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Keep the Best and Improve the Rest

*Jerry Brown, Antioch Community Church
VP for Planning*

Annual Conference – the perfect time to greet old friends and meet new ones, to draw closer to God through worship, to learn more about Jesus through Bible Study, and to more clearly see God's plan and purpose for your life. We have all these opportunities, and so much more this year in Dublin, OH.

The other day I was reading Jesus' parable of the Servants and the Talents. He challenges us to be good stewards of the time and resources we've been given. The members of the Conference Planning Committee take that responsibility and obligation seriously. We want to make sure the time and resources you invest in the conference are worth your efforts...and then some. After each conference we review the evaluations submitted. We try to "keep the best and improve the rest." I think this year's conference lives up to that challenge.

As you read through this newsletter and the next, you will see articles highlighting individual events and participants of the conference. Dr John Kinney, our Bible study leader, is an outstanding scholar and preacher (I've looked at several of his sermons online, you will be inspired as you learn from him).

We try not to plan anything to conflict with other events, so that you can take it all in, and won't miss a minute.

We have great workshop leaders and insightful topics.

Even the hotel has been upgraded and improved. If you were there with us before, you will be impressed with the newly renovated lobby and enhanced breakfast area.



You'll see other articles here about additional, awesome opportunities at this year's conference.

We have a new Youth Leader with exciting new plans; it will be an amazing week for the young people.

And for many years we've been seeking mission opportunities for all to participate in; but there's always an issue with transportation to get there. Thanks to our Hunger Relief Mission Team and the experience of our friends at Chapel by the Sea, a great service opportunity for everyone, is coming to us this year – don't miss it.

The theme this year is from the last two verses of the book of Matthew. With His final words to His disciples, Jesus tasks us with a purpose, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." and a promise, "Surely, I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." Our churches and our Council are faced with the challenge of declining numbers, but even worse is what that represents. Our nation and our world are turning from God and Jesus. We urgently need a revival! Our prayer is that as this conference concludes, you will return home inspired to fulfill that commission to share the Gospel to a hurting world with the confidence of God's presence in your life...you will go home with purpose and a promise.

See you in Dublin.



Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

God Is Near!

"So Do Not Fear, For I Am With You; Do Not Be Dismayed, For I Am Your God. I Will Strengthen You And Help You; I Will Uphold You With My Righteous Right Hand." Isaiah 41:10

When I was a newbie Christian at the age of 20, I encountered a Seventh-Day Adventist missionary, Pauline Goddard, who would play a significant role in my new Christian walk. Pauline openly shared her life journey with me. She told me that she had experienced much difficulty and disappointments in her life. When Pauline accepted God in her life, her life changed dramatically. She experienced a deep peace and joy that she had not experienced before. Pauline reminded me that even as a Christian, she would continue to face new challenges in her life. She told me that one of her favorite scripture passages that carried her through her hard times was the passage (above) from Isaiah 41:10. Pauline knew that she was never alone, and that she did not need to despair. Because of Pauline, I also keep Isaiah 41:10 close to my heart, in good as well as in hard times. There have been moments in my life when I felt like I hit a wall or did not know which way to turn, but with

God's help and guidance, God made a way out of no way.

Isaiah 41:10 tells us that God is near, that God will never abandon us, that God will strengthen us, help us, uphold us. These are challenging times for the mission and life of the church universal. Some of the models of the church don't work anymore, and our society is becoming ever more secular. Some congregations are dying or filled with despair. It has been estimated that 10,000 congregations close their doors every year. Our "success" for God should not be based on the size of our membership roll or budget, whether we have a full-time pastor, or how well we maintain our church home. We sometimes spend too much time focused on these issues rather than on how well we are serving God, in Word, and deed.

God's church is more than money, membership, staff, and building. When we know that God is near, that God is with us, we should have no fear in being bold and imaginative in developing new and different ways to live out and to share God's good news. Praise be to the God who strengthens us, helps us, and upholds us!

