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## *Looavul. Luhvul. LouEville. Looeyville. Louisville*

### *The 66th Annual Conference of The I.C.C.C. – July 11 - 14, 2016 Louisville, Kentucky*

by Harry Fockle  
Vice-President of Planning

“Reunion 2016: Coming Together In Jesus” will be the theme for our 2016 Annual Conference being held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Our Scripture banner will focus around The Apostle Paul's Letter to The Ephesians Chapter 4 and verses 15 – 16.

“Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and up-builds itself in love.”

We want to be knitted together in the Body of Christ called the International Council of Community Churches through the love and power of Christ's presence. We want to grow and build up the wonderful movement of the Spirit. So we are going to have a Reunion.

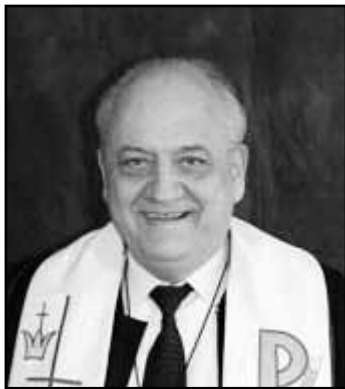
What a grand reunion it will be. The Galt House Hotel with its location in downtown Louisville offers our Conferees and guests all the amenities and venues necessary for a Great Annual Conference. I am certain you will be well pleased.

Your Conference Planning Committee is on the task of providing all with a rich experience that will honor and give hope to our ICCC. You don't want to miss this one.

Some haven't been in a long time. Others for several years. Still others are at the Conference every year. The plan is to come and knit ourselves together in Reunion with Christ and with each other.

I look forward to seeing you there. I am so excited about it I have already made my reservations. Blessings.





# Paris Persistence and Conference

## President's Message Rev. Dr. Richard O. Griffith

We recently have been buffeted by violence – Paris, San Bernardino, homicidal attacks (not just picketing) on Planned Parenthood, and by the time you read this, who knows what else, fueled by hatred, fear, anxiety, and the many emotions that can lurk beneath the surface of our psyches

There is something utterly ungodly the Christian Community is called upon contest.

-- As a well-known public figure has written, "I am a Muslim and there is nothing Islamic about killing innocent people in Paris, San Bernardino, or anywhere else in the world. True Muslims know that the ruthless violence of so called Islamic Jihadists goes against the very tenets of our religion.

"I believe that our ... leaders should use their position to bring understanding about the religion of Islam and clarify that these misguided murderers have perverted people's views on what Islam really is."

-- One of the moral leaders of the Council has written (I have made changes to include the several politicians of both parties): "But I do know that some of my dearest friends – goodhearted God-fearing people – have fallen under the spell...

"Although I sincerely wish I could remain ... silent, I believe (certain people) represent a great danger, appealing to all the same visceral instincts that Hitler exploited on his way to power – fear, xenophobia, racism. Those emotions reside in all of us and if not carefully managed can easily be stoked into thinking, believing and doing things that are just plain evil – even by good people like us.

"My Christian friends need to know that (certain people are) standing for things the Gospel stands clearly against and that (these people are) calling (us) to abandon the teachings of Jesus Christ to trumpet hate-filled proclamations aimed at everyone and anyone who doesn't fit (their) worldview. (They) denigrate and make fun of Muslims,

immigrants, women, and even persons with physical disabilities. Do you think (they) represent the life and teachings of Jesus Christ?"

-- A metropolitan newspaper has opined, "America's Muslim community has its deepest roots here ... For more than a century, our Muslim friends and neighbors (helped to create) a diverse community built by generations of immigrants ... From Poland, Ireland, Italy, Germany and Africa, from the Middle East and all corners of the world, we've come together...

"From many, we are one. And we are better for the variance and unity among us."

But Love trumps hate, Good overcomes evil, and our upcoming Annual Conference can be part of our positive persistence for what the Gospel is about. We are at a crucial juncture in the eternal witness of the faith. As the hymn says, "New occasions teach new duties ... They must upward still and onward, who would keep abreast of truth." And that is part of what Conference endeavors to undertake.

