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ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-Notes

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FROM LILIANA’S DESK

By now you have probably heard of the Governor’s executive order regarding undocumented immigrants and the consequences it has brought to our small state. Rhode Island has become almost a police state, where people are afraid even to take their children to the doctor for fear of being reported to immigration officers. Immigrants, both legal and undocumented, are being stopped in traffic by State Police officers just because they sport bumper stickers with a foreign flag, or simply because of their looks.

No matter what our political position on this issue, we must remember we are Christians first. The Bible is clear as to how we are to treat the foreigner in our midst and hospitality is one of God’s most appreciated virtues. Have we lost all sense of humanity? Have we forgotten that Jesus’ First Commandment is to love our neighbors, without asking them for the green card?

I suggest that we examine our ways and examine the facts. There are many myths regarding immigration that may be clouding our understanding. That undocumented people are taking our jobs is a myth; that they don’t pay taxes is a myth; and that they are criminals because they’re breaking the law is a myth. There are many decent, loving and productive individuals, who are here, are undocumented just because they were victims of international politics and global economy.

Let us get ahead of the game and exercise compassion and mercy before judgment and condemnation. Let us remember that one day our fore parents came to these shores in search of a better life. Let us remember that our calling is higher, and our God greater than human laws that discriminate and provoke fear. Let us all pray about this and search the mind of Christ.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER CARE MINISTRIES – KATHY BLACK

Help wanted: a few good volunteers to round out our Fall Festival Team on October 13. Must be willing to enjoy the beauty of the fall foliage and the fresh air of Canonicus. Needed areas of expertise are: flipping burgers and dogs, selling baked goods or assisting with parking. Interested? Contact Kathy Black at (401)294-6318, ext. 102 or kathy@abcori.org Thanks!

NOTES FROM LIZ

Canonicus Staff Alumni! We hope to see you at the Fall Festival on Monday, October 13! Wear your staff shirt and receive a food voucher when you check in at the Welcome Table!

“So More Can Find Hope” – November 1 – Special Regional Offering Dinner Event

Enjoy music, delicious appetizers and dinner while supporting our ministry of Evangelism. Our special guest speaker is Rev. George Barclay. Plan now to join friends of ABCORI for this important evening. Reservations are needed by October 25th. ***Why not consider sponsoring a ½ table for you and your friends?*** For further information, please contact **Liz Lussier, 294-6318 x100** or liz@abcori.org . Flyer **with new details** [Here](#)

THANKSGIVING FEAST – Thursday, November 20 – SAVE THE DATE!

Reservations are limited to the first 100 guests responding by November 7. Flyer [Here](#)

CANONICUS Fall Festival News:

Earn Turtle Tokens by contributing baked goods, entering the apple pie contest, or bringing large pumpkins. Contact Linda Martin x 103 and Linda@abcori.org More info and a **Flyer** [Here](#)

Our volunteer crew for Fall Festival is all set for Monday, October 13, here at Canonicus. (A big THANK YOU to all who agreed to help that day!) However, **we could sure use some “subs”** for those times when our regular volunteers need to break for lunch or take a refreshing walk around the event. If you plan to attend the Fall Festival, would you be willing to sub for a half-hour or so to give a volunteer a well-deserved break? If so, contact Kathy Black at (401)294-6318, ext. 102 or reply to kathy@abcori.org. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

HEALTHY PASTORS – PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

Announcement:

One of our pastors is in need of acquiring a second car for his family. Please let us know if you know of anybody considering donating or selling a vehicle at a low price.

HEALTHY CHURCHES – CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRIES

“When Life Takes What Matters Most,” a Grief Recovery Workshop

A series of grief recovery workshops will take place at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston on Monday evenings, October 6, 20 & 27 at 7:00 PM. Rev. Wesley Smith, Senior Pastor of Phillips Church will lead the series “When Life Takes What Matter Most”. For details, call 401-467-3300.

