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**ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-Notes**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**– this information is in the [Calendar](#) on the last page.

### **FROM LILIANA'S DESK**

“Whatever Happened to Children in Poverty?” you may wonder. Glad you asked! After a year and a half of networking with the larger community, I started to feel discouraged. Now, don't take me wrong: the networking was absolutely fabulous. I met people at different levels of influence and leadership, became involved with the Advisory Committee on Poverty of the City of Providence, and a member of the Board of the Girls Scouts of Rhode Island.

However, the frustration came from not being able to nail down the Future Search Conference, which we've been trying to put together and have been funded to do. In spite of the fact that I have a wonderful team of faithful American Baptist people who are very active in making in-roads throughout the fabric of our Rhode Island social, political, educational, and business scene, the issue with networking is that you're never done. I want to recognize the work of the Rev. John Reynolds, Ms Wendy Fox, Ms Joan McMaster, and the Rev. Dr. Don Anderson.

We know children's poverty hurts the heart of Jesus and our prayers have always been before the Lord asking for empowerment to complete this task. The good news today is that we have a breakthrough. We are entering a partnership with the Interfaith Coalition of Rhode Island, which is working toward the same goal of reducing poverty for children in the State. Finally, we will be able to move forward, close this initial chapter, and begin to implement action steps to attack poverty. We are planning the Future Search Conference for this Fall.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PREPARING AN IMPORTANT MAILING ON SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup>. CALL US IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER. (ABCORI office: 294-6318 extension 111)

### **NOTES FROM LIZ**

#### **FUNDRAISING EVENT TO SUPPORT EVANGELISM – SAVE THE DATE!**

*So More Can Find Hope...* Saturday, November 1, 6:00p.m. at Canonicus. You are invited to join friends of ABCORI for this special hors d'oeuvres and dinner event to raise support for our Ministry of Evangelism. RSVP by October 24, to Colleen Tolhurst at the ABCORI office 294-6318 X 110 OR via email: [Colleen@abcori.org](mailto:Colleen@abcori.org) **Flyer attached**

#### **18TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

Our Fall Festival event takes place on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13 (rain or shine) from 10 – 4 at Canonicus. This is a FREE event and open to the public, so bring ALL your fiends and families! Come and enjoy hayrides, boating on Lake Adams, musical entertainment, baked goods, apple pie contest, food booths, crafts show & sale and Christian Bands!

#### **CANONICUS NEWS:**

##### **CALLING ALL CANONICUS STAFF ALUMNI!**

We are updating our Canonicus Alumni Database! If you are a former summer staff member and wish to be included, please send an email to [liz@abcori.org](mailto:liz@abcori.org) or Jim Goodwin [sjagoodwin@cox.net](mailto:sjagoodwin@cox.net)

#### **HEALTHY PASTORS – PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES**

### Opportunity for Clergy

Applications are now available for the fourth Summer Collegium, at Virginia Theological Seminary – a nine-day ecumenical conference for clergy of small congregations and their spouses. The dates for 2009 are June 24 to July 2.

The theme of the 2009 Summer Collegiums is **Body, Mind, and Soul: Celebrating, Strengthening and Sustaining Clergy Wholeness in Small Congregations**. The Conference will include a keynote address by Anthony Pappas.

Application materials available by emailing Marilyn Jobus at [SummerCollegium@vts.edu](mailto:SummerCollegium@vts.edu), or download from the web page ([www.vts.edu/education/collegium](http://www.vts.edu/education/collegium)). The deadline for completed applications is December 15, 2008.

### HEALTHY CHURCHES – CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES

#### Leadership Resource Packet

Envelops for the Regional Offering are available upon request at the ABCORI office

### Interim Minister Selected

The congregation of the Georgiaville Baptist church has called Rev. Dr. Cynthia Smothers as Interim Minister. Under her guidance they will explore the scriptures, participate in related workshops and willingly preparation for new leadership and new ministries. Pastor Cynthia will be officially welcomed this Sunday, September 7 after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

### WHOLE GOSPEL – SOCIAL WITNESS MINISTRIES

**International Day of Peace! - Join your church with the worldwide celebration of the International Day of Peace! Sunday, September 21, 2008.** Would you ring your church bells for peace? Share a moment of silence and prayer with millions around the world? Focus your service on peace that Sunday? Participate in global and local observances of the International Day of Peace on September 21? We hope you will! The positive message of peace is needed now more than ever. (**Attached** please find (1) a helpful resource for doing any or all of the above and (2) a flyer for ringing of church bells on the Int'l Day of Peace.)

