



Christian Church in Ohio

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MINISTERS' MAILING FOR OCTOBER 2008

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www.ccinoh.org

NOTE: Please post any flyers contained in this packet so that the congregation is informed of Regional events. If you are receiving this by email please PRINT OFF FLYERS and post them.

Open Church List

Calendar Update

Parish Paper

Regional Assembly

Registration Forms

IMWG

Fall Workshop Brochure

Chi Rho Rally

Bulletin insert/flyer and registration form

Advance Conference

Information & Registration

United Nations Seminar

Information, Application, and References

Reminder & FYI's

Standing Workshops – The Anti-Racism and Sexual Ethics workshops for Pastors are being held at Camp Christian October 29 & 30. These workshops are required for pastors to have standing with the Christian Church in Ohio. ***If you have not already attended***, you can register online or through the mail with the hard copy that was included in the last few minister's mailings.

2008 Contributions – Church Finance Council requires that all contributions be into the Regional Church Office no later than January 6, 2009 to receive credit for calendar year 2008 transactions. The last postmark date that would make it to the office on time (unless you express mail overnight it) would be January 3rd. They can also be hand delivered to the office up through the 6th. Anything received January 7th or later will go towards 2009. If you need additional Ohio Disciples Outreach forms, please contact the Regional Offices at 614-433-0343 or you can print them from the website. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Duncan Draper at the same phone number, or ddraper@ccinoh.org.

Clergy Alert on the back

Clergy Alert

If you have anything to put in the Clergy Alert (Prayer Concerns, Deaths, and don't forget JOYS) please email them to ccio@ccinoh.org or call the Regional Church Office. Clergy Alerts are emailed out as needed and sent in hard copy once a month.

Joys

Darrell and Sue Filler are back in Ohio after spending two years in Wilmington, NC where they helped care for three toddler and infant grandsons. They returned to Massillon to be closer to their daughter Darci who gave birth to a granddaughter, Amara Russell on August 8. Darci was Hiram Conference Girl Co-President in 1997. Darrell is currently Interim Pastor at Paradise UCC in Louisville, OH.

Hal and Millie Zug celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary July 26, 2008. Congratulations!!! Hal and Millie are both retired Ohio pastors.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to lift up all the churches, pastors, parishioners, and everyone else affected by this past month's storms. There was a significant amount of damage from the wind and there were many people without electricity for over a week. We at the Regional Church Office have heard specifically from a few people.

Rev. Jamie Gump had a huge tree fall on his house. The tree crushed part of the roof, a room on the second floor, and knocked down the chimney on the other side of the house. They had no phone, water, or electricity.

John Moore (stepson of Bill Owens, member of the Regional Assembly planning team) a firefighter from Springboro was severely injured when a tree branch fell on him while he was helping a friend remove a branch from their house. The branch fell on his head and injured his spine. Kettering's firefighters union has set up a fund to help John's family. Donations can be made to the fund, which is in the Moore's names, at any National City Bank branch. The fund will be used to help the family with their expenses. The city has also established a hotline for those seeking more information about Moore or the fund, the number is (937) 296-2406.

Camp Christian had many trees and limbs come down all over the property. There did not appear to be any major damage to any of the buildings. Also all the food in the refrigerator and some from the freezer could not be salvaged.

SAVE A TREE! GET THE MINISTERS MAILING VIA EMAIL

Send and email to jstoddart@ccinoh.org Subject: Ministers Mailing

Please identify in the body of the email your name, church and the email address you wish to have it sent to.

If you do not wish to receive the Ministers Mailing or have any questions/comments Please contact 614-433-0343 or jstoddart@ccinoh.org.

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Churches Actively Seeking Pastors

City	Church Name	District	Staff Contact
Bellaire	First Christian Church	10/11	Steve Bentley
Cincinnati	Anderson Hills Christian Church	12	LaTaunya Bynum
Chardon	Pilgram Christian Church	15	Bill Edwards
Chillicothe	First Christian Church	13/14	Steve Bentley
Genoa	Genoa Christian Church (Part-time)	1	LaTaunya Bynum
Lyons	East Chesterfield/Winameg (Part-time)	1	LaTaunya Bynum
Mason	Tylersville Road Christian Church	12	LaTaunya Bynum
McArthur	First Christian Church(Part-time)	13/14	Steve Bentley
Rudolf	Rudolf Christian Church (Part-time)	1	LaTaunya Bynum
Xenia	First United Christian Church	8	LaTaunya Bynum

Churches in Intentional Interim Period

City	Church Name	District	Staff Contact
Akron	High Street Christian Church	3	Bill Edwards
Athens	First Christian Church	13/14	Steve Bentley
Canton	Faith United Christian Church (Part Time)	7	Bill Edwards
Cincinnati	Carthage Christian Church (Part-time)	12	LaTaunya Bynum
Clayton	United Christian Church	8	LaTaunya Bynum
Columbus	Broad Street Christian Church	9	Steve Bentley
Cuyahoga Falls	First Christian Church	3	Bill Edwards
Findlay	First Christian Church	5	LaTaunya Bynum
Lisbon	First Christian Church	7	Steve Bentley
Lyons	Lyons Christian Church	1	LaTaunya Bynum
Macedonia	Good Shepherd Christian Church*	3	Bill Edwards
Sidney	First Christian Church (Part-time)	5	LaTaunya Bynum
Warren	Third Christian Church (Part-time)	4	Bill Edwards
Youngstown	Disciples Christian Church	4	Steve Bentley

Churches Actively Seeking Associate Pastors

City	Church Name	District	Staff Contact
Akron	High Street	3	Bill Edwards
Dublin	St. Andrews Christian Church	9	LaTaunya Bynum
Cleveland	Franklin Circle	2	Bill Edwards

Positions filled

City	Church Name	District	Pastor
Bowling Green	First Christian Church	1	Brent Pomeroy
Cincinnati	Unity Christian Church	12	Rev. Wilson
Portsmouth	First Christian Church	13/14	David Garshaw

