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Regional Assembly 2010 October 15 & 16

Columbus Marriott Northwest
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Further Regional Assembly details found on pg 4



Spiritual Insights Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards

Starting June 1, 2010, I began a 3 month sabbatical. In my role as the Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio, I have been guided in my call to be a transformational leader by the process of "spiritual discernment". Spiritual discernment is calling on the Holy Spirit to lead or give direction on a matter. This has been a guiding principle and theme in my ministry with pastors, congregational leaders and with congregations in the interim period of searching for an installed pastor.

My plan is to use my sabbatical time to be centered on personally experiencing, discovering and developing processes of spiritual discernment for pastors and congregations. I will divide my 12 week sabbatical into three 4 week segments for 1) rest and renewal; 2) reading and research; 3) reflection and re-creation.

- The rest and renewal segment will focus on time with family and the practice of spiritual disciplines. The first priority of the sabbatical will to spend time with family and rest. I plan on re-reading Richard Foster's classic book, Celebration of Discipline, to develop a new daily pattern of the practice of the spiritual disciplines.
- The reading and research segment will include attending conferences and holding interviews with leaders to learn deeper insights on processes of spiritual discernment.
- The final segment will focus on writing and renewal of personal creativity through spiritual discernment processes. Each segment will end with a 3 day personal spiritual retreat.

This time of sabbatical will be an experiential discovery of disciplines, methods, processes, means, and tools that the Spirit can work through to help me discern rightly. The study will result in identifying processes of spiritual discernment that will lead to the development of models for pastors and congregations.

While I am on sabbatical, Regional Associate Pastor Rev. Steve Bentley will assume my administrative responsibilities and Regional Associate Pastor Dr. LaTaunya Bynum will cover my pastoral assignments. Please be in prayer with me and the Regional Church during this time.

I look forward with great anticipation of what God will do through us as Disciples of Christ and leaders in Christ's church in the days ahead.

Deadline for entries into the Oct - Dec issue of

The Buckeye Disciple

Due in the Regional Church Office by
September 1, 2010

Submitting via email is preferred ccio@ccinoh.org

Regional Calendar

July

- *4-10 Phyto CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
- *11-17 Portahoga Chi Rho Camp @ Camp Christian
- *11-17 Badger Partnership Camp @ Temples Hills
- 14 Regional Church Office Staff Meeting
- *18-24 Maumee Chi Rho Camp @ Camp Christian
- 20 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest C.C.
- *25-31 Lakeside CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
- *25-31 Beaver Partnership Camp @ Pilgrim Hills
- 27 ODEC Committee meeting @ RCO 10:00am

August

- *1-7 Wilmington CYF Conference @ Camp Christian
- *8-14 Miami Chi Rho Camp @ Camp Christian
- *8-14 Adventure Camp-Photo Safari-Based @ Camp
- 10 ODO Ministry Team Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- *15-22 Advance Ministries Conference @ Camp Christian
- 17 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest C.C.
- 27-28 CYF Commission @ Camp Christian

September

- 1 Deadline for entries into The Buckeye Disciple
- 3-5 Disciples Fellowship Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 6 Labor Day, RCO Closed
- 10-12 Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat @ Camp
- 14 ODO Ministry Team Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 15 Personnel Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 17-19 Ohio Disciple Men's Fall Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 21 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest C.C.

October

- 5 Executive Committee Meeting @ RCO
- *15-16 Regional Assembly @ Columbus Marriott Northwest
- 18-22 Spiritual Life Retreat @ Camp Christian
- 19 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest C.C.
- 20 Personnel Committee Conference Call - 1:30pm
- 26 ODEC Committee meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 27 Anti Racism Training for Ministerial Standing @ Camp
- 28 Sexual Ethics Training for Ministerial Standing @ Camp

