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President's Message

Abraham Wright

Still at the Cross or Living with Jesus?

What you looking at me for?

I didn't come to stay.

I just come to say

Happy Easter Day.



As a child I heard the recitation above practically each Easter by some small child who was supposedly too young to learn longer recitations. The reception was usually one of laughter, gratitude, and praise for the child's bravery, and especially for the mother's pride; the child was patted on the back and carried that "genuine" smile with him or her for weeks. As an older teen and young adult I noticed that other Easter observances were practically the complete opposite: sad reenactments of the crucifixion as if they were funeral ceremonies with lack of hope, even though the actors knew that the result of the combination of the crucifixion, the resurrection, and Jesus' ascension meant everlasting life. The humor in the child's recitation may have little to do with the underlying meaning of Easter, but it ironically indicated that there is some good news at the heart of the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Don't misunderstand. I too tremble when I think how Jesus was betrayed by the leadership of God's chosen people, how he suffered by shedding his precious blood on the cross as redemption for our sin. But I also rejoice that he rose on the third day and ascended into heaven. The tomb is empty and forever will be. Jesus won victory over Satan, and Death has lost its sting. Then Jesus personally appeared in an altered form for hundreds of witnesses to see him, (including women) to talk to, and to touch him before he ascended into heaven.

So the reenactments of the crucifixion may be an effective anchor of the significance of Jesus Christ as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, who sits at the right hand of God the Father to serve as Advocate for us with God. However, the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension are the beginning of our journey as believers in the gospel

of Jesus Christ, not the end; so we cannot remain stationed at the cross, stuck year after year in the same place, or falling away in our faith through our diversions, be it unbelief, love of money and other forms of materialism, or other forms of idolatry. Isaac Watts had it right when he said,

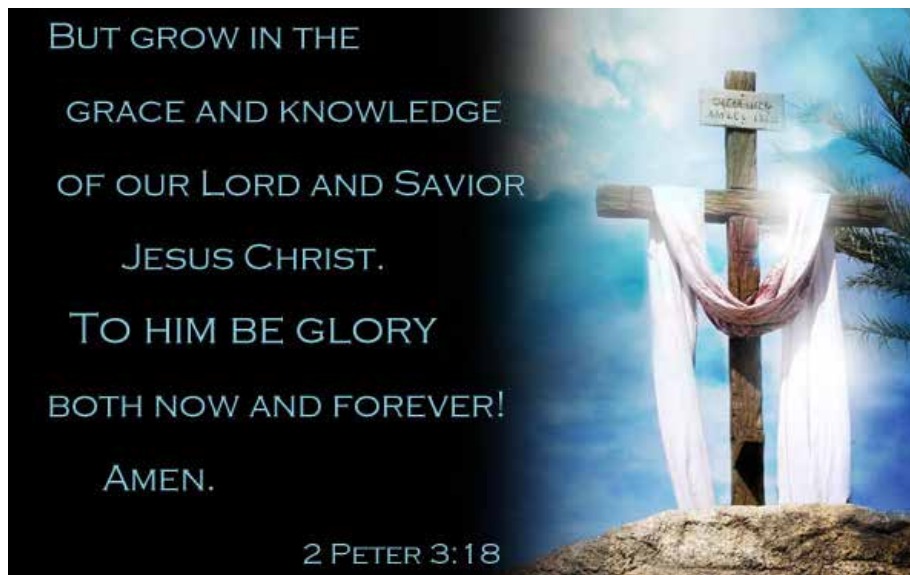
At the cross, at the cross where I
first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled
away;
It was there by faith I received my
sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

True, the mission of the Church is to carry out the Great Commission, but we need to peel off the "unnecessary baggage" that Christianity entails before we begin that journey. The heart of the gospel is salvation in Jesus Christ: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life* (John 3:16 NIV).

