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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.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Joy** – among the 3032 people, gathered at Fenway Park, to take the oath of Citizenship was our Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Liliana DaValle.

**FROM LILIANA’S DESK**

Today was a glorious day at Fenway Park. No, there was no baseball game; the Red Sox played at Tampa Bay. Nevertheless, I spent the better part of the day at the Green Monster because that is where the citizen oath ceremony took place. This was the first time holding it there, and it was very special: the sun, the green, and the other 3,031 people obtaining their naturalization made it unique.

I came to this Country 26 years ago; I have heard the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance many times, but today it was different because I was not just a spectator. One of the speakers told us “you are not immigrants anymore, now you are Americans.” I’m not sure that is true, though, because no matter how American I can be, that doesn’t change the fact that I am different and that people will continue to ask, “Where are you from?”

Nevertheless, thanks be to God almighty! What we have in common is greater than even this marvelous Nation is. Jesus touched our lives and gave us a new life of hope and love; that is thicker than blood! I made a very difficult decision when I decided to adopt a new Country, and I’m very proud of it. Yet, the greatest decision I’ve ever made was to turn my life over to the Lord, who loved me with eternal love and showed me mercy and compassion when I needed it the most. Don’t you feel special knowing that you are a citizen in the Kingdom of God?

**FAITH WALK for Charity**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The FAITH WALK FOR CHARITY on October 5 will benefit RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Pastors, I encourage you to print the [flyer](#) and have a member of the congregation make a “live” announcement at a Sunday morning worship service. [announcement](#)

**NOTES FROM LIZ**

**Hors d’oeuvres, Dinner and FUN! *Sound interesting?* SAVE THE DATE and RSVP NOW!**

Please join friends of ABCORI for a very special dinner event on Saturday, November 1, 6 PM at Shaub Lodge “***So More Can Find Hope***!” You will enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres and dinner prepared by our own Chef Nick. The offering collected at this event is designated for our Ministry of Evangelism. Please RSVP by October 24 to Colleen Tolhurst at: 294-6318 X 110 or via email: [Colleen@abcori.org](mailto:Colleen@abcori.org). Ticket prices are reduced when you reserve seats for 4 or more guests! **Flyer to download** [Here](#)

**TWO NEW ACCOMODATIONS NOW AVAILABLE AT CANONICUS!**

**SNELL LODGE** - Are you looking for a cozy place to hold a family or small group retreat at Canonicus? We now have just the place for you! Snell Lodge has been completely remodeled and features the best view on the property! Snell is located on the hillside overlooking Lake Adams. Accommodations include 3 bedrooms (sleeps 6), 1 full bath, kitchenette and large living area with stone fireplace. Meal reservations can be made upon request.

**SHAUB LODGE NOW FEATURES NEW UPGRADES!**

Shaub Lodge and its adjoining serving-kitchen now feature a state-of-the-art QUIET hot air heating system! Guests may now rent Shaub Lodge any day of the week, year 'round, for meals, conferences, meetings and retreats - all while enjoying a lovely view of Lake Adams! Shaub Lodge also boasts a newly rebuilt kitchen service-entrance located at the back of the lodge; this renovation enhances the rustic appeal of the main structure and is more pleasing to the eye than the previous structure.



For information on how to reserve Snell or Shaub Lodges, please contact Linda Martin, Guest Services Coordinator, at 294-6318 X 103 OR via email:

[Linda@abcori.org](mailto:Linda@abcori.org).

### **19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL – COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our Fall Festival is right around the corner! ! This is a FREE event and a perfect opportunity to bring your family and friends to enjoy Canonicus! There will be hay rides, an inflatable & games for the kids, boating on Lake Adams, musical entertainment, crafts show & sale, yummy food, a bake sale and the famous apple pie contest! **Remember, Canonicus belongs to YOU, so come and have fun!** This event is held rain or shine! **Flyer to download** [Here](#)  
For more information, call the ABCORI office at (401)294-6318 or go to [www.canonicus.org](http://www.canonicus.org).