2020 Inclusive Pulpit Submissions Welcome!

Preached any good sermons lately? "The Inclusive Pulpit" – an annual publication of the International Council of Community Churches – would love to hear from you and publish your sermon in our upcoming edition.

Challenged by a good sermon? "The Inclusive Pulpit" would love for you to recruit the preacher to submit that wonderful sermon for publication in our upcoming edition.

Inspired by any good reflections, poems or worship material? "The Inclusive Pulpit" welcomes those submissions as well.

Seasoned pastors, senior saints, new pastors, seminarians, youth group leaders? Help us celebrate the working of the Holy Spirit in the many ministries of the ICCC.

Please send your submission electronically to ICCCDC@sbcglobal.net by April 30th.

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Attend to Reading! (1 Timothy 4:13)



Book SUGGESTIONS

By Rev. Ken Nelson



Be Resilient in the New Year and Remembering Black History

2020 Black History Theme: African Americans and the Vote



Each year since 1915, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH®) selects a theme for Black History Month as part of the legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Black History. The mission of ASALH® is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community (<https://asalh.org/>).

This year's theme, African American and the Vote, highlights two outstanding events in Black History: (1) the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment allowing equal voting rights of men and women in 1920, and the apex of the women's suffrage movement; and (2) The year 2020 also marks the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) that provided the right to vote of black men. When one considers the current issues of our times of voter suppression and gerrymandering, a historical perspective is timely and necessary for providing insights for engagement and justice. ASALH® offers a variety of resources for planning events and learning opportunities throughout the year (<https://asalh.org/>).

Black Culture Connection

In addition to ASALH®, The *PBS Black Culture Connection* is an excellent resource and guide to films, stories and voices across public television centered around Black history & culture (<https://www.pbs.org/black-culture/home/>). Everyone should check out the *Ten "Must Watch" Black History Documentaries*.

Be Resilient in the New Year

Now that the New Year has begun, let's look at some tools to help us during 2020. There is one thing about success, you must have a starting point or you're getting up from a failure. *New York Times* bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst offers an interesting book *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments Leave You Shattered* (Hardcover \$12.46 and Workbook \$10.34) to help us through the rough spots.



Two key chapters—When God Gives You More Than You Can Handle and Letting Go of What's Holding Me Back—are packed with ideas and suggested actions that help us to be our best at the worst times. In the chapter about God giving too much, TerKeurst writes, "And, as I type these words, I know I'm not the only one who feels they've been given more than they can handle. I see the wide-eyed expressions on people all the time. Grief upon grief. Hurt upon hurt. Heartbreak

upon heartbreak. Addiction upon addiction. Diagnosis upon diagnosis. Disappointment upon disappointment. The world is filled with people who are dealt more than they can handle. And, surprisingly, the Bible is also filled with people who were given more than they could handle.... God doesn't expect us to handle this. He wants us to hand this over to Him." If these words aren't encouraging enough, TerKeurst, then, uses a workbook to provide guided practice and reflection for longer lasting change.

In the chapter, Letting Go of What's Holding Me Back, TerKeurst deals candidly with how we try to hold on and hold out on life's situations. TerKeurst proposes a fascinating question: "What if the worst parts of your life are actually gateways to the very best parts you'd never want to do without? Just imagine leaving town with no baggage, and just boarding the plane or train or whatever. We are moving on and not looking back. TerKeurst provide her insights and life experiences with Scriptural references and comments. If you are looking for a personal transformation resource that has Bible insights, then TerKeurst book and workbook may be your ticket to an energizing 2020.

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS. Thank you for sharing your comments. There are encouraging to our discussion. Remember, please share your thoughts at ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net by the end of the month. And let us know if we have your permission to quote or paraphrase your comments.

ICCC Leadership and Development Opportunity for YOU!

