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President's Message

**Rev. Dr. William H. Samuels
(Rev. Bill)**

Schcherazade Had 1001 Nights— ICCC President gets only 730!

There are many wonderful stories about young ladies and monarchs. There is *The King and I*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Schcherazade* to name a few. In each of the

stories, there is a unique twist which makes the story classic. A barbaric king and his hired educator; A cursed prince who is made into a beast until a maiden shows him real love—and finally a story of an Arabian monarch who distrusts women so much that he beheads each maiden after one night with them—That is, until he meets Schcherazade!! She entertains the jealous king for 1001 nights by telling him the most fantastic and exciting adventures.

Enter the ICCC president. He has a one year term—and if he is reasonable in the position for that year, he is qualified for one additional—then, off with his head! How did Schcherazade keep it going? She told magnificent stories night after night that intrigued the king and made each story more exciting each evening—until the king, after 1001 nights falls in love and decides to keep her.

Well, you say, “Know any stories?”

One evening **Rev. Louis Barnes** was riding in his pick-up truck on a lonely Kankakee road. A man on the road approached the vehicle and stepped on the “runner” of the truck. The man, though looking slim and fit, was so heavy that he tilted the car so much it threatened to turn over. Want to know what the “angel” told him? See you tomorrow night!

One Conference **Rev. Ken Robinson** and **Rev. Claude Swanson** were in Birmingham, Alabama for the organized festivities. Ken Robinson and Claude Swanson were both tennis players and convinced **Rev. Samuels** to take a little time off and volley a little in the woods. It was soon discovered that both **Bob Harris** and **Mike Livingston** were indeed tennis players, and even though they were certainly busy with their business tasks, they both found time to play “doubles.” We were later joined by one more mystery player. Who?—Tell you later.



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Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

Greetings to my ICCC family.

As your new Executive Director, I want to thank you for your words of welcome and prayers of support. I am grateful and humbled to be called by God and you to serve ICCC. I look forward to meeting you at our annual conference in St. Louis, July 16-19, 2018 or our regional fellowship events. I welcome your conversations! I look forward to a fruitful and spirited partnership with you as we discern God's continuing call to ICCC on how to serve our members and neighbors, locally and globally.

It seemed providential that one of my first ICCC activities was to participate in the National Council of Churches' Act to End Racism campaign and rally in Washington, D.C. on April 4, 2018. We had a good turnout of ICCC members participating in the rally and enjoyed a great fellowship event after the rally at Park Road Community Church. A big thanks to Rev. Shirley Cooper and ICCC Board Member, Abraham Wright for organizing and hosting this fellowship event.

Awaken. Confront. Transform. Let's ACT to End Racism! This statement was the theme for the National Council of Churches' Act to End Racism campaign and rally. ICCC was founded in 1950

as a powerful symbol of Christian unity and racial reconciliation when the Biennial Council of the Peoples Church of Christ and Community Centers and the National Council of Community Churches joined in a historic merger that represented the largest interracial merger of religious bodies in America. The emergence of ICCC was a public witness to God's love and justice to end racism and to work for racial unity.

The date for the NCC event in DC was chosen because it was 50 years ago on April 4 that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was murdered in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. King was in Memphis fighting for the labor rights of African American sanitation workers who were denied better working conditions, pay, and promotions than their White co-workers. A lot has changed in our nation to promote racial justice with the civil rights movements of the 1960s, but a lot has not changed regarding racial equity. As one ICCC pastor recently said to me, it seems like matters regarding racial justice and equity have gotten worse, not better since the 1960's. Since ICCC is a member of the National Council of Churches, I was delighted that ICCC members participated in the Act to End Racism rally on April 4. The National Council of Churches has produced an excellent guide for congregations on how they can address acts of racism -

United Against Racism: Churches for Change. You can learn more about the NCC's Act to End Racism campaign at www.unite2endracism.org. The battle to end racism and the fight for racial equity and reconciliation continues. In such a time as this when acts of racism and violence against people of color are growing in our country, ICCC needs to continue to witness for racial justice, equity and reconciliation in human society.