*Good Shephard is a merger of Bedford and Shepard Rd. Christian Churches



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October

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the Nov/Dec issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
- 2 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
- 2 Regional Assembly Planning Team Conference Call 10:00am
- 2 Development Committee Conference Call 2:30pm
- *3-4 Grandparent Camp @ Camp Christian
- 4 Cleveland Christian Home Work Day 9:00am
- 4 Advance Conference Commission Meeting and Conference Call 1:00pm
- 7 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO
- 7 Clergy Peer Group @ Camp Christian
- 9 Personnel Committee Conference Call 2:00pm
- *17 – 18 Regional Assembly @ Crowne Plaza, Dublin
“Body Building: Strengthening Your Congregation for Mission” Ephesians 4:11-13
- 21 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 22 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 23 Ohio Disciples Outreach Planning Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 27 Interim Minister’s Working Group Fall Workshop @ Westerville Community UCC
- *29 Anti Racism Training for Ministers @ Camp Christian 9am – 5pm
- *30 Sexual Ethics Training for Ministers @ Camp Christian 9am – 5pm
- 30 Regional Elders Meeting @ RCO 10:00am

November

- 6 Congregational Transformation Team Meeting
- 7 – 8 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 10 – 11 Regional Church Office Staff Retreat ***(RCO Closed)***
- 11 Christian Education Commission Conference Call 7:00pm
- 13 Disciples of Christ Southwest Ohio 7:30pm
- *15 Chi Rho Rally @ Camp Christian 10am – 5pm
- 21-23 CYF Officer Training @ The Hocking Valley Parish
- 27-28 *Thanksgiving, RCO Closed***

December

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the Jan/Feb issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
- 10 RCO Staff Meeting and Christmas Celebration
- 12 - 13 Advent Retreat for Women @ Camp Christian
- 16 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
- 24-26 *Christmas, RCO Closed***
- 26-28 Advance Conference Winter Retreat @ Camp Christian

January 2009

- 1 ***New Year’s Day, RCO Closed***
- 5 Interim Ministers Working Group Meeting @ RCO

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January 2009 continued

- 6 **DEADLINE FOR ALL 2008 DONATIONS** (see cover page for more information)
8 Disciples of Christ Southwest Ohio 7:30pm
13 Christian Education Committee Conference Call 7:00pm
14 RCO Staff Meeting
19 **Martin Luther King Junior Day, RCO Closed**
20 Commission on Ministry @ RCO 9:00am
26 – 27 Minister's Convocation @ University Plaza Hotel, Columbus
27 Convocation Dinner TBA
27 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am

February

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the March/April issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
4 RCO Staff Meeting
14 Christian Education Commission @ Camp Christian 10:00am – 2:00pm
17 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
17 – 19 Spiritual Life Retreat for Ministers & Spouses @ Camp Christian
20 – 28 United Nations Seminar for Youth in New York City & Washington D.C.

March

- 3 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO
4 RCO Staff Meeting
6 – 7 Lenten Retreat for Women @ Camp Christian
7 Equipping the Saints @ Gender Road Christian Church
10 Christian Education Commission Conference Call 7:00pm
12 Disciples of Christ Southwest Ohio 8:30pm
13 – 15 OWM Commission Meeting @ Camp Christian
13 – 15 CYF State Youth Convention @ Hiram College
17 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
18 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee Conference Call 10:00am
28 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian

April

- 1 **Deadline for entries into the May/June issue of The Buckeye Disciple**
1 RCO Staff Meeting
3 – 4 Youth Council Meeting @ Camp Christian
4 Cleveland Christian Home Work Day 9:00am
10 **Good Friday, RCO Closed**
12 **Easter Sunday**
14 Christian Education Commission Conference Call 7:00pm
18 Anti Racism Team Walk-a-thon @ Camp Christian
18 Ohio Women's Ministries Convocation
19 - 20 Interim Ministers Working Group @ Camp Christian 9:00am – 2:00pm
21 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest Christian Church, Columbus
22 – 23 Coaching Training @ Camp Christian
24 Advance Conference Scholarship Fundraising Concert @ Northwest C.C., Columbus 7:00pm
25 Christian Education Retreat
25 Stewardship Fair
28 Ohio Disciples Extension Corporation Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
30 Clergy Clinic: Introduction to Coaching 10:00am

RCO = Regional Church Office
*** Online Registration is now available**

May

- 4 Interim Ministers Working Group Meeting @ RCO 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 12 Christian Education Commission Conference Call 7:00pm
- 14 Disciples of Christ Southwest Ohio 7:30pm
- 15 – 17 Disciple Men's Fellowship Spring Retreat @ Camp Christian

THE PARISH PAPER

IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FOR ACTIVE CONGREGATIONS

Coeditors: Herb Miller, Lyle Schaller, Cynthia Woolever - www.TheParishPaper.com

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Cynthia Woolever

Requirements for Membership: Which Ones Matter?

“Among the various groups and organizations in which you participate,” the interviewer asked, “which ones mean the most to you? In other words, which groups give you the greatest sense of satisfaction and allow you to form the deepest relationships?”

Without hesitation, Jill named two organizations; then volunteered several reasons.

If an interviewer asks *you* that question, what groups jump into your mind?

Is your congregation on that list?

A group becomes important to us when it demands our time, energy, and creativity. Healthy, effective groups and organizations communicate three messages that differentiate them from average, ho-hum groups:

1. *This organization is worth belonging to.*
2. *This organization has set high expectations for its members.*
3. *This organization thinks enough of me to ask for my unique contribution.*

Studies indicate that successful groups and organizations establish clear boundaries: specific guidelines about what constitutes membership. By contrast, organizations with indistinct membership expectations communicate a question: what is this group really about?

Unfortunately, only about one in four church members in a typical congregation commit to all aspects of their membership.¹ This 26 percent of members are loyal to and have a strong psychological connection to their church.

By contrast, 56 percent of the members meet only a few of their church’s expectations—they are *not engaged*. Another 18 percent of members are truly *disengaged*—they rarely attend and are uncommitted to membership-expectations.

What causes less-engaged members? Evidence suggests that younger generations form looser connections with formal institutions. But even among younger adults, the desire for connection and identification with their church remains strong.

Two trends can increase the percentage of less-engaged parishioners:

- Increasing percentages of new church members are first-time members or “switchers” from another faith tradition. How will these people know what it means to be a member of this congregation?
- Many congregations have classes for new members, but the sessions tend to be (a) few, (b) filled with assumptions about prior knowledge, and (c) directed at “to do” lists. New members can miss the point when these sessions center on specific actions. They may fail to see the values and theology that lie behind the suggested behaviors.