November

- 5-6 Regional Church Council Meeting @ Camp Christian
- 9 ODO Ministry Team Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 13 Chi Rho Rally @ Camp Christian 10:00am - 3:00pm
- 13 Ohio Disciples Men's Commission @ RCO 10:00am
- 16 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest C.C.
- 17 Personnel Committee Meeting @ RCO 10:00am
- 19-21 CYF Leadership Training
- 25-26 Thanksgiving, RCO Closed

December

- 1 Deadline for entries into The Buckeye Disciple
- 8 RCO Staff Meeting & Christmas Celebration
- 21 Commission on Ministry @ Northwest C.C.
- 24 Christmas Eve, RCO Closed
- 31 New Years Day Observed, RCO Closed
- 31-Jan 2 Advance Ministries Winter Retreat @ Camp Christian

RCO = Regional Church Office

* Online Registration is now available

Message from Regional Associate Pastor, Rev. Stephen Bentley

Our "Values and Seeds of Vision" describes the Christian Church in Ohio as "A covenant network of congregations in Mission: We are the body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our own communities." Nowhere can we make this more visible than at our Regional Assembly around the theme "One Body: Clothed in Love."

You do not need to wait until October to begin share in our common mission. At the Regional Assembly we will share in three common missions: Local, Regional, and Global.

Our Local Mission will be a Blood Drive on Saturday of the Assembly. We are still trying to work out all of the details of this with the Red Cross but please indicate your willingness to donate on the Registration Form. Also do not give blood after Aug. 20th or you will be ineligible to give at the Assembly.

The Regional Mission will be to purchase clothes for youth at the Cleveland Christian Home. Because many of these children attend school in the Cleveland School System they need school clothes that are mandated by the schools. Please see the Region's website or your Pastor to find the appropriate clothing articles. You may bring these with you to the Regional Assembly and put them in the Mission Room. (As school will have already started and you may want to give your donations before school begins, please let me know so we can all share in the mission your congregation has done.)

The Global Mission for Church World Service. While talking with CWS about their needs given all of the events of this winter and spring, we discovered that one of their greatest needs is for school kits. Below is a list of the necessary items. If your church would like to make some kits, bring them to the Assembly. My goal is for the Regional Assembly to dedicate 2000 school kits to help kids around the world. (Here again, if your congregations want to send them to CWS in time for school this next year, please let us know how many you sent so we can reach our goal of 2000.) There will also be an opportunity to assemble kits at the Assembly.

To assemble a School Kit you will need:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or light weight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks.)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag and send \$2.00 for each bag to pay processing and shipping.

I pray that you will join us in celebrating visually through our common Regional Assembly Missions that we are indeed "a covenant network of congregations in Mission."

For more information about the kits, go to:

http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_school

Message from Regional Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum

Just before he came to be the principal at our high school, Mr. Wade (he has a first name, but we never addressed him by it) was the successful football coach at our archrival school. So when he arrived we were not at all sure what to expect from him. We watched and waited and soon learned that he was an educator as committed to the student body at our school as he had been to the other school's football team. As he led the students, teachers, and staff old rivalries were set aside, and we became one body. His commitment was summarized by the sign on the bulletin board in front of the school:

PLAN YOUR WORK AND WORK YOUR PLAN

God, so much more than even a dedicated high school football coach and principal, has called us to lay aside anything that prevents us from being a vital part of the body of Christ.

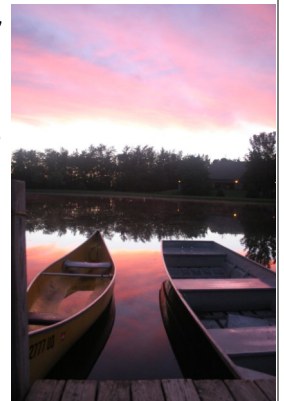
When you come to the Regional Assembly October 15-16 in Columbus, you will be able to refresh your knowledge and to gain new knowledge as you gather with Disciples and others from around Ohio. Worship, mission, displays by the ministries of the Region and by our partners in ministry in Ohio and elsewhere, and other activities and ministry opportunities will abound during our time together.

