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Annual Conference – come experience the “Body of Christ”

Jerry Brown, VP for Conference Planning

I'm always telling you what a great conference we will have each year. That's primarily because I see the conference being birthed each year, and I see all the details and opportunities you have to be involved, to learn, to grow, to enjoy.

But this year, I can't begin to explain what an excellent conference we will have, and what great opportunities you will have ... and how perfectly it conforms to our theme - *All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.* I Corinthians 12:27. This scripture is true of our churches, our Council, and our Planning Committee; and this year, so very applicable to our conference.



So, what part of the body are you?

EDUCATION



Are you the mind, always looking for opportunities to learn? The Education track is just for you and I'm impressed with the Bible Study and workshop leaders we have for you.

WORSHIP



Are you the ears, looking for opportunities to praise God, to hear God's will for you and guidance for your life? The Worship track is just for you, and I'm pleased and impressed with the worship leader we have for you.

MISSION



Are you the hands, looking for opportunities to serve and do God's work? The Mission track is just for you and I'm impressed with the hands-on opportunities we have for you to get involved in missions outreach.

FELLOWSHIP



Are you the feet, looking for opportunities to get out and renew old acquaintances, or make new ones? The Fellowship track is just for you, and I'm impressed with the opportunities we have for you to do that too.

Or maybe you can't decide and just want to be a part of everything. Go for it, and explore a little taste of them all at the smorgasbord of opportunities we have for you at the Annual Conference this year.

We have a wonderful program with dynamic speakers at a beautiful hotel with an outstanding breakfast to start each day ... there aren't enough adjectives to adequately describe what we have planned for you. You have to experience it.

I'll see you in Charlotte!



President's Message

Abraham Wright

He Lives! He Lives! He Lives!

That most sacred time of the year, similar to Christmas, is here again. It is the time when many of us slip on our best behavior, or at least act as if we have repented for our individual sins, since Jesus paid for the corporate sins of the world so that we might have eternal life. The issue, however, is that at the end of the Easter season, we return to our "ole selves," and life goes on as usual. Too often this process is similar to making one step forward in the right direction; then retrogressing to the same state. Yet Paul, who genuinely repented for his sins, says that the proof of repentance of sin is "good works" (Acts 26:20). For Paul, that is wholeheartedly putting himself into the work of evangelism to accomplish the mission of God, first by sharing the gospel with the Jews; then with the Gentiles. Paul does this despite repeatedly being falsely accused, despite plots against his life, and despite accusations against him by other members of the household of faith. Yet, Paul is relentless in this mission, even until death.

Many of the Jews said that Jesus was dead; Paul, on the other hand, unequivocally insists, as many of us do, that Jesus lives because He is embodied within our hearts, our minds,

our souls, and our actions. So, no matter what others said, Paul reminds the doubters that the prophets spoke of Jesus' coming and his resurrection, that the apostles and others who were close to Jesus were eye witnesses of his presence on earth after his death, and Paul himself had a personal encounter with Jesus. Because of the powerful impact of that encounter, Paul was never the same again, and never again did he doubt that Jesus lives; for Christ suffered and was the first to rise from the dead (Acts 26:23), including us, in an anachronistic sense.

The question for us, then, is how do we demonstrate our repentance? Are we encouraging our fellow believers in Christ who have loss loved ones or have or are suffering from diseases and other ailments that God does hear and answer prayers—sometimes personally, sometimes through fellow believers, sometimes through strangers, and sometimes through the sufferers themselves? For I have two dear friends who are living through stage-four cancer, but they are more positive and uplifting than some of us who appear to "have it all" or almost all. They know that despite the outcome, Jesus lives; and they are determined to live as if there is a tomorrow because the signs of their repentance is to do good, not constantly complain and discourage themselves and others. I call them the effective ministers and evangelists who are not inhibited by their conditions. They don't sit around and blame churches that were forced to close their doors; instead, they are doing good so that their churches' doors will remain open. They don't complain about what others around them are not doing to as-

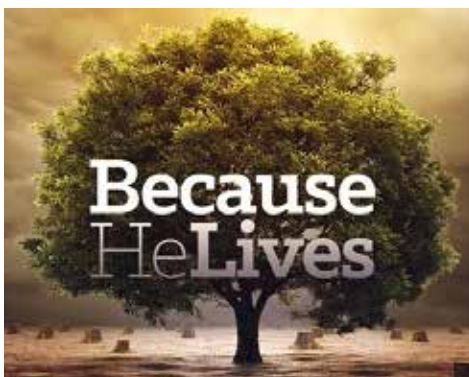
sist them in carrying out the Church's mission; instead, they use the resources they have, which often leads them to other valuable resources; they evaluate and re-evaluate; then, with a willingness to make changes when necessary, they let the Holy Spirit guide them in spreading the gospel.

