

# Christian Church in IL & WI

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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. Pentecost Materials from CCIW Coming Soon**

Materials from CCIW for the Pentecost Offering for 2007 will be coming your way soon. This Offering supports New Church Ministries and Development, with 50% going to the General Office and 50% coming back to the CCIW Region. 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. Start Making Plans Now for Miracle Day 2007**

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, Disciples from all over the IL-WI region will once again join together as brothers and sisters in mission and service at the chosen site of Camp Walter Scott in Dieterich, Illinois near Effingham.

***How can your congregation help NOW?*** Start making plans for a special fund raising event to benefit Miracle Day to help us with our fund raising goal of \$50,000. Recruit a member of your congregation who would be willing to serve as your congregation's Miracle Day Volunteer Coordinator. Our goal is to recruit at least 200 volunteers. Pray that the partnering in service of Disciples all over the region will result in miracles happening on September 29, 2007 at Camp Walter Scott! For information or to let us know how your congregation will participate, contact Doris Carter, Project Manager at [dcarter340@aol.com](mailto:dcarter340@aol.com) or 630-668-2135.

Information on Miracle Day is also available on our website at <http://www.cciwdisciples.org>

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## **4. Camp Walter Scott Needs Your Help!!**

Volunteers are needed at Camp Walter Scott to help with some of the preparation before Miracle Day. People who are knowledgeable in working with concrete are needed to help with cabin extensions. There are 2 weeks in the middle of July that would be ideal for this work - July 16-28. This needs to be done in two stages, so definite dates will be set as we get the volunteers needed. Please contact Becky Lewis at 217-739-2332 or email her at [campcciw@yahoo.com](mailto:campcciw@yahoo.com) to volunteer your time. Please consider helping out in a great cause!

## **5. Leadership and the Liberal Arts - Eureka College**

Eureka College presents Peter Robinson, April 3, 2007 at the Cerf College Center, Eureka. A pre-lecture reception and book signing will be at 6 pm with Mr. Robinson's presentation at 7:30. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes the 7:30 p.m. presentation. Books will be available for purchase at the door. Please RSVP to 877-892-7823 by March 28.

Mr. Robinson was the speech writer for former President Ronald Reagan who penned the famous directive "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall". For more, go to: <http://www.eureka.edu> and click on "...tear down this wall speechwriter to speak at Eureka College".

## **6. General Assembly Needs "A Few Good" People**

This year's General Assembly could use a few good women and men (at least 40) to help it run smoothly. The usher/teller program helps college and seminary students subsidize their costs at Assembly by helping at business meetings and worship, with a stipend of \$25 per session (not a bad deal since you're generally at all of them anyhow!)

This year, two staff members from the Northern CA-NV Region, Sandhya Jha (Minister of Transformation) and Michelle Harris-Gloyer (Co-Director of Young Adult Ministeries) are in charge of coordinating the program, and they promise you'll be in particularly good hands! :) Please click on this link for more information - and college and seminary students - don't miss out on this opportunity to serve the church and defray your costs:

<http://www.disciples.org/ga/ushering/>

## **7. Mission Trip to Kentucky**

The Church of Christ, Uniting (Disciples of Christ) of Lexington, IL., will travel to Kentucky Cornerstone Ministries near Beattyville on July 1. There are still several openings for persons junior high school age through adult who are interested in doing mission work in the Appalachian Mountains from July 1-6. All skill levels welcomed, including those who just have some good elbow grease to give, or would like to help prepare meals for us. Please contact Rev. Jan Proeber, 309-530-4453 as soon as possible.

## **8. Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. Is your church a safe place for children? There are both short and long term effects of child abuse. A child or youth who is abused will experience problems that can last a life time.

To get the facts, go to: <http://www.disciples.homemissions.org/familyandchildren/preventchildabuse.htm>

## **9. Regional Prayer Concerns**

Last week, the Regional Office received word from Bob Deck that he is much improved, and thanks everyone for their prayers and concerns.

On March 21st, the Regional Office received word that Sister Evelyn Stewart, General Board Chairperson and Church Moderator of the Parkway Garden Christian Church, passed away March 17th. The wake was held at 10:00 am March 24 with the funeral at 11:00 AM. Condolences to the church and family can be sent in care of Dr. Edward Morris, Sr., Parkway Garden Christian Church, 6600 S Dr Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Chicago, IL 60411.