How can we not be strengthened with an ecumenical Bible Study? How can we not be inspired and empowered with workshops on our emphases (Feeding the Hungry, Creating Community, and Agape)? Won't we be encouraged with opportunities to deal with Financial Literacy, Generation Gaps, and Church Websites?

We also will be enriched by our fellowships, interpersonal relationships, and people whom we have not seen for a while, including our past executive, Michael Livingston.

Come to Conference, and be part of the process that God uses to "make all things new."

With positive persistence,

### Mission Statement



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

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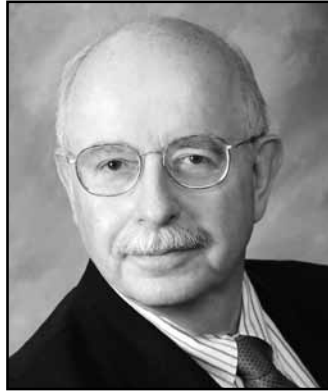
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## *Resolutions for the New Year*

**Don Ashmall**

*Council Minister*

Most resolutions for the new year are restorative: we'll get back to previous good habits or we'll diet our waistlines down to the measurements of years gone by. In making the resolutions we declare that by a well-meaning act of will we are able to start over again, even though we carry the baggage of earlier starts and stops. In making the resolutions we declare that whatever it is that we resolve to do, we will actually do – even though our track record in keeping resolutions may not be all that great. Knowing all this, perhaps what we need to do before making new resolutions, is to review previous resolutions and decide what good they have done us, and what good we have done because of them.

As the visible face of the community church movement and as early as 1950, we as Council have made a number of resolutions. What has been our track record?

The first resolution - and perhaps most obvious to outsiders was that as churches and ministry centers of different races, we would show the world that we could serve and witness together. We have succeeded in that, perhaps far beyond the expectations of the original "resolvers." We have shown the way, and now many Christian communions are far more diverse in their membership than anyone thought possible just a few decades ago. But the 1950 resolution and promise are not yet fulfilled. Yes, the fellowship includes some (very few) congregations whose majority membership is Asian or Native American. But a largely piano-key black and white constituency isn't enough. Nor is a fellowship that has so few North American

congregations whose primary language isn't English. So we've kept the resolution – and now we need to work on keeping it in its fullness.

Another resolution made in 1950 was that we would affirm communities of justice, mercy and love. From the earliest days delegates at Annual Conference and boards have by resolutions and statements of concern, encouraged healthy dialogue within the fellowship about how to achieve this goal. On the local scene courageous laity and clergy have spoken out on issues of justice, and then have taken their convictions to the places of power to lead their communities toward mercy and love. One example shall stand for all: the Rev. Dr. Marion Bascom, longtime pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore was a leader in the civil rights movement, helped to redirect a highway project that would have been destructive to the community, and served in public office – all while attending diligently to the pastoral needs of his congregation and preaching powerfully in the midst of inspiring worship. In this generation, standing as we do on the shoulders of giants, we are challenged to resolve anew that we too will affirm communities of justice, mercy and love – and then to act with wisdom and energy even as those who have gone before.

A third resolution was that we as a fellowship would be an integral partner in the worldwide ecumenical movement, seeking to answer our Lord's prayer "that they might all be one." While we have kept this resolution in a very public way, participating in ecumenical organizations on the national and world stage, the most vital

ecumenical work has taken place on the local level. In cities and towns in several nations, the community churches and their servant leaders have convened local ecumenical groups and become the center of their communication, joint worship, and shared efforts in service. A very personal example: because of the patient efforts of my pastoral predecessors at Bridgeport Community Church in Michigan, when the first Gulf War was about to break out clergy of the other churches in the town phoned the community church asking what "we" should do. In an ecumenical worship service on what turned out to be the evening before the conflict began, it was my privilege to pray by name for each of the young men and women from the town who soon would be in harm's way. Catholics, Lutherans, Brethren, Episcopalians, and more, and not a few folk who hadn't walked through the doors of a church in a very long time, all gathered at the community church because we were the open-armed witnesses to the love of God that overcomes all divisions.

