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President's Message Abraham Wright

Forward, Not Backward



One of the interesting things about believers in Jesus Christ is that we Christians seem to know most things about giving except giving ourselves. When I was an undergraduate, I spent my summers in New York City worshipping and teaching Bible Study at one of the most well-known AME Churches in the city. I don't know how I received the position, but each summer when I returned to New York City, I was assigned to teach the adult class. No one objected, and no one competed for the position; it was all mine. I learned much from the class, but I equally discovered much we did not know, even though there were three well-respected clergy persons in the class. We knew most of the biblical stories, but we did not know much about applying them. For example, two of the male clergy persons believed that a female should not be in the pulpit because, according to their belief, she was unclean during her menstrual cycle and would not reveal to the leadership if she were in the pulpit during her menstrual cycle (Lev. 15:19). She would refuse to admit it for fear of being dismissed from her position. The Old Testament references pointed to the symbolic emphasis on blood. However, those clergy persons refused to recognize that Christians today are not under a sacrificial system, at least not the one adhered to in the Old Testament.

After service, especially the First Sunday of the month, I would accompany my sister Ella to visit the sick. At the end of the visit several of the parishioners would give her monetary donations, not for the church but for her travels and appreciation. Yet my sister kept the financial gifts in a safe place and took them to church the following Sunday as a gift that was gifted to her, not to the church. Finally I asked Ella why would she take what was given to her and give it to the Church. Ella said it was only right that she give back to God what God gives to her, even though she had four children, an adopted niece, and partial financial responsibilities to her mother. What was more astonishing is that the money was not Ella's tithes but her offering. Through experiencing her love for the sacrifice of God's grace through Jesus' death and resurrection, no one else had to persuade me to give every time I have a genuine opportunity. My sister Ella's recognition of the responsibility of giving to her family and to the Church reinforced my decision not to have the Church beg for money. My mother had taught me that concept, and now it was time to put it fully into action. The irony also is that this pivotal lesson came from someone who was not afraid of the gospel of Jesus Christ

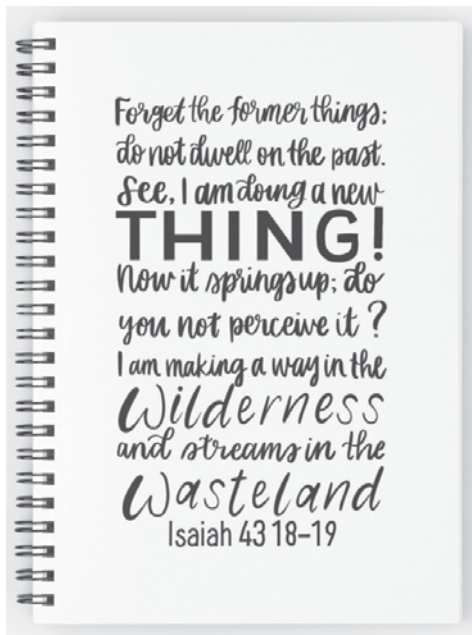
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Executive Director's Message

Phil Tom

God Can Make a Way Out of No Way!



“Belief in resurrection means that I must commit myself to the possibility of transformation.”

Richard Holloway

I hear some people say the phrase, “God can make a way out of no way,” because, as God’s Easter people, we believe that nothing is impossible for God. But living out this phrase can be challenging, if not difficult for some people! There’s been a lot of news and recent studies showing the ongoing decline of church membership and participation. These two trends have impacted many congregations and denominations, including our ICCC congregations and family. It has been “estimated” that 6-10,000 congregations will close their doors each year because they can no longer sustain their mission.

Recently, a consultant asked me what can be done to address this issue with churches stuck and unwilling to change to address the changes in society and the Church. I chose to discuss the lack of spiritual vitality and imagination. This answer sounds simplistic and perhaps judgmental, which is not my intent. But I see such congregations who are tired and weary, not willing to try and do things differently. They cannot fully embrace and live out the belief that God can transform their situation and do something new.

There are congregations imagining a new and different future, developing new and various ministries. Some congregations have transformed their church homes into community centers, like Palisades Community Church in Washington, D.C., and some congregations have sold their church homes to build affordable housing on their property, like the Arlington Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA. Some smaller urban and rural congregations have developed a collaborative ministry to share staff and resources to enhance their shared ministry, locally and globally. There are congregations like Sunshine Cathedral in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, which has developed a significant online congregation using numerous social media platforms.