Healthy, effective congregations communicate seven member-expectations. These are NOT listed in order of importance; all seven are equally significant.

1. *Commit to spiritual growth.* A range of activities, programs, or disciplines provide the stimulus for continued spiritual and personal growth. People choose to participate in a Bible study, a prayer group, a discussion group, or a



learning group. The essential ingredient for the design of these groups is intentional promotion of individual spiritual growth and reflection. The participants care about one another, hold one another accountable, and encourage one another to mature in faith.

2. *Commit to worshipping with others.* Membership requires being part of a faith *community*. Community develops when people share experiences and encounters with the divine. In congregations, people gather to worship. Thus, church membership requires regular attendance at worship services in order for community to happen.

3. *Commit to financial support.* All organizations need money to maintain facilities, pay staff, fund programs, and serve the community. Just as a responsible family member takes on a share of the household expenses, a faithful church member takes on a share of the household of God expenses. The biblical guidelines about financial support are unambiguous. Giving to the church should be planned, proportional to household resources, and shared with great joy.

4. *Commit to the congregation's mission and vision.* This membership requirement begins with an emotional investment in the church's future. Responsible members support the church's core purpose and future vision with their words, attitudes, and actions.

Some members express their commitment by volunteering for roles that address the needs of current members (Sunday school teacher, coordinating the youth program, visiting shut-ins). Other members take on roles such as serving on the governing board or singing in the choir.

Through these actions the individual member would affirm that "I have the opportunity to do what I do best." By contrast, blindly slotting members into vacant positions that need filling, simply because *someone* in the church needs to do this job, says, "Running the church is more important than you and your personal gifts for ministry." When members engage in ministries that fit their gifts, the system says, "You make a unique and important contribution to the mission and ministry of this congregation."

5. *Commit to the needs of your community and world.* An inwardly focused congregation fails to fulfill one of Jesus's Great Commandments—to love others as we love ourselves. For that reason, another membership-requirement is to demonstrate care for those who are not members of the congregation.

Often, members show this commitment through volunteer work in community agencies or charity work sponsored by the congregation. Other members go on mission trips that assist in the restoration of communities. Still others advocate on behalf of those in need.

6. *Commit to hospitality.* This requirement of membership does not fit into a class, program, or other structured activity. Rather, this behavior extends hospitality to others by making friends, offering forgiveness, expressing encouragement, sharing a meal, inviting someone out for coffee, or doing a simple, kind deed. Without intentional effort, in

the busyness of our lives, we overlook how generous hospitality makes a difference in the lives of others and our congregation.

7. *Commit to prayer.* Pray for the congregation as a whole—that faithful decisions are made, programs and activities change lives, and relationships are healed. Pray for the pastor and other key leaders in the church, the needs of the community, and the transformation of the nation and world.

Four of these seven member-expectations suggest less about behavior or "doing church" and more about attitude or "being the church" (commitment to spiritual growth, the congregation's mission and vision, hospitality, and prayer). Thus, these four membership-requirements often drop under the radar, as leaders focus on observable, measurable outcomes.

Further, The Gallup Organization research warns that a small percentage of members (people who meet the membership expectations of *doing*—numbers 2, 3, and 5 above) are *actively disengaged* from the congregation's mission and vision. These individuals are psychologically hostile "C.A.V.E. Dwellers: Consistently Against Virtually Everything."

Dealing with this short list of CAVE Dwellers requires that leaders exercise considerable discipline. Otherwise, instead of staying positive and proactive, they focus most of their energy on reacting to these sand-burr personalities. When that happens, leaders neglect the continuous strategic thinking necessary to helping more members meet all seven membership-expectations.

What are the member-expectations in our congregation?

◆ Ask congregational leaders and veteran members to review the seven expectations of membership. Estimate the percentage of our current members who are fully committed to these membership-expectations.

◆ Review our congregation's central activities and efforts. Do they fully support and reflect our membership-expectations? If not, how can we modify our efforts to reflect more closely our church's core values?

◆ How carefully does our congregation introduce and explain to newcomers the seven expectations of membership?

◆ How do we nurture new members so that they grow in all seven commitments?

¹ Research by The Gallup Organization. See *Growing An Engaged Church* by Albert L. Winseman (Gallup Press, 2007).



Christian Church in Ohio
Regional Assembly



Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio
October 17 & 18, 2008

Adult Registration Form

Last Name (<i>1 attendee per registration form</i>)		First Name	Preferred for Nametag
Address		City/Town	State/Zip Code
Cell Phone ()		Emergency Phone ()	
Evening Phone ()		Emergency Contact Person	
Email Address			
Church Name		Church City	Date of Birth ____/____/____
Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Person		Age Group: <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 29 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 – 39 <input type="checkbox"/> 40 – 49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50 – 59 <input type="checkbox"/> 60 – 69 <input type="checkbox"/> 70 – 79 <input type="checkbox"/> 80+	
YES! I would be interested in Blood Donation <input type="checkbox"/> My Blood Type is _____ I can be scheduled Friday afternoon Y N To schedule your time online go to www.givelife.org, use sponsor code: byc2008			
_____ Adult \$35.00 <i>There is a separate form for youth/child registration.</i>			
Per Person Registration Fee: Covers the Speakers, Workshops, and Forums. This does not cover meals. WORSHIP SERVICES ARE FREE FOR EVERYONE (<i>Youth programming and childcare are included in their registration cost</i>)			
Friday Meal Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Lunch \$20.00 – 12:00pm Speaker: Rev. Julia Brown - Karimu <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Persons Lunch \$20.00 – 12:00pm Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Thomas Carson <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Dinner \$25.00 – 5:00pm Disciple Merit Award Ceremony		Saturday Meal Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Lunch \$20.00 – 12:00pm Speaker: Gary Ochs <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Lunch \$20.00 – 12:00pm Speaker: Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner at Camp Christian \$5.00 – 6:00pm Presentation by 3 rd – 12 th graders	
Any Dietary Concerns: _____			
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 6, 2008 Full payment is due with registrations. Total of all fees entered above \$ _____ (add \$5.00 per registration after Oct 6) REGISTER ONLINE www.ccinoh.org under "Event Registration" or send registration form and payment to CCIO 355 East Campus View Blvd, Suite 110, Columbus, Ohio 43235. Checks payable to Christian Church in Ohio .			

