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## Conference Gathering in Jacksonville

Jerry Brown, Antioch Community Church  
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We look forward to welcoming you to Jacksonville, a stunning, sunny, city of the South, and the 69th annual gathering of the International Council of Community Churches; a gathering of God's whosoever people. Check out the articles in this issue, it's going to be great!

When we read John 3:16, that familiar verse from the Bible, the very foundation statement of the Christian faith, we are encouraged that ALL are welcomed into our faith family. God's love has no requirements, no conditions, no limits! The acceptance and inclusiveness of God's love is reflected in the acceptance and inclusiveness of our Council.

So as we come together to praise and worship our God, we also come to acknowledge and give thanks for the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ...for all of us.

I remember the best meal I ever ate was at an elegant restaurant in New Orleans. It was very expensive, a once-in-a-lifetime event; but worth every cent. I didn't eat just to satisfy my hunger; I slowly tasted, savored, and enjoyed every bite. But I also appreciated the splendid aromas of the meal, the pure white tablecloth and linen napkins, the attentiveness of the waiters in the candlelit dining room, the whole atmosphere of the restaurant. It was more than just a meal, it was a wonderful experience.



That's what our gathering in Jacksonville should be for you; more than just attending a few random workshops, listening to a Bible Study presentation or a few worship sermons. We should enjoy and appreciate everything here - the music, the opportunity to learn and grow and share, the good friends surrounding us, the atmosphere of the worship services, the whole experience.

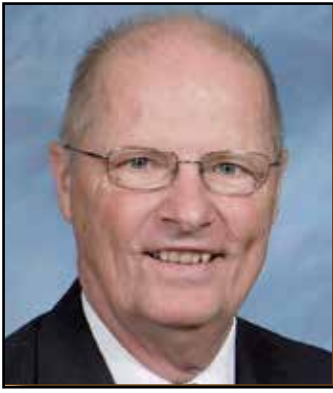
Like my dinner at the restaurant in New Orleans, this conference should be more than just a spiritual meal and an opportunity to take in a few words of reassurance. Rather, I encourage you to enjoy, savor, and appreciate every moment, every opportunity to share this week with good friends, the whole atmosphere of the experience. *"Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8*

As we come together to praise and worship our God, we will also be revived, renewed, inspired and charged to return home sharing the love of Jesus with everyone.

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*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16*

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## *President's Message*

### **by Harry Fooockle**

Personal circumstances recently put me in the position of looking for a new automobile to drive. I cannot speak for you, but I like the idea of looking for a new car. So I looked and eventually bought one that I liked.

Here is the thing about this particular car. If I am driving on the interstate at 65 miles per hour and come upon another car driving 60 miles an hour my car will automatically slow down. That's a great safety feature, but that's not all. There is Bluetooth, navigation, radio's, etc.

Then there is this different feature I have never experienced before. After driving for a time, some computer in the car senses my driving style. If I am driving and do something out of my normal driving habits, like get a little sleepy, it lets me know to stop and take a nap. Imagine!

Things in our life, like cars, communication systems, shopping venues change so fast it is difficult to keep up. Our churches also change. Actually if they are not changing they can find themselves in trouble. Statistics tell us that we are losing ground in our churches. Could it be that we are not keeping up with changes as we need to?

Here is the great thing. We certainly live in this fast and always changing world, but we have the key to be able to handle it and thrive. It is (at least for me) found in the wonderful Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 13, verse 8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

There it is. I can handle the changes because I know that I have received, accepted and live with the unchanging gift of the Christ and God's love. Whether it is in my family, church, relationships with others or the ever changing gift of technology, I can live in it because I have the unchanging and power filled love of God in my life.

*I was wondering – how are you doing with change?*

Jesus  
Christ  
THE SAME  
yesterday.  
AND to day.  
AND for ever.  
HEBREWS 13:8

## *New ICCC Logo*

At its February 2019 Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved a new ICCC logo. Phil Tom, ICCC's Executive Director proposed the new logo to provide a passionate and colorful new look for the mission and work of ICCC. The logo reflects our rootedness in God, our passion to grow together in our life and mission, our rich diversity, and the beauty of God's family.

