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## 63rd Annual Conference July 21-24, 2013 – Grand Rapids, MI

### Hotel Information

The 2013 Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 5700 E. 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 Phone: 616/957-1770. Just minutes from Gerald R. Ford International Airport & to the downtown city center, the Crowne Plaza is an ideal choice, with exceptional service, amenities and upscale accommodations.



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### Hotel Reservations

For those conferees planning on attending the conference you will need to call Crowne Plaza's to reserve your room at **1-616-957-1770**. Inform the reservations clerk that you are attending the 2013 ICCC Annual Conference, **group code CCC** to get the special rate of \$109.00 + tax per night. This rate will be offered three days prior and after the conference (subject to availability at the time of reservation). **The cut-off date for hotel reservations is June 27, 2013.** After this date, normal hotel rates will be in effect and space may no longer be available. **Please note:** the special rate of \$109 + tax is negotiated only for conferees. Those utilizing this special rate are expected to register for the conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Transportation To and From the Hotel

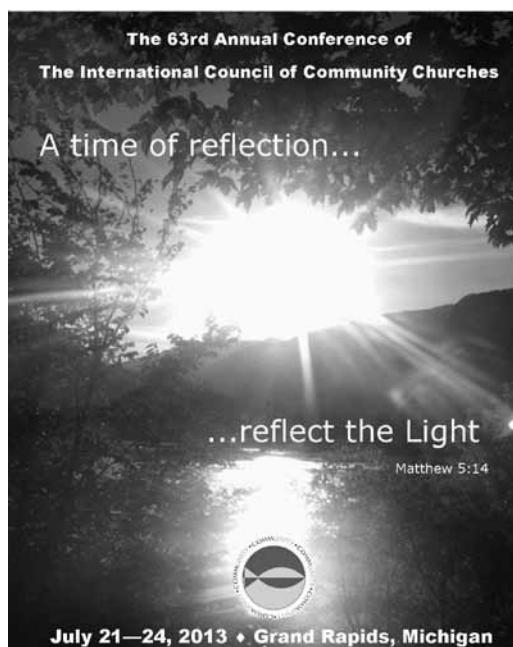
The Gerald R. Ford International (GRR) Airport is 3.5mi from the hotel. Complimentary Shuttle service is available. A one-way taxi fee to/from the airport is approx. \$15.00. Contact either the hotel or airport for more details. An Amtrak Station is 12mi from the hotel. Taxi fees one-way from there are approx. \$30.

### Conference Registration includes:

- General Sessions
- Workshops & Bible Study
- Exhibits
- Conference Banquet
- All Conference Welcome Luncheon  
**\*\*NEW this year!**
- One year subscription to *The Christian Community*

### Optional Conference Activities That Require Additional Fee:

- Koinonia Luncheon
- Mission Luncheon
- Prayer Breakfast



## President's Message

Rev. Dr. Bruce N. Merton

On a recent visit to an ICCC meeting long before the government and the digital age heightened our use of acronyms, they were part of Christianity's development. Continuing into the present, we have made use of the "fish" as a symbol of the Christian faith. Behind the symbol is the Greek word "icthus." The Greek letters that spell fish formed the acronym "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." Simply writing the word "fish" in Greek provided an early, veiled confessional statement. Today we find the word and/or the symbol on everything from bumper stickers to the stained glass windows of churches.

Acronyms, words formed by the initial letters of a name or by combining parts of a series of words, are a way of life! They are so much a part of our lexicon that we now use acronyms without even thinking of the names or phrases behind them. Think "radar" for radio detecting and ranging. Or "scuba" for self contained underwater breathing apparatus.

Those who use electronic messaging can rarely write a full message without using acronyms: LOL (laugh out loud), BFF (best friends forever). We hardly ever talk using the full name of our organization: The International Council of Community Churches. We know it and speak it as the I.C.C.C.

As we begin, with God in Christ, to "live, move and have our being" in a new year, I have been thinking about the possibilities that exist for the I.C.C.C. in terms of two different acronyms.

One, S.S.D.D. (same stuff different day), I have been familiar with for a long time. It implies hum-drum existence, life in a rut, and the continuation, ad nauseum, of nagging issues and problems. The second, N.Y.N.D., was new to me. I first saw it on the front of a tee shirt worn by a 'twenty-something' in our local mall. The green shirt with the large orange letters had a question mark under the acronym. This was an acronym I did not know. My curiosity was piqued with respect to the acronym and its punctuation.