Workshop and Forum information and Signups are on the reverse side.
Hotel information is also located on the back.



Hotel Information

Crown Plaza Hotel
600 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH 43017
Room Rate includes Full Breakfast Menu for Two

For Reservations call:
1-866-372-5566 or 614-764-2200
Group Name: Building Your Congregation
OR go to this website
www.crowneplaza.com/dublinoh
and enter BYC as your group booking code

Friday Discussion Forums:

2:00 – 4:00pm
Please sign up for only one

_____ Mission – Julia Brown-Karimu

_____ Disciples History – Glenn Carson

_____ Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation
Anne Sowell & Nikki Mazza-Fredley

_____ Worship – LaTaunya Bynum & William Owens

Saturday Workshops *Please sign up for one AM and one PM workshop*

1. Congregational Transformation

- a) **"Renew Your Congregation - Healing the Sick, Raising the Dead"**
Led by Rev. Dr. Bill McConnell, Author and Lead Minister at Legacy Christian Church, Harrison, Ohio **(AM Workshop Only)**
- b) **Developing skills to be an effective leader through coaching** Led by the Congregational Transformation Team **(PM Workshop Only)**

2. Ohio Disciples Outreach

- a) **Tips and tools for planning your congregations' mission trips**
Led by Jim Rivers and Rev. Paul Lantis **(AM Workshop Only)**
- b) **Stewardship: Growing joyful stewards in your congregation**
Led by the ODO Committee **(PM Workshop Only)**

3. Church Management Systems to Strengthen your Congregations Mission

Led by Duncan Draper, CCIIO Treasurer. Assisted by Rev. Randy Clay president of CDM+/Suran Systems and Braden Gueth owner of Corcent.

4. Faith & Politics: The Integration of Church and State in your life journey

Leaders to be announced

5. Celebrating Our Global Ministries Led by Rev. Julia Brown-Karimu, Division of Overseas Ministries Vice President

6. The Future of History Led by Rev. Dr. Glenn Thomas Carson, Disciples of Christ Historical Society President

7. Working to Overcome Racism and Strengthen your Congregation for Mission Led by Anne Sowell and Rev. Nichole Mazza-Fredley

	AM	PM
	10:45-11:45	2:15-3:15
1.(a)_____		(b)_____
2.(a)_____		(b)_____
3._____		_____
4._____		_____
5._____		_____
6._____		_____
7._____		_____



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Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio
October 17 & 18, 2008

Child & Youth Registration Form

You may wish to keep a copy of this for your records.

Last Name (1 attendee per registration form)		First Name	Preferred for Nametag
Address		City/Town	State/Zip Code
Cell Phone ()		Parents/Guardian Name(s)	
Daytime Phone ()		Evening Phone ()	
Email Address			
Church Name		Church City	Youth or Child Date of Birth ____/____/____

Per person registration fee: _____ Youth (3rd-12th grade) \$25.00 _____ Child (infant – 2nd grade) \$20.00

Note: The grade should be the one the youth/child will be in Fall of 2008

The child registration includes daycare. The youth registration includes Friday assembly program, transportation to the youth activities at Camp Christian, and meals that will be provided there. Friday Banquet is not included.

Youth Specifics

_____ Friday Banquet (ages 11 – 18) \$15.00

For Parent/Guardian to sign off on:

I give Christian Church in Ohio permission to transport my child to Camp Christian Saturday October 18 from the Crown Plaza, Dublin. I understand it is my responsibility to see that my child is picked up from Camp Christian by 6:30pm Saturday October 18.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Camp Christian
10299 Maple Dell Rd, Marysville, Ohio 43040
(937)348-2811

Child Specifics

_____ Friday Banquet (ages 10 and under) \$10.00

I the Parent/Guardian need childcare provided during:

FRIDAY

_____ Luncheons _____ Discussion Forums

_____ Banquet _____ Opening Worship

SATURDAY

_____ Business Session _____ Morning Workshops

_____ Luncheons _____ Afternoon Workshops

_____ Closing Worship

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Total of all fees entered above \$ _____ (**add \$5.00 per registration after Oct 6**)

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The reverse side must be filled out by a parent/guardian

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2008 CONSENT AND MEDICAL FORM FOR MINORS
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GAURDIAN**

Child's Name _____ Grade (In October 2008) _____

State law requires your consent for medical treatment and procedures as deemed necessary in case of an emergency. Please read the form carefully and fill it in completely. Ask about anything that you do not understand.

I, _____ do hereby authorize emergency treatment by a qualified physician or dentist for my daughter/son _____ during the period **October 17, 2008 to October 18, 2008**

Our family physician is Dr. _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

Our family dentist is Dr. _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

I acknowledge that in case of an emergency during this period, my son/daughter will be taken to the nearest hospital. _____ *Initial Here*

Dietary Needs _____

Allergies _____

Medication now being taken _____

Anything else we should know about _____

Last Tetanus Toxoid (If known) _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

Group Insurance Name _____

Subscriber _____

Group No. _____ Cert./Policy No. _____

Prescription Plan _____

_____ By checking this line, permission is NOT given to the Christian Church in Ohio to use the above youth/child in any video recordings or photos for material either printed or web based.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Relationship _____ Date _____

Hotel Information

Crown Plaza Hotel 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, OH 43017

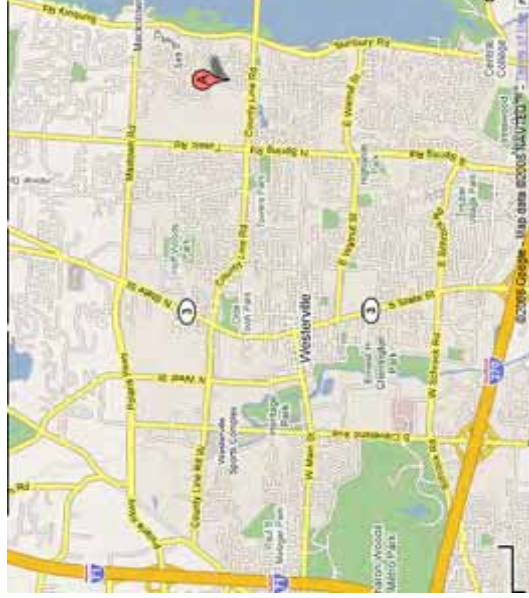
Room Rate includes Full Breakfast Menu for Two