We give thanks to God for those who had developed our current ICCC logo. We give thanks to Kristyn Granahan, who gave generously of her time and creative spirit to produce several logos including our new logo.



*International Council of Community Churches*

***“Committed  
to community  
treasuring diversity,  
living our faith in  
service and love.”***



## *Executive Director's Message*

### **Phil Tom**

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***“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them.” Matthew 18:20***

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We live in a society that believes that bigger is somehow better. This thought holds for some folks in the church who think that having a bigger budget, membership, and staff makes them better and stronger than smaller membership congregations. And, unfortunately, the converse holds for some smaller membership congregations who lament the fact that because they do not have a big budget, membership or any staff, they cannot do anything well. In situations like this, I always have to say that Jesus started with 12 disciples!

A few years ago, a smaller membership congregation, South Church in Rochester, New York sold its building. Pastor Deborah Swift said “selling the building was the best thing that’s ever happened to us. We have energy and are unencumbered now. We can just be about God’s work without spending time, energy and money on a building.” The 40 or so members of South Church touched reimagined a

new way of serving their community. They created small ministry teams around the city to serve a variety of nearly 500 lives in Rochester through several active, member-led Acts of Faith (AOF) community groups. Some of the AOF groups lead a bible study at a senior living community, another leads a house church, another works with community youth, and another addresses justice issues. Pastor Swift said, “the essence of the Acts of Faith model is simple: ‘go where we are needed’ and ‘share the loving presence of the Risen Christ,’” The Acts of Faith is a model that measures success by the energy and excitement of the Holy Spirit’s presence, more than by Sunday attendance, endowments or budgets.

The Acts of Faith community has its origins in the first-century church as recorded in the Book of Acts, where believers were called to live in the world and to share their faith in everything they did day to day (Acts 2:42-47). This model of ministry is also growing today through the house church movement where small groups of Christians regularly gather together in a home for worship, study,

community, and service. They do not have any “professional leadership” but a shared leadership model between its members.

I have experienced the powerful difference that a small band of committed Christians can make to transform their communities and witnessed some smaller membership churches doing more community outreach than larger membership churches. Size does not matter with the Holy Spirit! Our ICCC family may be small in terms of membership, resources and staff but that should not prevent us from transforming our communities and our world. So let us open wide our doors to the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can continue to share God’s Good News and to work for God’s compassion and justice in our world.

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***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”***

***Margaret Mead***

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## Attend to Reading! (1 Timothy 4:13)



# Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

### **JUST MERCY: A Story of Justice and Redemption**

by Bryan Stevenson ★★★★★ stars.

Audiobook, narrated by: Bryan Stevenson, Length: 11 hrs. and 5 mins, rated 5 stars, \$12.99

with Amazon Kindle purchased of \$14.99, Google Play, \$14.99

Barnes & Noble, paperback, \$12.49; 336 pp. Spiegel & Grau. \$28.00 Copyright © 2014.



In Chapter Five, **Of the Coming of John**, *Just Mercy* resumes with the unjust treatment of Walter McMillian and his family during the trial process. Anyone who has read the newspapers or attended a jury trial can understand how frustrating it can be to get justice. McMillian's sister, Armelia, however, provides another view for us to consider: "I feel like they done put me on death row, too. What do we tell these children about how to stay out of harm's way when you can be at your own house, minding your own business, surrounded by your entire family, and they still put some murder on you that you ain't do and send you to death row?" (p. 93). What would you do if you were in this situation? Everything looks like freedom and the criminal justice system says everything is punishment.

The criminal justice system can be a burden to those who are innocent, and the trend is not slowing. Stevenson recalls a story from W.E.B DuBois' work, *The Souls of Black Folk*, where justice is compromised by immediate lynching. Even today, the process of receiving justice is denied and delayed by the prerogative of some prosecuting attorneys, who delay the process to get an unjust conviction. Consider the case of a man who waited years to get justice.