Yes, we've kept that resolution. And we need to continue the honest and loving conversations and shared prayer that make community food pantries and clothes closets, joint worship services and retreats, and all the other expressions of Christian unity possible.

I began service as Council Minister on New Year's Day, 2011. At that time, when it seemed to some that the future of the Council was in doubt, I was asked if there was still a unique place for the fellowship.

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# REVIEWS

## Dr. Robert M. Puckett

**THE GREAT TRANSFORMATION;** The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions; Karen Armstrong, Anchor Books, A division for Random House, Inc., New York, 2006, Paperback, 565 pages, \$17.95



Matthew 24: 6 speaks of wars and rumors of wars that have afflicted humankind from the time that Cain killed his brother Able to the present. Karen Armstrong declares that the Twentieth Century has seen a turning point that has produced a crisis that makes our future increasingly uncertain. Our capacity for violence threatens the possibility of self destruction unless we can find a key to peace and justice based upon an understanding of the sacredness of ALL human life. terrorism, conflict, genocide, ethnic cleansing, torture, oppression of women, abuse of children, and debilitating poverty reveals a desperate need to abandon selfishness and embrace compassion.

In one of her other books, (FIELDS OF BLOOD, Religion and the History of Violence), Armstrong acknowledges that religion can be and often is the source of the human problem. When people claim that their God is better than the god's that others worship or that God is on our side and not on the side of our enemy, religion becomes an instrument of dehumanizing the opponent and an excuse to use any means to destroy him.

Is it possible, however, that religion can be the spiritual inspiration of hope for the future? Karen Armstrong has written a lucid history of religion at its best, based upon a compassion which overcomes selfishness and transforms it.

She describes how most of the major world religions all came into being in a period just before and right after the birth of Jesus. They are the "great world traditions that have continued to nourish

humanity: Confucianism and Daoism in China, Hinduism and Buddhism in India; monotheism in Israel; and philosophical rationalism in Greece. This was the period of the Buddha, Socrates, Confucius, and Jeremiah, the mystics of the Upanishads, Mencius, and Euripides. During this period of intense creativity, spiritual and philosophical geniuses pioneered an entirely new kind of human experience....who show us what a human being should be." (p. xvi) She reveals the things they held in common which defines religion at its best rather than religion at its worst.

The goal of this transformative religion was not primarily going to heaven when we die but a love for God that would take them beyond selfishness, hatred, pride and self-interest. It finds its clearest expression in the Golden rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." "to live morally was to live for others." (p. 336) It is better to make use of heavens resources to make a difference in this world. Rabbi Hillel believed that "the essence of the Torah was not the letter of the law but its spirit which is summed up in the Golden Rule. "One day a pagan approached Hillel and promised to convert to Judaism if the rabbi could teach him the entire Torah while he stood on one leg. Hillel replied simply: 'What is hateful to yourself, do not to your fellow man. That is the whole of the Torah and the remainder is but commentary. Go and learn it" (p. 453)

Compassion and loving kindness are the essence of religion at its best. It is the key to the human future! It involves

turning away from violence and divisiveness to a united community integrated in love and mutual respect. "Love your neighbor as yourself." To show disrespect to any human being who has been created in God's image is a denial of God himself and tantamount to atheism! "The truth of the Golden Rule would be revealed only if you put it into practice in your daily life." (p. 455)

Jesus insisted that his followers were to practice compassion "feeding the hungry, visiting people who were sick or in prison. His followers were to give to the poor and pray for enemies.

