

# Christian Church in IL & WI

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## 1. **Letter to CCIW from Dr. Knudsen**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

In the past few months, we have been sharing with you some of the changes in regional ministry. For the letter, go to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/Letters-Herb/HKMOPSLTR.pdf>

## 2. **We're Taking It On The Road**

By popular demand, Grace Institute is taking "Taking the Next Step: Becoming a Great Commission Church" on the road. Learn how to change the culture in your church and create a desire within members to share their faith and also gain tools to help your congregation become more evangelistic.

This workshop is open to clergy and laity in 2 locations: June 2, 2007 at First Christian Church, Peoria, and September 8, 2007 at First Christian Church, Sullivan. Go to <http://www.grace-institute.com> to download brochure or to register.

## 3. **Genesis Camp Early Fee Deadline**

Just a reminder that the early fee for Genesis Camp (June 4-6) is \$130. Registration forms need to be postmarked by May 7th. After May 7, the fee increases to \$230.

If your church has youth going to Genesis, please get those forms in on or by May 7.

## 4. **Miracle Day Contribution Form**

Miracle Day 2007 will be here before we know it. To make a donation that will create a miracle at Camp Walter Scott, download the form by going to: <http://www.cciwdisciples.org/md/07MDdonationform.pdf>

## 5. **Christian Deadline Reminder**

The deadline for articles to The Christian is today. However, you may still submit articles for publication by Friday, May 4th. Email them to Beth Zumwalt at: [bethcciw@aol.com](mailto:bethcciw@aol.com) or [Bethz@cciwdisciples.org](mailto:Bethz@cciwdisciples.org).

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## **6. New Facility for DOVE**

Mark your calendars now for the afternoon of Sunday, May 6th! During the hours of 2-4 pm all are invited to tour the Anna B. Millikin Home, Decatur, which was given to DOVE, Inc. on February 1, 2007.

Soon, renovations will begin for this home at 302 S Union Street to serve as Dove's Domestic Violence Shelter, a safe place for women and children to live. Although this facility remains in excellent condition, valued at more than \$2 million, Dove is seeking financial support for a few needed improvements, including security screens for the windows, a fence for the children's play area, kitchen equipment, and a security system.

Central Christian Church, Decatur, is hosting the event. During the open house, you will be given an opportunity to pledge your financial support which will help Dove achieve its mission to coordinate efforts to address unmet human needs and social injustices. A raffle will be conducted for two beautiful items made by the Christ Care Stitchers from Ernestine Mrozinski's fabric. Ernestine was an active member of the CCIW Region's Mission & Miracle Day Committees as well as active in her church. Proceeds will go to Dove. Come and enjoy this beautiful home, the dessert and entertainment. For more information, call Central Christian Church, Decatur at 217-428-4336.

## **7. Update on Don Coleman**

Several have asked how Don is doing. An email from Ann Marie states that he is ok. He lives on the 23rd floor, which is a crowded unit with 120 men, divided into 4 sections. The prisoners have been very generous with advice and have given him soap, shower sandals, toothpaste, etc., until he can get commissary privileges.

He has been attending a Bible Study and Prayer Time with a group of 10-12 men. He says he is doing well, a little bored, and ready for some of the books Ann Marie is sending him. For more information and an address for Don, see the April 19, 2007 issue of CCIW News Archives on our website.

## **8. Disciples Home Mission Publication**

Disciples Home Mission publishes a newspaper called The Home Mission Advocate. It is full of the many activities taking place in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the USA and Canada. Other items include tools for congregations on a variety of subjects, as well as great recipes for those cooks. If you are interested in receiving a copy, contact Jennie King at DHM, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206- 1986, telephone: 888-346-2631 or email: [jking@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:jking@dhm.disciples.org).

## **9. Illinois Conference of Churches Moves Office**

The Illinois Conferences of Churches has moved their office to 2160 South 6th Street, Suite D2, Springfield, IL 62703. Their phone/fax numbers and emails will remain as is.

## **10. Regional Prayer Concerns**

The Regional Office has received word of the April 19th death of Richard Hammell, former elder and Moderator at First Christian Church, Maywood. Mr. Hammell was also an active leader in Chicago Disciples Union and CCIW. He is the father of Patti Crawl, wife of Dr. Bill Crawl, retired DoC pastor and former Associate Dean of Disciples Divinity House, Chicago. Condolences can be sent to the family in care of: Rev. and Mrs. Bill Crawl, 5100 S Kimbark Ave, Apt 3, Chicago, IL 60615.

Leland Beck, former Disciples minister serving churches in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, passed away Sunday, April 29. Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be held Thursday, May 3rd at 11 am at the Eureka Christian Church with family greeting friends 45 minutes prior to the service. Burial will be at Olio Cemetery, Eureka. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Margie at 2103 Century Drive, Eureka, IL 61530.