By Rev. Rhonda Blevins, ICCC Vice President of Leadership Development

Dear ICCC Colleagues,

I am thrilled to tell you about something the ICCC is offering this year through a \$49,200 Leadership Development Grant we received from Duke Divinity School. My deepest thanks to Rev. Phil Tom who wrote and submitted the grant, and to the team at Duke Divinity School for believing in our capacity to equip and empower church leaders within ICCC! Through this grant, the ICCC will be offering several high-quality leadership development opportunities for clergy and laity. Many of these programs will be facilitated by Pinnacle Leadership Associates, a coaching and church consulting group that seeks to partner with others to discover and pursue God's mission in the world. It has been my pleasure to work alongside the Pinnacle team for nearly a decade—they are a humble, talented, authentic group of folks who love serving churches and church leaders. I look forward to you getting to know some of the Pinnacle team through your participation in one or more of the following programs:



WEBINARS on Social & Theological Issues

Each month, a member of the Pinnacle Team will lead a one-hour webinar on a social or theological issue like: race, hunger, stewardship and fundraising, women in ministry, reaching millennials, church planting, managing a multi-staff church, attractional to missional church models, preaching in a politically diverse church, emotionally-intelligent pastoral leadership.

Second Wednesdays at 1pm Eastern beginning February 12, 2020. Information for the webinar and a link will be sent via email the Monday before.



DISCUSSION around the Lenten Lectionary Passages

My colleague, David Brown, and I will lead a 7-week discussion group via video conference for preachers on the Lenten lectionary passages from the Gospels and Hebrew Scriptures. Each

one-hour session will contain a sacred reading practice and a facilitated group discussion on the texts. Limited to 8 participants. Please register with DeAnn at the Council Office icccdc@sbcglobal.net. First come, first serve.

Tuesdays at 1pm Eastern, February 25, April 7, 2020.



TRAINING in Congregational Development

Pinnacle Leadership Associates president, Mark Tidsworth, will lead monthly one-hour training sessions via webinar entitled, "Faith Change Agent: The New Paradigm For Transformational Pastoral

Leadership." Participation is open, though each session builds on the previous session; participants are encouraged to sign on for the year.

Third Wednesdays at 1pm Eastern beginning February 19, 2020. A reminder for this training webinar and a link will be sent via email the Monday before.



COACHING for Small Groups of Clergy

These closed groups of 6-8 participants will meet monthly over the course of one year with two of Pinnacle's clergy coaches: the group offers reflective

listening and provides insights and resources to assist movement to assist each participant in reaching his or her goals. Time to address hot button issues is offered as well. Each session lasts two hours. Please register with DeAnn at the Council Office icccdc@sbcglobal.net. First come, first serve.

Group 1: First Wednesdays at 1pm Eastern, beginning March 4, 2020.

Group 2: First Thursdays at 1pm Eastern, beginning March 5, 2020.



RETREATS for Clergy in Each Region

Funding for five regional retreats for clergy has been granted—each region will be invited to determine their own date, location, and program.

Five Regional Retreats: TBA

Wow! What a gift we have been given through Duke Divinity and ICCC! The only way this grant will be a success, however, is with your enthusiastic participation. Please know that these training opportunities would cost hundreds of dollars if you had to pay for them out of pocket. The good news is, they are being offered to you free of charge through this Duke Divinity Leadership Development grant! Please make plans to participate in one or more of these programs. I look forward to growing in leadership and in friendship with you!

Our prayers are with:

- The family of **Helen Long** who passed away peacefully on November 25, 2019. Helen was the widow of **Rev. Dr. Kermit Long**, former pastor at **Friendship House** (AZ).
- **The Christian Center Institute of Haiti** and the family of **Ruth Applewhite**. Missionary Applewhite passed away December 27, 2019 and was buried in Haiti.

Sharing Joys with:

- **Bethany Union Church**, Chicago, IL., which was selected for the 2019 Best of Chicago Award in the Community Churches category by the Chicago Award Program. Each year, the Chicago Award Program identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. Congratulations!

