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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**

All our children, all their families, homes, churches, friends, play areas. May we all be their caregivers.

**FROM LILIANA'S DESK**

This week I have three of my grandchildren with me because their parents are getting ready to move to Portland, Oregon, on Sunday. Amidst the grief of seeing the last of my children flee to the West Coast, Horacio and I are having fun with the children. For the last five years, they have spent one whole week with us every summer. Yet, this time is different. In fact, every year is a little different. Do you know why? It is because they keep growing up! They don't remain the same. I may really like something they do or say, and all of a sudden, they don't do it or say it anymore. Now they can read, hold a conversation, and play board games. How did this happen? It is all right, I guess, change is part of life. After all, if the children didn't grow and learn new things, and stop doing babyish things, something would be wrong with them.

Change is part of life, and yet we don't like it. We dread change because things we like and manage well turn suddenly into disconcerting and challenging realities. It happens in all aspects of life, including ministry. We would love to get a handle on things and put to rest our anxieties; we'd be very happy if what we have learned in our lives would constitute our wisdom forever. However, the way of life is to learn new things all the time!

In our life together as the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island, we are facing a new and confusing future. I have to confess that I panic when I realize the many details we must consider, while implementing our new structure. Although I may be doubtful of many things, there is one of which I am sure: we have sought the leading of the Holy Spirit in this process and need to be obedient to God. Therefore, I beseech you to be patient and to cooperate with the regional family as we figure this one out together.

**RELATIONAL EVANGELISM - Evangelism III**

Small groups can really enhance your church relationships and, reach out to new people. This type of "relational evangelism" may well be the most effective way to reach people in our culture today. Presented by Rev. George Barclay. Also, to be included, is the second half of "Unbinding the Gospel" with Ron Provençal. June 21, 8:45 – 12:30 at Norwood Baptist Church. Please confirm your attendance with [Sandy@abcori.org](mailto:Sandy@abcori.org) or 294-6348 x 111. Thank you.

**TOGETHER IN HARMONY & CELEBRATING OUR FAITH**

**Praise, Prayer and Preaching**

You won't want to miss "Together in Harmony" this Sunday, June 22, 4:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St, Providence. Combined choir, hymns, interpretive sign, praise dance, bagpipe, organ, and preaching by The Rev. Dr. Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Executive Director, National Ministries, ABCUSA.

Reception following the service. Bring a carload or two from your church! See you there!

**Attention Choir Members**

To all those singing in the "Together in Harmony" combined choir at Calvary Baptist Church this Sunday: Remember to wear white tops or shirts (no robes), and be there on time to begin rehearsing promptly at 3:30 p.m.

**BE A CAMP PASTOR**

We are still looking for 2-3 camp pastors for the summer. If you are interested, please contact Matt directly. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Matt Black, Assistant Camp Director, 401-294-6318 ext 105 or [www.canonicus.org](http://www.canonicus.org)

## **ELDER CARE MINISTRIES TRAINING**

Elder Care Ministries will be offering a *Simeon's Ministry* training seminar this fall to prepare volunteers to lead worship services in our local nursing homes. Anyone interested in participating in this program, can contact Kathy Black before September 1<sup>st</sup> to register for the training. The one-day seminar includes information on the spiritual needs of institutionalized elders as well as skills and resources for leading worship in a nursing home. Ministering to those with Alzheimer's and related dementia will also be discussed. Don't miss this opportunity to extend the ministry of your church to older adults in your community residing in long-term care facilities. Contact Kathy at (401)294-6318, ext. 102 or at [kathy@abcori.org](mailto:kathy@abcori.org) for more information.

## **WHOLE WORLD – EVANGELISTIC WITNESS MINISTRIES –LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSION CELEBRATION 2008 - ABCORI**

Is your church doing something exciting in mission in your community? Perhaps you are collaborating with an organization in a neighboring community. We would love to hear from you about what you are doing. Please contact Linda Martin at the ABCORI office - telephone 401 294-6318 x103 or email [linda@abcori.org](mailto:linda@abcori.org)

We would also like to include your church in an array of displays, from other ABCORI churches, at the **Mission Celebration**, September 29, at Greenville Baptist Church on Monday evening. This year we are featuring "**Mission on our Doorstep**", the theme of this year's America for Christ Offering. If you have a display or would like to put one together that features a local ministry of your church, contact Linda Martin.