As I turned to go back and satisfy my curiosity by questioning the t-shirt's wearer, I noticed the back of the shirt. It read, in large orange letters, "YES!" and beneath it, in smaller letters, "I Cor. 5:17."

I knew I Corinthians 5:17. It reminds us that if we are in Christ, we are new creations. The old passes away and all things become new. It is a powerful affirmation of what happens to lives that are immersed in Christ. Immersed in the reality of what God has done for us in Jesus, the Christ; immersed in living



the lifestyle of Jesus, the Christ, in the world around us.

Catching up to the young man wearing the shirt, I tapped him on the shoulder. He stopped, turned, looked at me with a "deer in the headlights" look. I quickly said, "I get the back of the shirt. What does 'N.Y.N.D.' mean?"

He replied, "Oh, man! It means "New Year, New Day" and the question mark invites you to ask if it can be that for you. Since you get the back of the shirt, you know the answer."

Yes, I know the answer. The question for me and for others who "know" the answer is this: Do we live the answer? Do I and we, as the I.C.C.C., really immerse ourselves in Christ and stand amazed at the incredible God revealed by him? Do I and we, as I.C.C.C., really immerse ourselves 'in Christ' by living his lifestyle in the world around us?

I do not recall any portion of the gospel record that finds Jesus asking "What's in it for me?" as he contemplates meeting human need or building up the lives of those who will form the early church.

I cannot think of a time when Jesus withheld his support, care, compassion or grace because he did not receive a sufficient amount of benefits in exchange.

You and I would not, could not, be in Christ as new creations if Jesus had thought about the 'investment' in terms of getting a 'guaranteed return' or 'certain benefits'.

Jesus was driven by "agape". It is a love that is given freely and without expectation of getting any return. It is a sharing that is certainly not capitalistic. It is a sharing that we, as new creations in Christ, relish and celebrate as the very source of our salvation. "Agape" is also what we are called to live as those immersed "in Christ" as "new creations."

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# How Will Our Churches Grow in 2013?

by Don Ashmall



How do Christian congregations grow, both internally – in spirit, – and externally – in numbers? This is a question that has absorbed greater minds than mine for a very long time. But many of the proposed answers amount to repetitious slogans that sound impressive but produce no results.

First let's get past the obvious. It's easy to pontificate about church growth from a location that is economically healthy and increasing in general population. To attain numerical growth in such locations requires a consistent effort at marketing and sales to get people in the door, and a reasonably good product to keep them connected: non-boring worship; attractive programming for children and youth; opportunities for adults to develop friendships; and decent cooking at church suppers.

Likewise it's easy to protest from areas that are shrinking in population and not doing well economically that spiritual quality trumps numerical quantity, and that there is close fellowship found in congregations that admittedly most members joined before color televisions were introduced. For those who attend, the Bible studies and adult Sunday school classes in such churches are experienced as times when spiritual insights are deepened and fervent prayer is shared.

Can a congregation find both growth in spirit and growth in numbers in 2013? I believe the answer is "yes we can."

The "yes" is multi-part beginning with the Pastor. "Where there is no vision, the people perish," but vision does not begin as a group exercise. Vision begins with one individual who is called not only to see visions and dream dreams, but to communicate them to others. In a local congregation, that's the Pastor. Often, a new vision springs forth as the Pastor asks some questions of self and others. "What would this congregation and our ministry look like if we weren't limited by our present numbers, budget, building size and all the rest?" Or, "If we were starting this church as a brand new ministry in this community, what would we want it to look like; what would we want to do first?" Or, if we just dropped all that we're doing now as a congregation, and we had to choose just one "thing" – one emphasis or one program or one central theme – what would it be?" Or, "What is the one crying need in our community – the foremost issue or crisis or chronic challenge – that desperately needs our attention and care?" Most important: "What do we believe God would have us do in this place and in this time?"

Part two begins with those involved in the church's organization. As the Pastor communicates a new vision for the church, the boards, committees, council, etc. need to respond. This is difficult. Agendas are not designed to encourage thinking about purpose. It's easy for discussion about minor details to fill so many hours that there's no time to delve into matters new and sometimes frightening. By its focus a vision includes some things and excludes others; confronting difficult choices can be a wrenching experience for a church board. And then there's the matter of follow-up. No matter how exciting the vision may be, if nobody does anything about it, it will die. A determined board that keeps asking at every meeting: "how are we doing in moving toward the vision," and that will not accept "not much" as an answer can help transform a congregation.