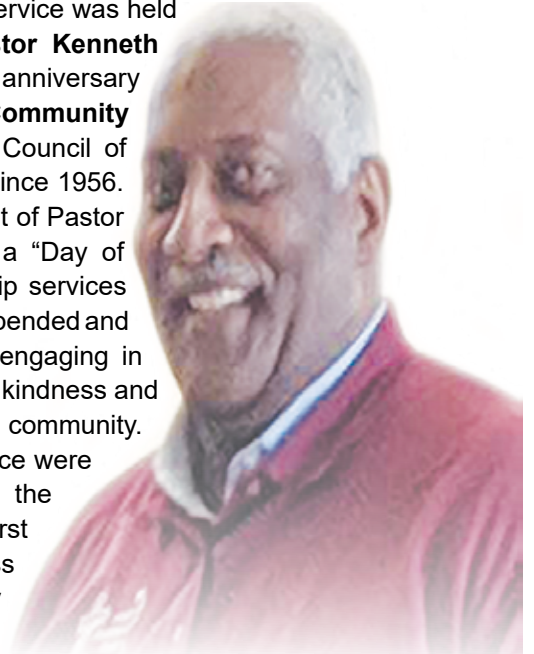


- **The Church at Litchfield Park** (AZ) tells us they had many, many holiday events starting with their Thanksgiving Eve Service, then in December: Hanging of the Greens, a Christmas Tea, Christmas Caroling, Christmas Cantata, a Christmas Pageant, and a Christmas Angel Project, where they donated a variety of Christmas gifts to the deployed families at Luke Air Force Base. It's great to hear and see ICCC churches in action!
- Welcome to **Rev. Andrew Parks**, the new Senior Pastor at **Orchard Park Community Church** (NY)! Pastor Andy began a transition period in August with OPCC and they believe he is the perfect fit for their church. They look forward to 2020 with new passion and ideas!

PASTOR KENNETH NELSON'S ANNIVERSARY

A Day of Service

- An Anniversary Celebration of Service was held on November 3, 2019 for **Pastor Kenneth Nelson**, as he celebrated his 13th anniversary as Senior Pastor of the **Seneca Community Church** (MD), an International Council of Community Churches member since 1956. In celebration, and at the request of Pastor Nelson, the church sponsored a "Day of Service", in which formal worship services and anniversary events were suspended and replaced with the congregants engaging in activities to produce elements of kindness and charity aimed directly at the local community. 560 individual acts of benevolence were developed and distributed in the community supporting local first responders, schools, homeless shelters and our U.S. military service men and women.



***Trust in the LORD and do good;
Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.***

~ Psalm 37:3

Breakfast with the Pastor

Planning the service day and fulfilling Pastor Nelson's request began when the Pastor's Aid, the Youth ministry and the Stewards ministries teamed with others to organize the activities and focus the efforts to areas known to be of special interest to Pastor Nelson. "Breakfast with the Pastor" started the day of service - a casual opportunity for congregants' to fellowship with each other and Pastor Nelson over a breakfast meal. As members gathered to execute the days planned activities, the breakfast team supplied a steady flow of hearty food to sustain the busy members.



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A Day of Service cont'd. from page 5

First Responders:

Three teams were dispatched into the community to thank local firefighters and emergency medical technicians and deliver 120 thermal emergency blankets among the three fire stations. Meanwhile, members in the fellowship hall created and packaged custom blankets, paired with a fluffy bear, to supply the local sheriff's department, Domestic Violence Unit, "Blankets and Bears" program. The program provides these simple expressions of compassion to comfort children involved in strained domestic situations.



Shelters, Schools and Food Bank:

Members assembled personal care packages for a local shelter. Items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, body lotion, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, and more were individually packaged with personal messages from members. 175 packages were delivered to a local shelter along with socks and gloves packages for children at three local elementary schools. Additionally, 94 pounds of non-perishable food supplies were collected and donated to a local food bank serving the community.



