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Tentative Schedule of Events International Council of Community Churches 2020 2-Day Virtual Gathering "A Purpose and A Promise" July 20 – July 21, 2020

MONDAY, JULY 20

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.*	Opening and Welcome Remarks
	Worship and Holy Communion Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Hagan Palisades Community Church, Washington, DC
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Workshop - TBA
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break - resume virtually at 3pm
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Rev. Dr. John W. Kinney
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Workshop - "Seeing Christianity from the Outside" led by Rev. Bruce Jones

TUESDAY, JULY 21

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Workshop - TBA
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Workshop - "The ICCC: Where We Have Been? Where Are We Going?" led by Rev. Bob Fread and Rev. Phil Tom
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break - resume virtually at 3pm
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Bible Study - Rev. Dr. John W. Kinney
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closing Worship Preaching: Rev. Dr. Marcus Tillery Community Church of East Williston, East Williston, NY
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	ICCC Virtual Social Hour

Watch the ICCC website and future emails for more details as they become available. www.icccnow.org/annual-conference/ This event is free and open to our ICCC family and friends. No registration necessary.

***all times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time**

SAVE THE DATE!

We hope you will join us for our
First ever

ICCC 2-Day Virtual Gathering!
July 20 & 21, 2020

Submitted by Jerry Brown



Good News / Bad News

You may have heard that the Annual Conference in Dublin, Ohio has been cancelled. Well, yes and no. Our annual gathering together that was planned for Dublin has been cancelled because of the COVID-19 virus. **That's** the bad news.

The **good** news is that we will still have the opportunity to get together online. Many of the workshops we had planned for you will still be available. And the inspiring Rev. Dr. John Kinney has agreed to present his Bible Study for us online.

So, the really good news is that everyone, even those who for some reason could not have joined us in Dublin, will be able to join us for the same presentations online. Our worship and workshop leaders have graciously agreed to record their presentations to be offered for you virtually.

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Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" Galatians 3:28

The passage from Galatians 3:28 is simple and straightforward! During early biblical times, Jews considered themselves superior over Gentiles, free people lorded over slaves, and females were treated as property by men. In this passage, Paul is making it clear to the Gentiles in Galatia that they do not need to listen to the Judaizers. They do not need to follow Jewish law to be saved. By faith in Christ, and by faith alone, they are already full children of God.

God did not create different ranks of people according to their race, gender, sexuality, or ethnicity. All people are created equal by God and are beloved by God. There are no superior or inferior people in the eyes of God! We are one, members of God's family. We have Christian brothers and sisters who read the same text but somehow cannot or do not want to see their Black, Brown, Red or Yellow brothers and sisters as their equal, or as their brother and sister in Christ. In 1950, segregation laws existed in the South. The North did not have "segregation laws." Still, it practiced segregation through a variety of racist practices, such as where African Americans could live or not have equal access to financial resources. The founders of the International Council of Community

Churches proclaimed in 1950, 70 years ago, to our nation and the Church at large that there is neither African American nor European American but one people under God. ICCC was the first interracial national faith-based organization

As God's people, we need to redeem and transform institutions and society from their racist practices, whether that be through politics, healthcare, education, housing, or financial institutions. At the same time, we need a spiritual reformation. I heard a preacher say this past May that Christians need to address racism by starting first with the people in the Church! Some Christian people believe that God made White People superior over People of Color, such as members of the Ku Klux Klan or White Supremacists. We need to redeem and transform these individuals' hearts so that they can see and experience the beauty and unity of God's diverse creation.

Some folks say that Christians should focus only on transforming individuals and not deal with societal issues. When Paul tells the Gentiles that they were members of Christ's body by their profession of faith, he was changing hearts. At the same time, when Paul said to the Gentiles that they did not need to abide by Jewish law to become a member of Christ's Body, Paul was actively challenging a rigid social institution.

As members of our ICCC family, we need to continue the movement that began 70 years ago. We need

to proclaim to the world that there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, and to redeem and transform individuals, institutions, and society so that we can live together in harmony and unity, as members of God's family!