Plan your work. Pray, dream, strategize, become part of a new learning community, look to the sisters and brothers with whom you worship and work in the church.

Work your plan. Put into practice what you've learned, sharpen old knowledge, do something with the new things you have learned, continue to journey with God as together we participate with joy in the life of the church.

There is still time to register for and participate in many summer programs!!

- Maumee Chi Rho Camp, July 18-24 – For Youth who have finished grades 6, 7, & 8 @ Camp Christian
- Lakeside CYF Conference, July 25-31 – For Youth who have finished grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 @ Camp Christian
- Beaver Junior Camp, July 25-31 – For Youth who have finished grades 3, 4, & 5 @ Pilgrim Hills
- Wilmington CYF Conference, August 1-7 – For Youth who have finished grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 @ Camp Christian
- Adventure Camp "Photo Safari", August 8-14 – For All Ages of Adults and High School Age Youth – Based @ Camp Christian
- Miami Chi Rho Camp, August 8-14 – For Youth who have finished grades 6, 7, & 8 @ Camp Christian
- Advance Ministries Summer Conference, August 15-22 – For Adults ages 19 to 29 (at least one year out of high school) @ Camp Christian. Per day attendance is available for Advance Conference.



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2010

NEW! Pre-Assembly Activity

Congregational Transformation Conference

Come join us Friday morning for our first Pre-Assembly Activity. It will start with a worship service and then move into the morning session.

After lunch on Friday the Congregation Transformation Workshops will begin:

- Developing a Ministry Plan for Transformation
- Developing Lay Leaders
- Worship that Challenges, Changes and Celebrates: Transformation Secrets from the Black Church Tradition
- Sunday Mornings in the 21st Century Church

Then there will be a closing worship to wrap up the morning and afternoon's events.

Expanded Meal Opportunities!

Clergy Luncheon – Friday – Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery

Laity Luncheon – Friday – Speaker: Rev. LeMarco Cable

Disciple of Merit Banquet Dinner - Friday

NEW! Vision Breakfast – Saturday

Women's Luncheon – Saturday –

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins

Men's Luncheon – Saturday – Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery

Biblical Reflections Luncheon – Saturday –

Guided by Rev. Dr. Bill Edwards

After Hours – Friday

The evening is not over when worship ends! Advance Ministry will lead us in a time of fellowship and fun as all members of the Regional Assembly gather to play games and watch a movie. You can even share your inner "Idol" as we enjoy karaoke. See you there!

60 Second History Project Recorded by William Boyd

Got a minute? You have a story to tell and we want to hear it. Disciples of Christ Historical Society, in partnership with 3 Story Church, wants to document the amazing stories in congregations of the Stone-Campbell tradition. Think of one story from your congregation's history that you would like to tell. Maybe it's a story from an important event, or maybe how your church experienced God's presence in a special way. Whatever story you want to tell, we want to hear it. But, there's a catch. We want to hear your story in just one minute. That's right...60-seconds. You may have items that help you tell the story...photos, Bibles, chalices...if so, bring them right along.

Youth & Children's Programming

Attention all children & youth grades 3 – 12!!

Plan now to attend the Regional Assembly. There will be new exciting interactive programming throughout the whole event. You'll be more involved in Assembly than ever before. It's a wonderful place to gather with friends you know and those you just haven't met yet. There's plenty of activities for adults too, so bring the whole family!! For more information, contact bwebster@ccinoh.org, sethdavidstout@yahoo.com, or lauramawhorr@gmail.com.



Numerous Learning Communities, Issue Forums, and Conversation Options

Spiritual Discernment, Healing Ministries, Worship, Music, and Media, Health Care Reform, Anti Racism/Pro Reconciliation, Ministry and the Internet, Ministry in the Movies, Christian Church in Ohio By-Laws, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Church Energy Audit, Young Adult Ministry, Evangelism, Global Initiatives, Order of Ministry, and MORE!!!