But first, we must have a closer walk with Jesus by submitting our will to God's Will. Being a follower of Jesus is not about titles, dress, long prayers, fire-and-brimstone sermons, and memorizing the entire Bible and quote verses to gain attention. It's about maturing in grace, in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18); it's about not making crosses for ourselves, but understanding more about what it means for Jesus to bear, for us, the crosses that come our way; it's about asking God to continuously show us how to honor the debt Christ paid on our behalf in multiple ways in our daily living.

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After orientation, I joined Park Road Community Church. The two questions I was asked were, Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, that he died on the cross and rose from the dead? and will you support this church spiritually and financially to the best of your ability? I was welcomed by the membership. Then, I began to love Jesus more, to move away from the literal cross by observing Christian models and studying and asking questions that got to the heart of what God wanted me to do, by meditating on God's words and Jesus's commands. In short, I learned more how to Live WITH Jesus every day, and to follow his trail-blazing path. The more I keep the image of the cross in my heart, the more I honor God through my behavior toward other believers and my regard for nonbelievers because they too are made in the image of God, the more I recognize that *living with Jesus* is the only path to salvation.

So, we need to recognize God's image first in ourselves, then in others. We need to reflect that image of love each day in our homes and as we go about our daily routine, especially with the people who need our fellowship as encouragement to remain strong in the faith. This further means that we live with Jesus each day and take a dashboard approach to check in with him regularly to see how we're doing, to see whether we are dishonoring the cross or embracing its true meaning. Effective pastors often say that Christians are either retrogressing or progressing; for maturity in Christ means that we press toward the mark of the high call of God, which is in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14)

I challenge us during this Holy Season to reexamine the heart of the gospel, which is salvation through belief in the death, the resurrection, and the ascension of Jesus Christ, the High Priest in the order of Melchizedek, who is always there to intercede for us, for High reign never ends.

*May the spirit of renewal of our faith in Christ Jesus
Filter into our recommitment
To live out the gospel of Jesus Christ
So that the kingdom of God is present,
First in us, then in others
Through our intelligent love,
Our genuine acts of kindness,
And the unity that exists among us
Through our love for Jesus Christ.*

Abington

Note: Malchizedek. The order of Melchizedek is different from the order of Levites (Aaron). The High Priest by order of the Levites is successive and comes from humankind. Jesus being appointed the High Priest is of a divine order that is eternal.

Zoom Book Study

Greetings ICCC Family,

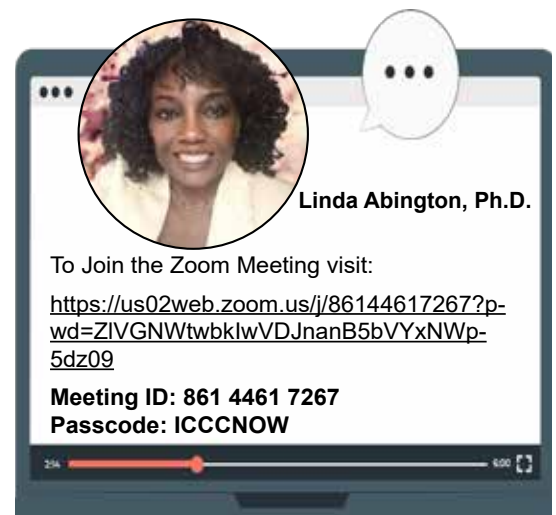
I hope that you and your family are safe, healthy, and happy.

My name is Dr. Linda Abington and I am pleased to invite you, your congregation, and your community to participate in a discussion of the New York Times bestseller, 'How To Be An Antiracist', written by Ibram S. Kendi. Antiracism, as described by Kendi, is viewed as transformative, encouraging us to look at ourselves and others through different lenses.

This book study is one of the suggested action steps formulated by Rev. Phil Tom, Rev. Dr. Rhonda Blevins, Rev. Rock Fremont, and myself to ensure that the ICCC 2021 revised resolution on racial justice and inequity will be a living document that helps to catalyze our journey toward racial inclusion, equity, and reconciliation.