"In every single one of the religions of the Axial Age, individuals have failed to measure up to their high ideals. In all these faiths, people have fallen prey to exclusivity, cruelty, superstition, and even atrocity. But at their core, the Axial faiths share an ideal of sympathy, respect, and universal concern...What they created was a spiritual technology that utilized natural human energies to counter aggression." (p. 466) Religion WAS the Golden Rule!!!!

### ICCC Endowment Fund Status As of December 15, 2015

**Gifts Goal by June 30, 2016:** \$15,000

**Gifts since 06/30/15:** \$7,125

**Help us meet our goal, need:** \$7,875

**Current Fund Assets:** \$276,087

**Current Investment Mix:**  
60% stocks & 40% bonds

# Worth the Risk:

by Rev. Jim Butler,  
DMin, MBA, MDiv, CPCU

For half my career I have served as a senior pastor of three churches and an executive pastor of a fourth. For the other half, I worked as a personal and commercial lines insurance adjuster. I find similarities in studying Biblical texts and insurance policies. One thing stands out in both of them – a promise. The Bible gives us God’s promise of Amazing Grace through Jesus Christ. Insurance promises an act of restoration following a financial loss.



The image below depicts the “fire mark” that was used in Philadelphia in 1755 (first in London) and attached to buildings owned by members of the “Contributorship” – whose shield displayed four gold leaf clasped hands. The “fire mark” sent a message to would be arsonists that, “we have joined together” and “we will not stand by and watch the house burn.” Four hands clasped in one Contributorship.

The members of Philadelphia Contributorship wrote of the need of a fire mark that the “Badge being placed up to notify that the said house was so immediately under their care.” Our four clasped hands – International Council of Community Churches.

The Apostle Paul wore the shield of contributorship when wrote, “for I bear on my body the brand-marks of Jesus” (Galatians 6:17b). This year the Endowment Committee of the ICCC invites each member and church bear the shield of contributorship by naming the ICCC as a beneficiary of insurance policy or by gifting an insurance policy to the ICCC.

What will you do this year as witness that you take up the shield of faith and join hands with the ICCC?

It’s worth the risk!



## Sharing Joys



- On October 31st, the **Church at Litchfield Park, Rev. Dale Hopely** Senior Pastor, hosted what they call Hallo-Palooza Trunk or Treat. It drew hundreds for family fun with hot dogs, face painting and a hay maze. The members dressed up and opened their vehicle trunks with candy for the area children for a safe and fun filled night.

On Dec. 18th and 19th the church choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel’s “Messiah”. Along with guest soloists and accompanied by an orchestra from the Symphony of the West Valley.

The Christmas Angel Project this year for the church is MANA House for Veterans. This is an organization of veterans helping homeless veterans with their basics needs and helping them to reestablish their independence, health and happiness. MANA stands for Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force.

- Jennifer Layte, Greendale People’s Church**, has taken on a new three-fold venture! Visit her website [www.the-pilgrimage.org](http://www.the-pilgrimage.org) to learn more.
- Zion Temple Community Church**, Los Angeles, CA, **Rev. Vince Homes** Senior Pastor, along with other area churches participated in a meeting held by the LA Interfaith Clergy Coalition on Dec. 3rd that gave people the tools and knowledge needed to prepare for an unexpected disaster, such as an earthquake, flood, etc. Many houses of worship do not have a plan of what to do in an emergency. It is vital that they are prepared and know how to communicate to their congregations. Faith communities are in a position to help individuals, families and communities, but often, people do not connect preparedness with the ability to provide valuable relief services.

- Karen Neely, Church of the Loving Shepherd, John Woodcock** Senior Pastor, got married on Nov. 27th. Officiating the ceremony was ICCC past executive director, **Rev. Michael Livingston**. Also in attendance was ICCC Treasurer **Nicholas Brame, Myrtis Brame**, ICCC Office Administrator **DeAnn Anzaldi**. Congratulations Karen & Sara!