For Reservations call: 1-866-372-5566 or 614-764-2200 Group Name: Building Your Congregation
OR go to this website www.crowneplaza.com/dublinoh and enter BYC as your group booking code

Interim Ministry Working Group

Purpose:

- To share information about Interim Ministry with current and potential ministers, Conference, Association and Commission Staff, and Association's Church and Ministry Department/Commission on Ministry.
- To provide education for those interested in Interim Ministry.
- To provide continuing education for those currently engaged in Interim Ministry.
- To encourage church in transition to consider a period of Interim Ministry time.
- To administer the Rezash Fund
- To create and encourage networking for those involved in Interim Ministry
- To create and maintain a current roster of those involved in Interim Ministry in the Conference/Region
- To provide guidance to Associations through the Departments for Church and Ministry/Commission on the Ministry



Directions and Map

Westerville Community UCC is located on the corner of Spring and County Line Roads in Westerville. From I-270 - Exit at state route 3. Go north through old downtown Westerville. Turn right on County Line Rd. Church is approximately 1 1/2 miles on the left. From I-71 - Exit at Polaris Parkway (becomes Maxtown Road) and go east to Tussic Road. Turn right on Tussic (becomes Spring Road). Church is approximately 1 mile south on the right.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION or if you have questions, contact:

Rev. Jeff Bartlett
First Christian Church
24 W State at Congress St
Athens, OH 45701-2567
(740) 592-2291

Healthier Leaders Develop



Healthier Congregations

This workshop, grounded in Family Systems Theory, will explore questions about the presence of the leader(s) in the congregational system and how that presence can make a difference. What does it mean to be a “non-anxious presence?” Can work on your own anxiety make a difference? How does one go about such work?

The Interim Ministry Working Group of the Ohio Conference UCC and the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ) is pleased to offer a workshop for all pastors and Interim Pastors, Pastors serving a church in pastoral transition, Pastors who would like to know more about serving congregations in transition, and those interested in furthering their knowledge of Interim Ministry.

Monday, October 27, 2008
9:30am – 3:30pm

**Westerville Community
United Church of Christ
770 County Line Rd.
Westerville, OH 43081**

Cost - \$30.00
Includes Lunch

Robert Mathis

Robert holds a Ph.D. (2006) from the Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH, with a specialization in Bowen Family Systems Theory; a Master of Divinity (1973) from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, and a BA (1970) from of Anderson University, Anderson, IN. He is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, an ordained minister in the Church of God, and registered as a Marriage Friendly Therapists with the only marriage counseling resource with pro-commitment marriage counselors in the nation.



Robert has pastored in Denver, CO, Pittsburgh, PA, and Columbus, OH. He served as Pastor of Family Life and Congregational Care at the Meadow Park Church of God, in Columbus, for over 21 years. While in Pittsburgh he also served as a staff therapist at the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

Dr. Mathis has done extensive, and ongoing, training at the Bowen Center for Family Research in Washington D.C. He also studied briefly with Rabbi Ed Friedman. Robert was a 2007 workshop leader for the Smart Marriages, the premier conference for Marriage and Family Education (www.smartmarriages.org). He has taught

family systems theory, conflict mediation, and clergy ethics in several settings. He has trained with Marie Fortune, a nationally acclaimed author and educator in clergy ethics. Currently, he is a co-leader of "Healthy Leadership Seminars" held at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, OH.

Robert is a certified trainer for Healthy Congregations, Inc. based at Trinity Seminary in Columbus and is Vice Chair of that organization. He was a workshop presenter for the Annual Advanced Seminar for Healthy Congregations Leadership in 2006 and 2007.

Robert, and his wife (Margaret) are certified as a Leader Couple by the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. They lead a Marriage Enrichment Weekend each year. He and Margaret have two married sons and two grandchildren. He is an avid bicyclist and skier.

Schedule

- 9:30 - Registration
- 10:00 - Opening Worship
- 10:15 - Session 1 (including a break)
- 12:15 - Communion Service
- 12:30 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Session 2 (including a break)
- 3:30 - Closing Worship
- 3:45 - Dismiss

Interim Ministry Workshop Registration

Name: _____ Denomination: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Church: _____

Email: _____

Registration Due Date: October 20, 2008

Make \$30.00 check payable to: Ohio Conference UCC
and send to: Ohio Conference Church of Christ

Attn: Joyce Decker

6161 Busch Blvd, Suite 95, Columbus, OH 43229



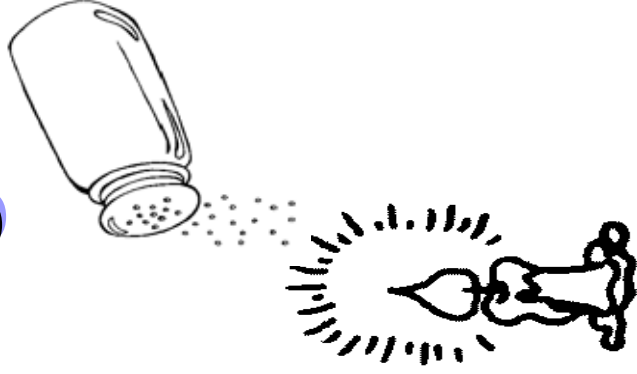
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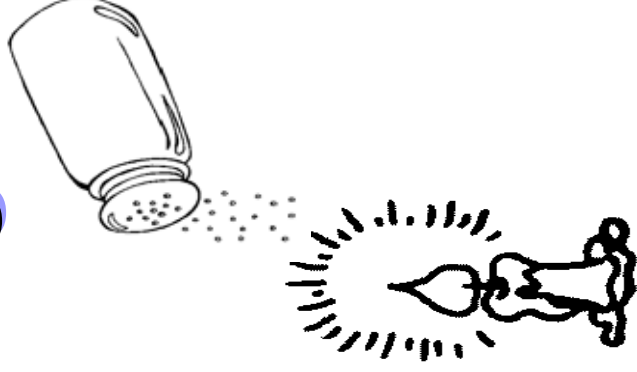
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Chi Rho Rally Registration (Check this line if you are an **adult** attending ____)

Name _____ Boy or Girl? _____

One form per person attending please

Address _____

City/ST _____ Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Parents/Guardians _____ Cell (____) _____

I am in grade ____ My birth date is _____ My Email _____

My Church is _____

City _____ Are you a member of this Church? _____

Are there any special needs or dietary concerns Camp Christian needs to be aware of?