"Joseph Tigano entered a plea of not guilty and insisted that his case move quickly to trial. Instead he languished in pretrial detention—jail—for nearly seven years before he finally appeared before a jury, which convicted him in 2015. In an opinion issued this week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit dismissed Tigano's indictment "with prejudice" on the grounds that his "oppressive period of pre-trial incarceration" violated his constitutional right to a speedy trial under the Sixth Amendment" (<https://reason.com/blog/2018/01/25/government-is-gutting-the-right-to-trial>).

The stories of Walter McMillian and Joseph Tigano reminds us that major criminal justice reform is required if we are to learn from our past. What do you think?

## Women's History Month Resources

(More information at <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>)

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

**25 Must-Reads for Women's History Month** adapted from **Tara Sonin** for Barnes and Noble. Tara Sonin has a B.A. in Theater and English from Barnard College, Columbia University. (See the remainder of the list at <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/25-must-reads-womens-history-month/>)

1. *Bad Feminist*, by Roxane Gay. About \$15.
2. *Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson. About \$9-10.
3. *March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine* by Melba Patillo Beals. About \$15-17.
4. *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, by Erika L. Sanchez. About \$14 to 18.
5. *Hard Choices*, by Hillary Clinton. About \$16.20 | \$18.00
6. *She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World* by Chelsea Clinton. Hardcover \$14.27 | \$17.99
7. *Love Hate and Other Filters*, by Samira Ahmed Hardcover \$17.09 | \$18.99
8. *My Beloved World*, by Sonia Sotomayor Paperback \$13.56 | \$15.95
9. *My Own Words*, by Ruth Bader Ginsburg Hardcover \$25.50 | \$30.00
10. *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly, about \$14.
11. *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by, Kate Moore Paperback \$11.89 | \$17.99
12. *The Radical Element*, by Jessica Spotswood (and others) Hardcover \$16.19 | \$17.99

### SHARE YOUR COMMENTS.

Thank you for sharing your comments. There are encouraging to our discussion. Remember please share your thoughts at [ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net) by the end of the month. And let us know if we have your permission to quote or paraphrase your comments. Thank you.

## 2019 Annual Conference Featured Workshops

### **An Introduction to Grief Recovery:**

#### **Exploring the Common Myths about Grief & How to Help Others**



**Rev. Lisa Fournier**

There is a lot of misinformation in our culture about grief. Because it makes others uncomfortable, it is often minimized or dismissed. When we suffer a loss, we are expected to quickly "Get over it." As a result, grievers feel even more isolated and alone and that something must be wrong with them. This results in unresolved grief, which shows up in unhealthy behaviors down the road.

In our society the focus seems to be on being positive and happy, and so the underlying message is "It's NOT OK to NOT BE OK". Often grievers are told "It takes time" or "Be strong", which are not helpful comments when someone's heart is broken.

In this interactive presentation, we will explore some common myths about grief and what you--as clergy, family, friend, or concerned community member--can do to help.

Presented by Rev. Lisa Fournier, Advanced Certified Grief Recovery Specialist® with the Grief Recovery Institute, ordained interfaith minister and life coach. After experiencing the "Big 3" losses herself (Death of family members, divorce after a long-term marriage, and job loss), Lisa is passionate about helping others process unresolved grief and discover new purpose and joy in life. Lisa also has recent experience as a Hospice Chaplain after leaving her corporate career in Leadership and Organizational Development and Executive Coaching 4 years ago. Her book, "Bliss and Bless: A Guide to Living Well and Learning from Loss" is due to be published in the Fall of 2019.

### **Plan Intentional Worship that Helps Lead to Relationship with God: How to Engage Your Congregation in a Journey of Worship**



**Antoinette Cook**

At the end of this workshop, you will be able to plan worship services that intentionally flow, while staying relevant to the scripture and the sermon. You will learn how to keep your whole worship team involved and informed. Each element you plan will be purposefully placed to lead people on a meaningful journey of worship. Along that journey, you'll become aware of the the Holy Spirit leading your ministry team and your congregation to a lifestyle of worship.

This workshop is led by Antoinette Cook, Director of Worship at Antioch Community Church in Kansas City, MO.

