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## 1. **Regional Assembly 2006 Planning Committee**

The 2006 Regional Assembly Planning Committee will be meeting at the Regional Office on March 16 to debrief Assembly. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please email them to Fay Bailiff at [fay@cciwdisciples.org](mailto:fay@cciwdisciples.org)

## 2. **ART Workshop-March 10**

"We Are The Church Together": A Workshop on Dismantling Racism will be held on March 10 at First Christian Church, Canton, and at Camp Walter Scott. There's time to go if you register by Thursday, March 8. For information and the registration brochure, go to:

<http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/ARTltr.pdf>

## 3. **Grace Institute: Special Offer**

Grace Institute is making their next workshop "Breaking Barriers" available to clergy and laity. The special is only available through phone registrations. Call 630-898-7990 and mention this email to register. You can bring 2 lay leaders for \$69 each.

The workshop is Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 9 am - 4 pm at Grace Community Christian Church, 2770 Montgomery Rd, Aurora, IL. Your fee covers materials and lunch.

Registration brochure and information can be found at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/dana/Breakingbarriers.pdf>

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## 4. Disciples Women News

Please read this letter from Rev. Beth Dobyns, CCIW Associate Regional Minister for Women's Ministries, and Patti Richards, CCIW Disciples Women's President. It is regarding the Women's Resources Study materials from Christian Board of Publication for the 2007-2008 year, including the New Day Magazine.

You will find the letter at this link: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/women/CBPPresLt207.pdf>

This is very important information that should have attention before March 15, 2007 to receive the materials at a substantial price savings. You can also call Christian Board of Publication at 1-800-366-3383 and order with a credit card. If you are no longer the Women's President or Contact Person, please see that this information is passed on to the current President or Contact. Thanks!

Registration forms are on the Regional Website for the Women's Spiritual Life Writing Retreat, June 11- 13, 2007 at Eureka College. Go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/women/WmSpWritingRet07Regis.pdf>

## 5. Miracle Day Update

Were you part of the two Miracle Days in 2005? Then you know how good it feels to be part of a miracle. The Miracle Day 2007 Planning Team is very excited to announce the 2007 site will be Camp Walter Scott, south of Effingham, Il.

For the entire news article, see "CCIW MIRACLE DAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 2007" on page 7 of the newest edition of *The Christian*. at: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/beth/xn/XianSpring 07.pdf>

## 6. Tri-Region Discernment News Update

At a meeting February 12-13, 2007 at the Pokagon State Park in Indiana, the Illinois-Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) were represented by four people each in a preliminary conversation about how the three regions might work together in the future. In a spirit of discernment, the group identified possibilities for further discussion ranging from shared programs to fuller cooperation to merger of two or more regions. Participants included the regional ministers and past, present moderators and moderators-elect. (Continued, next page)

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The group came away believing that in this time of financial stress and stretched resources, including staff, that there are ways the three regions could help each other. The group agreed that no process could move fast enough to alleviate the current financial crisis being experienced by the regions, but that they should continue talking and discerning transformative models that could help each be more effective and efficient in the future. They concluded that any new ways of relating that might eventually be considered should be driven by mission and faithfulness, not by mere financial expediency.

The results of the first conversation will be reported to each of the three regional boards. A second conversation is anticipated to occur June 24-26 when an expanded group will meet and will add more young adults, representatives of ministry committees, other regional staff and some at-large representative to insure proper balances. Any recommendations that are eventually developed will have to be affirmed by the boards of each of the three regions before implementation.

## **7. Disciples in Rockford-Responding in Faith**

Members of the First Christian Church, Rockford, have stepped out in faith to provide a safe and warm haven for the homeless in Rockford. The article in the DisciplesWorld magazine is entitled: "Small Church opens its doors to city's hungry and homeless" and can be found at the link below.

<http://www.disciplesworld.com/newsArticle.html?wnsID=10818>

Once you have this homepage, click on "News" and from the drop-down menu, check "Disciples news". The article is in the second group of 10 articles.

## **8. Camp Walter Scott needs volunteers**

As you know, Camp Walter Scott has been chosen as the site for Miracle Day and, of course, there is some prep work to be done. We need persons who are knowledgeable in working with concrete to do the prep for cabin extensions. We have 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.

## **9. Youth News**

The fee for **Exodus 2 Camp** has been reduced from \$260 (early fee) to \$245 (early fee). Late fee will be \$345 after June 4th.

Do you have any pictures from any of the Youth Summits you have attended? The 2007 Summit Committee needs your help. They would like pictures from past Summits to use this fall. Electronic pictures would be best, but they will take regular pictures. To email pictures, send them to Beth Rupe at [pastorbeth@mchsi.com](mailto:pastorbeth@mchsi.com). To send pictures, mail them to Beth Rupe at 701 Wabash, Carthage, IL 62321. Thanks!

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## **10. Regional Prayer Concerns**

Robert "Bob" Deck, a member of the CCIW Regional Ministry Committee, had triple by-pass surgery last Wednesday at BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Normal. He is doing well but will have an extended recovery time. Please keep Bob and his brother, Bill Deck, in your prayers. Bob is a member of First Christian Church, Girard and Bill is a member of Parkway Christian Church, Springfield.

Please keep June Moll in your prayers. June, a retired Disciples Clergy from Danville, was the victim of a home invasion and burglary last Saturday evening. She attends Central Christian Church, Danville.