I know many of our congregations and ministry centers are working to combat racism in their communities. As part of ICCC's history and spiritual heritage, I want to encourage and challenge all of us to reflect on – how are WE continuing to address acts of racism in our communities and nationally? How are WE working for racial justice and unity in our communities? How are WE seeking reconciliation and healing with our brothers and sisters of color? Working for racial equity and unity is a major undertaking, but this mission is part of our call as God's people and as members of ICCC. Let us continue to work to build the beloved community, where there is neither Black, White, Brown, Yellow or Red, but all are one and united in Christ!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Phil".

Youth and Children's Program at Conference

Once again this year, we will have great programs for the young people attending Annual Conference. The elementary children will be led by Denise Wallace. Denise is new to ICCC, but not new to Christian children's education. She taught at the elementary level at a Christian school in Kansas City for 13 years, and helps with Children's Church and coordinating holiday programs at her church. We look forward to welcoming her to the ICCC family. And Jerry Brown is looking forward again to leading the Youth Program, as he has for the last four years.



Jerry Brown, Youth Program Director and Denise Wallace, Children's Program Director

The elementary children will be involved in lessons, craft activities, and music that will focus on character-development by listening to God's voice in order to determine what God and Jesus would have them do. We also plan to have them more integrally involved in the Thursday morning worship service [spoiler alert – Denise already has a great story for them to share with you during the worship service].

The youth will be busy not only greeting old friends and making new ones, but also meeting the "Friends of Jesus". In our time together we will come to know Jesus through the experiences and eyes of those who knew Him best; and realize that He can be our closest and best friend too. We will be spending time in worship while we prayerfully plan our own worship experience to share on Thursday morning. And we will also enjoy and encounter St Louis, the "Gateway to the West"- we will be within walking distance to Busch Stadium, the Gateway Arch, and the Old Courthouse. We'll visit the Old Courthouse, a historical landmark where Dred and Harriet Scott sued for freedom from slavery and Virginia Minor fought for women's right to vote. As a service project, we will work at Greenwood Cemetery (where Harriet Scott is buried), organized in 1874 to serve the needs of the growing black population of post-civil war St Louis area. And, of course, we'll save some time on Thurs afternoon to have fun together.

St Louis is a great city. ICCC is a great community of faith for all ages. Together we can a share, learn, grow, and worship. Don't miss it; this is going to be a great week!

Annual Conference Banquet Entertainment!

The Woo Daddies will provide dinner music as we dine at the conference banquet, and then after all the awards and announcements are made, they will provide some dancing music to finish the night! The Woo Daddies are a talented St. Louis band, whose music style includes Jump Blues, Rockabilly Swing, Jazz Standards, Classic Country, Surf, and Pop. Their unique style of entertainment lends itself to a fun-filled night of music. What a great way to end a great week!



More Conference Workshops

"Empowering Children to Survive and Thrive"

Every child is born with the inalienable right to a healthy start in life, education, a safe and secure childhood. Without these basic opportunities, their chance of productive and prosperous adulthood is limited. UNICEF's equity agenda aims to provide all children with these distinct rights, and to accomplish this around the globe its needs partners of various types, including the faith-based communities. Around the world faith-based partners play unique roles in supporting child development from poverty alleviation to safety and security. In this session, UNICEF USA will discuss the role of faith-based organizations here in the United States and how they have been making an impact on children's lives at home and abroad. This workshop will be lead by Ms. Emma Pfister, Manager of Global Cause Partnerships for UNICEF.



"Theology Intersecting Culture"

With over 70% of graduating high school seniors disconnecting from the church, they begin to do life independently. Millennials are the fastest growing demographic moving away from the church. Come hear and engage in a discussion about the importance of having a theology that intersects with culture to build a sustainable relationship with Christ. This is a great workshop for youth and youth leaders, lead by Rev. Paul Robinson, Kingdom State University.



A Note from Women's Christian Fellowship

by Carol Nichols, WCF President

Each year the WCF contributes to a cause in the city which hosts the conference called the Shoebox Ministry. This year Second Vice-President Dorothy Gardner has researched and identified the St. Patrick Center.



