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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Donna Sherman and her family, on the passing of her father Arthur W. Drew Jr.

The AB Women's Ministries Spring Meeting at Memorial Baptist Church, Seekonk on April 5, "Come to the Edge of Your Community and Expand It". We pray that our churches will answer the call sent out by Laurie Robertson for items for the blind auction to benefit the "Children in Poverty" and the "Breaking the Chains" projects.

FROM LILIANA'S DESK - ANNUAL GATHERING VOTE - To view the New Structure Model – go to <http://www.abcori.org/>

As the time for our Annual Gathering approaches and we hold Informational Forums about the proposed new Mission and Structure of ABCORI, we want to give you further a explanation of how things around it will work:

- On April 26, at the end of the Annual Gathering program and before 4 pm, we will call a business meeting for the delegates. Of course, everyone else present will be welcomed to stay.
- The motion will be to:
 1. Suspend articles VI, VIII, IX, and X of our By-Laws
 2. Adopt the presented Mission and Structure for one year on trial basis.
- After the vote, if the motion passes, we will proceed to implement this plan immediately. Such implementation will take time and require your patience.
- As we proceed in the transition, we will encounter many instances in which we must revise things to make them more functional.
- Next year, at the Annual Business Meeting, we will bring another proposal either to affirm this Mission and Structure with any changes made through the year, or to vote for another trial year if we feel that the implementation is far from complete.
- Then, when it is time to vote for a final product, we will create a By-Laws Committee to work on amendments that embrace the changes.
- Until then, nothing will be written in stone.

FORUMS

There are still two more forums for you to attend to hear more about this. One will be held at United Baptist Church in Newport on March 30' at 4 pm, and the other at Congdon Street Baptist Church on April 2' at 7 pm. These are great opportunities. We encourage you to participate. Here is what one participant had to say after our first forum held at East Greenwich on March 13'

"Tonight's meeting was very helpful & gave me a much better understanding of what is happening, where we are going, & how we are going to get there. I feel now that I am able to explain the structure to our church & give it my support."

NEEDED INFORMATION FOR THE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT & YEARBOOK

No later than		Send to:
March 24	All reports from Boards, Dept., Committees...	ABCORI office
March 31	Pastor / Church Anniversaries	ABCORI office
April 1	Church Annual Reports for 2007 mail or complete on line	ABCORI office
April 4	All changes in contact information for directory	ABCORI office

The ABCORI Calendar			
March 21	ALL DAY	ABCORI OFFICE CLOSED	Good Friday
March 21	9:00 a.m.	Good Friday Walk	Peoples Baptist, Cranston
March 24	Due: Reports all Boards, Committees, Taskforces, Affiliated Organizations...		
March 25	11:30 prayer	Ministers Council Meeting - noon bag lunch	Shawomet - 12:30 program
March 25	Due:	Reservations for Pooled Fund Dinner Meeting	
March 27	12:00 p.m.	Baptist Heritage Center	Motter
March 30	4-5:00 p.m.	East Bay Information Forum #2-New Structure	United, Newport
March 31	6:00 p.m.	Pooled Fund Dinner	Warwick Central
April 1	Due date	2007 Annual Church Report	Mail or complete on-line
April 1	5:00 p.m.	New Life 2010	Community, Providence
April 1	7 p.m.	DCL	Community, Providence
April 2	7-8:00 p.m.	Informational Forum #3 New Structure	Congdon Street Baptist
April 3	7:00 p.m.	India Mission Explosion meeting	Mt. Pleasant, Providence
April 4 & 5	Friday & Sat	Spirituality & Stewardship biennial event	Crowne Plaza, Worcester
April 5	9-3:00 p.m.	ABWMRI State Meeting	Memorial,- Seekonk
April 5	9-3:00 p.m.	Youth Leader Training with Peggy Kendall	Shaub, Canonicus
April 7	11-2:00p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries Knit-Together	North Scituate
April 12	9-3:00 p.m.	Beaver Day	Canonicus