U.S. Military Service Persons:

Members found quiet spaces in the sanctuary to compose letters, postcards and notes of thanks to our U.S. Military Service personnel, offering our sincere appreciation and God's protection for the selfless duty



that they provide to our nation.

111 correspondences were written by members and packages for delivery to our domestic and foreign stationed military service men and women.

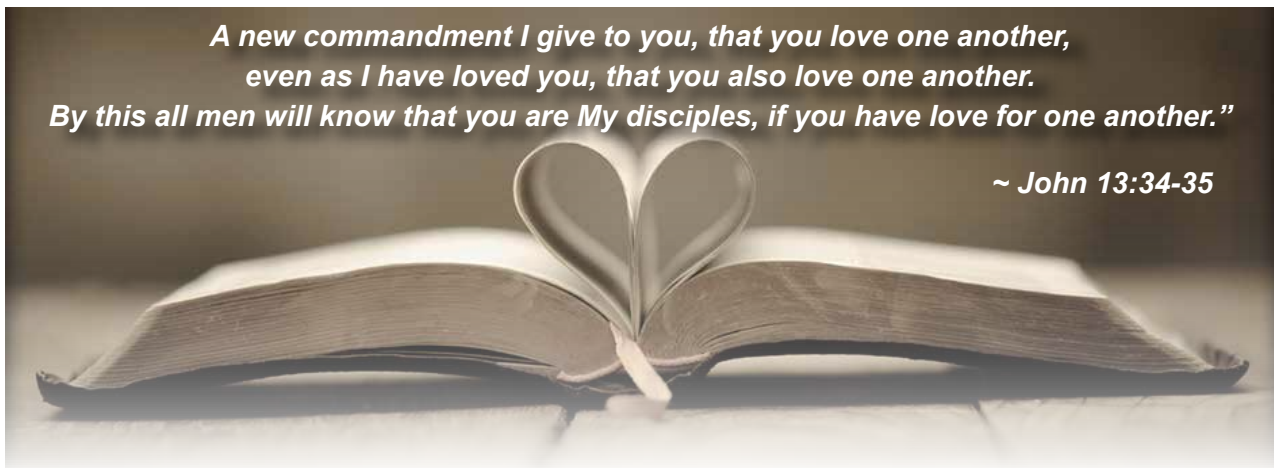
Christ Ambassadors:

The "Day of Service" concluded with each member leaving the day's activities with an "Ambassador Bag" containing simple protein rich food items, to be distributed to whomever the member felt was in need of an act of kindness and love. This insured that the SCC "Day of Service" provided an opportunity for each member to represent the love and faithfulness of God.

Pastor Nelson continues to cultivate the spiritual growth, worship and caring experience that makes Seneca Community Church unique. The members of this church are truly blessed and thankful for God's goodness throughout the years. We thank God for Pastor Nelson, our forefathers, their perseverance, their love of God and for the rich legacy that is the Seneca Community Church. The Church stands bound by the scripture that ***"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."*** ***Philippians 4:13.***

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another,
even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

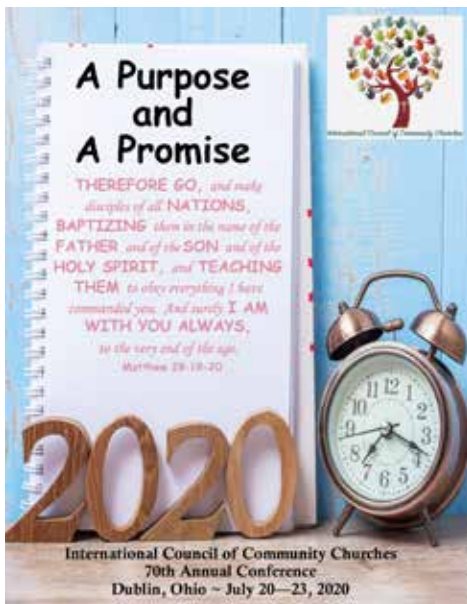
~ John 13:34-35





Meet the 2020 Annual Conference Leader

**DR. JOHN W.
KINNEY**



We are pleased and excited to have Dr. John W. Kinney, Professor of Theology and Director at the Center for African American Pentecostalism and Leadership Development, to be our Bible Study Lecturer at the 2020 Annual Conference in Dublin, OH!