One (1) hour discussions will take place via zoom for five consecutive Saturdays beginning April 2, 2022, 12:00 PM Central time in an inclusive environment where all comments and opinions will be welcomed, heard, and honored.

I hope to see you then.





Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

As we move into April, we continue our Lenten journey to Jerusalem, Calvary, and the empty tomb. Hopefully, you have utilized our ICCC Lenten devotion and prayer book – 40 Days Toward Life – as we take this season to reflect, reassess and renew our walk with Jesus. Through Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection, we are called to reimagine a new future for ourselves and the life and mission of the Church.

The Word of God never changes, but our society is changing rapidly. Therefore, like every social institution, the Church also has to respond to these changes. During Covid and post-Covid, congregations have mostly moved to provide a hybrid service – in-person and online worship services and programs. However, some smaller membership congregations have decided to remain online because more persons attend worship online than in-person. At the same time, worship attendance nationally has declined to an all-time low as more persons have left the institutional Church or declared "None" as their religious preference. As a result, thousands of congregations across the country have closed their doors. Congregational leaders have had to become more adaptive and imaginative to new ways of doing ministry to connect and serve their members and neighbors to remain a vital congregation.

These changes at the congregational level have significantly impacted the mission and ministry of regional and national religious bodies like the ICCC, the National Council of Churches, Churches United in Christ, and the World Council of Churches. Therefore, last December 2021, our ICCC Board of Directors

**"Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert."**

Isaiah 43:19

approved the formation of the Reimagine, Re-vision, Reframe (RRR) workgroup to develop a strategic plan to be a blueprint for ICCC's ministry, service, and growth. The purpose of the RRR is as follows: - 1) to look at and assess the past and current situation of the ICCC from the perspective of Council's stakeholders, both active and inactive; and 2) In light of number 1, the RRR group will develop a strategic plan that will, if implemented, secure and enhance the Council's future with current and future stakeholders.

The members of the RRR workgroup are :

- Rev. Rock Freemont, Chair, Shepherd of the Hills, Phoenix, AZ
- Rev. Dr. Rhonda Blevins, Chapel-By-The Sea, Clearwater Beach, FL
- Bob Harris, The Church in Aurora, Aurora, OH
- Daniel Nelson, Second Community Church, Columbus, OH
- Rev. Dr. Wendy Childress, Retired Military Chaplain, Los Angeles, CA
- Rev. Bob Fread, Union Congregational United Church of Christ, Reinbeck, IA
- Rev. Bruce Merton, Pastor Emeritus, Peace Community Church, Ft. Myers, FL

Let us keep these persons in our prayers as they begin their task of imagining a new future for our ICCC family. I know that they would welcome your comments, support, and prayers.

May you have a blessed Lenten journey, Holy Week, and a joyful Easter Day!

Phil

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Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson



Restoration and Revival. *Encouraging Our Hope (Romans 15:4)*



Undistracted: Capture Your Purpose. Rediscover Your Joy by Bob Goff Thomas Nelson (March 1, 2022) Hardcover \$18.89, 256 pages, ISBN-13: 978-1400226979

As we prepare for our season of Easter and Pentecost, does it seem to you that you may lose your focus along your path? It's not a seasonal moment but are you ready for a new adventure in your Christian walk? Sometimes we, unexpectedly, encounter more doubt than determination.

If this sounds like something you have experienced, then Bob Goff's ***Undistracted: Capture Your Purpose. Rediscover Your Joy*** may be a passport to restoration and revival.

"If we're not careful, we can trade what could have been a meaningful, joyful, purposeful, and fully engaged life for fitting in, being accepted, or feeling like we are part of the crew. My question to you is this: If your faith is important to you, are you seeking a genuine expression of it or simply admittance to a club? If we want to live intentional lives, we need to decide for ourselves what we really do believe," writes Bob Goff, renowned podcaster and author of the New York Times bestselling *Love Does*; *Everybody, Always*; and *Dream Big* as well as the bestselling *Love Does for Kids*.