The congregation is the final part of the formula. The core members who worship, volunteer and serve faithfully; and the "regulars" who aren't quite as involved but still are mostly present: these are the people whose response will finally cause the vision to bear fruit. It is with these much more than with the "occasionals" and the "C&E's" that both Pastor and boards will need to communicate, sharing the vision and making it clear and compelling. Pastor and boards working in partnership will need to recruit, enlist and inspire specific members of the congregation into particular actions that will further the vision.

The end result is growth. Sometimes the growth is all internal and spiritual. Sometimes it's all numerical. The best vision is one that produces both kinds of growth. So what's your vision? What vision is your church confronting, struggling with and following? Be sure to share with the rest of the community church movement how your vision is growing and bearing fruit!

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY CHURCHES OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

**President:** Bruce Merton

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# REVIEWS

Dr. Robert M. Puckett

THESE FEW ALSO PAID A PRICE: Southern Whites who fought for Civil Rights; G. Mcleod Bryan, Mercer University Press, 2001, Hardback, 148 Pages.

G. Mcleod Bryan died at age 90 in 2010. He was professor emeritus of Wake Forest University where he taught Religion, Philosophy, and Christian Ethics. He also taught at Mercer University, Washington University, and Trinity Seminary in Nigeria during his long and distinguished career. He was one of my most inspiring professors who profoundly shaped my understanding of Social Ethics when I was a student at Mercer University. He taught not only in the classroom but also by example by his personal involvement in the Civil Rights movement.

Most white southerners strongly resisted the expansion of democracy (many violently). Bryan's THESE FEW ALSO PAID A PRICE "vividly recounts that there were white persons who, despite of their relative privilege and prosperity, were ready 'to do justice and love mercy.'" (P. 9) This book records brief testimonies of thirty white Southerners who stood up against America's intense hatred of justice for black people.

"Surely none of these whites regret the choice they made, nor would they likely refuse to repeat their stand if they had their lives to live over. Sure, it was tough, it was scary, it was dangerous, and life-threatening. On the other hand, it brought them a reward that money cannot buy. It brought them a new experience , a spiritual renewal from walking alongside a people being led by God from the wilderness of oppression into a land of freedom." (P.11) They stood up for American democracy and to declare their faith in a God of universal love for all.

The price they paid often involved bullets, beatings, bombings, and burnings. Yet the suffering they endured was far less than that blacks endured in slavery and Jim Crowism.

Many of the people listed here were personal acquaintances who became heroes and saints who encouraged my own involvement in Civil Rights, although my involvement was far less than any of them. They include Clar-

ence Jordan, Conrad Browne, Myles Horton, Will Campbell and Tom Holmes. Many of the rest included in the list were indirectly influential in my life as well.

Clarence Jordan was founder of Koinonia Farm in Americus Georgia which was his dream of a Beloved Community. It was established in 1942 as an integrated community in the deep South, which practiced total pacifism as an answer to humanity's warring madness. The community re-enacted a "community of goods" advocated in the book of Acts. And it inspired the development of Habitat for Humanity. Jane and I once visited Clarence and counted 32 bullet holes in his living room wall as the result of opposition by white supremacists.

Conrad Browne left Koinonia Farm to become assistant director of Highlander Folk School. Myles Horton was one of the most gentle, peaceful men I have ever known' He established the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee which was instrumental in training many people involved in the Civil Rights Movement, including Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks, in the principles of non-violence. Myles had been a student of Reinhold Niebuhr at Union Theological Seminary. I got to know Myles when he was forced to move his school from Monteagle to Knoxville.

Tom Holmes was pastor of Tatnal Square Baptist Church located on the campus of Mercer University when Sam Oni, a Nigerian student who was the first Black to be admitted to the University, was denied entrance to the church for Sunday worship. Sam was a Christian convert won to Christ by Baptist missionaries who had graduated from Mercer. Tom's support of Oni brought about his ouster as pastor of the church and the congregation finally moved to a new location. That was the church in which I was baptized when I was 14 years old.

These testimonies are important to prevent us from forgetting the tremendous price blacks and whites paid for the expansion of American Democracy.

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**Our prayers are with:**

- **Rev. Dr. Claude E. Wilson, Havenscourt Community Church**, Oakland, CA. as he faces health challenges.
- **Grace O'Neal** and her family. Grace's son, Stephen Little, passed away Nov. 14th. Grace is a member of **People's Community Church**, Detroit, MI.
- **Don Ashmall, ICCC Council Minister**, and his family. Don's brother, Roy, was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Please keep Don, Roy and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.



member! Our Council Minister, **Don Ashmall**, and his wife Peggy were surprise guests for the "Happy Homecomings" event. Don was a former pastor of that church for many years.