### **Leading a Congregation Through Change**



**Rev. Bruce Jones**

During the twentieth century, American churches developed a set of methods and practices that shaped ministry, evangelism, and organization for decades. As with many other institutions today, however, the biggest dilemma facing the church is its past success. Yet the church's very survival throughout history has been tied to its willingness and ability to adapt to the unique conditions of the day. In this workshop we will examine six critical choices that will help lead your congregation through change.

Bruce Jones is the organizing pastor and founder of Imagine Church, Charlotte, and a regional trustee of the International Council of Community Churches. He has assisted in launching two new congregations and has led churches in college, university, and suburban settings. He has training and background in congregational development, evangelism, and church growth.

### **Spoiler alert!**

Descriptions for 4 more workshops to come: Rev. Eloise Crenshaw will continue her prayer series with "It Takes Faith"; Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Minister, Faith & Justice Organizer and Organizational Consultant will lead workshops on Mission and Koinonia; and ICCC Chaplains such as Will Armstrong, Wendy Childress, Sharyon Cosey, Elizabeth Gobeli, Hare Varnon, Brad Walgren and more, will talk about how a Chaplain differs from other ministry positions, and what specifically are their responsibilities. More information can be found on our website and in the upcoming Christian Community newsletters, as it becomes available.



**Rev. Eloise  
Crenshaw**



**Rev. Naomi  
Washington**

## Why I Love the ICCC

By Rev. Dr. Robert M. Puckett

My introduction to the International Council of Community Churches came in 1967 when I became pastor of the Norris Religious Fellowship in Norris, Tennessee



where the Tennessee Valley Authority was born. The Norris Fellowship was active in the Council from its beginning in 1950. I found a commitment to Christian unity and the inclusive spirit. I thought I had been called to be the pastor of THE CHURCH IN TOWN. However, as I spoke about Christian unity, I found out that I needed to practice what I preached. So, I began to be actively involved with all the churches in the area. After serving that church for 27 years and its interdenominational mission; some people began to call me the "Pope" of Norris.

I grew up in the racist segregated culture of the American South but rejected that culture early in life. My Father was a veteran of the First World War. While fighting in France, he was attacked by mustard gas and never fully recovered from it. He was a graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in electrical engineering but was unable to pursue that vocation because he spent part of every year of the rest of his life in veterans' hospitals and died early.

Consequently, my Mother had to work for our family to survive, and we had a housekeeper named Beulah. I always thought of Beulah as my Black Madonna. She taught me what it is like for black people to live in a racist society. There were a few occasions when my parents went away, and Beulah took me home to be with her family. Her family was also my family! Diversity is part of who I am. Diversity is central to the ICCC. Therefore, I found a home in the Council!!!!

## An ICCC Congregation in Action!!

Submitted by Pastor Vicky Kirkman, Senior Pastor

"Worship, Witness, Work" has always been the mission of the Tennessee Valley Community Church and Center Family located in Florence, AL. Lovingly called TVCCC by our church family and the community. We are blessed in that we are located, in the center of downtown Florence, Alabama. Serving the community is one of our main endeavors. Hunger is everywhere and affects more people in our community than one might expect. For more than ten years the Tennessee Valley Community Church and Center Family has hosted an annual winter food giveaway.



The idea of feeding the hungry was initiated by church member, Mrs. Katie Anderson. The entire church family agreed that it was a fantastic idea! More than ten years later, the TVCCC Family hosts the annual food giveaway.

Each family receives enough food to feed them from five to seven days. Items included in the giveaway are: Ground beef, chicken, salt pork, butter, can goods, cereal, snack cakes, soups/soup mixes, dried beans, peanut butter, jelly, bread, potatoes, fresh fruit, sugar, and kool-aid. Previously, paper products have also been given away. Oftentimes, larger families are given even more food. The only stipulation is that each family receives only one food giveaway package per household. On Thursday and Friday, the week of the giveaway, foods are purchased and sorted into two large boxes per household. Cold foods are added on Saturday morning. As soon as all boxes are complete, the doors of the Tennessee Valley Community Church and Center basement are opened, and the giveaway begins! At past giveaways, as many as one hundred forty families have been served. February 2019 one hundred twenty-five families were served.