Sometimes distractions hinder our response to excellent opportunities. To this point, Goff observes, "Distractions are not riptides. They are slow-moving currents that will lead you away from your ambitions, relationships, and joy every time" (p. 67). Goff offers us a way to focus our journey. If you like a good story, then get ready to find eighteen chapters filled with relevant Scriptures. In these engaging stories, Goff provides tips for keeping your focus, especially during our everchanging times. Goff remarks, "My hope is that this book will help you find your song or help you sing it a little louder if you already know it. I want my words in these pages to knock loose a couple of verses for you that are filled with love and intention and hope and purpose and Jesus" (pp. 7-8). If your life tank is searching for energy, then *Undistracted* may fill a void.

Goff reinforces his stories with key spiritual truths in our lives. Consider the following: "This book isn't filled with fables. Instead, it's wall-to-wall with stories. Why? It's simple. Because Jesus told stories.

In fact, Scripture says He never spoke to anyone without telling them a couple of good stories to illustrate the truths He wanted to pass along. Stories not only tell us truth but they can also point us toward living lives that are more true. Falsehoods are designed to distract us with deceit; truth, on the other hand, informs and guides us down a brave and more lasting path" (p. 8). Goff suggests that finding our spiritual truth lowers distractions and we have a fulfilled life.

In the chapter titled "The Keyhole of Eternity," Goff explains how we have little time to be distracted in life with his story about dealing with life threatening medical challenges. Using Scriptures for the Apostles Paul and James, Goff reminds that our lives are precious and need to be on focus. We simply do not have the time to float along; we must be focused on living like Christ.

In another chapter, "Jesus in the Room," Goff employs Paul's love chapter to challenge us to take an inventory and action for our lives: "Start by naming the purposeful things in your life that will go the distance—things like faith, hope, and love. These are the things Jesus said would outlast everything else. Once you have identified these things in your life, don't stop there; get busy taking aim at them" (p.67). Wait a minute, we say, we are doing this. But Goff confronts our notions with this consideration: "My ultimate hope for us is that we will decide to set sail rather than wait for the right time to untie from the dock" (p. 67). In this moment, we realize where we are and what we must do to be true to ourselves.

Distractions are interruptions; distractions disconnect us from the very things we seek and need. Goff reminds us that "We have to leave behind the assumptions we've made about what we ought to believe, as well as the facts we have ignored and the mistruths we've borrowed from someone else just to belong somewhere. One of the enduring beauties of the message that Jesus came in person to deliver can be summarized in these two words: You belong" (p. 87).

Undistracted offers a powerful and engaging reflection. It is a good read and helps stay on focus in confusing times.

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS. 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.*

ICCC Announces New Partners

The International Council of Community Churches has never self-identified as a denomination, therefore, has never owned or operated any mission organization, educational institution, pension or insurance board or bureaucratic structures normally associated with denominations. Also, because of limited staff throughout our history, we have been unable to produce certain resources or offer certain assistance needed by our churches. For decades the Council decided to “endorse” many mission and educational institutions, but many of these never had a significant impact on our fellowship nor were supported by our local churches.

The Council has decided to move away from this “endorsed” program, moving forward with a new “partner” paradigm with the hope of building meaningful relationships with a smaller number of mission, education and ministry resource entities which can make an impact on our Council and member churches. With the ICCC building a network of partners, our desire is to find partners which assist member churches in their ministry and mission, while strengthening our common ministry and mission together as a Council.

The ICCC is building relationships with three types of partners: Mission, Education and Ministry Resource. Mis-

sion partners are mission and advocacy agencies which are engaged in meeting certain needs within the human family and developing resources to assist churches in addressing such needs. The ICCC recommends these partners to our churches/centers for financial support and use of their resources. Education partners are institutions which provide educational opportunities consistent with ICCC values. These schools are recommended to our churches for educational purposes and financial support. Ministry Resource partners are businesses that offer to our churches/centers needed resources to accomplish their ministries. All ICCC partners share our common values of diversity, inclusion and pursuit of the common good of humanity. Those partners who self-identify as Christian are ecumenical in practice.