Mission Projects

Our Mission will consist of 3 related missions. A blood drive is scheduled for Saturday for local mission. We will be collecting clothing for Cleveland Christian Home our regional mission. At the Assembly we will be making and collecting school kits for Church World Service for global mission. A list will be on the website, for directions for making these kits.

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Please register for your room by September 27 to ensure your space at the Marriott. Group Code ccdccda

For all the details, see your pastor or go to www.ccinoh.org.

You can also register online!!

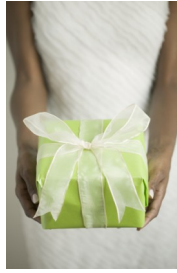
Disciples Fellowship Retreat

Labor Day weekend - September 3-5, 2010

"Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts"

Presented by Rev. Wanda Werking

Come and enjoy Wanda as she presents her program, helping us learn how we can utilize our spiritual gifts in our everyday lives. We will also have our breakout sessions after the program, including scrapbooking, photography, fishing, recreation, bible study and much more. We also have a children's program during that time. Please join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship! For more information contact Bev Sajna 440-590-2488 or [sa-jhome81@yahoo.com](mailto:jhome81@yahoo.com), look on the Christian Church in Ohio website or on facebook.



Hot Meals Program in Mount Vernon Receives Proclamation

This spring the Hot Meals Program of Mount Vernon commemorated its 10th anniversary. Participating churches, including First Christian Church of Mount Vernon, received a proclamation from Mayor Richard Mavis in appreciation for their community service. Since the program's inception on April 30, 2000, community members have been able to come each day of the week to one of the area churches for a hot meal and fellowship.

Julie Butler, First Christian's Hot Meal Coordinator works with a team of around twelve volunteers to provide this hot meal each week. Boy Scouts, Four-H clubs, and college students augment the volunteer pool at times. Volunteers prepare, serve, clean up and donate food items. They serve as many as 80 meals each Thursday and are dedicated to feeding the hungry as a way of spreading God's word.

Ohio Ministries Convocation SAVE THE DATE! January 24-25, Columbus Faith & Race: New Opportunities

How do we understand our racially and ethnically diverse society? What about the "American dream" for everyone in this country? What holds us back? What stereotypes do we carry about one another?

How we think about race impacts our decisions and understandings...where we live, who are our friends, who we vote for, what programs we support. We live in a nation divided by racial lines. How do we live out our faith, embrace the stranger, extend hospitality, and welcome a mix of people into our lives? Come and join us, engage in dialogue with the understanding that there are new opportunities for how we live together.

Monday evening play:

One Race, One People, One Peace

This event is sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches 614-885-9590

Web: www.ohcouncilchs.org

e-mail: mail@ohcouncilchs.org



Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community

June 1 marked the 1st anniversary of the Hiram Farm program. The Hiram Farm is a church-related non-profit agency that seeks to provide meaningful work and community support for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. It is located on a 120 acre farm in the Village of Hiram and is housed in the education building of Hiram Christian Church. The program provides adult day supports, a day habilitation program, transportation and respite care for persons with autism.

The first year of the program has been a tremendous success. In the 1st year the Farm has hired and trained 6 full-time and 6 part-time staff, enlisted our 14th day program participant, grown 100's of pounds of local organic vegetables, eggs and meat, built 2 greenhouses, organized a large garden plot, children's gardening and community garden program, and taught countless visitors and interested people about autism and organic farming. We are now preparing to build a 32' x 48' barn on the property and entertain 3 groups of youth and adults on mission trips this summer. The straw bale administration building project is still in the process of being funded. We still hope to begin construction this fall.

While much of our support comes from reimbursements from the state for services we provide, the support of individuals and Disciples congregations across Ohio has been absolutely invaluable. The Farm raised over \$50,000 in start-up funds from fundraising and donations, and a substantial portion of that came from church donations.

