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## President's Message Abraham Wright

### Not Quite a Sermon but a Resounding Comment



Most of us remember that February is the month in which we celebrate African American culture with intention. One of the most significant facts is African Americans' extraordinary achievements despite constant struggles during the inhumane institution of slavery, fighting against Jim Crow laws and living through Reconstruction, and the unavoidable struggles and successes during the Civil Rights era. But we are still here, and more significantly, we are still achieving among our other sisters and brothers in Christ; so this month is not just the celebration of African American culture but celebration of the season of Lent with focus on the Son of God making final preparation to sacrifice his life that we might be reconciled to the love and unity of God.

One of the highlights of the history of the African American Church, especially during difficulties times, is that the African American pastor had the wisdom, either within their mind or with paper to know that there must be a core leadership roster with indication of where authority lies and a basic budget. Otherwise, he or she knew he/she would not draw "all men" to Christ. For those clergies, giving was not a choice but a must. They knew that the question was not so much how or what you choose to give, but where you chose to worship; they knew that some houses of worship had one structure; some had another. The *where* might have been a choice; they gave on a regular basis as they were blessed because it was a requirement then, and so is it now. When the church badly needed money and those who were able to give but refused to do so, the preacher asked the usher or the deacon to bar the door so no one could get out. If they still did not give, the preacher called names of individuals and the amount he

or she could give. Then the parishioners were released from "prison" after reluctantly giving his/her offering. Modern-day, wise, faithful leaders do not use the "prison" technique, but they have the same basic ideas of leadership: we must have at least the two basics: a leadership plan, and a core budget. Otherwise, how will the organization carry out its purpose or mission? That pastor knew that trusting in the Lord is a requirement, but he also knew that we must learn to trust in ourselves and don't stop giving because our giving encourages others to give and so our giving works together because we learn doing the Lord's work. Sometimes we may switch the order, but there are some things we cannot avoid.

I don't want to get off topic, but remember that Jesus gave much wise advice about the use of money and other possessions. So during this season of Lent, take a lesson from the wise preacher during troublesome time and "feed my sheep" with the spiritual and the financial word, or more simply, with the wisdom of God. It's a wise beginning. It eliminates a lifetime of searching for what we ought to do and going ahead and doing it.

Taking care of the necessities of God's house is not a contest. It's a mission, and the mission takes honesty, faithfulness, belief in the one and only God of American Christianity, and financial support that is not marginalized, but is faithful to the mission of the Church: Spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's not the peak of the Empire State Building nor the Brightest Star on Broadway; it's God's Children coming together to do God's Will.

My parents, biological and spiritual, knew this well; it's time that we learn it also.

*Abraham Wright*



## Executive Director's Message

**Phil Tom**

### *Building the beloved community*



One of my favorite books is The Company of Strangers written by Parker Palmer. In this book, Parker Palmer “reminds us that a truly profound spiritual life leads us toward God who makes us a community.” Parker says, “Community is the place where the person you least want to live with always lives.” He also says that “the true test of community lies in our ability to navigate our community’s complexities and find common ground with those who challenge us the most.”

As a pastor and community organizer, I have used this wonderful resource by Parker Palmer when I preach or talk about building community, whether it be within a congregation or community or between a congregation and its community. I don’t have to tell you how divided our nation and global community is today, including many congregations and faith communities. We are divided, if not in conflict, over social, gender, sexual, racial, theological, and political issues.

Who is best to bring us together, to help build unity amid our diversities? We no longer have many effective mediating institutions to unite different people. People may unite around a particular issue but not necessarily with one another!

God calls us to build the beloved community, not just with those who look like us or whom we like, but with the strangers in our midst. Jesus reached out to taxpayers, lepers, prostitutes, the poor, the outcasts in society, and people whom we might not associate with, let alone be in community.

How are you and your congregations working to build the beloved community, to be bridge builders in your community, between your congregation and community, and maybe even in your congregation? Our broken and divided communities, nations, and the world desperately need mending, healing, and reconciliation. Let us be community builders, building God’s beloved community!