We can experience spiritual vitality and renewal when we embrace the faith that all things are possible with God because we are God’s Easter people! Let us not just mouth the phrase but live it believing God can make a way out of no way!

Phil



On a personal note, this will be my last CC article. I will be stepping down as the Executive Director at the end of May. I have decided to venture into the next life journey called retirement! Serving our ICCC family these past six years has been my joy and blessing. Rev. Bruce Merton, Pastor Emeritus, Peace Community Church, Ft. Myers Beach, FL., and a member of our Board of Directors, has graciously agreed to serve as the Interim Executive Director. This is not a goodbye because I will attend our Annual Conference this July in Kansas City and remain an active ICCC member. See you in Kansas City!

ICCC MAY 2024

2023-2024 Theme: Call to Fellowship (1 John 1:3 ESV)



Book REVIEW

By Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson

As we prepare for Pentecost Sunday on May 19, I offer several newly released books from *Publishers Weekly* that may enhance your spiritual service and work with God.

We pray that our sharing captures and expands the idea of fellowship from First John 1:3.

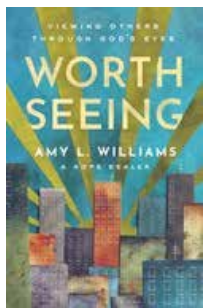


Hope After Church Hurt: How to Heal, Reengage, and Rediscover God's Heart for You

Joe Dobbins. Chosen, \$18.99 trade paper (240p) ISBN 978-0-8007-7264-2

Pastor Dobbins debuts with an ill-considered guide for Christians who've endured sexual abuse, judgment and exclusion from pewmates, and other forms of "church hurt." Though he

acknowledges that "the place that should be known for lifting burdens is too often known for adding to them," Dobbins generally recommends staying within the church rather than leaving it ("Asking God to move in your life without [the church] is like asking a carpenter to build without a hammer or a surgeon to heal without a scalpel"). He offers advice for retaining faith amid crisis, harnessing "God's Spirit" to forgive offenders when appropriate, and remembering that God has a plan (sexual abuse survivors are assured they've reached a "crucial turning point where [their] testimony is being shaped by God"). Despite the author's positive intentions, the offensive tone, dizzying lack of nuance (he conflates the shame he felt after seeing pornography with the trauma of those who have endured "physical, violent, or even criminal" sexual abuse), and frequent contradictions (after devoting a chapter encouraging readers to "stay planted" at their current church community, Dobbins writes that "the change we need is another church") make this more of a harm than a help. Christians will be best off giving it a wide berth. (June)



Worth Seeing: Viewing Others Through God's Eyes

Amy L. Williams. IVP, \$18 trade paper (224p) ISBN 978-1-51400-712-9

Youth ministry leader Williams draws in this openhearted debut guide from her years spent working with at-risk youth in Chicago to offer guidance on how readers can be more compassionate. To "see people through the

lens of God," readers should look inward to develop humility, work to view others "as they are, not how we want them to be," and avoid the urge to "control the... outcome" of one's interaction with another person, because "people aren't projects." Later chapters reinforce these nonjudgmental principles while discussing how to use one's "own brokenness" to help others heal (by empathizing with their problems), and offering tips on mentoring strategies. Though not all of

the advice pertains to general readers, the tips for social interactions and for reframing one's perspective to be less judgmental of others ("remember we only get to see part of the picture") will resonate with most people. For Christians who sometimes find it challenging to love their neighbors, this is a solid starting point. (June)



The Shape of My Eyes: A Memoir of Race, Faith, and Finding Myself

Dave Gibbons. Worthy, \$27 (256p) ISBN 978-1-546-00323-6

Leadership coach Gibbons debuts with a sincere account of the challenges of growing up between cultures. Born to a Korean mother and an American father in Maryland, Gibbons worshipped American culture and was eager to "fit in," despite looking "100% Korean." After a fire destroyed their home when Gibbons was 10, the family moved to Arizona. There, they entered a church community of "mostly blue-collar hardcore fundamentalist believers," sparking Gibbons's complicated relationship with conservative Christianity, which peaked when he attended a Christian college whose prohibitions against interracial dating were "absurdly inconsistent with what I knew about God." Souring on Christian fundamentalism, Gibbons broke with the church as an adult and in 1994 helped found Newsong Church in Irvine, Calif., as a "haven" for those who felt like "outsiders" from Christianity. While the sections on Newsong's founding are somewhat rushed and a climactic revelation pertaining to Gibbons's family may leave readers with a sense of whiplash, the questions about what it means to be both a Christian and part of a "third culture"—not entirely Korean and not entirely American—are salient. It's an intriguing look at the intersections of race, identity, and faith. (July)

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.