WHOLE GOSPEL – SOCIAL WITNESS MINISTRIES

Craft Fair benefiting Outreach Heating Assistance Program for Burrillville residents. Saturday October 4, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Berean Baptist Church Chapel St., Harrisville, RI
Lunch will be available for purchase

SPNM Chocoholic Frolic and Silent Auction Saturday, October 18. Tickets are \$15 and include tasty hors d'oeuvres and chocolate treats. Donations for the Silent Auction are tax deductible and will be happily accepted by co-chairs Liz Lussier and Nancy Bancroft. If you need further details regarding donations, please contact, **Liz Lussier, 294-6318 x100** or liz@abcori.org Flyer to download [Here](#)

SPNM WISH LIST - Food Pantry: beans, cereal, corn, mixed vegetables, peas, pasta, peanut butter, tuna, canned meat

After School Program: paper towels, hand sanitizer, juices, snacks, gift certificates for movie rentals or fast food restaurants (used as prizes for homework club)

Office: hot cups, stamps, copy paper, gift card for Staples

WHOLE WORLD – EVANGELISTIC WITNESS MINISTRIES

Mission Celebration WOW!!

I can't say that enough. If you didn't get a chance to attend, then you missed a great meal, wonderful and creative worship, plus lots of "Mission on their door step" information from our ABCORI churches. With the help of Ken Bell, about 180 ABCORI people heard first hand, the good works of our churches. A Big Thank You to the committee for their work, the people at Greenville for hosting and serving a wonderful meal, Darin Collins worship leader, Ken Bell for giving his time to be our interviewer and Tim Lovejoy for his expertise on the audio & video equipment. See you all next year!!! – Judy Brown

Want to develop missions like the ones seen at the above Mission Celebration?

The Grant Writing workshop can equip you with the skills needed to apply for grant seed money to grow your vision. These days Foundations and Trusts want you to “Ask”, in a specific way, in order to “Receive” the largess in their barns. Dream Big – and then sign up with Kathy Black at kathy@abcori.org or (401)294-6318 ext. 102 - **Dates:** October 18 and November 15, from 9am – 3pm, free of charge. **Location:** the First Baptist Church of Attleboro (118 South Main Street, Attleboro, MA 02703).

OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

During the month of October, *Organ Spectacular*, the first global celebration of the organ, the “King of Instruments,” will be held, all around the world. RI will join the global celebration with an [Organ Spectacular concert](#) on Wednesday evening October 15 at 7:00 pm on the massive organ at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, One Cathedral Square, Providence. Prominent organists from the Chapter will perform music of Bach, Vierne, Dupre, and Swedish composer Oskar Merikanto. Also featured will be the RI premiere of a new work by Stephen Paulos entitled “Blithely Breezing Along” from the Baronian Suite, a commission by the American Guild of Organists especially for this year long celebration. CONTACT: Stephen Martorella, 454-3418 ext. 13, steve.fbc@verizon.net more information [Here](#)

The ABCORI <u>Calendar</u>			
Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar			
Oct 3 & 4	6pm- 3pm	BOM Dinner and retreat ABCORI/TABCOM	Canonicus
Oct 4	9:30 a.m.	Crop Walk	Goddard Park, Warwick
Oct 4	5 – 7:00 p.m.	Ham Dinner – tickets 596-4929	Central, Westerly
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 6	7:00 p.m.	Grief Recovery workshop	Philips Memorial
Oct 9	2:00 p.m.	Think Tank	Lawrence Building
Oct 9	7:00 p.m.	Orientation – Ministry Teams	Lawrence Building
Oct 13	10 -4:00 p.m.	19 th Annual Fall Festival	Canonicus
Oct 14	10:00 a.m.	Consultants	Lawrence Building
Oct 17	7:00 p.m.	The Hyssongs in Concert	First, Hope Valley
Oct 14	10:00 a.m.	Consultants	Lawrence Building
Oct 18	10:00 a.m.	Missional Churches	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 st Baptist Attleboro
Oct 19	3:00 p.m.	134 th Anniversary Opening Celebration	Berean Baptist
Oct 20	7:00 p.m.	Grief Recovery workshop	Philips Memorial
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 st 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 27	7:00 p.m.	Grief Recovery workshop	Philips 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 st N. Kingstown
Nov 6		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Nov 8		Baptist Women’s Day of Prayer	
Nov 11		Veterans Day – ABCORI office closed	
Nov 15	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Grant Writing Course ABCORI/TABCOM	1 st 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 st Sunday in Advent	
Dec 4		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Dec 6	9 – 3:30 p.m.	RUAH	Canonicus

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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
March 2	7:00 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting (Session A)	First, East Greenwich
March 21	8:30-3:00 p.m.	ABW Spring Meeting	1 st 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
April 24-25		Annual Gathering (Session B)	Newport Churches
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
<u>CALENDAR ON LINE</u>			