*Phil Tom*

*“The Church is called not only to feed the hungry, but to eat together. When the table is set and all sit down, labels melt away and relationships are formed. That is the beauty of Christ’s table.” -Luke Edwards*

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



## ICCC MARCH 2024

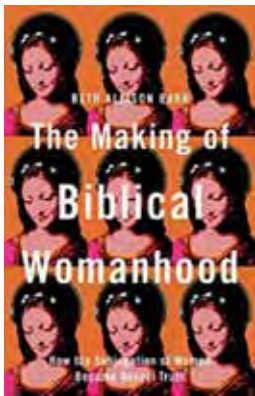


## Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

Welcome to our celebration of Women's History Month. We pray that our sharing captures the idea of fellowship from First John 1:3.

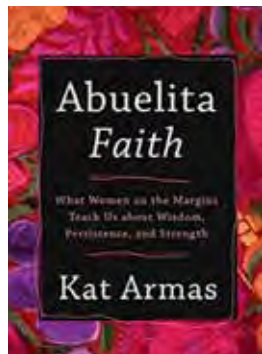
This year we are sharing five book reviews from the Religion News Service. These books illuminate the diversity of women of faith in our time.



**"The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Allison Barr**

For 40 years, Beth Allison Barr believed "biblical womanhood" meant "God designed women primarily to be submissive wives, virtuous mothers, and joyful homemakers," she writes in the introduction of her book, "The Making of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth." But Barr's training as a historian (she's Associate Professor of History and Associate Dean of the Graduate School

at Baylor University) convinced her otherwise. She shares her experiences as a Southern Baptist and pastor's wife, combined with the history and impact of complementarian beliefs, in her book, which releases in April.



**"Abuelita Faith" by Kat Armas**

After years of formal seminary education, Kat Armas found that one theologian emerged as the most impactful in her life: her abuelita. Armas, host of "The Protagonistas" podcast, realized there were voices she wasn't hearing in the church and academia — those from the madres of the faith who had raised, shaped and formed her as a Cuban American. In "Abuelita Faith: What

Women on the Margins Teach Us about Wisdom, Persistence, and Strength," releasing in August, Armas encourages readers to see the overlooked women in their lives — particularly Black, Indigenous and other women of color — as genuine sources of theology.



**"Carved in Ebony" by Jasmine L. Holmes**

In "Carved in Ebony: Lessons from the Black Women Who Shape Us," writer and teacher Jasmine L. Holmes shares the stories of 10 Black women, including Elizabeth Freeman, Nannie Helen Burroughs and Mamie Till. Holmes' book, releasing in November, isn't just a counterweight to the stories of white men that dominate history books. It also illustrates the role Black women have played in the formation of the Christian faith

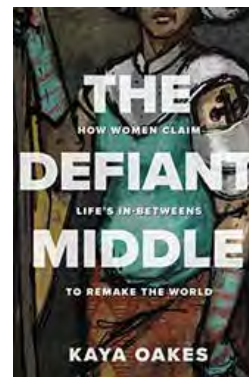
and how they can continue to form Christians — of all races and genders — today.



**"What Jesus Learned From Women" by James F. McGrath**

In "What Jesus Learned from Women," released in March, James F. McGrath treats both Jesus and the women Jesus encounters in the Gospels as fully human. Combining biblical scholarship and historical fiction, he explores what these women might've taught Jesus and how that might answer puzzling questions in the text. It's not as controversial as it sounds,

according to McGrath, who holds the Clarence L. Goodwin Chair in New Testament Language and Literature at Butler University in Indianapolis. "Being an effective educator goes hand in hand with being a lifelong learner," he writes.



**"The Defiant Middle" by Kaya Oakes**

Ask any woman about the impossible expectations placed on them: They should be young, but not too young; passionate, but not angry. Where they actually live is somewhere in what Catholic writer Kaya Oakes calls "the defiant middle." In her book, "The Defiant Middle: How Women Claim Life's In-Betweens to Remake the World," releasing in November, Oakes writes about how living in times of transition or

in marginalized female identities can be both spiritually challenging and freeing — and how it ultimately can change the world. "Change, after all, always comes from the margins," she writes.

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS. Remember, please share your thoughts at [ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net) by the end of the month. And let us know if we have your permission to quote or paraphrase your comments. Thank you for your feedback and have a blessed month.

## "So Nice to Meet You"

by Rev. Dr. Wendy Childress, ICCC VP for Regional Relationships

"How are you? Can I offer you something to eat?" That is our typical greeting when serving those facing food and housing insufficiency. We consider it a blessing to be able to help these women, men, and families that are often overlooked, passed by, and ignored. In John 21, Jesus instructs Peter to feed and take care of His sheep. This is one opportunity we have to do just that.