### **CANONICUS STAFF ALUMNI**

Thank you to the many former camp staff who have responded to our request to have names added to the staff alumni database. If you have not yet contacted us, and wish to be included in our updated information, please send an email to either Jim Goodwin, Alumni Association President: [sjagoodwin@cox.net](mailto:sjagoodwin@cox.net), or to me! [Liz@abcori.org](mailto:Liz@abcori.org). We hope to see many of you at the Fall Festival! Wear your staff shirt and receive a free food voucher!

### **THANKSGIVING FEAST – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 – SAVE THE DATE!**

Flyer to download [Here](#)

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

The Interfaith Coalition of RI, of which ABCORI is a member, will hold a **prayer vigil** on Thursday, October 2 at 10 a.m. at the Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset St., Providence. This effort is to shed light on childhood poverty. On October 1, more than 4,000 children in RI will lose their health care. This is not morally right. As part of our Children in Poverty initiative, we need all clergy to come and stand up for these children.

### **HEALTHY CHURCHES – CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES**

**Mission Celebration Registrations** are **due** in to ABCORI office **Tuesday, September 23**

Special thank you to Camille and Juanita Bedard, they are the first to register.

### **New Fire Code Information**

**RI Mandated Fire Survey** – Every house of worship in Rhode Island is to have a fire survey conducted by their local fire authority by December 31, 2008. If your local fire authority has not contacted you to set a time for this survey, we recommend that you contact them to arrange for this survey. Once the survey is conducted, you will have until December 31, 2009 to comply with the results (unless there is some egregious issue), except for any requirement for an alarm system. Mandated alarm systems will be required by December 31, 2010. Any disputed compliance issues can be appealed to the RI Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review. It is in the best interest of the house of worship to have this survey done as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call the RISCC's office at 401-461-5558.

### **'Love Thy Neighbor' at the Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction**

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries will host this fund-raising event on Saturday, Oct. 18, 3-6:00 p.m., at Canonicus in Meadowwood Conference Center. "Love Thy Neighbor" presentations will be made to Melissa Crawford, Rev. Wes Smith, Ed Shuman and John Elkhay. Come congratulate them, welcome new executive director Yvette Kenner, and do some shopping

at the auction. \$15 per person. Send check to SPNM, 747 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907 no later than Oct. 6.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate fountain, and delicious chocolate delights. There will be home-baked goodies to purchase, as well as over 75 auction items. Download Frolic Poster [Here](#)

## **WHOLE GOSPEL – SOCIAL WITNESS MINISTRIES**

**Pilgrimage for Peace** – New England 2008 (to overnight at Canonicus, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)

This year the 2008 Pilgrimage for Peace begins in New London, CT, September 28, and makes a circuit through RI and MA to Manchester, NH and finish back in New London, on Sunday, November 9.

Not only will the pilgrims visit churches, synagogues and mosques, but also schools, colleges and seminaries. Pilgrims are welcome to join for a week, a weekend, or a day or two, anywhere along the route. Major city dates are listed below. You may choose when and where you wish to join the Pilgrimage. <http://www.peacewalk-newengland.com/index.html>

To invite pilgrims to visit your community, or to arrange to join the Pilgrimage, **contact Fr. Emmett Jarrett** - Tel. 860 437-8890 or email [stfrancishouse@mindspring.com](mailto:stfrancishouse@mindspring.com)

### **ITINERARY**

New London, CT.....	September 28	Providence, RI.....	October 5
Boston, MA .....	October 12	Manchester, NH ..	October 19
Springfield, MA .....	October 19	Hartford CT .....	October 26
New Haven, CT .....	November 2 / November 9		

## **INVITATION to all Women & Girls!**

Please mark your calendar so you don't miss the Fall State **MISSIONS Meeting** for the American Baptist Women's Ministries of RI, taking place on Saturday, October 25th, from 2:30-8pm, at the First Baptist Church of North Kingstown (at Allenton), 1135 Tower Hill Road, 02852! There will be Bible Study, workshops, "Budget Baubles" & **our AB missions in Myanmar & Thailand**, as well as an **entire AB GIRLS program** & an update on our medical Missionary Partners, Drs. Laura & David Parajón in Nicaragua. Please bring a bottle of [Children's Vitamins With Iron](#) for their mission work with the children of Nicaragua! Call me with your dinner reservations! (232-5199) See you there! - Jill Paterson, ABWM/RI Coordinator of Mission and Services Ministries **download flyer** [Here](#)