- The **Church at Litchfield Park, AZ**, **Dale Hopely**, Senior Pastor, has begun making plans for their 75th Anniversary celebration to be held on March 16-17, 2013. The church was founded March 27th, 1938. "A Journey to Remember" is the theme, featuring an evening dinner and entertainment.

- Congratulations to **Jacqueline Wiley, Union Bethel Christian Church**, Birmingham, AL. She recently was awarded a Jordan Scholarship and is pursuing a Masters of Arts in Mental Health Counseling.

**Sharing Joys:**

- Congratulations to **Bridgeport Community Church**, MI, **Ron Sinclair**, Senior Pastor, as the church celebrates its 145th Anniversary this month. 62 of those years the church has been an ICCC

## *Children's Program Director for the 2013 Annual Conference*

Shyreece Pompey is a passionate educator. She has served and taught in the Covert Public Schools for the past 11 years. She has implemented several student-centered programs which have brought joy and academic interest to the learning environment. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Western University Michigan in Education and is currently working to complete her master's degree in Educational Leadership. Shyreece (Also Known As: Sister Pompey) has been using her gift of teaching in the youth ministry at Emmanuel Community Church in South Haven, Michigan for the past eight years. She currently serves as Youth Director and Sunday School Superintendent at the church.



At the conference in Grand Rapids, Sister Pompey, working with a supporting team, will create meaningful learning experiences and projects that encourage children to live their faith in Christ. Children, K-6th grade, will be structurally engaged from 9 AM to 12 Noon during each day of the conference. Lessons will be age appropriate and centered on the conference theme. Worship, praise, make it/take it activities and field trip opportunities will ensure practical application of the Bible lessons and conference theme.

With the goal of engaging the children with parents and other conference attendees, there will be an opportunity for a family fellowship outing at Craig's Cruisers (<http://www.craigscruisers.com>) on one of the evenings during the conference.

If you would like to volunteer as part of the conference's children's program, please contact Sister Pompey on her cell phone at (269) 849-6419 or at her work number (269) 764-3714.

Sister Pompey believes the Holy Spirit is continuing to lead the conference planning committee in developing an outstanding experience of fellowship, growth, and renewal in the name of Jesus, the Christ. She remains particularly grateful to God and the Planning Committee for seeking to engage our children in a more welcoming and thoughtful way this year.

As we all prepare for our conference participation, let us remember the words of Jesus "whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes me." (Matthew 18:5)

## *President's Message cont'd from p. 1*

I can imagine what an incredible difference could be made in and through the I.C.C.C. if all members - individuals, churches and centers - would embrace the new year, and all years, with the power and promise of I Corinthians 5:17. Living, immersed in the knowledge that in Christ we are loved unconditionally, will change us - individually and collectively. Being immersed in living the lifestyle of Christ will change us - our motivations, our wants and our desires!

If we, individually and collectively, will choose to be **I.C.C.C. (Icthus Committed Community Churches)** we will see the **I.C.C.C. (International Council of Community Churches)** made new, fresh, and relevant on the faith landscape of America and our world.

In the New Year, you and I will decide: **I.C.C.C. - S.S.D.D. or N.Y.N.D.?**

## **ICCC Registration Form 2013 Annual Conference: July 21-24 "A time of reflection...reflect the Light" Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Name (as you would like it on badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church (member of) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female First Conference: Yes  No

Status:  Clergy  Laity  Infant  Child  Elementary  Youth  Young Adult  Adult

Name and Telephone number of a person to be notified in an emergency (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### **> > > FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ONLY! < < <**

- Age (on 7-1-2013) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed by (7-1-2013) \_\_\_\_\_
- If 18 years or under, an adult who is registered for the Conference and who will serve as a sponsor and assume responsibility for said young person and must sign below:

Sponsor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in Dollar Amount for this Registration

Infants (not occupying chair at banquet)	\$ 0.00	\$
Child (Ages 1-5)	\$ 35.00	\$
Elementary (Completed Grade K through Grade 6)	\$ 60.00	\$
Youth (Completed Grade 7 through Grade 12)	\$ 145.00	\$
Young Adult (Ages 18-23)	\$ 170.00	\$
Adult	\$ 195.00	\$
Continuing Education Certificate (for Clergy only)	\$ 10.00	\$
Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) S M T W	\$ 35.00/day	\$
Late Fee - Add After June 30, 2013	\$ 35.00	\$
CC	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

Please return this form with payment to: ICCC, 21116 Washington Pkwy., Frankfort, IL 60423

Check or Money Order made payable to ICCC  
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Acct. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

One form per person. Pre-Registration ends on June 27th. All registrations after this time will be assessed a late fee of \$35.00. Late registrations will be accepted at Conference only. Do not send to the Council Office.