Dr. John W. Kinney, has devoted himself to the pursuit of excellence in theological training and ministerial preparation and has distinguished himself as a systematic theologian, academician and administrator in a career that spans over 35 years. He has also shared in instruction at Chicago Theology Seminary, Randolph Macon College, Union Theological Seminary, and the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Kinney has lectured extensively across the breadth of this nation and in Africa. He has been a featured lecturer at numerous Universities including: Yale, Duke, Michigan State, Howard, Southern Methodist, Virginia Commonwealth, and the University of Richmond. He has also presented at numerous theological schools including: Iliff School of Theology, Bangor Theological Seminary, Shaw Divinity School, Hood Theological Seminary, The Baptist Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, and many others. He is recognized for his theological constructions addressing the designed harmony in creation and the subsequent fragmentation and separation with particular attention to racism, sexism and materialism. His thoughts are included in several publications and crystallized in Baptists

against Racism in an article entitled *The Theology of Fallenness: The Roots of Racism*.

Dr. Kinney has served as a consultant to the American Baptist Convention, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Convention of Virginia and both the United States Air Force, Army and Navy Chaplain Corps. He has been a member of the American Society of Church History, the American Academy of Religion and the Society for the Study of Black Religion. Dr. Kinney chaired the committee on Race and Ethnicity from 1998 to 2000. He served as a member on the Commission on Accrediting for the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada from 2000 to 2006 and actively continued as Commission Chair (2004-2006), Vice President (2006-2008), President (2008-2010) and Personnel Committee Chair (2010-2012).

Dr. Kinney comes to us with a BA from Marshall University, a M.Div from Virginia Union University, a M.Phil. from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from Columbia Univ/Union Theological Seminary.

His service to academia is complimented by his service to the parish. Dr. Kinney has served as the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Beaverdam, Virginia for more than 35 years.

We welcome Dr. Kinney and look forward to his inspiration and direction as a leader.

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Intergenerational Meal Packaging Event Scheduled at Annual Conference Hotel



THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

- **2:45 PM – 2:55 PM**
in the Post Room for a brief Introductory meeting
- **3:00 PM – 4:45 PM**
in the Muirfield Room just down the hall for the meal packaging

For the first time ever, the upcoming Annual Conference is hosting a community service project for all attendees as part of the regular conference agenda. This is something that the ICCC has wanted to do for several years, because it encourages participation and team-building, and helps others in need.

Sponsored by the ICCC Hunger Relief Mission Committee, and in conjunction with an organization called “Rise Against Hunger”, conference attendees will package more than 10,000 meals for food-challenged Third World families in only 2 hours’ time. What’s more, attendees can do this during normal conference hours without having to leave the conference hotel.

Rise Against Hunger has helped volunteer organizations package more than 500 million meals for food-challenged people in 77 countries since its founding in 2005. ICCC member church, The Chapel By The Sea which is located in Clearwater Beach, FL, has sponsored Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging events for the past 5 years with considerable success.

The meal packaging involves putting rice and other nutrients into single-meal plastic bags for bulk shipment overseas. The process involves no heavy lifting and can be done in street clothes while seated or standing. It can be easily accomplished by volunteers from 6 to 90-plus years of age.

RAH provides all the food and supplies needed for the project. A RAH representative will be on site to help guide us through the process at every step.

Volunteers Needed Who Want to Make a Difference

WHO: We need volunteers of all ages to package the meals. Depending on the number of volunteers we get, you will spend one or two hours of time to help feed impoverished families in war-ravaged lands as well as in famine and natural disaster-stricken countries in the Third World.

HOW: It’s easy to volunteer. Just let ICCC Administrator, DeAnn Anzaldi know that you want to help by sending her an email at icccdc@sbcglobal.net.