## **WHOLE WORLD – EVANGELISTIC WITNESS MINISTRIES**

### **Important Policy Change Towards Missionary Addresses:**

"It has come to our attention from several of our missionaries that they are seeing their address posted on Region/States websites. This has become a concern and therefore, for this reason, we are asking you to let all your churches know the following:

[Missionary mailing addresses are not to be shared publicly in church newsletters nor posted on blogs or websites. Please respect the desires of the missionaries and not compromise their security.](#) This has been a concern in recent years. Also, if someone contacts you individually for an address and you give it out, please indicate to the person requesting it, that missionary information is for [their own use only](#) and not to be shared or posted in any way.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you, Chris Marziale", International Ministries; IM Consultant ABWMinistries, White Cross, Special Interest Missionaries Coordinator, Administrative Assistant-Missionary Partnership Team (610-768-2207)  
email: [cmarzial@abc-usa.org](mailto:cmarzial@abc-usa.org)

### **Emergency Appeal Issued for Disaster Relief Kits: VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 09/12/08)**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, Church World Service (CWS) needs assistance in meeting the needs of those affected by this and other disasters. Lisa Rothenberger, World Relief Officer for ABCUSA, said, " the natural disasters of 2008 have left Church World Service with an urgent need for relief kits. Providing material resources in the form of kits and blankets is one of the ways that we can effectively respond to victims of these storms and hurricanes. CWS kits are

often among the first forms of aid that disaster victims receive, so I encourage churches and individuals to prayerfully consider responding to this need."

Preparing CWS kits is a tangible way local churches, community groups and others may help people in need. All kits are assembled using common household items. To find out how to prepare and deliver help to someone in need, go to [www.churchworldservice.org/kits/](http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits/).

These items provide immediate, important relief to those coping with disaster. Displaced from their homes, disaster-affected individuals rely on CWS resources after being forced from their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs.

Contributions to support this and other CWS work call 1-800-297-1516; or by mail to Church World Service, 28606 Phillips Street, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Or online at <https://secure.churchworldservice.org/catalog/display.php?sid=1;>

**Grant to South Providence Neighborhood Ministries:** A \$5,000 grant from ABC-USA's One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) was given to South Providence Neighborhood Ministries earlier this year for their work in providing services to immigrants. It costs SPNM approximately \$1,000 a day to provide the services they give to the neighbors they serve in their community.

Remember: OGHS funds, whether given at the annual offering or during times of disaster, go to support vital development and relief ministries.

<b>The ABCORI <u>Calendar</u></b>			
<b>Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar</b>			
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 – RISSC 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>
Sept 29	2:00 p.m.	Canonicus Properties Committee	Canonicus
Oct 2		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Oct 2	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil – Children in Poverty	Beneficent Church Prov.
Oct 3 & 4	6pm- 3pm	BOM Dinner and retreat ABCORI/TABCOM	Canonicus
Oct 4	9:30 a.m.	Crop Walk	Goddard Park, Warwick
Oct 5		ABCORI Regional Offering	the Churches
Oct 5	2:00 p.m.	Faith Walk for RI Food Pantry	Colt State Park
Oct 5	7:00 p.m.	The Hillside Galileans	Seekonk Memorial
Oct 13	10 -4:00 p.m.	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual 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 21	7:00 p.m.	AG09 planning team – all welcome	United, Newport
Oct 25	2:30 – 8 p.m.	AB Women and Girls Fall Mission Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Oct 25	9-3:00 p.m.	Squirrel Day	Canonicus
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> ABCORI 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 11		<b>Veterans Day – ABCORI office closed</b>	
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
Nov 30		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	
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 31	8:30–3:30 p.m.	Spiritual Growth Retreat ABWomen and Girls	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 21	8:30-3:00 p.m.	ABW Spring Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Pawtucket
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 24-25</b>		<b>Annual Gathering (Session B)</b>	<b>Newport Churches</b>
June 5-6	Fri – Sat.	ABW Annual Conference	Canonicus
October 3	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	Shaub, Canonicus
October 24	2:30-8:00 p.m.	ABW Fall Statewide Missions Meeting	TBA
October		World Mission Conference ABC-USA	New Hampshire
<a href="#">CALENDAR ON LINE</a>			