CLS member Lois Williams, Nicholas Brame, Michael Livingston, Myrtis Brame, Sara Neely, John Woodcock, Karen Neely, DeAnn Anzaldi, Bob Anzaldi

- Best wishes to **Rev. Lynne Kammeraad, Christ Community Church**, Grand Rapids, MI., who will be moving to Arizona to be the new Associate Pastor at **The Church at Litchfield Park, Rev. Dale Hopely, Senior Pastor**. She will start January 1st, leaving the cold, snowy winter behind.

## Our prayers are with

- Our prayers are with** the family of **Pastor Kerri Sandusky, Church at Litchfield Park**, who lost her father in early November.



## *66th Annual Conference*

### *July 11-14, 2016 – Louisville, KY*

The 2016 Annual Conference will be held at the Galt House Hotel, 140 N. 4th St., Louisville, KY 40202. Phone: 502-589-5200. Family owned and operated, the Galt House Hotel's name has long been associated with gracious hospitality and a unique southern flair amongst hotels in Louisville, KY and the southwest region. In the early 1800s, the original Galt House was a residence owned by Dr. W.C. Galt. In 1835, a 60 room hotel was opened as the Galt House Hotel across the street from the residence at the northeast corner of First and Main. In 1865, the hotel was destroyed by fire; but within weeks, noted architect R. Whitestone began plans and construction a block away from the original site. The new Galt House Hotel opened in 1869 and operated until 1919, and was later razed in 1921.

Over half of a century later, in 1972, the Galt House Hotel was reestablished by developer Al J Schneider as part of Louisville's Riverfront Urban Renewal Project. Carpenter by trade, he built the 25 stories high RIVUE Tower on the banks of the Ohio River featuring beautiful handcrafted woodworking. The Galt House Hotel continued to expand with the creation of the SUITE Tower in 1984. Still to this day, the Galt House Hotel remains Louisville's only waterfront hotel.

At the Galt House Hotel every contemporary standard room features a work table and chair, coffee maker, HD television, basic cable, voicemail, wakeup calls, complimentary internet access and more. Enjoy onsite services like a fitness room, an outdoor pool, a UPS store and business center, Xhale Salon Spa, The Haircutters & Shoe Shine, retail shops and much more. Also at the Galt House, you can receive complimentary shopping shuttle service to the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass!

#### **Hotel Dining:**

You have many eating options while at the Galt House:

RIVUE Restaurant & Lounge has it all—looks, style and taste. Voted one of Louisville's best restaurants, this rooftop restaurant features spectacular views of downtown & the waterfront with twin revolving floors.

Café Magnolia is the perfect place to dine casually and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner while savoring delectable eats.

Thelma's Deli is a 24-hour deli with a tempting assortment of deli sandwiches, salads, pizzas, specialty drinks and more.

Al J's at the Conservatory is located in the Conservatory and was voted best place to "sit a drink." Grab a bite or beverage at the 30-foot aquarium bar, offering sweeping views of downtown and the waterfront.

Jockey Silks Bourbon Bar is the perfect spot to unwind while choosing from over 150 Kentucky bourbons. The cozy venue was named one of Whisky Magazine's "Best Bourbon Bars in the World."

Waterside Cafe is your seasonal poolside getaway featuring pub grub and tropical drinks.

Room Service is also available, along with many eating options within walking distance of the hotel.

#### **Hotel Reservations**

For those conferees planning on attending the conference you will need to call The Galt House Hotel to reserve your room at **800-843-4258** or **502-589-5200**. Inform the reservations clerk that you are attending the 2016 ICCA Annual Conference to get the special rate of \$119.00 + tax per night. **The cut-off date for hotel reservations is June 20, 2016.** After this date, normal hotel rates will be in effect and space may no longer be available. **Please note: the special rate of \$119 + tax is negotiated only for conferees. Those utilizing this special rate are expected to register for the conference. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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Check-Out: 11:00am

#### **Transportation To and From the Hotel**

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- \$25 round-trip person
- Arrange your departing trip at the transportation desk directly at 502-561-4022
- Operation hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., will accommodate early or late arrivals by making arrangements

**Cabs:** Galt House Hotel Bellmen can summon a cab for you. Sandollar Limousine and Shuttle operates on the premises of the hotel.