St. Patrick Center is the lead agency for coordinated Entry, a multi-agency effort under Housing First. St. Patrick Center is a centralized location where people can go for intakes, assessments, meals, shelter and housing coordination.

The WCF is asking for donations to this worthy cause in the form of gift certificates. Please bring them or send them to Mary Summers, our Treasurer through the Council Office. Representatives from St. Patrick Center will be at one of our meetings to accept our donations.

To assist you with your packing, please remember to:

1. Bring items for the Bazaar.
2. Bring or send your gift cards to contribute to the Shoebox Ministry, this year the recipient is the St. Patrick's Center in St. Louis.
3. Don't forget to purchase your ticket to the WCF Prayer Breakfast, you will not want to miss it! The breakfast will be presenting an interpretation of the Lord's Prayer.
4. Ladies, please arrange your schedule to include the WCF meetings.

Let's all pray for safe travels for each one of us.

Until the conference, God Bless You,

ICCC Endowment Fund Status As of May 11, 2018

Gifts Goal by 30 June '18: \$15,000
 Gifts since 7/01/17: \$7,656
 Help us meet our goal, need: \$7,344
 Total Endowment Gifts to
 ICCC since inception: \$46,373
 Current Fund Assets: \$325,942
 Current Investment Mix: 51% stocks, 47% bonds, 2% Cash



VS.



The ICCC has purchased a limited amount of tickets for the **Cardinals vs. Reds** baseball game on **Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 1:15 p.m.**

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, complete this form and return it to the Council Office with payment.

2018 BASEBALL TICKET RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone# _____

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$25.00 ea. for the 07/15/18 game.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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

If paying by credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD
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Account Number
on Card: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

Print name as it
appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Mail this form with your payment to:
ICCC, 21116 Washington Pkwy, Frankfort, IL 60423
*There is a VERY LIMITED supply of tickets available, so
 please purchase your tickets early*

ICCC Registration Form

2018 Annual Conference: July 16-19

"Gateway to Glory"

St. Louis, Missouri

Name (as you would like it on badge) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Church (member of) _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ FemaleFirst Conference: Yes ☐ No ☐Status: ☐ Clergy ☐ Laity

➤ ➤ ➤ **FOR THE ELEMENTARY, TWEEN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ONLY!** ⬅ ⬅ ⬅

- Age (on 7-1-2018) _____ Grade completed by (7-1-2018) _____
- 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 FEESFill in Dollar Amount for this
Registration

Infants (not occupying chair at banquet)	\$ 0.00	\$
Child (Ages 1-5)	\$ 35.00	\$
Elementary (entering kindergarten - entering 6th grade)	\$ 60.00	\$
Youth (completed 6th grade - entering 12 grade)	\$145.00	\$
Young Adult (completed 12th grade - age 23)	\$170.00	\$
Adult	\$195.00	\$
Continuing Education Certificate (for Clergy only)	\$ 10.00	\$
Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) M T W Th	\$ 35.00/day	\$
Late Fee - Add After June 20, 2018	\$ 35.00	\$
CC	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

A Banquet ticket is included in your registration fee. This meal includes: Baby Romaine and Tomato Salad: Baby Hearts with Red and Yellow Tomatoes, Julienned Red Onions and Herb Vinaigrette, Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Apple Cranberry Chutney, Rolls & Butter, Pound Cake with Fresh Berries, Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Teas. Vegetarian Option: Grilled Farm Raised Salmon with a Citrus Orange Gastrique. Kid's Meal Option: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Cookie and Lemonade

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

Roasted Pork (Default Option)

Vegetarian Option

Kid's Meal Option

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

☐ Check or Money Order made payable to ICCC☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER

Acct. #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____ Signature _____

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.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS WILL BE VIDEOTAPED. I agree the ICCC may use my image, name, voice and story in any medium or format, throughout the world forever, free-of-charge, and for any reasonable purpose in furtherance of its mission

2018 OPTIONAL CONFERENCE MEAL PROGRAMS

The **2018 Annual Conference** offers 4 optional meal program opportunities: the Fellowship Luncheon, the Koinonia Luncheon, the Mission Luncheon and the Prayer Breakfast (hosted by the Women's Christian Fellowship). The Conference Banquet Dinner is included in your registration fee** (Additional quantities can be reserved for a fee). You can visit our website **ICCCNOW.org** to see a brief description of the meal program, or watch for details in upcoming issues of the *Christian Community*.