Please, join with your ABCORI family to celebrate all God has done and is doing in our neighborhoods and communities. This will be a very different program from past years and you will not want to miss it!

### **MISSION: HONDURAS**

The *Iglesias Comunidad de Amor* (Community of Love Churches) was founded by Dr. Hector Newman. They have grown to 17 in number with another three in the making. As Honduras is the second poorest Country in the Western Hemisphere, the ministry of these churches is very holistic. They preach the gospel, feed the hungry, educate the children, and restore the family. Hector Enrique Newman, Hector's son, is now in charge of the field mission there. He supports the work of the local pastors by providing them with training and resources.

One of these churches in Danli, a town 4 hours away from Tegucigalpa, has a partnership with Compassion International, an organization that pairs up children with sponsors in the United States. The children receive Christian instruction, school tutoring, nutritional meals, and much love from the church workers. There are about 500 children in the town of Danli. Back in 2004, the church was only able to house 200 in their makeshift facilities. Then, with the support of TABCOM, they built a new church and school building that welcomes up to 500 children daily!

These buildings are not finished yet. These brothers and sisters have come to us with their Macedonian call and we must respond. When Pastor Enrique Newman and his wife Stacey visited several of our churches, this past March, we learned of their needs as well as opportunities for ministry. Now, we feel we must go to them and embrace them with the love of Jesus Christ. Come to the ABCORI office on July 17, at 7 pm and become a part of this exciting working group.

### **YOKOHAMA JAPAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - JULY 27 TO AUG. 11**

**Wanted:** Two Energetic Women 30 years + or - a young couple (anyone older must look younger so that the children might think of you as an older sister and not their teacher at school!!!). Will consider one person if up to the challenge. Volunteer(s) need to be able to work with children ages 4-11. **Program** - A short one and a half days of intense orientation with missionary Roberta Stephens; help in a 2 night 3 day camp with 4-5 year olds; help in planning and carrying culturally based program for neighborhood children involving activities introducing your cultural background; testimony. **Accommodations:** An apartment with cooking facilities. **Costs for ministry days:** Transportation to Yokohama, Japan; \$20/day for food; \$3.00/day for housing; travel \$10/day or less. Translation will be available most of the time when with groups. Applicants need to be daring and ready for the unexpected!

**Deadline** for notification of application has been extended to **June 30**. **Needed:** International Ministries & Japan-specific information form, Good references, Current passport

This is a first-ever joint venture program for volunteers, sponsored by two Japan Baptist Union Churches in Yokohama. God has pulled these details together in a marvelous way, and we believe that God has a special two people in mind. Please recommend people you think are qualified for this opportunity. If interested, please email Roberta Stephens at [rstephen@attglobal.net](mailto:rstephen@attglobal.net) or [bimvolunteers@abc-usa.org](mailto:bimvolunteers@abc-usa.org) (Volunteers in Global Mission). 1-800-222-3872 ext 2366, or visit [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org) .

## **WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE, ABC-USA SUFFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

For information and to register on line go to: <http://www.abconn.org/wmc/details.html>

### **HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**Greeter Needed:** The Providence Intown Churches Association (PICA) needs a volunteer(s) to work at the Homeless Outreach Program desk Mon-Fri from 11am-2pm. This person would answer the door, greet our guests, and have them fill out necessary forms. If the request were for toiletries, the Greeter would handle the distribution. If the guest requires the Homeless Outreach Counselor, the Greeter notifies the Counselor. The main requirements are reliability, people skills, compassion and caring. If you can only volunteer a few days a week, please let us know. We will be happy to work with you! This program is located in the First Universalist Church, 250 Washington St, Providence, RI, diagonally across from the Providence Public Library. PICA will provide an introductory training. Thank you for your consideration. Contact Person for Homeless Outreach Program is: Diana Burdett, Executive Director, Providence Intown Churches Association (PICA) PO Box 5639 Providence, RI 02903 401-454-7422; [diana225@verizon.net](mailto:diana225@verizon.net)

### **SUMMER PULPIT SUPPLY**

Rev. Shirley Fortin announces that she is available for summer pulpit supply. You can contact her by calling 683-1829

### **BOOK SIGNING**

***“Almost Persuaded, Now to Believe”*** by Rev. Joshua A. McClure. Saturday, June 21, 11-3 pm, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Providence. On the web visit: <http://joshuaamcclure.com/>

### **STRAWBERRY SUPPER**

The Church of the Master will be holding a Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m. Menu: Ham, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Harvard Beets, Strawberry Shortcake. Donation: Adults-\$8, Children 6-12 \$4 and under six Free. Call 861-5568 for reservations.