The church/college/Farm partnership continues to grow and be meaningful on many levels. Literally 100's of Hiram College students have volunteered on the Farm. Work-study students provide important support to the program. An AmeriCorps/Vista shared staff position between Farm and College has been invaluable. A summer intern is working on the Farm through the AmeriCorps/Vista program, sponsored by the College.

In addition, Church Extension has partnered with the Farm to provide a line of credit and hopefully a loan to construct our administration building. Disciples Benevolent Services will assist when the Farm is prepared to move forward with the housing component of the program. And, support has come from Ohio Advance Ministries work weekend and donations from Advance Ministries and CYF DIG and SCOOP offerings.

It has been an incredible first year, thanks in large part to the support of Hiram Christian Church and other congregations, especially First Christian Church in Wauseon. The lives of the participants have been greatly enriched by the meaningful work and community support offered to them in the Farm program, all in the name of our God, who created all things and all people and loves all of that creation.

Learn more about the Farm at www.hiramfarm.org Contact the Farm office at 330-569-3441. Or contact Roger McKinney at Hiram Christian Church, 330-569-7697.



The Value of Christian Coaching

By: Rev. Janet Mers, Congregational Transformation Team & Pastor at Perry Christian Church

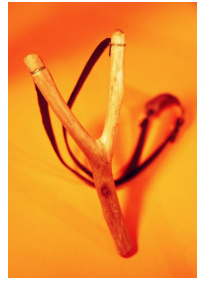
Christian Coaching requires all the same skills as any other type of coaching (listening, powerful questions, narrowing the issue, and accountability), but with one extra dimension. Christian Coaching is not simply Christians engaged in coaching, but rather, it is dependent upon the coach inviting the Holy Spirit to work in the coaching event. It is like a preacher who prepares a sermon by studying Sunday's scripture. A sermon, however, is different from a lecture because of the Holy Spirit's presence and leading in the act of preaching. The preacher applies the skill of study, the Spirit brings the message. Christian Coaching is the art of learning to be led by the Spirit in the coaching event, bringing about life changing moments of clarity, moving the Person Being Coached (PBC) forward from their current situation. The Holy Spirit acts moving the PBC to be all God created them to be.

The obvious benefits of Christian coaching are clarity, focus, forward movement in all areas of the PBC's life in partnership with the Spirit's calling. The Bible says in Jeremiah 29:11-13 God knows the plans he has made for us, plans to prosper us. When the PBC and coach intentionally come seeking the Spirit's leading in the coaching session, the PBC is set free to move where the Spirit leads.

One of the most powerful examples of this in my life is when I was coached around issues that caused me to be paralyzed, things in my personal or professional life that stopped me dead in my tracks. I needed perspective to move forward. I was stuck, not because I was ignorant, or didn't know God's desire for my life, but because I could not get clarity about my next step to set me on the right path.

My coach, a wonderful Christian woman, invited the Holy Spirit to give her interesting questions to ask me which would have a powerful awakening in me. Sometimes her questions enabled me to discover that I had believed a lie, or that the obstacle was not really an obstacle. When the Spirit pointed out the truth, which I always knew but somehow could not see, my thoughts were clear and the steps to move forward apparent. Other areas of my life were also free to function with greater ease, less stress, and with improved effectiveness.

Christian coaching is not about fixing a person or giving expert advice. Christian coaching is about enabling the PBC to dig deep within one's self to retrieve answers the PBC already possess. Christian coaching is one resource the Ohio Region offers our Pastors and Church Leadership enabling them to gain focus, clarity, and forward movement on the journey as a covenant network of congregations in mission.



Men's Fall Retreat

Men of all ages, sizes, and shapes: Plan now to share in our Fall Ohio Disciples Men's Retreat. Our theme for the weekend is "Discovering the Adventures of King David" and will be led by the our own Felix Ortiz. You can choose your own adventure this weekend from a number of different choices: fishing, computing, song writing, poetry writing, jam sessions, etc. As these adventures are always best when shared, plan to bring friend, relative, or other guest to share your adventure with. Register online soon or contact Rev. Stephen Bentley sbentley@ccinoh.org for a flyer and registration form.