- Cost to airport is approximately \$18
- 800-The-Galt (800-843-4258), ext. 4022, or 502-561-4022
- [www.sandollarlimo.com](http://www.sandollarlimo.com) or [www.galthouseshuttle.com](http://www.galthouseshuttle.com)

**Self-parking** is available at the hotel, if you are driving or renting a car. The discounted cost is \$8.00 a day. Valet parking is \$25.00 per day.

For hotel information, visit their website: [thegalthouse.com](http://thegalthouse.com). For airport information, visit their website: [flylouisville.com](http://flylouisville.com) or call 502-367-4636.

# Associate Pastor of Membership

Community Church at Tellico Village is seeking an Associate Pastor of Membership and Family Ministries to serve our 1400 member interdenominational congregation in Loudon, Tennessee. We are located in Tellico Village, a planned community nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Smoky Mountains, just southwest of Knoxville. Although primarily a senior congregation, we have members of all ages. Our church is affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches.

Several of the duties for this position will include overseeing the volunteer database, coordinating with administrative, music and pastoral staff in planning of worship as well as planning and providing leadership for youth programming.

Our ideal candidate possesses a deep personal faith in Jesus Christ and demonstrates a true desire to shape his/her ministry by the Great Commandment. S/he values Christian unity and is a mature "people-person" with leadership skills. Ministers from all denominations may apply. M. Div. required. Deadline for resumes is March 1, 2016.

If interested, visit us at [www.tellicochurch.com](http://www.tellicochurch.com) and post resume to [search@tellicochurch.org](mailto:search@tellicochurch.org). Or mail to CCTV Search Team, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774. We look forward to hearing from you.

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**There is a fee of \$50.00 per exhibit space, for the July 11-14, 2016 time period, payable in advance.** If you need electric, there is an additional fee. Please return this request form, with payment made payable to the International Council of Community Churches, for consideration by June 15, 2016 to:

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Cosmopolitan Community Church is actively seeking and accepting resumes for the position of Pastor.

They are a historic church established in 1923 under the leadership of the late Dr. John Russell Harvey. The church has been led by three outstanding spiritual leaders: the late Dr. John Russell Harvey (1923-1932), the late Dr. Mary G. Evans (1932-1966), and Rev. Dr. Henry O. Hardy (1967- retirement, December 2014).

Cosmopolitan has consistently been a pillar in the urban landscape for over 90 years. The church has historically been involved in the spiritual growth and civic development of the local community. They are searching for a Senior Pastor with the passion and creativity to get them growing in both numbers and impact. They look forward to what God has planned for them next.

Interested candidates should mail resumes to:

Cosmopolitan Community Church  
P. O. Box 805771 • Chicago, IL 60680  
Attn: Pastoral Search Committee

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## *Director of Faith Formation and Outreach*

Greendale People's Church in Worcester, MA: Part-time position, flexible scheduling including Sundays, works closely with the pastor. The ideal candidate would have a strong Christian belief and value system. Must be proficient with social media for outreach. Skilled collaboration required to mentor Faith Formation programming for all ages with an emphasis on adolescents. Minimum of an Associate's Degree required, a Bachelor's Degree is preferred, a Master's Degree is a plus. Minimum 3-5 years of experience in a related field. Check us out at [www.greendalepeopleschurch.org](http://www.greendalepeopleschurch.org) and please forward resumes to [faithformation.GPC@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.GPC@gmail.com)



**ICCC Registration Form**  
**2016 Annual Conference: July 11-14**  
*"Reunion 2016: Coming Together in Jesus"*  
 Louisville, Kentucky

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

Name and Telephone number of a person to be notified in an emergency

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- Age (on 7-1-2016) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed by (7-1-2016) \_\_\_\_\_
- If **under 18**, an adult who is registered for the Conference and who will serve as a sponsor and assume responsibility for said young person must sign below.