Monday, July 16, 2018 at 12:00pm is the **Fellowship Luncheon**. This Sandwich Display Buffet includes: Tossed Salad, Choice of Ham & Swiss with Tomato Jam on Ciabatta, Veggie Wraps or Beef & Cheddar with Horseradish Cream, Pickled Red Onion on a Brioche Roll, Parmesan House Made Chips, Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Teas.

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 12:00pm is the **Koinonia Luncheon**. This meal includes: Caesar Salad, Sliced Beef Brisket, Sautéed Green Beans, Red Potatoes, Warm Rolls & Butter, Chef's Selection of Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Tea Stations. *Vegetarian Option*: Stacked Eggplant

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 12:00pm is the **Mission Luncheon**. This meal includes: St. Louis City Center House Salad, with Field Greens, Split Cherry Tomatoes, Candied Walnuts and Feta Cheese served with Red Wine Vinaigrette, Chicken Piccata, Mashed Potatoes, Broccolini, Chef's Selection of Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Tea Stations. *Vegetarian Option*: Mushroom Ravioli

Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. is the **Prayer Breakfast**. This meal includes: Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Hash Browns, Juice, Coffee and Tea.

Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. is the **Conference Banquet**. This meal includes: Baby Romaine and Tomato Salad: Baby Hearts with Red and Yellow Tomatoes, Julienned Red Onions and Herb Vinaigrette, Slow Roasted Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Apple Cranberry Chutney, Rolls & Butter, Pound Cake with Fresh Berries, Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Teas. *Vegetarian Option*: Grilled Farm Raised Salmon with a Citrus Orange Gastrique. *Kid's Meal Option*: Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Cookie and Lemonade

2018 MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this form & payment to: ICCC, 21116 Washington Pkwy, Frankfort, IL 60423

Name: _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$26.00 each for **Monday's Welcome Luncheon**

Please reserve _____ places at \$30.00 each for **Tuesday's Koinonia Luncheon**

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option*

Please reserve _____ places at \$30.00 each for **Wednesday's Mission Luncheon**

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option*

Please reserve _____ places at \$24.00 each for **Thursday's Prayer Breakfast**

Please reserve add'l. _____ places at \$51.00 each for **Thursday's Banquet Dinner

☐ Pork

☐ Vegetarian

**Please reserve add'l. _____ places at \$20.00 each for children under 12yrs.

****A Banquet ticket is already included in registration. Order only if additional tickets are needed.**

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Deadline for meal function reservations is June 20th. 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 20th deadline meal reservations **will not be accepted in the Council Office**.

****The Conference Banquet is included in the registration fee. You do not need to reserve a ticket for this meal, unless you require additional tickets.**



SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Experience our authentic Italian cuisine, specializing in signature pastas, hand-cut steaks and fresh seafood as well as excellent chicken dishes, served in an upscale atmosphere. Located downtown by Union Station. Visit www.lombardosrestaurant.com for restaurant information. Below are the menu choices for this optional event.

Choice 1: Baked Lasagna \$24.00

Lasagna noodles layered with meat sauce, ricotta and provolone cheeses.

Choice 2: Vegetable Lasagna \$24.00

Broccoli, cauliflower and carrots layered with lasagna noodles with marinara sauce.

Choice 3: Rigatoni Trattoria \$26.50

Sautéed Italian sausage with mushrooms and onions in a marinara and cream sauce blend.

Choice 4: Chicken Parmigiano \$29

Breaded and grilled chicken breast topped with marinara and melted provolone cheese. Served with pasta in a marinara sauce.

Choice 5: Seafood Risotto \$41

Lobster, scallops and shrimp on a bed of house made risotto.

Each choice includes the Lombardo's House Salad, Bread & Butter, Coffee, Iced or Hot Tea, Vanilla Ice Cream or Orange Sherbet, tax and gratuity. Alcoholic beverages are available, billed separately, individually.