Camp Happens! However, Camp Doesn't JUST Happen...

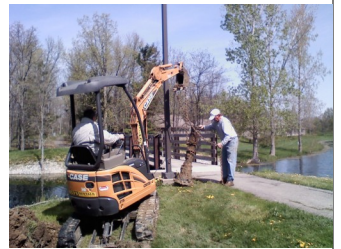
Hello. I'm Al Channell. I've had the privilege and honor of being your Superintendent at Camp Christian for the past twelve years. I love this place. Thank you so much for letting my family and me live on Holy Ground!

Many things have changed here over the years. New buildings have come and old buildings have gone. Camp work-days have come and gone (volunteers). Projects have been planned and completed (volunteers). Staff have come and gone (but are always connected to Camp). Campers have come and gone (but are always connected to Camp). Counselors and AD's (volunteers) have come and gone; but, they never really leave. Director's have come and gone; but, are still known as Director of Camp Christian.

Some things have not changed. All who come here are affected in some manner by the positive atmosphere at Camp Christian which is absolutely brought about by the Holy Spirit. Ministers come from the program. Husbands meet wives, wives meet husbands, and lifelong friends are made. All who come are welcome!

For my behind the scenes part in all of this, I realize that one person could not possibly accomplish everything needed to provide a safe environment for all who come. Without VOLUNTEERS who have come and gone (and those yet to come) I would have failed at my calling a long time ago. Some of the projects have included, camp beautification, Monroe Lodge roof replacement, picnic table building, clearing a new alternate Vespers spot, and this year's big one; bunk rails. We also have two committees, Alternative Energy and Camp Operations (volunteers) who work with the Camp Christian Coordinating Council (volunteers) to make camp a safe and better place to retreat, camp and enjoy this wonderful facility.

I would love to acknowledge everyone who has volunteered their time, talent, energy, and hard earned dollars to make camp a better place; however, I know I'd miss someone. So, I thank you dear volunteer for helping Camp Happen. You and I know who you are, and we know Camp doesn't JUST happen...



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Tree of Life helps in Haiti relief

Planting a new church requires a great deal of preparation and planning. Significant time and energy needs to be spent on establishing the new community's core values, cultivating relationships, and organizing ministry events. And then God intervenes, inviting us into something unpredictable and amazing.

A few days after the devastating earthquake struck Haiti, Church World Service issued a call for hygiene and baby kits. This was especially important to us since Rev. Roger Burns-Watson had been to Haiti and was familiar with some of our mission partners in the country. So, using our email list, we asked the friends of Tree of Life Christian Church to help by putting together as many hygiene kits as they could.

The next day one of our Core Team members took that email and not only sent it to even more people, but invited everyone to her house that weekend to put the kits together. In the middle of winter, on very short notice, over 25 people gathered together on a Sunday evening to assemble over 40 hygiene kits. Others who could not attend sent money to help offset the cost of shipping the kits to CWS.

In that one event we were able to share together in ministry and fellowship in ways that were truly authentic to our mission as a church. We were able to reach well beyond ourselves and bring some Good News to people who are suffering. And in that house you could sense the presence of the Spirit at work, forming and shaping a new community of faith.

Tree of Life Christian Church is a new church ministry in Delaware, Ohio.

Disciples Young Adult Conference "Recharting Our Faith in the City of Second Chances"

October 7 -10, Las Vegas, Nevada!

Do our perceptions of the world still work when it comes to the church, or are we still using outdated "maps" to guide us? Do our churches' views on racism, sexism, sexuality, politics and culture in general still have relevance, or do we need to revisit and renew these topics in order to relate to an everchanging world? All young adults are invited to come together and discuss these topics and more this at the first ever Disciples Young Adult Conference this Fall in Las Vegas, NV - the "Capitol of Second Chances." For more information, including how to register, visit the young adult website at www.docya.org.