Several years ago, the TVCCC hosted a clothes giveaway for the community. After studying a Sunday School lesson on giving to others in need, church member Mrs. Vivian Poole, felt the need to re-establish the clothes giveaway. Again, the entire TVCCC Family agreed that it was a fantastic idea! Church members were asked to donate new and slightly used clothes for the clothes giveaway. Clothes and shoes were donated for all ages, infants and adults. Every classroom in the church fellowship hall was filled with clothes and shoes. In addition, there was a classroom for household goods. The event was held on a Saturday morning in January, 2019. It was so successful that persons were allowed to return on the following Sunday, after worship service, to receive additional items. Because shopping for clothes can be tiring, shoppers were given a brown paper bag lunch to go. On the outside of the bag was a sticker, with the times of Worship Service and Bible Study at Tennessee Valley Community Church and Center. Volunteers for both giveaways were adults and youth from the Tennessee Valley Community Church Family and the community. Both are rewarding experiences for all. Both endeavors are just two of the ways that we strive to ensure positive possibilities for our community at Tennessee Valley Community Church and Center under the leadership of Pastor Vicky Kirkman.





Sharing Joys with:

- **Larry and Carolyn Dipboye**, pastors at **Grace Covenant Church** in Oak Ridge, TN. Both will be retiring on May 31, 2019. Unfortunately, circumstances beyond their control have led to a decision to close the church. *"Please know that our prayers and good will toward the Council will continue. We clearly recognize that the Church continues even in the death of saints and the closing of churches as we look beyond the limited successes and failures of our work toward the eternal Rule of God in the promise of Christ our Lord."* ~ Larry K. Dipboye



- **ICCC Eastern Zone, Region A.** In January, some members from the northeast region met in New York City for a very special day. Some came by train, some by car, and some by Uber! They had lunch on the Upper West Side, and then walked to the famous Riverside Church on Riverside Drive, which had the tallest church tower in New York, and they were warmly welcomed by the Senior Executive Minister of Riverside Church, Rev. **Michael Livingston**, who was one of our ICCC Executive Directors for ten years. They had a fantastic tour of the church, led by a wonderful tour guide and Michael. The architecture throughout is stunning. They were privileged in many ways: some grand artwork was opened for them to view, as were several small chapels and prayer rooms, and the stained glass was magnificent! Riverside hosts enormous and complex social services (including a full size gym and a theatre) which enrich the entire community. The kitchen and supplies for the homeless were so impressive as were many of the other programs served there. However, the piece de resistance for our ICCC group was a remarkable steep climb up, and up, and around, and up, to the bell tower, where they were able to wander among the 74 bells, including the largest and heaviest tuned bell ever cast, at almost 19 tons! "What a magnificent experience, to see a church so blessed, so historic, so lively, so filled with beauty and obviously so welcoming to all! We thank our Regional Trustee, **Doris Marcisiak** and Michael Livingston for such a memorable and inspiring day." ~ **Lonnie Miller**



- The ICCC welcomes 2 new church members!! The first, **Metropolitan Community Church of Austin**, located in Austin, TX led by Senior Pastor **Rev. Karen Thompson**. The second, **Council of Reformed Church of India** located in Andhra Pradesh, India led by Senior Pastor **Rev. Dr. G. Vijay Raju**. Rev. Raju shared that on Feb. 28th, the Council consecrated 3 Bishops or Telangana State, Gunter Diocese and Synod Bishop with 70 Presbyters. There was a gathering of about 4000 believers and 70 Churches (pictured above). We look forward to a fruitful relationship with both churches!



- **Rev. Carl L. Davis, Sr. and New Harvest Christian Church.** Rev. Davis celebrated 36 years in Ministry on March 17th with an all day celebration themed "God's Pastor." Morning worship was given by **Rev. Marcus Lewis** and the afternoon worship by **Rev. Jimmy Burton**.



