



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Sept. 29** – *Faith in a Changing Climate* a workshop hosted by the Iowa Inter-faith Power & Light, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Christian Conference Center, Newton, Ia. Open to ministers of all faiths to learn from experts about climate change and its religious dimensions, as well as the simple ways that your faith community and its members can become part of the solution and save money in the process. For more information or to register, contact Iowa IPL Director Tim Fink, 515-689-1112 or go to www.iowaip.org/ministry_workshop.html.
- **Oct. 1** – CROSS Ministries, 7 p.m., **Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **Oct. 2**– Budget & Finance Committee, Noon, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **Oct. 4** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, Worship services, 9 & 11 a.m. at **Ankeny Presbyterian Church**.
- **Oct. 4** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, World Communion service at 5 p.m., by the South Central Regional Partnership hosted at the **Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Indianola**. A potluck dinner will follow. The Des Moines Presbytery churches are invited to attend.
- **Oct. 5** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, 3 p.m., Des Moines Area Religious Council invites members of the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities for discussion with Bernie. (DMARC Office, 3816 36th St., Ste. 202, Des Moines, IA 50310.)
- **Oct. 6** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Lectionary Study Group, at **Presbytery Office, Urbandale**.
- **Oct. 6** – CCD Committee, 2 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **Oct. 6** – Compañeros Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **Oct. 6** – Session Records Review, 7 p.m., **Monroe Presbyterian Church**
- **Oct. 7** – Retired Ministers Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Calvin Community, the Rev. Jan Scott will speak on the Ministry of Aging.
- **Oct. 7** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, 2-7 p.m., discussion/worship, at **Community United Presbyterian Church, Hartford**.
- **Oct. 8** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, at the Men's morning Bible Study, **United Presbyterian Church, Allerton**.

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Joys and Concerns

The **Rev. David Braak** and the Ankeny Presbyterian Church have dissolved their pastoral relationship. We wish both the church and Pastor Braak well on his next call to service for the Lord.

Installation service for the **Rev. Dawn Linder**, new pastor at **Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18. The Presbytery is invited to attend.

The Rev. Goanar Chol has moved his office to the **Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church** to be closer to his ministry and to begin discerning the possibility of a Sudanese fellowship at the church. He is still available to come and speak to your church mission committees or preach for your church worship about the Sudanese in Des Moines and the Sudan water project. You can contact Rev. Chol at 515-490-7743, goanar@msn.com or pbysudanese@presbyteryofdesmoines.org. His office hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday - Friday and Sundays.

Our Des Moines Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler **Nancy Lister-Settle** has been elected to the Board of Partners for Just Trade, an independent entity of the Partner for Just Trade corporation, www.partnersforjusttrade.org. Congratulations!

Employment Opportunities

Executive Camp Director, Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji, Ia. – The camp board is already in the process of searching for an interim director for the current time. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position or the permanent executive director, contact a member of the camp board, www.presbycamp.org/.

Retired Pastor Receives Friends of Iowa Civil Rights Recognition



DES MOINES — The 14th Annual Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Inc. Award and Special Recognition Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, in the Diplomat Room of the Embassy Club at 801 Grand Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa. At the luncheon, the Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Inc., a non-profit corporation dedicated to educating individuals and groups on civil rights issues and recognizing individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations and educational entities that make a significant contribution to civil rights in Iowa, will recognize the recipient of this year's award.

This year's Individual winner is: Sharon Malheiro. Special Recognition will also be given to: **Reverend Robert Cook**, Dr. Tom Narak, and the Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center. Bob is receiving special recognition for unprecedented service with his work in El Salvador. The letter specifically states, "your commitment to social justice, advocacy for all people, and willingness to confront those in positions of power."

To attend this year's luncheon, call 515-225-1051 or e-mail alice@avinsandinc.com. Cost of the luncheon is \$35.00 or \$280 for a table for eight. Make checks payable to Friends of ICR, Inc. and RSVP by October 2 For additional information, contact Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Alice Vinsand, 515-225-1051. A list of previous award winners can be viewed on our website at: www.iowafriends.org.

St. John's Bible Art Exhibit at Greenfield in October

As part of its Sesquicentennial Festival, the United Methodist Church of Greenfield is hosting for southwest Iowa the authorized exhibit of St. John's Bible print art. The public may tour the exhibit free of charge and learn all about the St. John's Bible project through audio-visual presentations during the church's festival weekend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th**.

In 1998, St. John's Abbey & University at Collegeville, Minn., commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. It is acclaimed world wide now as a masterpiece of the ancient crafts of calligraphy and illumination (artistic depictions) that could only be made by artists of today who are assisted by computer technology and electronics. The St. John's Bible is seven volumes and two feet tall by three feet wide when open and cost \$4 million dollars to produce. The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible is used. Benedictine scholars collaborated with Catholic, Protestant and Jewish theologians to produce the interpretive illustrations. Volumes consist of Gospels and Acts, Pentateuch, Psalms, Prophets, Wisdom literature, Historical Books, Letters and Revelations.

Following the church's festival weekend, the art exhibit continues on the following schedule: Oct. 6, 7, 8, and 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Then it moves to the Warren Opera House in Greenfield Oct. 15, 16, 18, 22 and 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Group tours may be scheduled by calling the church office, 641-743-2715. Questions? Contact: Rev. Charles Layton, or Helen Conard, 641-743-2825, 108 SW 5th St., Greenfield, IA 50849

Attend Pastor's Renewal Seminar in Pella, Oct. 14 & 15

You are invited to an evening with [Pastor Jack Hayford](#), President of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and chancellor of The King's College and Seminary, as he speaks about "*Clearing Your Path to Tomorrow*." This free, public event will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Vermeer Global Pavilion in Pella, Iowa. On Thursday, October 15, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Dr. Hayford will be presenting a conference for pastors only entitled "*Finding Pastoral Equilibrium and Effectiveness Today*" at the Vermeer Global Pavilion. The Thursday conference requires pre-registration. Registration cost before Oct. 2 is \$25.00 (after Oct. 2 the cost is \$35.00). Registration information is available at www.vermeer.com under "About Us", "Charitable", "Jack Hayford Seminar". Both events are sponsored by Vermeer Charitable Foundation. Questions? Contact: charitablefoundation@vermeer.com or 641-628-3141.

When You are Ready, Iowa is Ready.

Last year taught us that disasters can strike anytime, anywhere. From tornados to rising flood waters, the summer of 2008 will go down as Iowa's biggest disaster. Although we don't know when the next one will strike, we do know emergencies happen. It is time to be ready and here are some simple steps to take.

1. Make a plan – Talk with your household members about the primary dangers you face – fire, severe weather, and flooding are major disasters in Iowa. Go over two ways to get out of your house and identify an outside meeting place. In the case of severe weather, be sure everyone knows the safe room for your home.

Plan for your pets. Be ready to take them with you and prepare a list of family, friends, boarding facilities and pet friendly hotels. Most public shelters do not accommodate pets.

1. Think of any special needs you might have including medicines.

2. Establish an out-of-town relative or close friend who can serve as a communication point if your family is scattered.

2. Make a kit – Including: water – one gallon, per day, per person – and food to sustain yourself for at least three days; first aid kit; extra clothing and blankets; flashlight and extra batteries; and unique family needs such as prescription medicines, infant formula or diapers.

For more tips, go to www.bereadyiowa.org. Be ready and you'll help Iowa be ready.