Yes, we have made our verbal confessions of repentance. But, in order to do good, we must first become familiar with the goodness of Jesus Christ; we need to see the goodness in ourselves and in others. I shamefully admit that some of us don't show signs of repentance. Have you talked to a so-called believer whose first, middle, and last word were negative? Have you had a conversation with someone to whom the most important person in life is "self"? And if self is not the center, there is no center at all. How does an attitude like this enable us to be "light in darkness," to obliterate the darkness with light?

The commission that Jesus gave the apostles is that of evangelism. Probably the most effective model of evangelism ends in lives being transformed from one of unbelief to one of belief, from one of sin to one of righteousness, from a life of satisfaction of self to one of modeling as Jesus did so that others might believe.

One of the greatest gifts we can give to someone is an introduction to a life with Jesus Christ who will be with us at all times, through all situations, and through eternity. But this introduction must be accompanied with doing that which is good as evidence that yes, Jesus lives. He lives! He lives! He lives!

Abraham Wright





Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

God's Easter People

As we prepare to move through Holy Week and retell the story of Jesus going to his death at Calvary, we remember that God is still in charge because the tomb did not have the last word. Easter reminds us that God can do the impossible and make all things new.

We don't always live like God's Easter people. We sometimes live with half-empty cups rather than half-full, if not overflowing cups. Our imagination of what God can do is stunted at times by our sense of helplessness and despair. Some of our congregations are stuck in the past and keep trying to do the same old things that no longer work. Society is rapidly changing, and some congregations are unwilling to change and adapt. As a result, they have lost their ability to imagine a new and different future.

How are we willing to open the doors of our churches and our hearts to the work of God's Holy Spirit to renew the life and mission of your congregation? What happens when we welcome God's Spirit? I have witnessed

congregations open their doors and revitalize their congregational life by welcoming new neighbors who don't look like them. I have seen congregations who have let go of their church home to receive a new ministry, such as developing affordable housing on its site or becoming a community center. I have participated with congregations that changed their worship services to welcome new worshippers. I have celebrated with congregations who developed new mission partnerships in their backyard. Being open to God's spirit is to be open to change and to step out in faith because you believe that God is with you and guiding you on a new journey.

As God's Easter People, we should not fear change because God is always with us! The future is wide open for new mission possibilities for your congregations and lives. As Isaiah proclaims in 41:10, "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."

Phil



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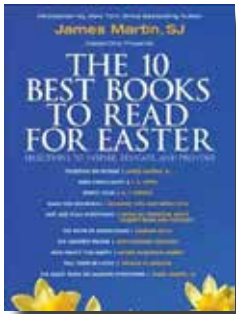


Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

*The theme is "Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do!
And whatever else you do, develop good judgment." - Pro 4:7 NLT.*

Easter is an excellent time for reflection and themes of forgiveness. We invite you to consider the following classic and contemporary books to encourage your soul..



The 10 Best Books to Read for Easter: Selections to Inspire, Educate, & Provoke: Excerpts from new and classic titles by bestselling authors in the field, with an Introduction by James Martin, SJ. HarperOne, 2013, Kindle, Free

If you want a good book on devotions, then the classic *The 10 Best books to Read for Easter* is an excellent choice

to consider. The book offers writings from other Christian authors and includes: An Introduction from James Martin, SJ, and excerpts from: *Together on Retreat* by James Martin, SJ, *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis, *Simply Jesus* by N. T. Wright, *Made for Goodness* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu *Not Less Than Everything* by Catherine Wolff (Editor), *The Worthless Servant* by Ann Patchett, *The Myth of Persecution* by Candida Moss, *The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan, *God Wants You Happy* by Father Jonathan Morris, *Will There Be Faith?* by Thomas H. Groome, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* by James Martin, SJ. I found the sharing of Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu make insightful comments about their work in parish life and their work on the South African's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Sometimes we think we are in trouble but when we read these excerpts they provide an excellent view of how to walk in this Christian walk. It is worth reading over and over again.



