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ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-Notes

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please continue in prayer that God would provide the additional staff we need including the remaining positions in kitchen, maintenance and camp staff.

FROM LILIANA'S DESK

I am actually writing from my desk today. It is a gray day, rainy, cold and gloomy. Where is the spring? I guess in days like this we need to exercise our faith and look with our spiritual eyes, not with our physical ones. Let me tell you where the miracle of new life and hope is, in a day when we cannot see the sun shining.

It is in the memory of our recent Annual Gathering and the words of Jeff Jones that still resound in our hearing: "Yes, God can!" It is in the hope of joined ministry that arises from the collective testimonies we heard and which remind us that we are family. It is also in the fact that our new structure puts us in the best position to be a grass roots movement again.

Our strength comes from the reality of our voluntary union, our freedom to serve God the best way we know how, and our legacy of being a Christ-centered people. Starting now, we are unleashing the power of the local churches to dictate the future of our common mission. As we move into the implementation of this new structure, we will be listening to you; you will give us our marching orders and keep us accountable for the generations to come.

In the midst of this reflection, though, I would like to invite you to pause for prayer, to invite the Holy Spirit to anoint us with His presence, and to listen to God's unique voice calling us to build the beloved community.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER CARE MINISTRIES

What better way to enhance the summer program at Canonicus than to bring in the wisdom, expertise and care of older adult volunteers!! Matt and Kathy Black are recruiting older adults to volunteer at Canonicus this summer. Two positions are still available: worship music leader and craft assistant. Those interested in helping with music will be coordinating with the week's camp pastor to share songs with campers at morning watch and evening vespers. Individuals can volunteer for a particular week – maybe while your pastor is at camp – or off and on throughout the summer. For crafts, we are looking for volunteers to provide hands-on assistance to children and counselors as well as expertise in their favorite area of arts and crafts. Volunteers can help with crafts once during the summer, once a week or for an entire week! To share your enthusiasm with kids this summer, contact Kathy or Matt at the ABCORI office at 294-6318.

ABCORI STAFF'S MISSION-WORK FOCUS

Last week, we sent nine staff members to "paint and prep" at the Faith Build new home. On May 22, ABCORI is sending a five-person team to the **South County Habitat for Humanity Bowl-a-Thon**. Our team members include Liliana, Liz and Chris Lussier, Linda Martin and Sandy Kelly. Each bowler must raise \$50 minimum paid pledges for a total team contribution of \$250. If you wish to sponsor or contribute to our team effort, contact Colleen@abcori.org or call 294-6318x110 for the "how-to" information. Please help us to help them raise funds to complete homes for those in need.

SPRING BAZAAR...

Sponsored by the Olney Street Baptist Church Women, will be held **Saturday, May 10**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Martin Luther King School located at the corner of Camp Street and Carrington Avenue on the East Side of Providence. There will be numerous vendors, activities for children, a Silent Auction, Home-baked goods, a Judson Press Book Table, Blood Pressure Screenings, as well as Refreshments and much more. This may be a great time for the last minute shoppers to pick up a gift for Mother's Day. Vendors are welcome - 6' table space available - one Table \$25, 2 Tables \$40. Feel free to contact either Sister Mary Henley (739-6733) or Sister Ann McGloshen (273-0762) for further details.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at People's Baptist Church, 1275 Elmwood Ave., Cranston, RI, 467-8220. Located at the corner of Elmwood Ave. & Park Ave.

COLORADO FUNDRAISERS FOR THE SPRING GREEN YOUTH TEAM

Spaghetti Supper and Work Auction at Spring Green Memorial Church, **Saturday May 17, 2008**, with continuous seating from 5-7pm, and work auction starting at 6:30pm. The work auction will consist of auctioning services rather than goods. A list of services to be auctioned will be available at the church or on our website <http://springgreenmemorialchurch.org> by Sunday May 11. \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (60+) and children (6-12), children 5 and under free. Tickets available (and encouraged) in advance.

Crosswords Quintet in concert at Spring Green, Sunday, **May 25, 2008**, 4 p.m. The quintet, conducted by Marge Jones, is sure to be a blessing. A free will offering, in lieu of an admission free, will be used to help send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in July. Light refreshments to follow.

Please join us in continued prayer for our Colorado bound youth and their leadership team, as they prepare for this wonderful experience.

MAY BREAKFAST CALENDAR

Date	Time	Church
May 10	8 – 11:00 a.m.	Sheldon Street Baptist, Providence
May 17	7:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Greenville Baptist, Smithfield

THE PURPLE “K.I.T” IS IN THE MAIL!