ICCC Hunger Relief Mission Committee

(Bob Harris, Chair; Myrtis Brame, Jan Burch & Tom Friedberg)



Pastor

Norris Religious Fellowship www.norrisrf.org in Norris, TN is seeking a full time pastor. We are a suburban church located in East Tennessee. We are an interdenominational church and a member of the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC), that not only accepts and tolerates differences but encourages diverse groups of people to come together. Our minister must be ordained as a graduate from an accredited divinity school, have ministerial experience, and must be comfortable with a moderate-to-liberal theology. We seek an open-minded, non-judgmental spiritual leader, counselor and guide, with strong moral and religious commitments, demonstrated leadership skills, an ability to inspire and teach through engaging and relevant sermons, and a passion for counselling the ill and grieving.

Our pastor will be responsible for weekly worship services, providing pastoral care, and counseling for the congregation. Also, the pastor will have a leadership role in increasing and revitalizing both our membership and our religious education programs. Our pastor will be responsible for managing the staff of the church. For consideration, applicants must be willing to relocate to Norris, TN.

Interested candidates should email nrfsearchcommittee@gmail.com to request a pastoral search profile for more information and an application.

ICCC Endowment Fund Status As of December 31, 2019

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| Gifts Goal by 30 June '20: | \$15,000 |
| Gifts since 7/01/19: | \$7,645 |
| Help us meet our goal, Need: | \$7,355 |
| Total Endowment Gifts to Council since inception: | \$58,474.00 |
| Total Fund Assets: | \$376,087.55 |
| Distribution of Assets: | |
| 50.3% stocks, 46.3% bonds, 3.4% Cash & Equiv | |

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.



International Council of Community Churches

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



Celebrate those who are in our hearts

70th Annual Conference July 20-23 – Dublin, OH

Hotel Information

The 2020 Annual Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH 43017. Phone: 614-790-9000. Centrally located to a variety of Columbus-Dublin activities, this recently renovated Embassy Suites hotel is close to a number of attractions including golfing, shopping, sports team venues and the Columbus Zoo, one of the oldest and largest zoos in the country. While at the zoo, check out Zoombezi Bay, a modern water park. At Embassy Suites Hotels every room is a two-room suite perfect to spread out and relax. The private bedroom boasts luxurious Sweet Dreams bedding, while the separate living area has a sofa bed, wet bar, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, and internet access. There is a TV in both rooms and more than enough room for your family, work or both. Enjoy onsite services like a newly renovated modern fitness room, an indoor swimming pool, free Wifi and a business center that includes a complimentary printing service. Wake up each morning to a free made-to-order breakfast and unwind at the hotel's evening reception with drinks and snacks.



Hotel Dining

E'terie: Guests looking for a quick bite at any hour have an efficient solution at E'terie near the front desk: neatly packaged salads, daily fresh-made sandwiches, in addition to a variety of snacks and beverages. The E'terie also features Starbucks and retail items from local artisans.

Urban Craft: Urban Craft is a casual yet hip dining and lounging destination, featuring innovative American favorites with a regional flair and a focus on fresh ingredients. Open Mon-Sat 4pm-11pm and Sunday 5:30pm-10pm.

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

Hotel Reservations

To attend, call the Embassy Suites to reserve your room at 800-220-9219. Inform the reservations clerk that you are attending the 2020 ICCA Annual Conference to get the special rate of \$129.00* + tax per night. The cut-off date for hotel reservations is June 26, 2020. After this date, normal hotel rates will be in effect and space may no longer be available. *Please note: the special rate of \$129 + tax for a standard king suite (\$134.00 + tax for a standard double suite) is negotiated only for conferees. Those utilizing this special rate are expected to register for the conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

Check-in: 4:00pm

Check-Out: 11:00pm

To register online, visit https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHESES-ICC-20200717/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Visit www.embassysuites.com for all hotel information.