***Starting Over: Finding God's Forgiveness When You Find It Hard To Forgive Yourself* by F. Remy Diederich. LifeChange, 2017, 83 pages, Kindle Unlimited, \$0.00, Paperback, \$9.99**

During Easter we consider the blessing of forgiveness, but do we really embrace our forgiveness fully. In *Starting Over*, F. Remy Diederich provides those of us who have

difficulty with forgiving themselves a way to change. This book attempts to answer these questions: "Do we have to let our failure/mistakes define who we are and what our lives mean?". In fact, Diederich answers the questions by stating we don't

have to be concerned about mistakes. "All of our mistakes in fact; past, present, and future have been paid in full by Christ," Remy explains. Another reviewer notes that "This is a short book on salvation, forgiveness, and grace. It applies to all people for we all have sinned. I found a few punctuation errors, and it doesn't capitalize the pronouns for God which should be done as a small way of honoring Him. The book is divided into short segments that read quickly and could be used as two-minute devotions."



Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter Paperback – November 17, 2021 by Kelly Brown Douglas. Orbis, 2021, Paperback, 224 pages,

Kelly Douglas asks some very difficult questions for our times: "How do we really know that God cares when Black people are still getting killed? How long do we have to wait for the justice of God?" After our increasing levels of violence in our country, Douglas provided some potential answers from the view of a Biblical scholar and a mother.

Douglas examines "the message of Confederate monuments and the 'Make America Great Again' slogan. She examines the failures of even 'good white Christians' and struggles with the hope that 'Black Lives Matter,' before reaching deep into her own experience and the faith of Black folks to find her way back to Resurrection Hope." Yolanda Bethea, an Amazon reviewer notes, "This is a wonderful read, and it helps to shape our theological understanding of God's activity in the Black Lives Matter struggle. A relevant work for relevant 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..*

“With Glad and Generous Hearts”
Acts 2:46b

Community Churches Sunday Sunday, April 30, 2023 (or another Sunday chosen by your church)

All the material your church needs to celebrate
Community Churches Sunday
can be found in a Resource Kit at:

[https://www.icccnow.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/
Community-Churches-Sunday-Kit-2023.pdf](https://www.icccnow.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Community-Churches-Sunday-Kit-2023.pdf)

Our Community Churches Sunday Resource Kit for 2023 contains:

- ideas for celebration
- two sizes of bulletin inserts,
sermon ideas
- worship resources,
- a new hymn for 2023
“Now With Glad Hearts”

Join with other ICCC churches and celebrate
Community Churches Sunday.

For more information, visit
<https://www.icccnow.org/headlines/>

Community Churches Sunday 2023



“With Glad
and Generous
Hearts”
Acts 2:46b



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ICCC Resource Information Session

**March 30th and April 15th for
our directors, trustees, leaders
of state area fellowships & key
laypersons and anyone who
wants to learn about the ICCC**

“What does ICCC do for our congregation?” is a question raised occasionally by members of our ICCC family. ICCC may be a small communion of congregations, centers, and members, but ICCC still offers our members some resources and consultative services. Rev. Bob Fread, Vice-President of Information Services and Outreach, will present a one-hour zoom information session about ICCC resources and services.

The zoom session will be held on:

**Thursday, March 30th
7–8:00 PM EST**

**Saturday, April 15th
12 noon – 1:00 PM**

We strongly encourage our Directors, Trustees, state and area fellowships leaders, and Key Lay Persons to participate in one of these sessions. These persons within our ICCC family serve as liaisons between the ICCC and our local churches. We feel that the information to be shared is vital to your ministry within the ICCC. During the latter part of the Session, Rev. Phil Tom will invite your input and suggestions on how ICCC can continue to resource your congregation and center. We invite you to join us on March 30th or April 15th.

For Zoom information, visit
<https://www.icccnow.org/headlines/>

Sharing Concerns with

- **ICCC Chaplain Tim Dahlstrom**, who will be deploying with the USAF this summer until late fall.
- **Rev. Charles Schmitt**, who's wife, **Mallory Zolyan Schmitt**, suddenly passed away March 3, 2023. Mallory was **CITI Ministries** President/Executive Director.



**EASTERN ZONE, REGION A
ZOOM CONVERSATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 22 10:30 AM**

The Eastern Zone, Region A is having a zoom conversation on Saturday, April 22, from 10:30 AM – 12 noon Eastern Time.