____ \$15.00 = Registration on or before October 20

____ \$25.00 = Registration October 21 – November 3

** Registration means both form and payment are turned in to the Regional Church Office*

Checks made payable to Christian Church in Ohio, 355 E. Campus View Blvd, Suite 110, Columbus, Ohio 43235. You can also register online at www.ccinoh.org. Food, Crafts, and Program are included in the registration cost. There are no onsite registrations or refunds for this event.

CHURCH ENDORSEMENT *must be signed*

The young person named here possesses the qualities of character necessary to be a wholesome participant at this Chi Rho Rally. On behalf of our church, I, therefore, give our endorsement.

Minister or Church Youth Leader

Contact Number

The reverse side of this form MUST be filled out by a parent/ guardian for anyone under the age of 18 who will be attending this event.

DO NOT WRITE HERE OFFICE USE ONLY

REC. _____ P.C. _____ C.C. _____

BAL. _____ REFUND _____ CHECK NO. _____

State law requires your consent for medical treatment and procedures as deemed necessary in case of an emergency. Please read the form carefully and fill it in completely. Ask about anything that you do not understand.

I, _____ do hereby authorize emergency treatment by a qualified physician or dentist for my daughter/son _____ if needed during the event at Camp Christian **November 15, 2008**.

Our family physician is Dr. _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

Our family dentist is Dr. _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

- I acknowledge that in case of an emergency during this period, my son/daughter will be taken to the nearest hospital. _____ **Initial Here**

Dietary Needs _____

Allergies _____

Medication now being taken _____

Anything else we should know about _____

Last Tetanus Toxoid (If known) _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

Group Insurance Name _____

Subscriber _____

Group No. _____ Cert./Policy No. _____

Prescription Plan _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Relationship

_____ Date _____



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Advance Conference Winter Retreat **Camp Christian** **December 26 – 28, 2008**

Drink God In

Faithful responses to substance use and abuse
&
Imbibing the Divine

Advance Conference (for persons ages 19 – 29 & out of High School) is hosting a weekend retreat, December 26-28, which will explore the spiritual elements of the Serenity prayer:

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

The Serenity prayer is most known for its use in 12 step programs. We will be breaking down the prayer and studying its spiritual lessons through Biblical passages and narratives from various world cultures throughout history.

We will also be dealing with issues regarding alcohol and drugs. How can a person drink in a way consistent with their faith? When is it a problem? And how can we lovingly and productively help a friend or family member who is an addict?

The challenging and fulfilling retreat will be guided by Doug Althaus. Doug has over 20 years experience as director of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. He recently graduated law school and plans to do advocacy work for the chemically dependent. Doug is an active member of Peace Lutheran church in Columbus.

Questions? Contact the Advance Conference Officers advanceconference@yahoo.com



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Advance Conference Winter Retreat

December 26-28, 2008

Camp Christian, Monroe Lodge

This event is for all young adults 18 years old (and out of high school) through 29 years old.

Early registration (paid by November 15)	\$75.00
Pre-registration (paid by December 22)	\$85.00
Regular registration (paid the 23 - event)	\$95.00
Saturday only (no lodging)	\$50.00

Christian Church in Ohio's refund policy is in effect for this event.

The retreat will start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and end on Sunday after worship. Please bring the following items with you: Bedding or sleeping bag and pillow, towels and other toiletries, Bible and notebook.

To register fill out the bottom of this form and send it with your check (made payable to Christian Church in Ohio) to: **Christian Church in Ohio, 355 East Campus View Blvd, Suite 110, Columbus, Ohio 43235**

Or you can register online at www.ccinoh.org

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ADVANCE CONFERENCE 2008 WINTER RETREAT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

BIRTHDAY ____/____/____ PHONE (____) _____

Please Circle Days Attending: Friday Saturday Sunday

DO NOT WRITE HERE

DATE _____

CHECK NO. _____

AMOUNT _____

 I cannot attend but would like to contribute to the Advance Conference scholarship fund.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHURCH _____

2009 UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR FOR YOUTH
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

Purpose: The United Nations International Affairs Seminar for Youth challenges youth to learn about international affairs and U.S. foreign policy through study, discussion and presentations in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations Center in New York City. It seeks to encourage faith-based critical thinking and reflection through prayer, worship, discussion and community building.

TIME: Friday, February 20, 2009, 7:30 PM through Saturday, February 28, 2009, 11:00 AM

DEPARTURE/RETURN: Gender Road Christian Church 5336 Gender Rd
Canal Winchester, OH 43110-9796 - (614) 834-5973

COST: \$950 plus \$250-300 for public transportation, food, souvenirs, etc. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO.

PARTICIPANTS: The trip is limited to 45 high school juniors and seniors plus 10 adult sponsors.

SCHEDULE: We will stay in homes in Columbus on Friday night, travel by charter bus early Saturday for Washington, DC, stay at the National 4-H Center for four nights while spending days visiting sites in Washington and hearing speakers on relevant topics. You will arrange a visit with your Congressional Representative. On Wednesday morning we will travel to New York City, visit Ground Zero, Park Avenue Christian Church, museums, etc. We will spend Thursday morning at the United Nations hearing presentations from international speakers. We will see a play on Broadway and stay in the Beekman Tower Hotel very close to the United Nations. We leave Friday night at 11:00 PM to return to Columbus, eat breakfast, have final sessions and worship and are done before noon on Saturday.