Inside the current issue of Keeping In Touch, you will find:

- A special prayer request, for our women and girls, from Sue Maiocchi, President ABWM of RI.
- Spring Conference information, flyer and registration form (or click on the following links) [Registration](#) form, ABWomen/ABGirls [Flyer](#). Registration requested by May 21. Contact Shirley Morris for more information - 463-7040
- “Roll of Honor” list of churches that participated in the **5 Steps of Giving** offering opportunity.
- Some facts on our two-year project “**Break the Chains, Slavery in the 21st Century**”.

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island asks that you share the K.I.T. newsletter with your congregation and friends.

PEACE PARK, EL PUENTE CUSCATLÁN, EL SALVADOR

A group of folks, from several of our ABC churches, is working to raise some money, to complete the Peace Park in El Salvador. It is about 80% completed. There will be some work groups going in June to install playground equipment and a basketball & volleyball court. Work still needs to be done, such as filling in with some large amounts of dirt, before that equipment can then be installed.

We are looking for “Praise Teams” that might be willing to put on a fund raising concert. We would be collecting a free will offering. If you are interested in participating, please call John Buxton at (401) 450-7118 or email phenixbc@verizon.net for more information.

MAJORITY SPEAKS: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES IN MISSION

Designed for lay leaders and local church mission committees, the thrust is to present and engage congregational mission committees in reflection on mission for today and tomorrow. Many hands from various denominations have assisted in preparing this conference. There will be speakers from China, India, and Myanmar; also attending are missionaries from numerous countries. At Andover Newton Theological School on May 10, 2008.

ANTS asks that information about this conference be made available to your local congregations - The web link for information and registration is: <http://www.ants.edu/calendar/event/majority-speaks-08>

ANTS CONVOCATION - May 15, registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The convocation is a celebration of the particular role of Andover Newton Theological School as founder and leader of the early American Missionary Movement, and an active source of mission, border crossing and outreach activity today. Registration for this event is possible online at www.ants.edu/calendar/2008/05/15. This day will bring together reunion classes from Andover Newton, faculty, and special guests for a day of celebration, inspiring workshops and networking.

CANONICUS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Summer Leadership opportunities

Canonicus is currently seeking dedicated people to fill leadership staff positions in our summer program. Our summer program runs from June 8 – August 17. Training, room and board are all included in the position. Leadership staff will supervise counselors and staff in the program areas of waterfront and adventure. Information on these positions is on our website www.canonicus.org. For more information or to apply, please contact Matt Black at 401-294-6318 ext. 105 or at matt@abcori.org.

Open House

Saturday, May 17 (a new day this year). Come and visit the camp on from 11am to 3pm. There will be camp tours and staff to answer any questions as well as the opportunity to register for camp. For more information, please contact the ABCORI office at 401-294-6318. Rain or shine.

HOW TO SCHEDULE MEETING SPACE AT THE ABCORI OFFICE

- If you would like to use the meeting room in the ABCORI office building, be sure to contact Colleen at 294-6318 ext 110 or email colleen@abcori.org, to reserve this space. Colleen keeps the Master Calendar and manages the space and time availabilities in the Lawrence Building.
- When notifying committee, board or department members of the times and dates for future meetings, whether at the ABCORI office or elsewhere, please include colleen@abcori.org in your correspondence. She will record the meeting date in the Master Calendar and ensure that the information gets onto the E-notes calendar, too.

SEEKING PART TIME FOOD SERVICE PERSONNEL

Now accepting applications for (new posting) a **Shaub Summer Kitchen Coordinator** as well as, part time food prep kitchen staff for its busy year-round conference ministry. Immediate positions available. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone with food prep/line cook experience or someone willing to learn these skills. The position includes early morning and weekend hours with flexible scheduling available. RI Food Service Safety Certification is helpful but not required for this specific opportunity. For an application, please contact Colleen Tolhurst, Administrative Assistant to the Director. X 110 or colleen@abcori.org

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

The First Baptist Church of Woonsocket celebration begins Friday, May 9, 2008. We are having a Praise Service geared toward youth. Service will start at about 7 p.m.

Saturday May 10th, open house to show off our Church, built in 1890. That evening a Dinner/Service at the Broaster House restaurant in Woonsocket, with music by Seasonings. Call Susyn Montalvo, at 762-0612 for ticket information.

Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. 175th Anniversary worship service.