Circle your choice.

Submit payment to the Council Office by June 30, 2018.

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

If paying by credit card: circle one:

VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER

Account Number on Card: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature _____ CVV: _____

ICCC, 21116 Washington Pkwy, Frankfort, IL 60423
815/464-5690 • Fax: 815/464-5692 • iccc60423@sbcglobal.net

We are trying to coordinate attendees with cards to drive. If you are driving to conference and are willing to carpool to the Supper club, please let the Council Office know. For those inclined, it is a walkable distance.

Sharing Joys:

- The ICCC Eastern Zone, Region B held another successful Community Day event! Over 35 people came out, representing ICCC members **CITI Ministries, Park Road Community Church, Seneca Community Church, Craig Memorial Community Church, Douglas Memorial Community Church and Palisades Community Church.** Rev. Don Horrigan (CITI), Sandra Roberts (Douglas Memorial CC) and Judy Lorenz (CITI) organized and led the event. Rev. Ken Nelson (Seneca CC) led the discussion about ending racism. The region welcomed Rev. Elizabeth Hagan, the new senior pastor at Palisades CC. ICCC Executive Director Phil Tom also attended the event.



- Louis Joy reports that **The Church at Litchfield Park (Rev. Dale Hopely, Jr, Senior Pastor)** is offering free community vacation bible school this summer. "Beach Party - Surfin' With Jesus" will be a week-long ministry serving children from 3yrs old to 5th grade, in June. ~ The church also held a support group meeting for Chronic Illness and Caregivers, and a High School Baccalaureate service in May.

- Words cannot express **Antioch Community Church's** generosity! They were able to fulfill all the items needed for 8 teen packs, provide the day care center with diapers and wipes and purchase incentives to encourage teen moms to participate in parenting classes for North Kansas City Schools Parents as Teachers. "This is truly a blessing for these young moms who struggle with daily challenges and for our program that tries to provide guidance and support." ~ NKCS, Parents as Teachers.

- The Ecumenical work of the Norris Ministerial Association and Norris Ecumenical Youth Group (**Norris Religious Fellowship**, Norris, TN) were celebrated and acknowledged during the installation of a local Episcopal Parish, St. Francis's new Rector, Rev. Amanda Joy Lippe. The Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole (Bishop) presided. Rev. Karen Neely, Senior Pastor NRF, attended.



- The ICCC Central Zone, Region C held a spring meeting at **Norris Religious Fellowship** in April.



The preparation, attendance and energy of our region's congregations really came through - about 70 people registered! Area Coordinator, Rev. Julia

Powe, along with **Elder Glenn Clay (First Community Church, Nashville)**, **Rev. Karen Neely (NRF)**, and NRF volunteers, provided for an engaging event. NRF Youth helped with registration, preparation of to-go bags for travelers, and more. The group visited the Alex Haley Farm Children's Defense Fund in Clinton, TN, the Riggio-Lynch Chapel, the Langston Hughes Library, enjoyed lunch in the NRF Fellowship Hall, listened to speakers, including **Bob Puckett, Julia Powe and Elaine Richardson**, and worshiped.

- **Deacon Mose Payne, People's Community Church**, Berea, OH attended the installation of ICCC Member **Howland Community Church's** new senior pastor, **Rev. Erica L. Brown**. Pictured below are: **Dr. Donald Hobson**, guest preacher, **Rev. Nayiri Karjian**, UCC OH, **Rev. Erica Brown**, **Deacon Mose Payne**, ICCC representative, and **Rev. Steve Bently**, Disciples of Christ OH.