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We are also working on an online Social Hour at the end of Tuesday to allow us to virtually come together. It certainly won't be the same as getting together in Dublin as we had planned but given the state of gathering during the COVID situation, it is undoubtedly a great alternative. And the really, really good news is that it will all be recorded and archived for future review for anyone who may have missed it.

Oh.... I forgot to mention.... this comes to everyone at no cost! FREE! We will welcome any love offering you are willing to send, to cover some of the costs, but it is not required. (<https://www.icccnow.org/donate/>) Be sure to pass this opportunity on to others you feel may be interested. Spread the good news of the ICCC!

Plan to join us on July 20, 21 for our "E-gathering". And then we look forward to seeing you all in Dublin in 2021 for next year's Annual Conference.

2020 ICCC



Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

Do black lives matter, or do all lives matter? The three books below offer potent answers. Each book approaches the issue of racism in an engaging and challenging way. Some books have discussion questions, and others do not. Some books take an educational and historical approach, while other books offer arguments for dismantling our current thinking and practices in racial reconciliation. All books seem to embrace the values of the ICCC and push the reader to new levels of awareness and action. If you are seeking understanding about our times, then these resources should help you in your journey? But buckle up, it may be a bumpy ride. Let's roll!

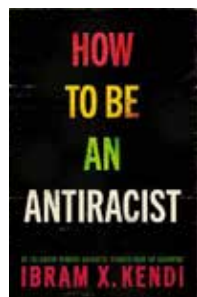


So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo. Seal Press, \$27. Hardback (266p) ISBN 9781541619227

New York Times best-selling writer, Ijeoma Oluo, presents an in-depth challenge to change the conversation about race. In seventeen chapters with a discussion guide, Oluo covers the following: Is it really about race? What is racism? What if I talk about

race wrong? Why am I always being told to "check my privilege"? What is intersectionality, and why do I need it? Is police brutality really about race? How can I talk about affirmative action? What is the school-to-prison pipeline? Why can't I say the "N" word? What is cultural appropriation? Why can't I touch your hair? What are microaggressions? Why are our students so angry? What is the model minority myth? But what if I hate Al Sharpton? I just got called racist, what do I do now? Talking is great, but what else can I do?

Oluo does not write for the sake of writing, Oluo seeks change. Listen: "Something that would give readers the fundamentals of how race worked, not only in a way that they would take into their graduate race theory classes but in a way that they would take to the office or to their Thanksgiving tables. I wanted people to understand race better, and how to talk about race more effectively, and with more kindness (xiii p)."



How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi. Random House, \$16.26 Hardback (284 p) 9780525509295

Kendi is one of the all-stars of the current thinking about racism. His discussions explore the origins of racism globally. In his review, he offers rich definitions of being racist and antiracist and more.

In eighteen chapters, Kendi brings understanding about racism by looking at the following: Chapter 1: Definitions, Chapter 2: Dueling Consciousness, Chapter 3: Power Chapter 4: Biology Chapter 5: Ethnicity Chapter 6: Body, Chapter 7: Culture, Chapter 8: Behavior, Chapter 9: Color, Chapter 10: White, Chapter 11: Black Chapter 12: Class Chapter 13: Space Chapter 14: Gender Chapter 15:

Sexuality, Chapter 16: Failure, Chapter 17: Success, Chapter 18: Survival.

Kendi believes that "this book ultimately is about the basic struggle we're all in, the struggle to be fully human and to see that others are fully human (11)."



White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to Be White by Daniel Hill (Author), Brenda Salter McNeil (Foreword). IVP Books, \$13.49 paperback (208 p) ISBN-10: 0830843930

Daniel Hill has spent years in the city of Chicago and as the founding pastor of River City Community Church. In *White Awake*, Hill explains his understanding of Christian and cultural identity today. He shares his change process with us through the following seven stages: Encounter, Denial, Disorientation, Shame, Self-righteousness, Awakening, and Active Participation. This change process is backed up with discussion questions for the reader or a reading group.

Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, one of the foremost leaders of reconciliation and foreword writer of this book, observes, "This book will lead people on a transformational journey. As you encounter Daniel's story of wrestling with his own ethnic identity, I hope that his honest reflections create a safe environment for others to embark on a similar path. For those who take the journey, this book can change hearts and minds and help Christians reclaim a message of reconciliation that repairs our interracial relationships and the structures that mediate those relationships. Let the awakening to racial and social healing begin (p. 2)!"

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. Thank you for your feedback, and have a blessed month!

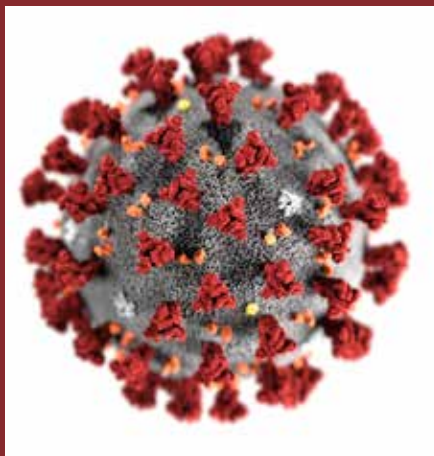
Sharing Joys With:

- **Rev. Dr. Bob Puckett** and his wife **Jane**, Loudon, TN. Bob will turn 94 and Jane 92 this month! "We are in hospice. We have good days and bad. Some days I wake up and think I'm going to be all better!"
- Monday, June 8th, the ICCC held a Call For Prayer, via Zoom. We had a spirit-filled prayer time together with members from across the country joining in. A few prayers and poems were read, and are included in this newsletter.

**Let Us Lift Up Prayers for:**

- **Rev. Dr. Sharyon Cosey, ABBA Church of Renewed Faith**, as she recovers from surgery.
- We received the following from **Charles and Mallory Schmitt**, from **CITI Ministries, Inc.** *"Even though we are unaware of any of our members being affected by Covid-19, we have had several of our CITI Family members called home to our Heavenly Father since our last newsletter. Many were founding Board members of CITI and longtime members. We remember: **Tom Kincaid**, Maryland, age 94, member and on our Board since 2002; **John Shuster**, Washington, age 68, member since 1993, served as Vice President, prolific writer, SNAP Board member & counselor for clergy sexual abuse victims; **Jim Schooley**, Maryland, age 88, Lay Board member since the beginning, served as Chairman of the Board, part of the "Gaithersburg Gang"; **Bob Devine**, Pennsylvania, age 85, member since 1990s, still had a very active wedding ministry; **Lee Ganim**, Florida, age 82, member since 1993, longtime Board member, gracious host, restaurateur & generous financial supporter of CITI. We are grateful for their many contributions to CITI Ministries and for their selfless service to the people of God. We pray that they know eternal rest and peace in God's presence and that their family, friends and all who knew them will remember them with warmth and a smile."*
- ICCC Regional Trustee **Rev. Julia Powe** and her family. Julia's father, Julius Powe passed away June 15th at the age of 94. Julia's uncle, Douglas Powe, also passed away last week. Please keep Julia in your thoughts and prayers.

A FREE eBook is available: Church Ministry Guide: How to Thrive during COVID-19 in 2020 and Beyond. It's available at <https://mailchi.mp/horizons.net/churchfund-ingguide>. Please visit the ICCC website for additional resources. <https://www.iccc-now.org/council-other-agency-resources/>



The 2020 Inclusive Pulpit is here!

The ICCC annual "book of sermons" is now out, with sermons, poems, prayers, etc., all submitted by ICCC family. Thank you to all that have contributed to this example of God's word, and thank you to our editors: Rev. Tim Meadows, Pamela Jones and Cindy Conolly.

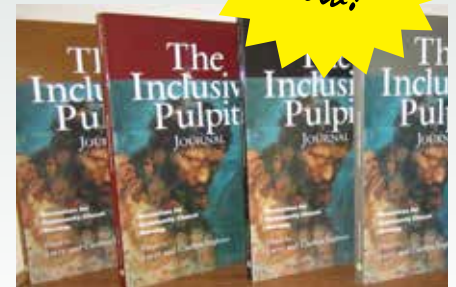
This annual book is normally included in the Annual Conference fee for all attendees. For a limited time, you can purchase the book for \$8.50 (includes s&h, regular price \$19.95), since we will have no conference for 2020.

