.

6. Regional Prayer Concerns

On March 15, Don Lange had his right leg amputated above the knee. Get well wishes and encouragement can be sent to Don and Pearle Lange (retired Disciples clergy) at: 114 Wyanet Road, Walnut, IL 61376.

Elder Montee Akers, Sr., passed this life peacefully on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at the Trinity Hospital in Chicago, IL. He was 93 years old, and was the father of Rev. Montee T. Akers, Jr., who is the Assistant Minister at Park Manor Christian Church in Chicago. Elder Akers was a long time member of Park Manor serving the church in many capacities. Home Going Services are scheduled for Saturday, March 24: Wake and Repast at 10:00 AM, with Funeral at 11:00 AM. Both at Park Manor. He will be laid to rest at Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Montee T Akers, Jr., 7917 South Dante Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619-4618.