- Rev. **Steven Winkler** and the **Protestant Community Church of Medford Lakes, NJ** as the title "Pastor Emeritus" was conferred at an induction service on March 24th, followed by a special fellowship time in his honor. Pastor Steve served as the Senior Pastor and spiritual leader of PCC, the "Cathedral of the Woods," from 2004 until 2015 when he retired from active ministry. Over the years, he distinguished himself with his messages, counseling those in need, organizing new programs, and pitching in on whatever work had to be done. When asked about what impressed him most about PCC, Pastor Steve indicated that a major factor was the inclusiveness of the church. PCC is an interdenominational Christian church with members of different denominations, all working together. There is a strong sense of teamwork and willingness to participate in various programs. Also, the church is mission oriented, both foreign and domestic, and he considers it to be his good fortune to be there with people who choose to be a mission church.

Our prayers are with:

- Regional Trustee **Rev. Sharyon Cosey**, who continues to heal from a long term broken ankle.
- **Ron Miller**, retired Senior Pastor at **Wilson Memorial Union Church** and a man who held many titles with the ICCC, as he recuperates from a moderate stroke, suffered late February. To repair, he received a pacemaker, and then entered an acute rehab facility to receive physical, occupational and speech therapy. He returned home mid-March and will continue in-home therapy, but **Lonnie** (his wife) reports he has made tremendous progress and is doing great.
- **Shyreece Pompey**, ICCC WCF Spiritual Leader as she awaits the results of a CT scan, praising God in advance. A 5-year Cancer Controlled Celebration Luncheon was held March 23rd in Sawyer, MI.
- **Peggy Ashmall**, wife of Council Minister Emeritus **Don Ashmall**. Peggy has returned home and continues to heal from surgery.
- ICCC VP of Informational Services and Outreach **Mike Donahue** as he continues his battle with MS and all the challenges related to his treatment.

Upcoming ICCC meetings:

- The **Central Zone, Region C** will hold a Regional Meeting on April 27th at 10:00am. This gathering will be at the **St. John Independent Methodist Church**, 2501 Clarendon Terrace, Bessemer, AL. For more information, you can contact Regional Trustee **Glenn Clay** [gclay7@gmail.com](mailto:gclay7@gmail.com)
- **Eastern Zone, Region B, Area 1 Community Day** is scheduled to be at **Park Road Community Church**, 1019 Park Road NW, Washington, DC from 10am - 2pm on May 4th. For more information, you can contact Regional Trustee **Myrtis Brame** [myrtisjb@aol.com](mailto:myrtisjb@aol.com).

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## *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](mailto:norrisreligiousfellowship@comcast.net).

More information about NRF [www.NorrisRF.org](http://www.NorrisRF.org).

### **ICCC Endowment Fund Status As of February 28, 2019**

**Gifts Goal by 30 June '19:** .....\$15,000

**Gifts since 7/01/18:** .....\$14,808

**Help us meet our goal, need:** .....\$192

**Total Endowment Gifts to  
ICCC Board since inception:** .....\$58,474

**Current Fund Assets:** .....\$332,286

**Current Investment Mix:**  
47% stocks, 50% bonds, 3% Cash

## *Seeking a Senior Minister*

The Historic People's Community Church (PCC) fosters a tradition of being a singing, praying, tithing, teaching, serving, and loving church, and is guided by one of its golden text 'I am come that they might have life and that they may have it more abundantly.' – John 10:10.

This Historic Church, a member of the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC) and located in the vibrant city of Detroit, Michigan is currently seeking an experienced Senior Minister to be the Spiritual Leader of its Congregation. The Senior Minister is responsible for leading and moving the Congregation toward the fulfillment of God's mission for PCC. The Senior Minister will have an unwavering faith and a firm relationship with Jesus Christ and is dedicated to cultivating others in Christ.

For complete information visit <http://www.icccnow.org/careers/> or contact People's Community Church office (313) 871-4676.

## *Seeking a Part-Time Lead Pastor*

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 50 people. We are an active affiliate of the International Council of Community Churches.