If you would like to, send payment to the Council Office, or pay through our website. www.icccnow.org/donate/. Please note that it is for the 2020 Inclusive Pulpit.

Be sure to share this information with our ICCC family! The 2020 Trentham Award will be announced during our 2020 2-Day Virtual Gathering being held July 20 & 21.

If you have any questions, please contact DeAnn at the Council Office. icccdc@sbcglobal.net

Available Now!



A CALL TO PRAYER

Monday, June 8th, the ICCC held a Call For Prayer, via Zoom. We had a spirit-filled prayer time together with members from across the country joining in. Below was shared.

Read (and sang, address below) by Joe Higgins,
Wilson Memorial Union Church:

*"Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity."*

Read by ICCC Chaplain Wendy Childress.
Written by her daughter, Ikia Noel, 23 years ago when
she was 9 years old:

*Why?
Why is this world so cruel, so cold, so evil?
A world full of crime, drugs, and violence
Violence seems to be the answer to. . .
Every situation
Every question
Every problem
A world where money is idolized
Yet, there are people who live in poverty and despair
A world where people want to see you fail
A world where children are supposed to be the future
Yet, there is no one willing to. . .
Teach them
Love them
Guide them
No one there to help them realize they have the potential to
succeed
Why is the world so evil?
Why am I surrounded by a world of hatred?
A world where your race, gender, religion, or nationality
Can determine so many things
Why must I dress or talk a certain way
Or have a certain amount of money to be accepted?
Why?*

Worship With Us

During these challenging times, many ICCC churches have learned to provide virtual worship, to bring together their congregations. The following have shared their links with us, in case you would like to join in.

Antioch Community Church - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AntiochChurchKC/> or search in FB Antioch 4805. For more information on what Antioch Community Church has to offer virtually, visit their website: www.acckc.org.

Wilson Memorial Union Church- Sunday Worship can be found on their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmXd-MMkSkEEJVqsN-8Yoeg> or on their website <https://www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org/videos> They also post their worship links on their *Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mywilsonchurch> For more information on what Wilson Memorial Union Church has to offer virtually, visit their website: www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org.

Lake Oconee Community Church - <https://locc.co/worshipping/services-livestream/> For more information on what Lake Oconee Community Church has to offer virtually, visit their website www.locc.co.

New Covenant Community Church - YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQ4tfz6CmH64kug-4zjVGmA> For more information on what New Covenant Community Church has to offer virtually, visit their website <http://www.covenantakron.org/>

Greater Faith Community Church - For information on what Greater Faith Community Church has to offer virtually, visit their website <http://www.greaterfaith.org>.

Imagine Church of the Carolinas - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ImagineChurchoftheCarolinas/>. For more information on what Imagine Church of the Carolinas has to offer virtually, visit their website: www.imaginechurchnow.org

Chapel By The Sea - YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNjSPp9qNZq9DFRfoNcJ83g> For information on what Chapel By The Sea has to offer virtually, visit their website www.imaginechurchnow.org

upRising - a church without walls - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uprisingaustin/> For more information on what upRising has to offer virtually, visit their website: www.uprisingaustin.org

Peace Community Church - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/peacecommunityftmyers/> For more information on what Peace Community Church offers virtually, visit their website: www.peacecommunitychurch.com

People's Community Church, Berea, OH - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PeoplesCommunityChurch-Berea/> For more information on what People's Community Church may have to offer virtually, visit their website: www.peoplescommunity.org

Christian Catholic Rite of Community Churches - YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-HGa_5lyPn0 . For more information on what CCRCC has to offer virtually, visit their website: <http://ccrcc.ca/>