SCHOOL ISSUES: You will miss 5 days of school to attend the Seminar. All schools will offer excused absences for this quality study event. Some schools will go so far as to not expect work to be made up because of the nature of this trip. Please show your principal the material and discuss what you need to have your absence excused. I will write a letter if needed. Please provide name and address of principal to which letter should be written.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. 400-500 word paper on “The Most Important Purpose of the United Nations”
2. Read several chapters of Great Decisions 2008 (This will be mailed to you.)
3. Write a 2000 word research paper on a selected topic (see list). Great Decisions will help you get started. This is mailed to you after your first paper is received.
4. Provide 2 references (enclosed)
5. Payment of \$950 (Scholarships available – Contact your Minister)
6. Willingness to live by the “Covenant” during the Seminar

STEP #1

1. Complete the enclosed application form
2. Write a 400-500 word paper (2 pages) stating what you believe to **be the most important purpose of the United Nations**. Read the United Nations Charter. State the four purposes of the United Nations from Article 1 of the UN Charter. Give your reasons and examples for the most important purpose. Use the UN website, www.un.org for this research or use your local library.
3. Give the enclosed reference forms with an addressed/stamped envelope to your pastor and a teacher. They should be returned to the Christian Church in Ohio before October 31, 2008, and as soon as possible.
4. Mail the application, your first paper, a recent photo (non-returnable) and the \$325 deposit to UN Seminar, Christian Church in Ohio, 355 East Campus View Blvd. Suite 110, Columbus, OH. 43235 by October 31, 2008
5. Email or call me with any initial questions you have.

STEP #2

As soon as your application, deposit and first paper are received, you will receive a packet of information, including Great Decisions 2008 and detailed instructions about the 2000 word research paper. You will read the assigned chapters of the book, make a final decision about your research topic, do research based on suggestions from the book and the instruction sheet, and complete the paper. Only when the paper and final payment of \$625 are received is your place assured on the UN Seminar.

The Seminar is limited to 45 **juniors/seniors** and 10 adults. Should our office receive more than 45 FINAL PAPERS, the procedure for selection will be as follows:

- a) Acceptance will be granted to those youth whose papers arrive FIRST AND who demonstrate adequate research, content and neatness.
- b) Youth not accepted in the original group will be placed on a waiting list and contacted as openings develop.

TO ASSURE YOUR PLACE, COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION AND PAPERS AND MAIL THEM EARLY. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.

STEP #3

When everything is received you will be added to the list and your email address will be included on an email list where you will be able to ask questions, be in touch with other participants, and learn important information before the trip. About 2 weeks before the Seminar you will receive a get-ready book with detailed schedule, contact information, map to the departure location, etc.

Before the Seminar you will need to contact your Congressional Representative to arrange for an appointment in her/his office while in Washington, D.C. You will attempt to coordinate this appointment with other youth and adults from your same Congressional District. This is a significant part of the Seminar. We will attempt to meet one or both Ohio Senators as a group.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Most churches are willing to assist you in paying for the UN Seminar because of the quality of the event and its life-changing nature. Ask your pastor if the church has scholarship funds for you. Ask your church's Women's Group or Men's Group if they have funds to assist you. Ask your Youth sponsor for youth group funds.

After you have received assistance from your church and added your own funds, if you are still in need of additional scholarship funds, please contact me to discuss regional scholarship possibilities. PLEASE DO NOT LET A LACK OF FUNDS DETER YOU FROM ATTENDING!

TOTAL COST:

The \$950 includes:

Orientation costs on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday morning return

Hotel Saturday through Thursday nights

Travel by charter bus

Great Decisions book and other reading resources

Partial cost coverage for adult leadership

Three group dinners and four breakfasts

All program expenses (UN tour, speakers, meeting rooms, etc)

Empire State Building admission

Tickets to Broadway Play and a theater event in Washington, D.C.

UN Seminar long-sleeve t-shirt

Health insurance for the entire event

Administrative costs

Additional funds of \$250-300 are needed for public transportation, meals, souvenirs, museums or other tours, etc.

HOW WE LIVE AND TRAVEL:

Most travel in the cities is by travel groups of 5 youth and one adult. No one goes anywhere alone. Youth share hotel rooms with 3 or 4 youth per room. Adults stay together in adjacent rooms. Youth will stay in homes of church members on Friday night before departure.

DEADLINES

ITEM

Recommendations
Application Form
400-500 word paper on UN
\$325 registration fee

2000 word research paper
\$625 second payment

Full Refund (Minus \$25.00
Processing fee)

DATES

October 31, 2008

January 9, 2009

January 16, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

RETURN BY
OCTOBER 31, 2008

FOR

FOR APPLICANT TO HAND
TO HER/HIS PASTOR

UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR FOR YOUTH
CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO
355 E. Campus View Blvd.
Columbus OH 43235
614-433-0343

(Student's Name) _____ has applied to participate in the International Affairs United Nations Seminar for Youth (a week-long study trip to Washington DC and New York City sponsored by the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ). Will you kindly aid us in deciding whether to encourage her/him to take this educational tour? If you think she/he should be encouraged to use this time and money for some other type of experience, please say so. If you know someone better acquainted with applicant, please give that person this sheet. Please answer only those questions that you are certain about.

We need to understand this applicant's personality. Please be completely frank in justice to both the applicant and the Seminar. Your reply is confidential. If you have serious reservations about this student, do not hesitate to call collect to Rev. Dr. Brenda Webster at 614-433-0343 or email: bwebster@ccinoh.org.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ Under what circumstances?

2. What home conditions and family background bear upon the applicant's suitability for this Seminar?

3. How is the applicant now expressing their faith?

4. If approved for this Seminar, in what way will you ask him/her to communicate her/his faith after returning from the trip?
 - a. From the pulpit?

 - b. Other church settings? Which ones?

 - c. Other ways?