The qualified candidate shall: Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and 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 a minimum of 1-3 years of experience in preaching and church leadership (negotiable; 3 years of experience preferred). Demonstrate excellent verbal, written, and presentation skills. Demonstrate leadership, organizational, strategic planning, and time management skills.

For complete information visit <http://www.icccnow.org/careers/> or contact the Pastoral Search Committee at: [PSCOPCC@gmail.com](mailto:PSCOPCC@gmail.com)

## *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](http://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](mailto:SearchCommittee@tcia.cc).

## *Seeking an Associate Pastor*

Community Church at Tellico Village is seeking an ASSOCIATE PASTOR to join our pastoral team. CCTV, is a 1000 member interdenominational church located SW of Knoxville, TN in a beautiful planned community on Tellico Lake. The ideal candidate possesses a deep personal faith in Jesus Christ and demonstrates a true desire to shape their ministry by the Great Commandment. S/he values Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. S/he is a mature "people-person" with generalist skills and a passion for developing fellowship and spiritual growth ministries. Ministers of all denominations may apply (M. Div. required). If interested, visit us at [www.tellicochurch.com](http://www.tellicochurch.com) and email your resume to [search@tellicochurch.org](mailto:search@tellicochurch.org). Otherwise mail to CCTV Search Team, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774.



## *Nomination Recommendations Are Needed!*

Under the ICCC Bylaws, the Board of Directors acts as the Nominating Committee for the Council. Terms of office begin at the close of Annual Conference. If you have suggestions for nominees or if you wish to be considered as a nominee for an office, please **respond no later than MAY 30, 2019**. Some offices are occupied by incumbents who are eligible for re-election. Nominations will be presented to the Annual Conference business sessions, at which additional nominations from the floor are in order. Available positions are as follows:

### **Officers**

**President.** The President serves for a term of one year and may serve two consecutive terms (two years). Incumbent President the Rev. Harry Fooockle has agreed to serve a second term as President. New candidates may be nominated.

### **Board of Directors**

All Vice Presidents are members of the Board of Directors. Each serve for a term of two years, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. Nominees are requested.

**Vice President for Leadership Development** – Stephen York has completed his term

**Vice President for Regional Relationships** – This position is currently vacant.

### **Board of Trustees**

**Eastern Zone Region A** (New England States, New Jersey, Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania)  
Doris Marcisak- Incumbent Eligible for a 5 year term.  
New candidates may also be nominated.

**Eastern Zone Region B** (District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia)  
Myrtis Brame – Incumbent Eligible for 5 year term. New candidates may also be nominated.

**Central Zone Region B** (Michigan, Ohio, Western New York, Western Pennsylvania)  
Janet Burch has termed out. Nominees are requested.

**Central Zone Region C** (Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama)  
Glenn Clay has termed out. Nominees are requested.

**Western Zone Region A** (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Northern California)  
Charles Addison has termed out. Nominees are requested.

### **WE INVITE YOUR INPUT:**

When recommending an individual for service in any of the above position, please be sure that the individual is willing to serve.

Then, inform the nominating committee of the name of the individual and their contact information together with the elective position for which you are recommending her/him. Please include a brief profile of the individual, including the name of the church or ministry center in which the person holds membership, activities with that congregation, and activities with the ICCC.

Send this information to both

[ICCNOW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ICCNOW@sbcglobal.net)

and [cs83nick@aol.com](mailto:cs83nick@aol.com).



# THE ICCC TALENT SHOW



## WHAT'S YOUR TALENT?

**Get ready to show us at the  
2019 Annual Conference in  
Jacksonville, FL  
Monday, July 15, 2019 ▪ 8pm**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the talent you plan to show us. Length of performance must be no longer than 10 minutes.

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**You MUST turn in this form by June 30, 2019** to be given a time slot. All performances must be appropriate for the ICCC, including language, action and attire.

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

Return completed by June 30, 2019 to ICCC, 21116 Washington Parkway, Frankfort, IL 60423. Fax: 815-464-5692 or email [ICCNOW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ICCNOW@sbcglobal.net).