In 2022, God had me to officially launch WC Ministries and caring for His sheep is what we strive to do. One of our ministries is our Helping Hands program where we provide nutritional meals to those in need. And of course, each meal also includes a snack bag; we all want a little something sweet or salty to munch on after a meal. Equally important for us is that we get to know those that we serve and by having genuine conversations, we do just that. When you hear words like "you are the only two that take time to talk to me," ("the only two" refers to me and my daughter); or witness the huge smiles and sincere gratitude expressed for something as simple as a few kind words, we are filled and humbled and saddened because this tells us there are far too many people who are not receiving the most inexpensive act of human kindness—a *smile and hello*.



Whether serving meals at night or during the day; or providing toiletry bags, clothing to women, or a word of encouragement, WC Ministries is committed to caring for His sheep. We are a "boots on the ground" ministry and we can't do the work alone. Building partnerships with others and the financial support of individuals, family, friends, and generous organizations is imperative.

We thank John Hardman-Zimmerman and the Samaritans Committee of ICCC for their support of our mission.

You can learn more about us at [wc-ministries.org](http://wc-ministries.org).



## Meet Our Leadership, One by One

### DOROTHY CAMPBELL GARDNER Vice President of Financial Planning

As a newly elected Board Member I would like to introduce myself. My name is Dorothy Campbell Gardner the newly elected Vice President of Financial Planning.

I am a member of People's Community Church in Detroit, Michigan whereas the minister is Rev. Dr.

Alton K. Parks, Sr. I have been a member since the early 1980's. I have served on the two governing boards (Board of Stewards/Board of Trustees) and as Chair of the Board of Stewards. I have also served on other auxiliaries of the church.

I have attended several ICCC conferences and served as a delegate to many of them. I am an active member of the Women's Christian Fellowship and have served as the 2nd Vice President. I am also active in the Central Zone, Region B.

I am a retiree of Ford Motor Company from the position of Global Supply Chain Manager. I had the responsibility to ensure that all our manufacturing processes were in sync and provided training of the processes and software tools used. I also assisted with launches of new software at our manufacturing facilities to support the supply chain.

I thank you for supporting me in my new role as Vice President of Financial Development and look forward to seeing you in Kansas City in July.



*Dorothy Campbell  
Gardner*



# Grant/Fundraising 2024

by Dorothy Campbell Gardner

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS



Several years ago, ICCC produced a resource on fundraising ideas for your congregation. The resource may be dated, but many of the ideas still apply today. Fundraising-Packet.pdf (<https://www.icccnow.org/council-other-agency-resources/>)

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**Lilly Endowment Religion Division**  
- <https://lillyendowment.org/our-work/religion>



The Lilly Endowment provides grants to address various issues in congregational and religious life.

"A primary aim in religion is to deepen and enrich the religious lives of Christians in the United States, principally by supporting efforts that enhance the vitality of congregations. We value the broad diversity of Christian traditions and congregations today and endeavor to support them in a wide variety of contexts. We seek to ensure that all types of congregations have a steady stream of wise, faithful, diverse and well-prepared leaders. We work to strengthen theological schools as well as religious institutions and networks that nurture pastors and support the ministries of congregations. We support efforts that help Christians draw on the wisdom of their theological traditions as they strive to understand and respond to contemporary challenges and live their faith more fully. We are especially interested in efforts that nurture the religious lives of children, youth and young adults and share the beauty and vibrancy of Christian faith with a new generation. We also work to foster public understanding about religion. While we seek to lift up the contributions that people of all religious faiths make to our greater civic well-being, we also encourage fair and accurate portrayals of both the negative and positive effects of religion on the world." ~ Lilly Endowment Religion's Website

The Lilly Endowment also funds the following grant programs.

**Calvin Institute of Christian Worship** - <https://worship.calvin.edu/grants/index.html>

Through the Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grants Program, the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship (CICW) seeks to foster, strengthen, and sustain well-grounded public worship throughout Canada and the United States.

CICW welcomes grant proposals on a wide range of Christian worship practices. In particular, we invite proposals related to universal design, cultural engagement, preaching, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

**Leadership Education at Duke Divinity** - <https://leadership.divinity.duke.edu/what-we-offer/grants/>

Leadership Education encourages innovation in Christian institutions with small grants that empower our constituents to experiment, develop leadership among staff and recognize ideas that could be useful to other organizations. We share what we are learning from grantees through Faith & Leadership and our programs.