### **CHOWDER AND CLAM CAKE SUPPER**

The North Foster Baptist Church is holding an All You Can Eat Chowder (red and white) and Clam cakes Supper Saturday June 28 from 5 to 7. Adults \$10 and children under 12 \$5.

### **FYI: There are two forms of E-Notes sent Thursday’s in the late afternoon:**

- Every other week is an extended mailing: the ABCORI Bi-Weekly E-notes. This version includes short articles/notes of interest (use [E-Note Guidelines](#) for How To)
- The week in between is an Abbreviated Emailing with “in our thoughts and prayers” and a two-week version of the ABCORI calendar.
- If you are receiving these E-notes and wish to be deleted from the lists, contact [info@abcori.org](mailto:info@abcori.org)

<b>The ABCORI <a href="#">Calendar</a></b>			
<b>Items highlighted in yellow indicate additions or changes to the calendar</b>			
June 20	11:00 a.m.	Multicultural Dialogue	Ebenezer Baptist
June 20		World Refugee Day	
June 21	8:45-12:30 p.m.	Evangelism Training “Small Groups”	Norwood Baptist
June 21	9 – 1:30 p.m.	June Festival	Central, Jamestown
June 21	11-3 p.m.	Book signing: Rev. Joshua A. McClure	Ebenezer Baptist Church
June 21	6:00 p.m.	Strawberry Supper – call 861-5568	Church of the Master
June 21	6:00p.m.	Avenue A in Concert	Lime Rock Baptist
June 22	4:30 p.m.	<b>ABCORI Celebration of Faith</b>	Calvary Baptist Church
June 23	5:30 –7:30p.m.	ABWM Executive Board	Greenville Baptist
June 24	5:30	Recruitment Committee	Phillips Memorial
June 28	5-7:00 p.m.	Chowder and Clam Cakes	North Foster Baptist
July 1	10 - noon	Consultant Group	Lawrence
July 3	11:00	Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence

July 4		<b>ABCORI OFFICES CLOSED</b>	Fourth of July
July 6- 11		Grandparents Camp	Canonicus
July 8		S&A pot luck - Baptist Fund	N. Scituate
July 10	12:00 p.m.	Baptist Heritage Society	Canonicus - Meadowwood
July 15	4:00 p.m.	S&A	N. Scituate
July 17		TIM Group; All Staff	
July 17	7:00 p.m.	Mission Honduras	Lawrence
July 28	1 – 4:00 p.m.	Properties Committee	Lawrence
August 4	7:00 p.m.	Baptist Home of RI	Phillips, Cranston
August 12	9:15 a.m.	Personnel Committee Meeting	Calvary, Providence
August 21		TIM Group; All Staff	
August 23	8:30 - 2 p.m.	ABWM Executive Board Retreat	Rathbun, Canonicus
Sept. 1		Registration due for Simeon's Ministry Training	Kathy Black
Sept. 4		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Sept. 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	N. Scituate
Sept 10		BiRST	Dedham, MA
Sept 18		TIM Group; All Staff	
Sept 19-21		World Mission Conference - ABCUSA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baptist–Suffield CT
Sept 27	9 – 3:00 p.m.	Missional Churches	TBA
Sept. 29	6:00 p.m.	Mission Celebration – ABCORI	Greenville Baptist
Oct 2		Ministers Council & SCOM	Lawrence
Oct. 4		Crop Walk	Goddard Park, Warwick
Oct. 13		Fall Festival	Canonicus
Oct. 18	3:00 p.m.	SPNM Chocoholic Frolic & Silent Auction	Canonicus
Oct. 25	2:30 – 8 p.m.	ABW Fall Mission Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Nov. 4	7 – 9:00 p.m.	Board of Ministries	1 <sup>st</sup> N. Kingstown
Nov. 8		Baptist Women's Day of Prayer	
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Jan. 6	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
<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
<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