For more information and contact details on these partners, please see the new “Partners in Mission, Education and Ministry” page under the Resource tab on the ICCC website: www.icccnow.org/missionpartners

Please note that financial donations to Mission Partners and to Education Partners should be sent to the ICCC office so that churches receive credit for mission giving toward our common mission work in the ICCC.



Our first group of new partners are:

Mission Partners:

UNICEF USA - UNICEF works in the areas of nutrition, health, immunization, disaster relief and safe water. Their work addresses needs such as child trafficking, climate change, aid to children with disabilities, education, child protection and development, and mental health.

World Neighbors - World Neighbors is an international development organization that works to alleviate hunger, poverty, and disease in the most isolated rural villages in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

Education Partner:

Lexington Theological Seminary – Lexington Seminary offers webinars, continuing education, ministry certificates, and degree programs to strengthen and educate both laity and clergy for ministry in today’s world.

Ministry Resources:

United Christian Insurance Group – United Christian Insurance offers a comprehensive property and liability insurance plan for local churches, while also offering life insurance and long term care insurance for church staff.

Wood Lake Publishing – Wood Lake offers a wide variety of books on worship, Bible study, church renewal, church and society, seasonal themes and interfaith dialogue. They also produce Sunday School curriculum, music, and resources for children and youth education.

Meet Our Leadership, One by One



REV. BOB FREAD

VP for Outreach and Informational Leadership

If you have attended annual conference, you have seen Rev. Bob Fread. Since his first conference in 1989 he has worn many hats including conference youth director, worship coordinator, credentials chair, workshop lead-

er and worship preacher. He has also served the ICCC as a regional trustee and for many decades a member of the Ecumenical Committee representing the ICCC at a World Council of Churches Assembly, many plenaries of the Consultation on Church Union/Churches Uniting in Christ and as an ecumenical guest at several national gatherings of other denominations.

Bob, who is a cradle ICCC member, has served in pastoral ministry for 35 years as an installed pastor and interim pastor to churches in transition. With his ecumenical experience he has served not only ICCC churches but also United Methodist, Evangelical Lutheran, United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations. He is currently interim pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Reinbeck, IA, and is pastor-elect of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Cedar Falls, IA beginning June 1.

Bob, and wife, Sue, live in Hudson, IA, and are parents of two adult children. As a native of Cincinnati, Bob is a fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals and the Ohio State Buckeyes, while also adopting the University of Northern Iowa Panther football and basketball teams.

In recent years Bob has devoted much energy to ICCC history and local church missions. Currently he is working on a project to preserve the unique history and theological heritage of the Community Church Movement. With his commitment to local church missions, he served from 2017 to 2019 on the team that implemented the national "3 Great Loves" mission initiative in the United Church of Christ.

Last July, Bob was elected as the ICCC's Vice-President of Informational Services and Outreach. His goals are to strengthen our member churches by providing resources needed for effective ministry, while also strengthening our communication, fellowship and mission. Since assuming this role he has worked to develop mission, education and resource partners, which can benefit our local churches, while also initiating a mission grant program to assist ICCC churches engaged in local mission and developing the "40 Days Toward Life" initiative to encourage fellowship in the ICCC and engage churches in mission giving to UNICEF aiding the global COVID vaccination process.

Rev. Bob Fread

Our prayers are with:

- The family of **Rev. Margaret deGraw**, Omaha, NE. Rev. deGraw began membership with the ICCC thru **Light of Christ Community Church** over 25 years ago, and maintained active status as Clergy in Special Standing. Rev. deGraw passed away in August 2021.
- **Rev. Harvey Carr, ICCC Retired Clergy (from Christ Church of Peace)**. Rev. Carr has had many health challenges the last couple of years, some new and some resulting from past surgeries. Due to his excessive cardiac and high blood pressure issues, he is not a candidate for surgery at this time. Please keep Rev. Carr in prayer.
- **Rev. Lorna Hart, ICCC Retired Clergy** as she recovers from cataract surgery.