This will be a time for getting acquainted, re-acquainted, or perhaps to meet for the first time. There will be no formal agenda, but we might find this a time to share issues that have come up in our various faith communities.

We'd love to have you join the meeting.

The Zoom information can be found at

<https://www.icccnow.org/upcoming-meetings/>

Meet Our Leadership, One by One



**WINESSA
CRUTCHFIELD**
WCF President

My name is Winessa Crutchfield, I am a lifelong member of Seneca Community Church, in Germantown, Maryland. My husband, Keith and I live in Frederick, Maryland and are proud parents of two beautiful young women and yia-yia and granddaddy of three energetic grandchildren.

I work in the Montgomery County Public School system currently holding the position of Attendance Secretary. I love interacting with people and creating a bond with them. I hope to use my previous experience from serving as the president of my church's WCF to work with the board and ICCC organization, by making connections with the executive board of the WCF, executive boards of the ICCC and beyond.

My goal for our organization is to get the women of the ICCC connected more with one another and encourage outreach opportunities as individual churches and collectively as a united board. Connecting the scripture, 1 Thessalonians 5:12, "know those that labor among you" and using that as my mantra as president of the WCF, I hope to encourage local WCF auxiliaries to serve in their local communities and network within the ICCC to make connections as Christian women and positively impact our communities.

***1 Thessalonians 5:12,
"know those that labor among you"***

Winessa Crutchfield

Several Mission-themed Programs Planned for 2023 Annual Conference

This year's new Mission Track will feature at least one mission-related event every day of the conference.

The past few months, the ICCC Hunger Relief Missions Committee has been working with Christina Jones of the conference's Charlotte-based host church, Imagine Church, to identify local mission organizations that will be featured at the conference.

This is your opportunity to not only learn about how local Christian-based charitable organizations are helping change lives of the homeless and needy for the better, but to also provide vitally important hands-on assistance.



Tuesday, July 18
Mission Workshop: 2-3pm

Colin Pinkney, the Visionary & Executive Director of the Harvest Center of Charlotte, NC will give a multi-media presentation on the help that the center provides to the homeless in Greater Charlotte. Mr. Pinkney is a community leader with 25 years of experience helping the poorest and most vulnerable citizens.

Under Mr. Pinkney's vision, the Harvest Center provides Christian care including furnished apartments to non-chronic homeless men, women and families. He will explain how his organization works with area strategic partners to provide holistic services and resources to break the cycle of homelessness in Charlotte.

Mr. Pinkney's informative presentation will be followed by a 10 to 15 minute Q&A session.

Youth Offsite
Hands-on
Mission Event

Wednesday July 19th
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Conference Youth Leader **Mike Mahan** and an adult female assistant from Imagine Church will escort Conference youth attendees to a thrift shop run by the Tender Hearts Ministries.

The youth will help sort donated items at one of Tender Heart's thrift stores (think Goodwill Industries) that will be either sold to area residents or given to homeless mothers with children staying at a Tender Hearts' facility known as The House of Hope. This is a shelter that the 15-year-old faith-based charitable organization provides along with job training for homeless women while also helping them care for their children.

The conference is providing a complimentary 12-seat van and driver to take the youth to and from the thrift shop. Youth will have an opportunity to each order a free boxed lunch that they will eat enroute to the thrift shop. Each participating youth will need a parent-signed permission slip for this event.

Participating youths will receive special ICCC Community Service Certificates.

Give Hope Global
special speaker
Ms. Enise Gideon

Wednesday, July 19
Mission Luncheon: Noon-1 p.m.

Local Charlotte charity, Give Hope Global, will be providing a very special speaker—**Ms. Enise Gideon**— during the Mission Luncheon. She was one of the severely disadvantaged youths in Haiti for whom Give Hope Global helped provide an education 12 years ago. That was after the catastrophic Haitian earthquake in 2010. Ms. Gideon is now on the Dean's List at Wingate University and speaks three languages. She will share her inspirational story made possible by Give Hope Global.

Mission
Workshop

Wednesday, July 19
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Melissa Woeffler, the Executive Administrator of Give Hope Global, will present a workshop about that Christian organization's life-changing efforts for more than a decade to provide nutritional meals, educational supplies and schooling to impoverished Haitian children. The organization more recently is helping desperately poor children in Ghana, Africa receive an education.