ABBA Church of Renewed Faith - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/848409878?pwd=QjRaajkzeUpyZFhqRk1hTkI-rTWIBDz09> Follow a schedule here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAlc-mhpjwi2oX2xEzgwfXwqMTks4Tu6Q/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGspj8qE9ySuF3tc6oqW4HlbvH2i-yNBkvFFuQXiFCZrdRLbAsIRZoZqRumB>

Historic First Community Church Nashville - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/526657234126797/vid-eos/652357822159867/?vh=e&d=n>

Speed Memorial, a Community Church - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/speedmemorial/> For more information on what Speed Memorial has to offer virtually, visit their website: www.speedmemorial.org

Tellico Village Community Church - <https://www.tellico-church.com/watch>

Historic People's Community Church, Detroit - *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PeoplesCommunityChurchDetroit/> live at 10:30am ET Sundays. For more information on what People's Community Church has to offer virtually, visit their website: www.historicpcc.org

ICCC Clergy Rev. Dr. Stephen York is the minister at Elm Street Congregational Church. Services are livestreamed on Sunday at 10:00am ET: <https://elmstcongo.church/live>. Archived services can be found at <https://elmstcongo.church/youtube>.

Norris Religious Fellowship – YouTube: www.youtube.com/norrisrf. For more information on what NRF has to offer virtually, visit their website www.norrosfr.org.

Arizona National Guard Chaplains – *Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AZNationalGuardChaplains/>

Greendale People's Church – YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfkBKSC_VJABn03L4P3Syyw. For more information on what Greendale People's Church has to offer virtually, visit their website <https://www.greendale-peopleschurch.org/>

***For Facebook links, you may need to first "Like" the church's page before you can view their postings.**

For quick links and updates, visit www.ICCCNOW.org/headlines

The following was sent to the ICCC from longtime member and supporter, Sandra Nelson.

I am a 72 year old, classified black woman. At this day and time, I have a hard time understanding what's happening across our country. Maybe it is because of the way I was raised and the organization I was raised with. I've worked with the solution we need, but being in a minority group, I can't help unless called on. Let me explain.

In 1950, two groups came together: one a white fellowship of Community Churches and one a black fellowship of Community Churches. It was the first interracial religious group in the United States. We became known as the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC). I didn't know until 2009 that my father was one of the original attendees of this group in 1950. It explained a lot about how I was raised not seeing color. I look back and tell people "I had black daddies and white daddies, because when we went to conferences every year, they all asked me the same questions: "Are you being a good girl? Are you going to Sunday School? Are you doing good in school?" etc.

When I became old enough, I led a few youth groups. Then I began using my gift from God (teaching), and I led a few workshops that helped bring people together. My conference was the one place I could ask difficult questions and not feel bad. The one workshop that helped put it in my mind what we needed to do more often was this-

I had about 65-80 people come to the workshop. I told them to sit in the following way: each table needed at least one black, one white, one male, one female, one young, one old and no friends or people from the same church could sit together. We had about 8-10 tables around the room. I would then give a situation, usually very simple, and the groups would discuss how to solve the problem. They first had to take a few minutes and introduce themselves to each other. When the workshop concluded I heard, "Ms. Nelson, Ms. Nelson." When I turned around, a tall young white boy was coming toward me with a short, old black woman in his hand. When they got to me, the young man said, "Guess what?" They looked at each other and smiled. He said, "We have the same hobby and we are going to stay in contact to help each other."

What did my mind say? Simple, we need to come together, look each other in the eye, and talk.

We are more alike than different.

My ICCC organization has been together 70 years. When I go to Conference, it is like a family reunion. I will be missing my family because of the pandemic this year. But I try to put in calls when I can to see how people are doing. I wish I had more computer knowledge to do Zoom calls and contacts. I



am sending this letter to as many as I can to let them know I miss them already. (June 4, 2020)

I was raised not seeing color. I remember seeing my dad help a white couple adopt a black baby. I remember as a youth counselor how I helped a group of white and black youth realize they were all the same. I remember asking the police to send a representative to our youth camp to talk to the kids - and they did. I saw my son-in-law catch a thief who broke into my car, hold him with a gun until the police came. When the police came they asked my son-in-law to do them a favor. My son-in-law said, "You want me to put

my gun away?" They said yes, and went after the guy on the ground. Our Los Angeles police were there to help. I am so glad for my experience in life, helped through my ICCC family and a mom and dad that raised me not to see color.