Sharing Joys with:

- **The Most Rev'd Raul E. Toro Jr and the Anglican Free Communion International**, as they host the investiture of the Presiding Bishop on June 4th, 2022 in Florida. Currently, Archbishop Toro is the Presiding Bishop-Elect. Congratulations!
- **Amazon shoppers!** Thank you to those of you who shop Amazon and have named the ICCC as their **AmazonSmile Foundation Charity!** The quarterly donations continue to grow. If you would like to designate the ICCC as your charity, please visit <https://smile.amazon.com/charity>. The ICCC receives .5% of all purchase made.

Someone You Should Know

We've been going through old photos here in the office. Recognize this ICCC faithful supporter? It's **Rev. Leroy McCreary!**

Rev. McCreary currently serves on the ICCC Endowment Fund and moderates the Personnel Cmte. He has served as ICCC Regional Trustee, Ecumenical Delegate, ICCC President, ICCC Ministerium Presi-



dent and served on many committees such as Financial Development, Nominating, Design, Staff Affairs, Income Enhancement to name a few!

Rev. McCreary retired from Peoples Community Church in Berea, OH. Thank you, Leroy, for all your support and love!



Senior Minister

Bridgeport Community Church, (Bridgeport, Michigan) is seeking a candidate for Senior Pastor to replace current pastor retiring December 2021.

BCC is an interdenominational church that has been serving the community since 1867.

Responsibilities include spiritual leadership, pastoral and youth ministry, church and community relationships and church administration.

Ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree and seminary degree or equivalent. Strong biblical knowledge and proclamation of The Word is required, along with good communication and planning skills.

Qualified individuals should submit a resume to Attention: Pastoral Search Committee via 1867BCC@gmail.com.

Ordained Minister

Join us as we prepare to meet the challenges of our second century. Established in 1925, the historic Community Church of East Williston is a Mainline, Interdenominational Protestant Church serving the needs of persons from all backgrounds. We have a faithful, hardworking congregational core and seek a Senior Minister who, through Christian love and action, will help us turn those with occasional attendance into members with faithful commitment. The position requires an experienced, ordained Protestant minister with youthful enthusiasm to reestablish CCEW as a "Light in the Community." We offer a competitive salary and a beautiful manse in a verdant suburb with a highly ranked school district (top 10% in NY), 45 minutes from Manhattan via railroad.

Our ideal candidate:

- Is an ordained minister and graduate of an accredited Protestant Seminary (CCEW will facilitate ordination if necessary)
- Maintains a cheerful and enthusiastic outlook
- Preaches interesting, thoughtful, and provocative sermons relating Scripture to everyday lives.
- Fosters relationships with youth and young families
- Collaborates with lay leadership and church staff to coordinate and conduct the ministries of the church
- Counsels congregants and committees
- Uses social media to further the goals of the church
- Considers high quality and diverse music to be a vital part of worship
- Demonstrates team building and conflict resolution skills
- Visits congregants in need
- Works to expand the influence of the church in the community
- Provides wedding support including rehearsals
- Has experience in pastoral ministry

The Pastoral Search Committee is accepting packages containing (but not limited to) your resume and online samples of your sermons. We'd like to hear about your call to ministry, your beliefs, and style of ministry.

Please email your response to: maryellen@ccew.org:
 Community Church of East Williston
 Pastoral Search Committee
 Mary Ellen Williams, Chairperson
 45 East Williston Avenue
 East Williston, NY 11596



Community Churches Sunday
Sunday, April 24

Plan now to celebrate
 your connection to the ICCC.
 Resources such as bulletin insert,
 sermon suggestions
 and worship aids available
 on the ICCC website.

Intergenerational Meal Packaging Event Scheduled at Annual Conference Hotel

This summer the ICCC Annual Conference will host a food mission project for all attendees as part of the regular conference agenda. This meal packaging project will held on-site at the Dublin, OH Embassy Suites, the conference-hosting hotel.