CANCELLATIONS: A \$25 administration fee will be assessed for each.

## *Attention Young Adults!*

Attention Young Adults! This conference will include an opportunity for young adults to participate in a comprehensive program of study and service with Habitat for Humanity. Watch the Council's website and future issues of The Christian Community for details. Tell every young adult you know; this will be a groundbreaking opportunity in more ways than one.

To encourage young adult attendance at Annual Conference, Roser Memorial Community Church in Anna Maria, FL where Gary Batey is the Senior Pastor, will once again pay the 2013 Annual Conference registration fee for 2 Young Adults from different churches attending the ICCC Annual Conference for the first time. To take advantage of this offer, please contact the ICCC Council Office to see if they are still available: [iccc60423@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iccc60423@sbcglobal.net) or 815-464-5690.

## **Mission Statement**

*"As people devoted to following Christ  
we are committed to community,  
to treasuring diversity,  
to living our faith in service and love."*



## 2013 Optional Conference Meal Programs

The 2013 Annual Conference offers 3 optional meal program opportunities: the Koinonia Luncheon, the Mission Luncheon and the Prayer Breakfast (hosted by the Samaritans). Both the All Conference Welcome Luncheon and the Conference Banquet Dinner are included in your registration fee. Additional quantities can be reserved for a fee.

**Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.** is the **All Conference Welcome Luncheon**. **New for 2013, included in your registration fee!** This meal includes: Caesar Salad, Sautéed Breast of Chicken in a White Wine and Lemon Caper Sauce, Chef's Selection of Starch and Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Baked Apple Pie, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea and Water. Vegetarian option: Pasta Primavera / Kid's Meal: Fruit Cup, Chicken Fingers, French Fries, Cookie, Iced Tea and Water.

**Monday, July 22, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.** is the **Koinonia Luncheon**. This meal includes: Fresh Fruit Bowl, Grilled Skewer Chicken Kabobs served with Fresh Marinated Vegetables, Chef's Choice of Starch, Rolls & Butter, Chocolate Mousse, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea and Water. Vegetarian Option: Vegetarian Wrap, including Homemade Bistro Chips and a House Salad.

**Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.** is the **Mission Luncheon**. This meal includes: A Traditional Deli Buffet with Mixed Greens Salad, Two Dressings, Chef's Assorted Sliced Bread Selection, Sliced Roast Beef, Honey Baked Ham, & Smoked Breast of Turkey, Sliced Cheddar, Swiss and Provolone Cheeses, Shaved Red Onions, Kosher Pickles, Leaf Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes, Pasta Salad, Potato Chips, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas, Iced Tea and Water.

**Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.** is the **Prayer Breakfast**. This meal includes: Fresh Eggs Scrambled with Cheddar Cheese, Crisp Applewood Bacon and Sausage, Seasoned Home Fries, Assorted Fresh Breakfast Pastries, Served with Jam & Butter, Chilled Fruit Juice, Regular and Decaf Coffee, and Specialty Hot Teas.

Also on **Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.** is the **Conference Banquet**. This meal includes: Pear & Spinach Salad, Grilled Bistro Filet topped with Bordelaise Sauce paired with Tuscan Chicken stuffed with Prosciutto, Spinach & Herb Cheese, Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Cheesecake, Regular and Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea and Water. Vegetarian Option: Eggplant Parmesan/ Kid's Meal: Fruit Cup, Spaghetti and meatballs, Cookie, Iced Tea and Water.

## 2013 Meal Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$21.00 each for **Monday's Koinonia Luncheon**  
 Check for Vegetarian Option preference

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$23.00 each for **Tuesday's Mission Luncheon**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$20.00 each for **Wednesday's Prayer Breakfast**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ add'l. places at \$20.00 each for **Sunday's Welcome Luncheon**  
 Check for Vegetarian Option preference  
 \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$16.00 each for children under 12 yrs.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ add'l. places at \$38.00 each for **Wednesday's Banquet Dinner**  
 Check for Vegetarian Option preference  
 \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$18.00 each for children under 12 yrs.