Rhode Island State Council of Churches

### WHOLE WORLD – EVANGELISTIC WITNESS MINISTRIES

#### Mission Honduras

Remember to attend a special presentation this Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 Noon at First Baptist Church Pawtucket. What you'll learn may change your life!

<b>The ABCORI <u>Calendar</u></b>			
<b>Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar</b>			
Sept 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Board of Ministries</b>	N. Scituate
Sept 6	10 a.m. – noon	Mission Honduras Special Presentation	1 <sup>st</sup> Pawtucket
Sept 9	7:00 p.m.	Brainstorm Annual Gathering 09	Lawrence
Sept 10		BiRST	Dedham, MA
Sept 11	12:00 p.m.	BHC – Baptist Heritage Center	Canonicus
Sept 13	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus
Sept 13	4 – 7:00 p.m.	“Got Jesus” Neighborhood Block Party	Congdon Street Baptist
Sept 16	4:00 p.m.	Operations (formerly S&A)	N. Scituate
Sept 18		TIM Group; All Staff	
Sept 19-21		World Mission Conference - ABCUSA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept 23	2:00 p.m.	Ministry Teams Orientation	Lawrence
Sept 24-26	7:00 p.m.	Revival – RISCC and RI Ministers Alliance	Calvary Baptist Church
Sept 27	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Tefft Chapel, Canonicus
Sept 28	7:00 p.m.	The Jacob Brothers	Seekonk Memorial
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Mission Celebration – ABCORI</b>	<b>Greenville Baptist</b>
Oct 2		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Oct 2		Prayer Vigil – Children in Poverty	

Oct 3 & 4	6pm- 3pm	BOM Dinner and retreat ABCORI/TABCOM	Canonicus
Oct 4		Crop Walk	Goddard Park, Warwick
Oct 5	7:00 p.m.	The Hillside Galileans	Seekonk Memorial
Oct 13		Fall Festival	Canonicus
Oct 18	3:00 p.m.	SPNM Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction	Canonicus
Oct 18	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Grant Writing Course ABCORI/TABCOM	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Attleboro
Oct 19	3:00 p.m.	134 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Opening Celebration	Berean Baptist
Oct 25	2:30 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Mission Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Oct 26	7:00 p.m.	The Blackwood Gospel Quartet	Seekonk Memorial
Oct 28		Emotional Intelligence Seminar–Ministers Council	
Oct 30	4:00 p.m.	ABCORI Investment Committee	Church of the Master
Nov 1	6:00 p.m.	<i>So More Can Find Hope</i> Evangelism Fundraiser	Canonicus
Nov 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Nov 8		Baptist Women’s Day of Prayer	
Nov 15	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Grant Writing Course ABCORI/TABCOM	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Attleboro
Nov 18	7:00 p.m.	Baptist Home Board	Phillips
Nov 20	12 – 2:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Feast	Shaub
Dec 6	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus
		<b>2009</b>	
Jan 6, 2009	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	TBA
Jan 30-31	5:30 p.m. Fri.- 4:00 p.m. Sat.	Spiritual Retreat ABWM	Meadowwood
Feb 24	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	TBA
Feb 28	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus
<b>March 2</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Business Meeting (Session A)</b>	<b>First, East Greenwich</b>
March 28	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Shaub, Canonicus
April 14	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	North Scituate
April 18	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus
<b>April 25</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. -</b>	<b>Annual Gathering (Session B)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
October 3	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Shaub, Canonicus
October		World Mission Conference	New Hampshire
<a href="#">CALENDAR ON LINE</a>			