This will be a highly informative multimedia presentation. Afterwards, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about Give Hope Global's activities to rescue children from poverty and help them attain successful, productive lives.

Women's Christian
Fellowship
Mission Workshop

Thursday, July 20
11 a.m. to 12 noon

WCF is sponsoring a workshop featuring a local charity that WCF is encouraging conference attendees to help support. Adult conference attendees regardless of gender are encouraged to come. Conference attendees will have an opportunity to provide gift cards to the WCF-sponsored charity. More details will be provided in the next issue of The Christian Community.

Mission-themed Programs con't. from p 7

*Onsite
Multi-general
Hands-on Event*

*Friday, July 21
Set-up 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Backpack Stuffing: 2:30 to 4pm*

Recently deceased Hunger Relief Missions Committee member Tom Friedberg helped pioneer a highly successful hands-on project at last year's Annual Conference. It involved stuffing school supplies into 300 backpacks for school age children in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Ohio.

This year we are following Tom's model by working with Give Hope Global to stuff 300 backpacks with school supplies for desperately poor Haitian children. Melissa Woelfler, Executive Administrator of Give Help Global, will help lead this hands-on activity. The 1 ½ to 2-hour event will be held in the ICCC Missions Room on the first floor of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

From 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. we will need 10 to 15 volunteers to unpack thousands of individual school supplies (pencils, rulers, crayons, etc.) from boxes, some of which are hefty. The individual supplies will then need to be organized in like groups on long tables to facilitate the backpack stuffing.

We will need approximately 40 volunteers in all age groups to stuff the backpacks from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and to write hand-written notes of encouragement to be inserted into each backpack.

The actual stuffing of the backpacks involves NO heavy lifting. Participants will receive special ICCC Community Service Certificates.

Give Hope Global will ensure that the stuffed backpacks are shipped to Haiti where they will be given to needy children so that they can have a much greater chance of succeeding in school. Give Hope Global has been providing critically-needed help to Haitian school children for more than a decade.

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<https://www.charlottesgotalot.com/destination-experience>
is a great resource for:

- All about Charlotte:
 - ✓ things to do
 - ✓ places to eat
 - ✓ events taking place
 - ✓ getting there
 - ✓ getting around, and much more
- Information about their "Show your Badge" program, which provides our attendees attraction, dining, nightlife, and retail exclusive offers and discounts throughout the city.



CHARLOTTE



International Council of Community Churches
ICCC Registration Form – 2023 Annual Conference: July 18-21
"We are family" - Charlotte, NC

Name (as you would like it on badge) _____

Full Address _____

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 7-1-2023) _____ Grade completed by (7-1-2023) _____

■ 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, 2023 - Early Bird Special \$195.00	\$ 230.00	\$
Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) T W Th F (meals not included)	\$ 75.00/day	\$
CC	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

Which TRACK are you most interested to follow (circle one):

WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP

MISSION

EDUCATION

BUSINESS

A Banquet ticket is included in your registration fee. This meal includes: Caesar Salad, Chicken Artichoke Piccata, Red Bliss Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, White Wine Lemon Sauce, Artisanal Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee, Hot Herbal Tea and Iced Tea. *Fish Option:* Southern Spiced Sautéed Shrimp & Grits with Tomato Glaze. *Kid's Meal Option:* Chicken Tenders, Fries, Lemonade and a Cookie. Meals are subject to change.

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

Chicken Piccata (Default Option)

Fish Option

Kid's Meal Option

****Child & Elementary registrations include the Kid's Meal option. If the adult meal for Child/Elementary 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 30, 2023 will be accepted at Conference only.

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS MAY BE VIDEOTAPED for advertising or Social Media. By registering for conference, you agree the ICCC may use your 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.

2023 Conference Meal Programs

The **2023 Annual Conference** offers 3 optional meal program opportunities: the **Fellowship Luncheon**, the **Mission 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 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.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 12:00pm is the **Fellowship Luncheon**. This meal includes Baby Green Salad, Roasted Vegetable Ravioli, Herb Shallot Burr Blanc, Artisanal Rolls, Creamy Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea.

Kid's Meal Option: Chicken Tenders, Fries, Lemonade and a Cookie.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 12:00pm is the **Mission Luncheon**. This meal includes Baby Green Salad, Bourbon Brown Sugar Meatloaf, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Artisanal Rolls, Creamy Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea. **Vegetarian Option:** Roasted Vegetable Wrap and Carolina Cole Slaw.

Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 12:00pm is the **Prayer Luncheon**. This meal includes Baby Green Salad, Baked Macaroni & Cheese with Chicken, Seasonal Vegetables, Artisanal Rolls, Creamy Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea.

Vegetarian Option: Broccoli Alfredo

Friday, July 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. is the **Conference Banquet***. This meal includes: Caesar Salad, Chicken Artichoke Piccata, Red Bliss Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, White Wine Lemon Sauce, Artisanal Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Coffee, Hot Herbal Tea and Iced Tea.

Fish Option: Southern Spiced Sautéed Shrimp & Grits with Tomato Glaze.

Kid's Meal Option: Chicken Tenders, Fries, Lemonade and a Cookie.

All meals are subject to change.

2023 MEAL RESERVATION FORM

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

Name: _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$28.00 each for **Tuesdays Fellowship Luncheon**

☐ Check for Kid's Meal Option \$15.00

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

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

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

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

*Please reserve _____ add'l places at \$54.00 each for **Friday's Banquet Dinner**

☐ Chicken

☐ Fish

*Please reserve _____ add'l places at \$27.00 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 30th. There will only be a VERY LIMITED supply of tickets available at Conference registration, so please purchase your tickets before the deadline. After June 30, 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.**

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International Council of Community Churches

PO Box 846, Longmont, CO 80502

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REQUEST FOR EXHIBIT SPACE

I.C.C.C. Annual Conference

July 18-21, 2023 • Charlotte, NC

Please reserve a 6' x 30" space in the exhibit area of the 2023 Annual Conference of the International Council of Community Churches.

An attendant _____ will be present

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Brief Description: _____

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There is a fee of \$50.00 per exhibit space, for the July 18-21, 2023 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, 2023 to:

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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.



Full-Time Minister

Pembroke Township, IL- Minister/Pastor- St. Anne Woods Chapel Community Church-Non-Denominational. St. Anne Woods Chapel Community Church is prayerfully seeking a full time Minister who is called by God, ordained, and dedicated to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Status and qualifications will include:

- Must hold a degree from an accredited seminar or Bible college.
- Must be an ordained and/or licensed minister.
- Must have a minimum of 3-6 years of experience as a minister or minister assistance.
- Must have great leadership skills, ability to reach out to the youth, and open to growing the ministry.

Duties:

- Coordinating with the church secretary to prepare a weekly bulletin.
- Conducting weekly adult bible study.
- Preaching the weekly sermon on Sunday mornings.
- Teaching weekly Sunday School class
- Administering the Sacraments of communion and baptism.
- Officiating at all weddings, funerals, and other ceremonial occasions as needed.
- Participating in community events.
- Works with the deacons and board regarding the future of the church.

If interested in the position, please submit the following information listed below to stannewoodschapelc@gmail.com. Please submit documents in a PDF format only.

- Cover letter that includes salary expectations, a little information about yourself, and why you believe that God is calling you to apply for this position.
- Resume
- Copy of Ministerial License and/or Certificate of Ordination.
- Degree from seminar or bible college
- Three references which would include one personal reference and two professional (minister/pastor) letters of preference.

Full-Time Minister

According to a recent survey, a rare combination of high energy, high satisfaction, flexibility, and strong support for mission set our small church apart from most others. New Covenant Community Church, in Akron, Ohio, a long-time ICCC member, is seeking a full-time minister to replace its present minister who is retiring in February, 2023. For more information, please contact Susie Stevenor, PNC Clerk, at pncnccc@gmail.com.



Senior Minister

Join us in turning the tide from surviving to thriving in 2021 and beyond. 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 persons with faithful commitment.

The position requires an experienced, ordained Protestant minister with youthful enthusiasm to reestablish CCEW as the "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), only 25 minutes from Manhattan via railroad.

The Pastoral Search Committee is accepting packages containing (but not limited to) your resume, your calling (share your call to ministry), style of ministry (share your beliefs) and samples of your sermons on a website, blog or Facebook.

To view their ideal candidate thoughts, visit the ICCC website for the full ad.

<https://www.iccnw.org/careers/>

Please email your response to:

maryellen@ccew.org,

or mail a hard copy to:

Community Church of East Williston

Pastoral Search Committee

Mary Ellen Williams, Chairperson

45 East Williston Avenue

East Williston, NY 11596