An All Conference Welcome Luncheon and Banquet ticket are already included in registration.  
 Mark only if additional ticket is needed.

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by check: make check payable to: International Council of Community Churches (ICCC)

If paying by credit card:  Visa  Mastercard  American Express  Discover

Account Number on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with your payment to: ICCC, 21116 Washington Pkwy, Frankfort, IL 60423**

Deadline for meal function reservations is June 27th. There will only be a VERY LIMITED supply of tickets available at Conference registration, so please purchase your tickets before the deadline. After the June 27th deadline meal reservations will not be accepted in the Council Office. \*\*The Welcome Luncheon and Conference Banquet are included in the registration fee. You do not need to reserve a ticket for this meal, unless you require additional tickets.

## REQUEST FOR EXHIBIT SPACE

### I.C.C.C. Annual Conference • July 21-24, 2013 • Grand Rapids, MI

Please reserve a 6' x 30" space in the exhibit area of the 2013 Annual Conference of the International Council of Community Churches.

An attendant \_\_\_\_\_ will be present  
 \_\_\_\_\_ will not be present

Name of Attendant: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

**There is a fee of \$40.00 per exhibit space, payable in advance** This is a one-time fee for the July 21-24 2013 time period. Please return this request form, with payment made payable to the International Council of Community Churches, for consideration by June 15, 2013 to: **International Council of Community Churches, 21116 Washington Parkway Frankfort, IL 60423-3112**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 815-464-5690 or ICCC60423@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity for exhibiting.

## News from the Southeastern Region

By: Rev. Ted Fielland, Regional Trustee

### Meet And Share the Works of Jesus' Churches

The Florida Fellowship of the ICCC has planned the Winter Meeting on Saturday, January 26th, 2013 at the Temple Terrace Community Church, 210 Inverness Ave., Temple Terrace, FL 33617. The meeting will begin with registration at 9:30 am and will end at 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast and a Cuban Style lunch. All churches in the Florida and the Southeast region are invited. Call Rev. Suzie Cashion, President at (727) 784-8222, Rev. Gary Batey, Secretary, at (941) 778-0414, or Rev Ted Fielland, Reg. Trustee at (813)787-8172 for reservations or more information. We are going to have a worship service together with song , and an uplifting sharing forum to let everyone know what is being successfully done at the ICCC member churches to continue to do the wonderful works of Jesus Christ in this world.

### Seeking a Pastor

If you believe you have the leadership experience, tools and skills needed to assist and encourage an active member supported and governed church-community, then your initial correspondence will inspire us to get to know you. The successful candidate must be ordained and have a master's degree or equivalent from an accredited theological seminary.

For more information about our church please consult our website, www.greendalepeopleschurch.org. Candidates may forward their resume and introduction letter along with a transcript, video or recording of a recent sermon to: [office@greendalepeopleschurch.org](mailto:office@greendalepeopleschurch.org) or mail to Search Committee, c/o Greendale People's Church, 25 Francis St., Worcester, MA 01606.

## Pastor, Bradford Woods, PA

Bradford Woods Community Church (Non-Denominational)

The congregation of Bradford Woods Community Church is currently accepting applications for the position of Pastor. We are seeking a church leader who supports our church mission and goal of:

- 1) Following Gods' two commandments from Matthew 22:36
- 2) Serving the community through fellowship, outreach, missions, and study.

Our church is a member of the International Council of Community Churches. We are a small church with a strong sense of fellowship and maintain a positive presence in our community of 650 homes.

### Minimum qualifications:

- Be an ordained minister in a recognized Christian Faith
- Is a graduate of an accredited seminary
- Cheerful and enthusiastic personality
- Ability to relate the scriptures and teachings of God to their everyday lives of the congregation.
- We appreciate a pastor experienced in working with youth and young families.

The Pulpit Committee will be accepting applications until January 7, 2013. The application package consists of the following: (1) Resume – provide us a chronological summary of your ministry, professional and education experiences (include non-ministry work experiences); (2) Call to Ministry: Please share with us the reason you are called to ministry (3) Style of Ministry – Explain your beliefs to us. Please mail your application package to the church, ensuring its arrival by January 7, 2013. Applicants must be willing to submit to a background, drug and/or credit check, if selected. A letter acknowledging receipt of your application will be sent to the address you provide as well as our intent for further communication regarding personal interview with the Pulpit Committee.

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