Casting the Net Deeper & Wider

By: Elizabeth Jewell Becker, Membership Development Team

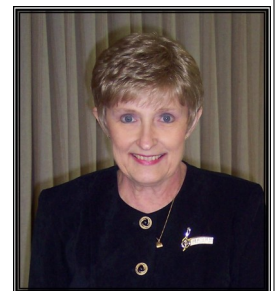
John 21 tells the story of Jesus' instructions to the Disciples, after a night of fruitless fishing, to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, the results were bountiful! The membership development team of the Regional Church Council (RCC) is praying for similar results in extending this invitation to all members of Disciples' churches throughout the Region to prayerfully consider serving on the RCC. The RCC is currently living into a new set of by-laws, which will be confirmed by the Regional Assembly in October, 2010. The new by-laws call for an elected RCC membership of 36 individuals, to include clergy, lay, male, female, age, geographic, and racial/ethnic diversity. New members will be called--by official vote at the October 2010 Regional Assembly--to serve two-year terms. Job descriptions for RCC members, as well as application (member profile) forms can be found on the Region's Web site, <http://www.ccinoh.org/aboutus/regionalboard.aspx>, or by contacting the Regional Church Office at 614.433.0343. If you are interested in serving God's church in this way, please submit your application ASAP.

Organist's Farewell Concert

Rosalie Gainer has served as organist for three Elyria churches and is retiring from Washington Avenue Christian Church after 25 years of service.

She has performed throughout Ohio on both piano and organ and has given several concerts on the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ in Mansfield. Rosalie has provided programs for many civic and community organizations. She is a past Grand Organist of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, Order of the Eastern Star.

Her farewell concert is open to the public and will take place at Washington Avenue Christian Church (301 Washington Avenue, Elyria, OH) on Sunday, July 18, at 3 p.m.



RETREAT TO A SACRED SPACE
AND

"FEED THE HUNGRY HEART"

A Sacred Space is a sanctuary where one can retreat and recharge during changing times; an oasis of peace amidst turmoil; a place of perfection amidst chaos.

And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him... Luke 9:18 NAS

OWM Fall Retreat
September 11-13, 2010
Camp Christian

Come and satisfy that Holy Hunger
alone/together in prayer with Jesus

RETREAT LEADER
Carol P. Vaccariello, D. Min.
LPC, Spiritual Coach

YOU WILL ENJOY:

- Haiku Poetry
- Art for the Heart
- Soul Collage
- Mandala Circle Prayer
- Photo Meditation
- Journaling
- Contemporary Psalmist
- Quiet time together/alone
- "This is Your Life!" (story recording)
- Create personalized prayer beads
- Learn to create a Sacred Space with the use of sounds, colors, and rituals. Inside the Sacred Space, the spoken word is soft and as you sit in silence the voice of your soul speaks through your heart.

SAVE THE DATE
Registration Opens
July 5, 2010
Cost \$85.00

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2010 Youth Scholarship Golf Outing

On June 5 the Fifth Annual Youth Scholarship Golf Outing and Dinner program was held. Once again the event was held at Scioto Reserve Golf and Athletic Club in Powell. 59 golfers took to the beautifully manicured fairways and greens to play golf to raise more than \$6,500 for the Youth Scholarship Fund.

Since 2005, nearly 300 scholarships have been granted through the Youth Scholarship Fund. Over these past few years the fund has grown to more than the \$40,000 given out in scholarships since 2005. This means we have the resources to insure that none of our young people will miss the opportunity to attend Camp Christian. It's a great benefit to have a source of funding solely dedicated to the financial assistance of those who wish to attend Camp Christian.

It was a marvelous Golf Outing for a wonderful cause. If you missed the Outing this year you can plan to play, attend the dinner, or make a contribution next year and add to the strength of the Youth Scholarship Fund. Please prayerfully start thinking of ways you and your congregation can participate or contribute to this wonderful event next year.