**Louisville Institute** - <https://louisville-institute.org/programs-grants-and-fellowships/grants/>

The Louisville Institute grant programs support religious and theological studies conducted by pastors, scholars, and researchers. Read on to discover which grant might be right for your project!

You should check out the information on each of these institutions' websites to learn about their grants and the criteria for grant applications.

## RESEARCH LOCAL COMMUNITY AND FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Talk about local community and family foundations with fundraisers from social service organizations, schools, and non-profit organizations in your community. These foundations usually do not provide grants to religious organizations, but they might fund your community ministry.

## GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

Last year, Dr. Linda Abington led a four-session workshop on preparing a grant. Here is the link to the workshops - <https://www.icccnow.org/council-other-agency-resources/>. Go to this page and then go down to the fourth entry. Tap on each session to bring up the recording of the workshop.



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If you know of resources for fundraising or grant opportunities or have a successful fundraising idea, please send the information to

**Dorothy Campbell Gardner,**  
**Vice-President, Financial Development,**  
**Board of Directors, at [dcampbellgardner@aol.com](mailto:dcampbellgardner@aol.com).**

We want to provide our ICCC Family with regular updates on fundraising ideas and grant opportunities.

## *Nominations for Officers are Welcomed!*

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following leadership positions to be presented and elected at our 2024 Conference:

### **President, Class of 2027 (three-year term)**

The President shall serve as the elected leader of the Council and preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees, appoint moderators and members of committees, and represent the Council, when possible, in relation to other religious and public bodies.

### **Secretary, Class of 2027 (three-year term)**

Develop minutes for all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and all business meetings of the Annual Conference.

### **Vice-President for Planning, Class of 2027 (three-year term)**

Plan the Annual Conference.

### **Vice-President for Leadership Development, Class of 2027 (three-year term)**

Develop and implement programs and recommend programs developed by others for leadership development.

### **Vice-President for Regional Relationships, Class of 2027, (three-year term)**

Develop, maintain, and enhance relationships between member churches and centers and their regional associations.

### **Regional Trustees, Class of 2027 (three-year term)**

Central Zone, Region C (Alabama and Tennessee)

Western Zone, Region A (Northern California)

Central Zone, Region B (Ohio, Michigan, Western Pennsylvania)

Western Zone, Region B. (Texas, Arizona, and Southern California)

Trustees are to visit in person or by electronic means each church and center in his/her region. They are to encourage the involvement and participation of each church and center in regional gatherings and other Council-related activities.

Please submit your nominations for any of these positions to Carolyn Nichols at [cs83nick@aol.com](mailto:cs83nick@aol.com).

*You can find additional job descriptions for the President, Officers, and Trustees in Articles V and VI of the ICCC Constitution and Bylaws.*






*You can find the ICCC constitution and Bylaws at*

*<https://www.icccnow.org/constitution-bylaws/>.*



## Conference Youth Scholarship

If you know a teen who would like to attend the conference in Charlotte, but needs some financial assistance, we have a plan. We have scholarship assistance available to pay for the registration fee of a Youth attendee. To apply for the scholarship, the following procedure will be used:

- 1 The scholarship is open to any **Youth attendee** (entering grade 7 through 12) and covers the regular registration fee and Fellowship Luncheon. 
- 2 Pastors from any member church may submit their **confidential nomination** for the award with a letter of recommendation introducing the candidate and explaining why they would like this person to receive the scholarship. 
- 3 The submissions will be reviewed and presented to the ICCC Board of Directors for **approval**. 
- 4 Nominations must be submitted for review no later than **April 30, 2024**. They should be sent to the Council Office at PO Box 846, Longmont, CO 80502, attn: Youth Scholarship. Or email to [ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net). 
- 5 The ICCC President will communicate the board's decision to the recommending pastor to notify the recipient. The decision will also be announced in the June issue of the Christian Community. The **winning** recipient would be notified soon after the April 30th deadline. 

**APPLY TODAY!**



**THANK YOU** to a 2023 Annual Conference Sponsor  
*People's Community Church, Berea, OH*

## JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP

Hey Family, the Jordan Scholarship Committee is looking for applicants.