The ICCC Hunger Relief Mission Committee is sponsoring the event, which is supported by the Council leadership. The project's purpose is to help feed struggling families and individuals in Third World countries.

This is an excellent opportunity for conference attendees ages 6 to 90 plus to work together in small teams. 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.

The Hunger Relief Committee is working in collaboration with Rise Against Hunger, a charitable organization that annually provides millions of nutritious, non-perishable meals to food-challenged children and adults in food-challenged countries. Our goal is to package 10,000 meals—a task that should be easily accomplished in just over two hours.

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. The organization provides all the food and supplies needed for the project. One of their representatives will be on site to help guide us through the process. ICCC's member church The Chapel By The Sea, Clearwater Beach, FL, has sponsored Rise Against Hunger (RAH) meal packaging events for the past 6 years with considerable success.



Volunteers Needed Who Want to Make a Difference

WHO:

We need 35 volunteers
of all ages to donate approximately
2 hours to package meals
for malnourished families in war-ravaged
and/or drought-stricken lands.
This project allows us to serve Christ
by serving those who are unable
to serve themselves.

WHEN and WHERE:

Thursday July 21st

2:30 PM – 4:45 PM

in the main lobby of the Embassy Suites

HOW:

It's easy to volunteer.

Just let DeAnn 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 and George Greatrex, Jr.)

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: May 31, 2022

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR AD IS CAMERA-READY (THE AD WILL GO IN BOOK AS IS). THE COUNCIL CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING ADS.

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 the 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 J. Nominations will be presented to the Annual conference business session, at which time additional nominations from the floor are in order. The available positions are:

Officers:

Treasurer - Serves one term for three years. Class of 2025

Board of Directors:

Vice President for Financial Development - Serves one term for three years. Class of 2025

Vice President for Membership Enlistment - Serves one term for three years. Class of 2025

Board of Trustees:

Chaplain Trustee - Serves one term for three years. Class of 2025

Western Zone, Region B - Serves one term for three years. Class of 2025

Eastern Zone, Region C - Serves one term for three years. Class of 2025

Your Input is vital:

When recommending an individual for service in any of the above positions, please be sure that the individual is willing to serve. Descriptions of all ICCC leadership positions can be found at <https://www.icccnow.org/constitution-bylaws/>. Then, inform the nominating committee of the name of the individual, their contact information and the position for which you are recommending them.

Please include with your recommendation, 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.

Please send this information to both ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net and cs83nick@aol.com.

Thank you!

The Nomination Committee

REQUEST FOR EXHIBIT SPACE
I.C.C.C. Annual Conference
July 18-21, 2022 • Dublin, Ohio

Please reserve a 6' x 30" space in the exhibit area of the 2022 Annual Conference of the
 International Council of Community Churches.

An attendant _____ will be present
 _____ will not be present

Name of Attendant: _____

My Name: _____

My Organization: _____

Organization Address: _____

Brief Description: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Email: _____

There is a fee of \$50.00 per exhibit space, for the July 18-21, 2022 time period, payable in advance. Please return this request form, with payment made payable to the International Council of Community Churches, for consideration by June 1, 2022 to:

International Council of Community Churches
PO Box 846 • Longmont, CO 80502

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 815-464-5690 or ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity for exhibiting.

ICCC Picture Directory

As some of you may have seen, at the Annual Conference, we've had an ICCC Picture Directory available. If you'd like to be in that directory, and are not already, please complete the form below and send it to the office with your photo. icccnow@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Email address _____ Email electronic photo to ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net

The ICCC intends to insert the information you provided for a Picture Directory of all interested ICCC members. Only include the contact information you prefer. The purpose of this directory is to be able to identify members with a photo. Only entries with a photo included will be added. By returning this form and photo, you are agreeing to the use of your information for ICCC members only.