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

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

**CONFERENCE FEES**

Fill in Dollar Amount for this  
Registration

<b>Infants</b> (not occupying chair at banquet)	\$ 0.00	\$
<b>Child</b> (Ages 1-5)	\$ 35.00	\$
<b>Elementary</b> (entering kindergarten - entering 6th grade)	\$ 60.00	\$
<b>Youth</b> (completed 6th grade - entering 12 grade)	\$145.00	\$
<b>Young Adult</b> (completed 12th grade - age 23)	\$170.00	\$
<b>Adult</b>	\$195.00	\$
<b>Continuing Education Certificate</b> (for Clergy only)	\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) M T W Th</b>	\$ 35.00/day	\$
<b>Late Fee - Add After June 20, 2016</b>	\$ 35.00	\$
<b>Banquet Meal Restriction Fee*</b>	10.00	\$
<b>CC</b>	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>

**A Banquet ticket is included in your registration fee.** This meal includes: House Salad, Pork Loin with Wild Mushroom Stuffing, Topped with Port Wine Sauce, Chef's Choice of appropriate accompaniments, Warm Rolls with Butter, Bourbon Butter Cream Torte, Freshly-brewed Thelma's Signature Blend Coffee, and Iced Tea. Kid's Meal Option: Chicken Tenders, Tator Tots, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Roll with Butter, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Milk or Iced Tea. Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Lasagna

\* ANY dietary restriction request besides what is offered above requires an additional \$10.00 fee per meal.

**Please circle one of the following for your preference at Thursday's Banquet Dinner.**

**Pork Loin** (Default Option)

**Vegetarian Option**

**Kid's Meal Option**

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

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One form per person. Pre-Registration ends on June 20th. 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.

# 2016 Annual Conference Youth Program

by Jerry Brown,  
Antioch Community Church  
ICCC Annual Conference Leader

We have a lot planned for this year's conference to make it an exciting, inspiring, and challenging event for the teens. During our time together we will:

1. Consider and discuss the six Core Principles espoused by Louisville native, Mohammed Ali (Confidence, Conviction, Dedication, Giving, Respect, and Spirituality). Although a converted Muslim and conscientious objector during the Vietnam War, we will evaluate these principles from a Christian perspective. Then Wednesday night, we will have a private, after-hours tour of the Mohammed Ali Center to see the impact his life and principles had on the world.
2. As a mission project, we will visit the St Vincent DePaul complex that occupies an entire city block and provides shelter, food, and education for homeless adults and children. We will help shoppers in the food pantry, serve lunch to those in need, and work with children in the program. We will come face-to-face with the needs of others, and become the hands and face of Jesus as we help and serve them.
3. We will plan, prepare, and present an awesome worship service that is always one of the highlights of the conference for many attendees.
4. We'll have fun. To top off a wonderful, hard-working, eventful week, we will share an afternoon of fun at the Renaissance Fun Park with unlimited Go Karts, Laser Tag, Mini Golf, volley ball, arcade...and of course, pizza!

This will be an opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones, and take home memories that will outlast any souvenir. Join us as we share the principles and deeds of Jesus with others, and I'm sure we will touch lives in a positive way (maybe even yours). A tentative youth schedule will be on the ICCC website in January.



## Church News

What's making news at your church? We'd like to hear!

Send updates to the Council Office electronically so we can share with other members through the Christian Community. Email [iccc60423@sbcglobal.net](mailto:iccc60423@sbcglobal.net)



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My answer then as now was a resounding 'Yes!' The resolutions made in 1950 are a continuing challenge today. Justice, reconciliation and Christian unity are goals that are always just beyond our finger tips, as they should be. We enter 2016 straining toward the goal, knowing that our Lord is behind us, beneath us, above us, within us – and especially before us, beckoning us not only to keep our resolutions, but to fulfill the high calling that is our reason for being.

In that spirit, I pray for you a happy and vigorous new year.

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