REVIVAL - "Personal and Corporate Renewal for Redemptive Ministry"

You are invited to fellowship and worship at the Spring Revival beginning Wednesday, May 14, through Friday, May 16, at Pond Street Baptist Church. Revival Scripture: Romans 12:2. Pre-worship seminars "Faithful Stewards" 6-6:55 p.m. Thursday, May 15 with Rev. Steve Taylor; and May 16 with Mrs. Mary Harrison, Executive Director RI College Crusade. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. with Spirit filled preaching by Rev. Dr. Harold A Carter, Senior Pastor of the New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore MD.

CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAINS NEEDED

US Air Force Auxiliary - Civil Air Patrol Chaplains, from throughout the North East Region, will be attending the annual continuing education training the week of May 26 at Naval Station Newport, Newport, RI. As guests of the Naval Chaplain's School, the four-day program will include classes covering a wide range of subjects such as stress management, pastoral intervention, incident command-base issues, national chaplain ministry trends, etc. This ecumenical group of civilian clergy volunteers undertake the CAP chaplaincy as an extension of their regular parish ministry to work with the organization's teenage cadets and to serve their communities as qualified Emergency Services Chaplains in the event of natural/accidental disasters.

Rev. John Kearns has been a CAP chaplain in RI for 37 years and finds it "a very rewarding experience working with adults committed to volunteer service and with some of the most motivated young people in our state." To find out more about CAP Chaplaincy, contact John at 401-826-8641, or e-mail jmjkerns@aol.com. Interested pastors can be his guest on Wednesday, May 28, to visit the Chaplain's School, and sit in on some of the sessions. Transportation arrangements to the base, can be made to meet in Warwick 9AM that morning, returning to Warwick approximately 4PM.

The ABCORI [Calendar](#)

Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar

May 8		Program Committee -- Baptist Heritage Society	Canonicus
May 9	10-2:00 p.m.	Think Tank	Lawrence
May 9-10		12 th Annual Adult and Me Fishing Derby	Canonicus
May 10	9-3:00 p.m.	Spring Bazaar – Olney St. Baptist Women	Martin Luther King School, East Prov.
May 9-11		175 th Anniversary Festivities	1 st Baptist of Woonsocket
May 14	3:30 p.m.	Debriefing – Annual Gathering Committee	Lawrence
May 14-16	7:00 p.m.	Revival –	Pond Street Baptist
May 15		TIM Group; All Staff; CSMS	
May 17	11-3p.m.	Canonicus Open House Summer Camp	Canonicus
May 17	9 – 2:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale	Peoples, Cranston
May 17	5 – 7:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper and Work Auction	Spring Green, Warwick
May 18	3:00 p.m.	Ordination Council for Nate Manderson	1 st Baptist, Bristol
May 20		Consultants Team -- S & A	
May 21	10 a.m.	EMRC	Lawrence
May 24	8:30-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training “Prayer and Hospitality”	Norwood Baptist
May 24	4:00 p.m.	Crosswords Quintet in concert	Spring Green Memorial
May 26		ABCORI OFFICES CLOSED	Memorial Day
May 30	7:00 p.m.	Spring Music Concert	Oak Lawn Baptist
May 31	9–3:00 p.m.	Beaver Day	Canonicus
June	1 st week	Mission Trip to India	James Children’s Home, India
June 5		Ministers Council – SCOM	Lawrence
June 6 & 7		ABWM June Conference	Canonicus
June 7	8:30-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training “Unbinding the Gospel”	Norwood Baptist
June 8	3:00 p.m.	Ordination and Installation Geneva Urquhart	First, West Warwick
June 17		S & A	N. Scituate
June 18	9:30– 11a.m	Personnel	Lawrence
June 21	8:30-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training “Small Groups”	Norwood Baptist
June 22		Week One of Camp	Canonicus
June 22	4:30 p.m.	ABCORI Celebration of Faith	Calvary Baptist Church
July 3	11:00	Ministers council & SCOM	Lawrence
July 4		ABCORI OFFICES CLOSED	Fourth of July
July 15	4:00 p.m.	S&A	N. Scituate
July 17		TIM Group; All Staff	
Sept 19-21		ABCUSA World Mission Conf.	2 nd Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	Greenville Baptist
Oct 4		Crop Walk	Goddard State Park Warwick
Oct. 13		Fall Festival	Canonicus
Oct 18		SPNM Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction	Canonicus
Oct 25	3 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Meeting	TBA
Nov 8		Baptist Women’s Day of Prayer	

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