Transportation To and From the Hotel

Port Columbus International Airport has several options for transportation to the hotel. You can call the Embassy Suites for information on bus and super shuttle services. For airport information, visit their website: <http://flycolumbus.com/> or call 614-239-4000.

Dublin Taxi is a recommendation of the hotel. The cost is approx. \$40 one-way. Dublin Taxi can be called when you get to Baggage Claim at the airport, and a Front Desk Team Member can assist with arrangements to the airport. Dublin Taxi can be reached at 614-759-9999.

FREE self-parking is available at the hotel, if you are driving or renting a car.



International Council of Community Churches
ICCC Registration Form 2020 Annual Conference: July 20-23
"A Purpose and A Promise"
Dublin, Ohio

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 ☐ Female

First Conference: Yes ☐ No ☐

Status: ☐ Clergy ☐ Laity



FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ONLY!



■ Age (on 7-1-2020) _____ Grade completed by (7-1-2020) _____

■ 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

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| Infants (not occupying chair at banquet) | \$ 0.00 | \$ |
| Child* with Kid's Meal (Ages 1-5) | \$ 35.00 | \$ |
| Elementary* with Kid's Meal (entering kindergarten - entering 6th grade) | \$ 60.00 | \$ |
| **Add-on ONLY if Adult meal is preferred for Child/Elementary regis. | \$ 25.00 | \$ |
| Youth (completed 6th grade - entering 12th grade) | \$145.00 | \$ |
| Young Adult (completed 12th grade - age 23) | \$170.00 | \$ |
| Adult Register by June 1, 2020 - Early Bird Special \$195.00 | \$230.00 | \$ |
| Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) M T W Th meals not included | \$ 35.00/day | \$ |
| CC | TOTAL ENCLOSED | \$ |

A Banquet ticket is included in your registration fee. This meal includes: Garden Salad, Grilled Boe In Pork Chop with Bourbon BQ, Herb Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Blue Lake Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. Fish Option: Grilled Fresh Salmon with Citrus Butter. *Kids Meal Option: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lemonade and Cookie. Meals are subject to change.

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

Pork Chop (Default Option)

Fish Option

Kid's Meal Option

****Child & Elementary registrations include the Kid's Meal option. If the adult meal is preferred, please add \$25.00 to your total enclosed.**

Please return this form with payment to: ICCC, 21116 Washington Parkway, Frankfort, Illinois 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. **Early Bird registration must be received in the office by June 1st.** Registrations after June 20th will be accepted at Conference only.

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS WILL BE VIDEOTAPED or placed on Social Media. 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.

2020 Conference Meal Programs

The **2020 Annual Conference** offers 2 optional meal program opportunities: the Fellowship Luncheon and the Prayer Luncheon 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 20, 2020 at 12:00pm is the **Fellowship Luncheon**. Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw, Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Kettle Chips, Sliced Cheeses, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles and Watermelon. Includes Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. Vegetarian Option: Veggie Burger.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 12:30pm is the **Prayer Luncheon**. This meal includes House-made Chicken Salad served with Lettuce and Tomato on a Croissant, Pasta Salad, Kettle Chips and Rustic Italian Cream Cake. Includes Coffee, Hot Tea or Iced Tea Vegetarian Option: Spinach Tortilla Stuffed with Roasted Peppers, Onions, Zucchini, Squash and Sliced Mushrooms.

Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. is the **Conference Banquet***. This meal includes: Garden Salad, Grilled Bone-In Pork Chop with Bourbon BBQ, Herb Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Blue Lake Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. Fish Option: Grilled Fresh Salmon with Citrus Butter *Kid's Meal Option: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lemonade and Cookie.

Subject to change.

2020 MEAL RESERVATION FORM

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

Name: _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$34.00 each for **Monday's Fellowship Luncheon**

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

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

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

*Please reserve add'l. _____ places at \$50.00 each for **Thursday's Banquet Dinner**

☐ Pork Chop

☐ Fish

*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 \$ _____

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

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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.**