- ✓ Any High School Seniors seeking higher education?
- ✓ Anyone thinking about going back to school to finish working on your goal?

Contact DeAnn for an application, questions or concerns.



## Annual Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

The International Council of Community Churches is grateful for your empowerment in the community church movement. Your business, professional association, labor union, service group, etc. may invest in the cause of furthering Christian unity by providing a sponsorship in the Annual Conference. We have listed several possibilities below. If you wish to explore other potential opportunities for sponsorship including exclusive sponsorship of a segment of the Conference program, please let us know. Conference sponsorship opportunities begin at \$1000.

General conference sponsorship ...\$1000	Fellowship luncheon.....\$1500
Bible Study & Keynote Speaker – multiple plenary sessions .....\$2500	Clergy continuing education event.....\$3000
Prayer Room .....\$1500	All-Conference Banquet .....\$2000
Full Day Sponsorship .....\$5000	

The International Council of Community Churches is a 501(c)3 organization under IRS regulations. All sponsorships are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and your tax situation. Contact the Council Office for details or visit our website: <https://www.icccnow.org/sponsorship/>



## See you in Kansas City

My son and I have tickets to the Kansas City Symphony Friday night. We enjoy it, and the music is beautiful (not to brag, but the KC Symphony has won several Grammy awards for their music.)

Oh, we could listen to them on the radio, or a CD, or online, but it's just not the same. There's nothing like being there in person to experience it live. Whether it's a concert or a play or a ball game, being there to be part of the experience is so much better.



The same is true of our Annual Conference. You can hear about it and read about it, but it's nothing like experiencing it. I could tell you some of the stories Shane Claiborne shared with us last year; but it's nothing like hearing it in his own words, seeing the emotion in his eyes, and feeling the compassion in his voice.

I could tell you about the inspiring preaching from Dr. Clifford Jones. But I could never convey the excitement in his presentation or the fervor in his voice; you had to be there to experience it.

I could tell you about the friendships that were renewed or the new acquaintances that we met. But there is no way I could adequately put into words the experience of the prayers we prayed or the meals we shared or the mission work we did together. You just had to experience it.

So, I'm not telling you to come to Annual Conference because it's an experience like no other, one that you will not forget (although it is); not because you will learn and grow in your Christian faith like few other opportunities (although you will); not because it's in a beautiful city in the heart of America that I love to call home (although it is). I encourage you to join us in Kansas City, because it's something special that you have to experience.

So send in your registration, make your reservations, and get ready for a wonderful week.

...and, I'll see you in Kansas City.

Jerry Brown, VP for Planning



### Sharing Concerns with

- **Rev. Dr. Wendy Childress**, ICCC VP for Regional Relationships, and family for the recent loss of two loved ones. Please keep them in your prayers.



## PASTORAL SEARCH

### *Pastor*

Antioch Community Church, 4805 Northeast Antioch Road Kansas City, MO 64119, is seeking a pastor to communicate God's Word, minister to spiritual needs and provide visionary as well as biblical leadership to its congregation.

We are a small, friendly, and inter-denominational church located in Kansas City, MO. ACC is aligned with the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC), an international, intercultural, interracial fellowship of churches and ministry centers which seeks Christian unity in local, national and world relations. We are eager to grow our church family as we continue to serve and lead in the church outreach and mission ministries.

We offer identical worship services on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, Bible Study groups and participation opportunities in numerous committee endeavors.

#### Partial responsibilities include:

- Provide leadership in the accomplishment of the church's mission
- Plan and lead the people in worship
- Facilitate the contact/visitation of hospitalized, shut-ins, nursing and home visitation or grieving church members
- Support inter-denominational mission work
- Teach Bible Study classes
- Officiate at special occasions in the lives of the congregation such as weddings, baptisms and funerals

#### Qualifications:

- Strong faith and commitment to the call of serving the Lord as a pulpit minister and evangelist
- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Theology, Divinity or related field
- Experience writing and delivering sermons
- Oral presentation skills
- Strong biblical and application knowledge of the Bible
- A demonstrated ability to lead Bible Studies
- Interpersonal skills to promote leadership through cooperation.

\*Applicants without a degree who have demonstrated successful ministry experience will be considered.

Compensation to be determined by assignment responsibilities.

Candidates interested in this opportunity are to email Antioch Community Church ([office@accckc.org](mailto:office@accckc.org)) to request an application packet.