Help Needed for Hands-on ICCC Missions Committee Project

Our ICCC Missions Committee, with the help of the ICCC Annual Conference attendees, is going to host a care-giving mission project during the conference. The purpose is to help youngsters, from infants to teens, who find themselves thrust into the foster care system when protecting them demands removal from unsafe home environments.

This multi-generational hands-on project will be held at our host Embassy Suites hotel. It will involve moving and unpacking dozens of boxes of Comfort Cases materials (see photo). You will also have an opportunity to package the personal care essentials contained in the boxes into 200 backpacks that will be donated to the Kansas City, Missouri - Department of Social Services, Foster Care Division for children whose care is entrusted to them.



These Comfort Cases contain personal care items, an age-appropriate book, a stuffed cuddly, a blanket, etc.—up to 10 items per Comfort Case backpack.

To accomplish this, we will be setting up “production lines” of 50 Comfort Cases each.

- 50 Newborn - 24 months
- 50 Sizes 3 - 5
- 50 Sizes 6 -10
- 50 Sizes 12 - Up (Boys & Girls)

How You Can Help: Boxes with Comfort Case materials will be delivered to our Embassy Suites hotel in advance of the Comfort Cases backpack stuffing party that will take place at the hotel the afternoon of July 18th.

Initially, we will need a few strong arms and backs to help move the boxes when they arrive at the hotel, and later, volunteers, not just those physically with strong arms, but all with

willing hearts to help at the backpacking party on Thursday afternoon. So, if you and/or a family member can help in any way, that would be greatly appreciated! We will have more information in the next edition of The Christian Community.

Sincerely,

The ICCC Missions Committee:

Myrtis Brame, Chair; Janet Burch; Bob Harris; Doris Landis and Patti McKinney.



Sharing Joys with:

- **Rev. Phil Tom, ICCC Executive Director**, who will retire come June!

Sharing Concerns with:

- **Rev. Arturo Lewis**, Emmanuel Church, NJ who is battling cancer.
- **Rev. Dr. Sharyon Cosey**, ICCC VP for Membership Enlistment, who is recovering from hip surgery.

- **Rev. John Woodcock** plans to hold a ZOOM regional meeting for the Eastern Zone, Region A on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30am ET. For meeting information, please contact John at pastorsheepngoat@gmail.com.



The ICCC AGAPE team is preparing to host the Annual Conference Fellowship Luncheon. If you would like to help plan and/or execute this event, please contact either **Sandra Nelson** (djsjforever@sbcglobal.net) or **Winnie West** (winniewest@ameritech.net).

ICCC Resource About Raising Funds for your Congregation

Did you know that ICCC has a resource that provides ideas on raising funds for your congregation/center/community?



It's titled Fundraising 101, and you can download it from our ICCC webpage at <https://www.icccnow.org/council-other-agency-resources/>.

President's Message

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because a group of men who were partially, spiritually blind did not make her a woman designated as "unaccepted" as a preacher of the gospel to accept and honor her calling.

I was taught a similar lesson by deceased Saint Paul Young of Seneca Community Church. Paul invited me to deliver the morning message one Sunday when his church was in the middle of rebuilding Seneca. At offering time, Paul, without consultation, announced that I would be working "for free today." In short, if you are divided between giving to Abraham or to Seneca so that they might complete the building of a house of God and praise Him worthily, choose Seneca; for "I" have already given verbal thanks to Abraham for the gift of his message, which he, as a brother, considers adequate pay. The audience had a healthy laugh, which enhanced, not detracted from the message of the sermon.