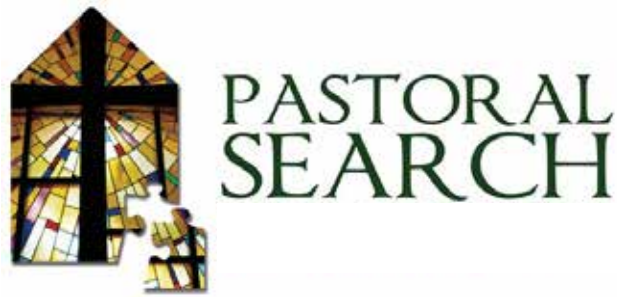
When I got up this morning, I turned on the "Today" show. I began to cry as they showed one of our American cities where the demonstrators and police were dancing together. I cried when they showed another city with the two groups praying together on one knee. My eyes leaked again when another city showed police hugging demonstrators who broke down because of the situation. With all this I ask the question, "Why did it take the death of a man to get people to open their eyes to a historic action?"

I am sorry that our ICCC wasn't more forward. We've been joining together for 70 years. Our active member churches know that we are all the same - human. One year we sat in discussion groups and shared our backgrounds. As blacks and whites shared, I came to a surprising conclusion. What the white ladies shared sounded like my life. I must be a white woman in a brown body. As we left our discussion group, two of the white pastors called me over. They told me they came to a decision to help me out. They were going to go down the street from the hotel and rent some police uniforms and come back and arrest me so I won't feel left out. As we hugged and laughed together, I realized, this is my family.

ICCC, take care!! Keep praying for each other. Know that the world needs us as an example of how it can be done. How people can live together in unity. I love you all and look forward to when we can come together again for our family reunion - I mean Conference. (smile)

With a heart full of love, God bless you all,

Sandra



Senior Minister

Longboat Island Chapel is seeking a Senior Minister who shall be the spiritual leader of Longboat Island Chapel, a Christian-based community church that welcomes people of all walks of life and faiths, and shall be responsible for preaching sermons and teaching the word of God in an inspiring and uplifting manner, administering the sacraments, leading the congregation in prayer and engaging in pastoral care ministries.

The Senior Minister shall be responsible for the overall spiritual care and counsel of the members of the Chapel including the development and administration of programs, involving the congregation in such ministries. He/she shall provide oversight of all areas of church life. He/she shall support and energize the outreach ministries of the Chapel and develop meaningful connections with key leaders in the local community. He/she shall oversee and encourage Chapel growth and the welcoming and integration of newcomers to the church.

The Senior Pastor shall be the visionary leader of the Chapel who, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, embraces, oversees and coordinates the development and implementation of the Chapel's vision, mission core values and strategic plan. The Minister shall supervise, lead and evaluate Chapel staff and recommend personnel actions to the Board of Trustees. Additional duties and responsibilities of the Senior Minister may be set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and By Laws and may include additional and specific duties as agreed upon on an annual basis by the Senior Minister and the Board of Trustees.

Please visit the ICCC website for qualification requirements and duties. <https://www.iccnw.org/careers/>

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.

Associate Pastor

The Church at Litchfield Park, a historic and dynamic independent community church located in a beautiful resort community west of Phoenix, is searching for an Associate Pastor to join our wonderful staff.

Preferred qualifications include having a theological degree from an accredited institution, being ordained in a recognized Christian denomination, and having a servant's heart, manifested in the pastoral gifts.

Specific areas of ministry will include small groups, fellowship, missions, visitation, counseling & support, some teaching, and occasional preaching.

CLP is a progressive church that "strives to love and serve ALL people through Christ".

Qualified candidates should e-mail a resume and cover letter to: personnel-chair@clp.church with Associate Pastor in the subject line. Visit the ICCC website www.iccnw.org/careers/ for the entire job description.

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.iccnw.org/careers/> or contact People's Community Church office (313) 871-4676.