Thank you for your interest in Antioch Community Church.

The Mission of the Antioch Community Church is to proclaim the good news of abundant life in Christ through meaningful worship; to provide lifelong spiritual nurture; and to be an agent of justice and mercy to any who suffer in body or spirit.





*International Council of Community Churches*  
**ICCC Registration Form – 2023 Annual Conference: July 16-19**  
**“Priorities for Christian Living” – Kansas City, MO**

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 7-1-2024) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed by (7-1-2024) \_\_\_\_\_

■ 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 <b>ONLY</b> 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 <b>Register by May 1, 2024 - Early Bird Special \$195.00</b>	\$ 230.00	\$
Daily Registrants Circle Day(s) T W Th F (meals not included)	\$ 75.00/day	\$
CC	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$

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: Mixed Green Salad with Sliced Cucumbers, Cherry Tomatoes, Julienne Carrots, and Croutons with choice of Ranch or Balsamic Dressing, Roasted Bourbon Street Chicken Breast topped with Chopped Bacon, Cheddar Cheese and Bourbon Cream Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Assorted Breads & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Herbal Teas, Ice Water and Iced Tea. Fish Option: Honey Grilled Salmon with Lemon Herb Sauce and Wild Rice Pilaf. *Kid's Meal Option:* Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Cup of Fruit. Meals are subject to change.

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

**Bourbon Street Chicken** (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 May 1st.** Registrations after June 30, 2024 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.

## 2024 Conference Meal Programs

The **2024 Annual Conference** offers 3 optional meal program opportunities: the **Fellowship Luncheon** hosted by the Agape Team, the **Mission Luncheon** and the **Prayer Luncheon** hosted by the Samaritan Men's Group. 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 16, 2024** at 12:00pm is the *Fellowship Luncheon*: This meal includes Roasted Turkey BLT Sandwich with Smoked Gouda, Sliced Bacon, Tomatoes, Lettuce and Herb Mayo on Whole-Grain Bread, Chips, Pasta Salad and Assorted Beverages. Vegetarian Option: Southwest Quinoa Wrap that includes Tri-Colored Quinoa, Roasted Corn, Black Beans, Peppers, Avocado with Chipotle Dressing in an Herb Tortilla. *Kid's Meal Option*: Plain Burger, French Fries, Cup of Fruit.

**Wednesday, July 17, 2024** at 12:00pm is the *Mission Luncheon*. This meal includes Mixed Green Salad with Sliced Cucumbers, Cherry Tomatoes, Julienne Carrots, and Croutons, Pan-Seared Chicken with Marsala Sauce, Butter Herb Rice, Seasonal Vegetable, Assorted Breads, Chef's Choice Dessert, Ice Water and Iced Tea. *Vegetarian Option*: Grilled Salmon Filet with Lemon Dill Cream Sauce and Rice Pilaf.

**Thursday, July 18, 2024** at 12:00pm is the *Prayer Luncheon*. This meal includes Caesar Salad, Kansas City Strip Steak Rubbed and Grilled to medium temperature with Butter, Sautéed Onions and Red Wine Demi-Glaze, Buttery Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Assorted Breads, Chef's Choice Dessert, Ice Water and Iced Tea. Vegetarian Option: Cheese Tortellini with Creamy Pesto Sauce.

**Friday, July 19, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. is the *Conference Banquet\**. This meal includes: Mixed Green Salad, Roasted Bourbon Street Chicken Breast topped with Chopped Bacon, Cheddar Cheese and Bourbon Cream Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, Assorted Breads & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Herbal Teas, Ice Water and Iced Tea. *Fish Option*: Honey Grilled Salmon with Lemon Herb Sauce and Wild Rice Pilaf. *Kid's Meal Option*: Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Cup of Fruit.

All meals are subject to change.

### 2024 MEAL RESERVATION FORM

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$30.00 each for *Tuesdays Fellowship Luncheon*

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

☐ Check for Kid's Meal Option \$25.00

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$37.00 each for *Wednesday's Mission Luncheon*

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$40.00 each for *Thursday's Prayer Luncheon*

☐ Check for Vegetarian Option at \$30.00 each

\*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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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There is a fee of \$50.00 per exhibit space, for the July 16-19, 2024 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, 2024 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](mailto:ICCCNOW@sbcglobal.net).

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