Some of us forget that as we come to ICCC, we come as a member of the Household of God. So the experience with stewardship is not *new* but *continuous*. Just as we contribute to our home fellowship, we also contribute in various ways to ICCC, including our financial giving. Charity either begins at home and spreads abroad, or it begins abroad and returns home through repentance. The spirit of stewardship usually begins with our home bases and spreads to ICCC.

In Deuteronomy 28:12-13, Moses, in one of his last addresses to a new generation of Israelites, contrasts what would happen to this generation if they are obedient to God versus what happened to their forefathers who disobeyed God. The promise is that the new generation would always be the head instead of the tail, will always be the lenders instead of the borrowers, will always be on the top instead of the bottom.

For the directions of the Council, it's time to choose whom we will serve. As for me, I will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15), giving service to him through wise words and courageous actions that lead us forward, not backward.

Abraham



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@accck.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.

ICCC Annual Conference Workshops



Faith, Hope, Life, and Suicide: Creating Hope through Action *Led by Rev. Dr. Wendy Childress*

What is Suicide? Where does Faith or Hope fit with Suicide? Do those who consider suicide have Faith? These are some of the questions you may have. The goal of this workshop is to answer these questions by providing you with a sound understanding of suicide and suicide ideations, indicators, how to assist in intervention, and understanding the difference between intervention and prevention. This workshop may not change your personal position on this very sensitive and pressing issue but, you will leave enlightened; with a basic understanding of Suicide Intervention; and with a few skills and resources to help family, friends, or others that you encounter who may have suicidal thoughts.



What's Prayer Got To Do With It? *Led by Rev. Beth Armstrong*

We often hear things like this: "Our thoughts and prayers are with you." Thoughts? Maybe. Prayers? Maybe not. When it gets right down to it, prayer is one of the most complex, yet simple privileges we have. It's overstated, but underused. In this session, Beth Armstrong will take a look at what prayer is and what it is not. She'll invite you and challenge you to deepen your journey in the way you pray.



What's In It For Me? *Led by Rev. Beth Armstrong*

If you're a Christian, if you're involved in any kind of ministry, you're constantly being asked to pray for all kinds of people in all kinds of situations. And that's an honor and privilege! But what about praying for ourselves? Is that ok? Isn't that a little self-centered? In this session, Beth Armstrong will walk us through those questions and give us some insight into why or what we might pray for ourselves.

Rev. Beth Armstrong is a gifted Bible teacher and speaker who has been involved in some form of ministry for over 30 years. From youth ministry to older adult ministry, she has a passion for the Word of God to be taught and infused into all of God's people. She's a graduate of Oklahoma State University. Her vocational career includes high school teacher and coach, retreat and banquet speaker, as well as an activity director at a senior living community. Prayer became real to her as a college student and as a young mom raising two boys. She's a firm believer in the power of prayer, but more importantly a firm believer in the God to whom we pray. She's the author of the book *What's Prayer Got To Do With It?*. She is delighted to be sharing more about this wonderful and mysterious thing we call prayer at our conference this week. Beth has been married to her husband Matt for 33 years. They have two sons and one daughter-in-law. Beth is currently serving as Interim Pastor at Antioch Community Church here in Kansas City, Missouri.

***For additional workshop information, please visit our website
www.icccnow.org/annual-conference/***

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)

Regional Trustee, Class of 2025 (one-year term)

Eastern Zone, Region C (Florida, Georgia and North Carolina)

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.

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. 
- 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!



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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/>



Wednesday, July 17, 2024 • 5:15-6:30 approx.

Looking for BBQ restaurants that have a local following in Kansas City? Well, we found one! Smokehouse Barbecue is Kansas City's best and favorite bbq providing highest quality along with unparalleled service. They offer only the best hickory smoked brisket and succulent ribs, famous pulled pork and the best baked beans in the world, as well as savory seasonings, delicious sauces and rubs (all according to their website). Visit www.smokehousebbq.com for more information.

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**Hickory Smoked Pit Beans
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\$33.00 per person

Each meal includes the cost of the buffet, tax & gratuity.
Alcoholic beverages are available, billed separately, individually.

Submit payment to the Council Office by June 30, 2024. Limited to 40 people. Register soon!

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

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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:

**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.



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

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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	\$ 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):

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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

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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.

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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 \$ _____

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: _____

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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.**