- **Peace Community Church** located in Ft. Myers, FL had a group of volunteers gather at a home participating in their "Brushed by Love" project, to paint the exterior of that house. Among the participants was ICCC former president and PCC's **Pastor Emeritus Bruce Merton**. Also happening, among many other things, at **Peace Community Church - Senior Pastor RC Fleeman** offered a challenge to the congregation. Because of health issues, it's been suggested RC "trim down." He offered a Weight Loss Challenge - asking for pledges as his incentive to stick to it. The money raised went to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

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- The **International Institute of Integral Human Science** in Quebec, Canada will hold their 43rd Annual SSF-IIIHS conference "Living the Divine Potential" in August, 2018. **Rev. Marilyn Rossner**, Senior Pastor, is overseeing the event. For information, please visit http://www.iiihs.org/conference2018_1.html.
- ICCC member **Chaplain Salvador Rangel**, State Chaplain to the CA Army National Guard and Marines at Camp Pendleton, CA, for the last 6 months, ministered hundreds of soldiers battling the devastating fires in California. Chaplain Si has kept busy witnessing 664 Marine recruits profess Jesus Christ, teaching Bible Study, and developing and teaching a "Moral/Spiritual Fitness" class given in the field to 350-400 students in the Combat Training Battalion. And if that is not enough, he conducts worship services attended usually by 150-200 Marines, counsels, conducts invocations at graduations, and helps aide Marines looking to join local churches to receive Discipleship training. Thank you, and all of our Armed Forces, for serving our country.
- Attendees of the **ICCC Central Zone, Region A** met ICCC new Executive Director, **Phil Tom** at the recent area meeting, held at **Bethany Union Church**, Chicago, IL where **Rev. Lawrence Michael Cameron** is the Senior Pastor.



Our prayers are with:

- Harry Foockle**, ICCC VP for Planning and Senior Pastor at **Antioch Community Church**. His sister-in-law, **Norma Jean Foockle**, passed away March 19th. Family gathered in Monmouth and Galesburg. Services were Wednesday, March 21st. Some family members of Harry's are facing challenges. Please pray for all.
- Doris Landis**, **Antioch Community Church**, Kansas City, MO. She lost her sister, **Vanita Windhausen**, on May 11th. She thanks you for your prayers.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers!

Are you able to help with registration? Hours for Registration are:

Sunday 7/15 8:00am-11:30am, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Monday 7/16 7:00am-9:00am

We are also in need of a transport driver. There are several events that need transportation. The ICCC will rent a passenger vehicle, if we have a volunteer driver.

Please contact DeAnn at the Council office if you are available: icccdc@sbcglobal.net or 815-464-5690. Thank you!!

President's Message *cont'd. from page 1*

We played in the woods in Birmingham—We played on a roof in Cleveland.

The fiftieth anniversary of the ICCC occurred at Rockefeller Chapel. The event was organized by **Carolyn Ford** who showed tremendous administrative ability in putting the week long affair together. I didn't know at the time that she was an accomplished pianist and among her other skills she was a _____. Can't tell you now. You'll have to wait until next time.

One time at the Council House, **Jeff Newhall** showed me a bike he had stashed to ride when the challenges of the day became a bit much. He showed me a pathway which led to a trail—you probably need to bring your bike sometime. Jeff's wife was (is?) a Presbyterian minister just like **Executive Director, Phil Tom's spouse**.

One conference, I was determined not to speak to another delegate anywhere in the conference. It was Friday! It was time for me to go home! So I sat and had breakfast with **St. Emma Smith** and awaited the bus to take us to the airport. I had heard enough of **Don Fair** and his **Patriots, Kansas City Doris' Royals and Marion Bascom's Orioles**. And then it happened! Here comes **Roberta Smith** with more information as to how our choir could be better. She sat down and talked to myself and Emma as though she was our friend.

Now I realize it. I have had more than 1001 stories because of the ICCC. I also discovered that none of these conference friends were going to chop my head off.

You can now download the Give + app on your smart-phone, and contribute to the ICCC in one easy step. Visit your app store for Give Plus Church and download today!



Seeking Full-Time Pastor

Founded in 1973, People's Community Church (PCC) is a non-denominational church located in Berea, Ohio, approximately 25 miles south west of Cleveland, Ohio. We are blessed to be a diverse, all-inclusive, and family oriented church with an active membership of approximately 100. PCC is an active affiliate of the International Council of Community Churches and Ohio Fellowship of Community Churches.