Signature: _____



International Council of Community Churches
2022 Annual Conference: July 18-21
"God, Heal Us"
 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) _____

First Conference: Yes ☐ No ☐

Status: ☐ Clergy ☐ Laity



FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH PROGRAMS ONLY!



■ Age (on 7-1-2022) _____ Grade completed by (7-1-2022) _____

■ 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

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 Banquet Child/Elementary regis.	\$ 30.00	\$
Youth (completed 6th grade - entering 12th grade)	\$ 145.00	\$
Young Adult (completed 12th grade - age 23)	\$ 170.00	\$
Adult Register by June 1, 2022 - Early Bird Special \$195.00	\$ 230.00	\$
Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) M T W Th meals not included	\$ 40.00/day	\$
CC	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

A Banquet ticket is included in your registration fee. This meal includes: Classic Caesar Salad with Parmesan and Croutons, Herb Roasted Airline Chicken Breast, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Haricot Verts with Braised Pork Belly and Onion, Apple Cobbler Tart, Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. Fish Option: Grilled Fresh Salmon with Citrus Butter Kid's Meal Option: Small Garden Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Fruit Punch and a Cookie. Meals are subject to change.

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

Chicken Breast (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 \$30.00 to your total enclosed.**

Please return this form with payment to: ICCC, PO Box 846, Longmont, CO 80502

☐ Check or Money Order made payable to ICCC ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMEX ☐ 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 25, 2022 will be accepted at Conference only.

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS MAY 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.

2022 Conference Meal Programs

The **2022 Annual Conference** offers 2 optional meal program opportunities: the **Fellowship Luncheon** and the **Prayer Luncheon** hosted by the Samaritans. The Conference Banquet Dinner is included in your registration fee* (Additional quantities can be reserved for an additional cost). 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 18, 2022 at 12:00pm is the **Fellowship Luncheon**. This meal includes House-made Chicken Salad Served with Lettuce and Tomato on a Croissant, Pasta Salad, Potato Chips, Peanut Butter Pie, Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea.

Vegetarian Option: Roasted Vegetable Wrap **Kid's Meal Option:** Chicken Tenders, French Fries, a Cookie and Lemonade.

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 12:00pm is the **Prayer Luncheon**. This meal includes Mixed Greens with Bleu Cheese (on the side), Dried Cranberries and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms, Herb Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Zucchini Squash Medley, Chocolate Layer Cake, Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. **Fish Option (Add \$3.00):** Pan Seared Salmon with Mango Salsa. **Kid's Meal Option:** Macaroni and Cheese, Applesauce, a Cookie and Fruit Juice.

Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. is the **Conference Banquet***. This meal includes: Classic Caesar Salad with Parmesan and Croutons, Herb Roasted Airline Chicken Breast, Garlic Smashed Potatoes, Haricot Verts with Braised Pork Belly and Onion, Apple Cobbler Tart, Coffee, Hot Tea and Iced Tea. **Fish Option:** Grilled Fresh Salmon with Citrus Butter **Kid's Meal Option:** Small Garden Salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Fruit Punch and a Cookie.

All meals are subject to change.

2022 MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Mail this form & payment to: ICCC, PO Box 846, Longmont, CO 80502

Name: _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$29.00 each for **Monday's Fellowship Luncheon**

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

☐ Check for Kid's Meal Option \$19.00

Please reserve _____ places at \$32.00 each for **Wednesday's Prayer Luncheon**

☐ Check for Fish Option (add \$3.00)

☐ Check for Kid's Meal Option \$19.00

*Please reserve _____ add'l places at \$48.00 each for **Thursday's Banquet Dinner**

☐ Chicken

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

☐ Fish

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

☐ Kid's Meal

***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)

If paying by credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER

Account Number on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Signature: _____

Deadline for meal function reservations is June 25th. There will only be a VERY LIMITED supply of tickets available at Conference registration, so please purchase your tickets before the deadline. After June 25, 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. Kids 12 yrs & under will automatically receive the kid's meal at the Conference Banquet, unless an Adult Meal upgrade is purchased.**