(over)

5. Check the nearest description of the applicant:

PHYSICAL CONDITION

- frequently incapacitated
- somewhat below par
- fairly healthy
- good health
- rugged and vigorous

INTELLIGENCE

- learns and thinks slowly
- average mental ability
- alert; has a good mind
- brilliant; exceptional

LEADERSHIP

- makes no effort to lead
- tries but lacks ability
- has some leadership promise
- good leadership ability

RESPONSIVENESS

- slow to sense how others feel
- reasonably responsive
- understanding and thoughtful
- responds with unusual insight

WILLINGNESS TO SERVE

- reluctant to serve
- motives confused
- usually willing to serve
- eager to serve as needed

ACHIEVEMENT

- does only what is assigned
- starts but does not finish
- meets average expectations
- resourceful and effective
- superior creative ability

TEAMWORK

- frequently causes friction
- prefers to work alone
- usually cooperative
- works well with others
- most effective in teamwork

EMOTIONAL STABILITY

- somewhat over-emotional
- inclined to be apathetic
- usually well-balanced
- maintains balance and control under most difficult circumstances

6. How do you rate the applicant for an International Affairs Study Seminar:

Superior Good Average Below Average

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

**Please return this report to:
U.N. Seminar
Christian Church in Ohio
355 E. Campus View Blvd, Suite 110
Columbus OH 43235**

RECOMMENDATION

RETURN BY
OCTOBER 31, 2008

FOR

FOR APPLICANT TO HAND
TO HER/HIS TEACHER

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3. Does the applicant display (more than "usual"): If yes to any of these points, describe intensity (mild, average, great, very great – and with any explanations you feel would be helpful.)
 - a. Impatient, intolerant, argumentative, domineering, sullen, "cocky" or critical attitudes? _____

 - b. Embarrassment, discouragement, depression, irritation? _____

 - c. Anxiety, nervousness, worry, tenseness? _____

 - d. Prejudice towards group, races or nationalities? _____

 - e. Lack of humor or ability to take a joke? _____

4. Is there an opportunity for the applicant to do research as an assignment or to make a report to:
 - a. Your class? _____
 - b. Another class? _____ (name of class?) _____
 - c. An assembly? _____
 - d. Other? _____

(over)

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Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Position in school _____

Please return this report to:

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Christian Church in Ohio
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UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR FOR YOUTH

(Print/type and include a non-returnable, recent picture)

APPLICATION

Mail to:
Christian Church in Ohio
Attn: UN Seminar
355 E. Campus View Blvd.
Suite 110
Columbus, OH 43235

DO NOT WRITE HERE	
Jr. _____	Sr. _____
AF _____	NO. _____
BAL _____	NO. _____
REF _____	NO. _____
M.REC _____	T.REC _____

NAME _____

DATE _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Home phone with area code _____

Cell phone with area code _____

Email (**REQUIRED**) _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender (circle one): Female Male

What school grade will you have completed by June 2009? _____

Parents' Name(s) _____

Name of High School _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Name of Principal _____

Are you a member of a church? _____ Name of Church _____

Address _____

Attended Jr. High (Chi Rho Camps) in: 20____ 20____ 20____ Long-sleeve T-shirt size (circle your size)

Attended Sr. High Conferences in: 20____ 20____ 20____ S M L XL XXL

Conference you attend: _____ (Your U.N. long-sleeve T-Shirt is built into the cost.)

Attended State Youth Conventions &/or Mid-Winters in: 20____ 20____ 20____

What, if any, positions do you hold in your church, district, and state youth organizations:

In what U.S. Congressional District do you live? _____

What is your U.S. Representative's name? _____

Have you ever been to the United Nations? _____ When and what for? _____

Have you ever been to Congress? _____ When and what for? _____

(there's more!)

Please mail the registration fee with application. **NOTE in case you cancel:** Due to the necessity of purchasing tickets, housing and bus arrangements, the \$325 registration fee will not be returned after January 16, 2009, should you cancel. The remainder of the fee will be refunded for cancellation 30 days before the Seminar. *There is a \$25.00 processing fee for any other refund requests.* **Make checks payable to Christian Church In Ohio and mail to Christian Church In Ohio, 355 E. Campus View Blvd., Suite 110 Columbus OH 43235. Deadline for registration is October 31, 2008. (NOTE: If you wish to pay with a credit card, please contact Sally Wears in the Regional Church Office at 614-433-0343 or swears@ccinoh.org.)**

Enclosed: 500 word paper (yes?) _____
Application fee check (yes?) _____

COVENANT: During the United Nations Seminar for Youth, I pledge to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Courtesy - Remember, we represent the Church.
2. Stay with my travel group during the day and stay inside the hotel or motel during the night. Use the buddy system for public restrooms.
3. Off limits are: girls' rooms for boys; boys' rooms for girls.
4. No smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons of any kind on the entire trip.
5. All persons at all activities. Be on time. Allow yourself extra time to get ready.
6. Quiet at curfew each night. Quiet in the halls of the hotel or motel; no running in halls.
7. Do not take souvenirs such as towels, ashtrays, silverware, etc.
8. Be Alert! Walk fast and keep up. DO NOT HORSE AROUND ON THE STREETS. Watch out for New York Cabs.
9. Clean speech. Do not make fun of persons who look, act, talk or smell differently than you.
10. DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, TALK WITH STRANGERS. DO NOT TAKE PICTURES THAT INCLUDE PEOPLE OTHER THAN YOUR FRIENDS.
11. NEVER, BUT NEVER, GO OFF ALONE ANYWHERE.

Your signature in agreement of the Covenant:

Date you sign this: _____

Note: The consequences of serious violation of any of the above guidelines may result in your being sent home at your expense.

The separate medical form must be returned with this application.

PARENT'S CERTIFICATION CONSENT FORM FOR HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL PROCEDURES FOR MINORS

State law requires your consent for medical treatment and procedures as deemed necessary in case of an emergency. Please read the form carefully and fill it in completely. Ask about anything that you do not understand. (Please print legibly.)

I, (print your name) _____,
do hereby authorize emergency treatment by a qualified physician or dentist for my
daughter/son (print child's name) _____
during the period of Friday, February 20, through Saturday, February 28, 2009 to Washington DC
and New York City.

Our family physician is Dr. _____ Phone: _____

Our family dentist is Dr. _____ Phone: _____

(By my signature at the end of this form, I agree that In case of an emergency during this period, my daughter/son should be taken to the nearest hospital or doctor for treatment.)

Allergies: _____

Last tetanus toxoid (if known) _____

Prescription meds being taken: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Group Insurance Name: _____

Address _____

Subscriber _____

Group No.: _____ Cert./Policy No.: _____

Prescription Plan: _____

Parent's or Legal Guardian's signature: _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone numbers (please include area codes):

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell / Pager: _____

Date: _____