The qualified candidate shall: Be an ordained and licensed minister; Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach the Holy Bible; Be an empowering educator with strong skills in discipleship, homiletics, stewardship, pastoral care and community building; Demonstrate godly character and integrity; Share our church's vision of equipping Christians in the mission of Christ; Have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; Have attended an accredited seminary (seminary degree preferred); Have a minimum 3 years of experience in preaching and church leadership; Have experience working with church leadership teams and church employees; Demonstrate excellent verbal, written, and presentation skills; Demonstrate excellent leadership, organizational, strategic planning and time management skills.

Job Description: Pastor will be responsible for preaching, teaching, conducting funerals and special worship services and programs; Oversees pastoral care to sick and shut in and to those in personal crisis through visitation, counseling and prayer; Administers the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism; Officiates weddings as agreed upon with couples as defined by Holy Scripture; Coordinates and leads church business meetings; Adheres to PCC Bylaws and Constitution; Maintains affiliation and supports of International Council of Community Churches and Ohio Fellowship of Community Churches; Actively engages in community sponsored events; Other duties as required

If you have been led by the Holy Spirit to seek the position as Pastor of People's Community Church, please submit your cover letter and resume to peoplescommunitychurch631@gmail.com.

Candidates may also learn more about our church and its ministries via our Facebook page. You can also download our church app: the church's app, PeoplesCC, at the Apple or Google Play stores.

Final candidates will be subject to a background check and drug test.

Seeking a Music Director

Norris Religious Fellowship (Norris, TN) is seeking a Music Director. Salaried, part-time position. The Music Director works in initiating programs, rehearsals, special music, etc.; provides piano and/or organ accompaniment for the hymns. Ability to lead a choir and congregation, directing and inspiring others through a ministry of music. Excellent vocal skills a plus. Please provide a resume and cover letter along with recording demonstrating your skill set via audio CD, DVD, or link to digital materials online (YouTube, Vimeo, professional website). Submit via email to norrisreligiousfellowship@comcast.net. More information about NRF www.NorrisRF.org.

Seeking Supply Pastor (Part-time, May 1-Dec 31, 2018)

Orchard Park Community Church is a non-denominational church located in the quaint village of Orchard Park, NY in Western New York, approximately 15 miles from Buffalo. We are blessed to be a diverse, all-inclusive, and family oriented church with an active membership of approximately 100 people and is an active affiliate of the International Council of Community Churches.

The qualified candidate shall: Be an ordained and licensed minister, Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach the Holy Bible, Be an empowering educator with strong skills in discipleship, homiletics, pastoral care and community building, Demonstrate godly character and integrity, Share our church's vision of equipping Christians in the mission of Christ, Have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, Have attended an accredited seminary (seminary degree preferred), Have a minimum of 1 - 3 years experience in preaching and church leadership (negotiable). 3 years experience preferred. Demonstrate excellent verbal, written, and presentation skills, Demonstrate leadership, organizational, strategic planning and time management skills.

Job Description:

Pastor will be responsible for weekly worship service, conducting funerals and special worship services and programs, Oversees pastoral care to the sick and shut – ins and to those in personal crisis through visitation, counseling and prayer, Administers the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, Officiate weddings as agreed upon with couples both heterosexual and same - sex, Adheres to OPCC Constitution and By – laws, Actively engages in community sponsored events and, Other duties as required

If you have been led by the Holy Spirit to seek the position of Supply Pastor of the Orchard Park Community Church, please submit your cover letter and resume to: Becky Middaugh, 9 Worthington Lane, Lancaster, NY 14086

Candidates may also learn more about our church by visiting our website: www.opcommunitychurch.org

Seeking a Senior Minister

Historic non-denominational community Christian church in northeast Ohio seeks a full-time Senior Minister. Established in 1809, The Church in Aurora (www.tcia.cc) has an engaged congregation, four full-time staff including Associate Minister, and part-time staff that helps administer vibrant CE, youth and music programs. Church activities include Women's Guild, Stephen Ministries, Work Camp and Bible studies. Founded in 1799, Aurora is part of the historic Western Reserve and equidistant from Cleveland and Akron. Interested candidates should submit cover letter, resume and statement of faith to SearchCommittee@tcia.cc.