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February 2008

Area News



Licensed Ministry Resources

LM Training
February 29 – March 1
Church Family Systems
El Paso

Information and registration form for the next training event, along with 2008 Licensed ministry documents are now available on our website www.traccsw.org. Point cursor on “Ministries” and the on the drop down menu you’ll see “Licensed Ministry”.

The calendar on the website can be filtered to see just Licensed Ministry dates. Use the box on the upper left-hand side of the calendar to select “Licensed Ministry”.

Registration Deadline February 15



2008 Men’s Retreat
March 7-9
Black River Center For Learning

Cost: \$85

Lift Up Your Hearts In Praise! Transforming Worship for Today’s Generation

Speakers this year will be the Rev. Rick Linn, minister of First Christian Church in Portland, TX and Dr. Otis Lloyd, co-director of the South Dallas Concert Choir.

Forms are available from your church office or on line at www.traccsw.org



2008 Clergy Retreat
April 1-3
Albuquerque

Information regarding the retreat will be published on February 5.



Area Assembly
April 25 - 26

Information coming soon.

BLACK RIVER CENTER FOR LEARNING - CARLSBAD, NM

2008 Camp Dates

JUNE 8 - 13, 2008 CYF CONFERENCE
JUNE 16 - 19, 2008 NEW BEGINNINGS CAMP
JUNE 16 - 20, 2008 CHI RHO CAMP & JUNIOR CAMP



CIRCLE 6 CAMP - STANTON, TX

JUNE 16 - 21 - CREATED TO BE ME - EIGHTERS' CAMP

Churches will be notified when costs, schedules, and registration forms are available.

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Border Cluster Gathering April 29, 2008 First Christian Church Las Cruces, NM

Around 60 people gathered on January 29 at First Christian Church in Fabens. To everyone's delight, the minister, Merle Howard, served chicken with his secret sauce. The meal was followed by a celebration for pastors and half an hour of praise music singing. We're looking forward to our next meeting in Las Cruces!



WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 26 - 28

More Information to come soon.

Regional News



Regional Offices Have Moved

The Regional offices have moved to 2501 Parkview Drive, Suite 450 Fort Worth, TX 76102. Phone numbers and emails remain the same.

MAILING ADDRESS IS:
P.O. Box 1689, Fort Worth, TX 76101

To see the latest regional news go to www.ccsw.org.



TCU Minister's Week February 11 - 14th, 2008

Sponsored in cooperation with **TCU** and **University Christian Church**, Minister's Week brings around 300 pastors to campus for lectures, workshops, and sermons featuring outstanding teachers, scholars, and practitioners of ministry.

There is **no registration fee** and the program is open to ministers and lay leaders of all denominations. For more information go to: <http://www.brite.tcu.edu/news/mw-default.asp>



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WOMEN JUNE 20-22, 2008

More Information to come soon.



Annual Men's Retreat September 19-21, 2008 Lake Brownwood Retreat Center

"Why Me, Lord?"

Keynote speakers: Dr. Joey Jeter, Brite Divinity School/TCU and Dr. Doug Skinner, Northway Christian Church

Other Highlights: Workshops, Pre-Retreat Golf, Saturday Work projects

For more information and registration go to: http://www.ccsw.org/DisciplesMen/disciples_men.asp



Regional Assembly October 17-19

More information later.

National News



Week of Compassion Offering February 17 & 24

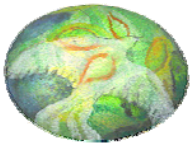
For over six decades, our Week of Compassion offering has given Disciples the opportunity to become participants in humanitarian work that expresses God's love to neighbors far and wide

For more information on how your gifts to Week of Compassion help please visit their website: www.weekofcompassion.org



34th annual Black Ministers' Retreat March 3 to 6, 2008

It's time to make reservations for the 34th annual Black Minister's Retreat that will be held March 3-6 in Louisville, Ky. "More than Conquerors through Jesus Christ," taken from Roman 8:31-39 is the theme for the conference. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.discipleshomeissions.org/BlackMinistry/retreat/index.htm>



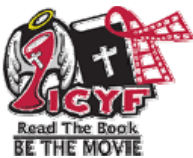
Easter Offering March 16 & 23

The Easter Special Offering will be collected on March 16th and 23rd. This offering provides financial resources for general ministries of the church. Contributions to the 2008 Easter offering benefits many ministries including Disciples Hurricane Recovery Initiative, Global Ministries, web and internet ministries, Ministerial Relief and Assistance plus many more.



Pentecost Offering May 4 & 11

Pentecost Special Offering will be collected June 1 through June 8 this year in most Disciples congregations. The offering divides equally between new-church ministry efforts in the region where it is collected and Disciples New Church Ministry. NCM coordinates the Disciples' training and other church-wide strategies for new-church growth.



July 20 – 24 ICYF Pre-Assembly Mission Work, California

The International Christian Youth Fellowship (ICYF) is scheduled to convene at Chapman University. Disciples' high school youth gather every four years for worship, discussion and leisure activities.

July 24 – 27 ICYF Assembly, Chapman University, Orange, CA

Chapman, located in Orange, Calif., is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For more information, contact Lee Yates and Kortni Ingebrightsen, at: icyfchapman@yahoo.com or visit the ICYF website at: www.icyfchapman.org.



The Office of the General Minister and President (OGMP) has announced that it will convene the 2008 GMP Pastor's Conference in September. The Pastor's Conference will feature Floyd Flake, Will Willimon, and the music of Disciples' own Bill Thomas.

Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President, is calling all Disciples clergy to come together for a time of rest, renewal, and rejuvenation Sept. 8-10, 2008. The conference is planned to gather in Chicago, Illinois. For more information and to register go to: <http://www.disciples.org/watkins/news/2007/11/16a.asp>