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Around The Conference

“Waypoints” Faith Community Charts a New Course in Greeley

by Rev. Robert Strauch, Rocky Mountain Area Representative

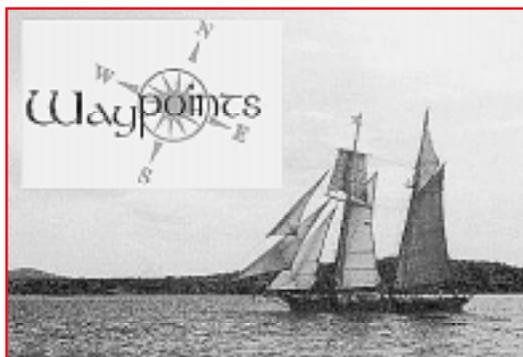
So what’s a waypoint?

In our country’s history, waypoints were immovable landmarks that guided pioneers as they moved westward. In our Bibles, waypoints are altars built by a sojourner like Abraham to mark places on his God-led journey.

In Greeley, Colorado, Waypoints is a different kind of biblical faith community. Waypoints was birthed in October 2003 inspired by a vision of pastors and congregation of Saint Paul’s Congregational Church.

To its people, Waypoints is a place of belonging, believing, and becoming. It is worshiping the Lord in everyday

clothing, and biblical sermons that include conversations between pastor Todd Welch and the Lord’s people. It is discussing, in table groups, how to apply Jesus’ life lessons to one’s own life journey. It is God-given wisdom to help navigate around potential shipwrecks and through life’s storms.



Waypoints is an average of 135 adults and 40 children coming together every Tuesday and Friday night to seek safe haven by growing in Jesus Christ. It is 50 believer baptisms. As one of Waypoint’s people explained and exclaimed “I finally found it! I finally found a place where I can come and feel at home!”

Around the Conference: Southeast Area Includes a Variety of Ministries

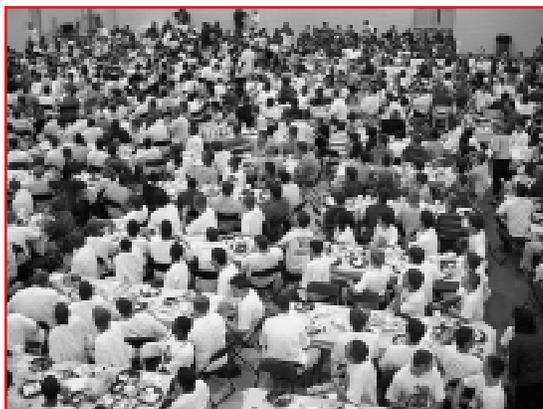
by Dr. Charles M. Horvath, Area Representative

The Southeast Area has no CCCC churches, but more than thirty 30 ministers and Christian workers live in the area. Many are retired — Florida has about a dozen — but others are involved in various ministries.

Some, like Derek Murray and Douglas Knighton, are military chaplains serving at bases located in the region. Others, like Randy Bruno and Sam Maihack, are active in parachurch ministries — Randy with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sam with the Navigators. Our photo shows a high school football kickoff dinner that was an event of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The Southeast Area includes a pair of missionaries in Haiti (Karl and Ann Olsson). Then there are some Christian college professors. I am Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership and Ethics at Milligan College, Tennessee, and Dr. William Chaney chairs the Department of Psychology at Crichton College, Memphis.

I mentioned that many down here were retired. That doesn’t mean they aren’t working in churches.



Many of those who correspond with me by email tell me of their work as Sunday school teachers or in other paid and unpaid part-time church ministries. In many ways the Lord is keeping them busy.

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From the Conference Minister



By the wonderful grace of God, in heaven we will be with brothers and sisters from every nation of the world! I have been reminded of God's vision of redeeming for Himself through our Lord Jesus Christ a church from every tribe, language, people and nation (Rev.5:9-10). I've also been reminded of the Lord's promise (Matthew 24:14) that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and I've been challenged by His words on the day He ascended commanding us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19), and promising to pour out the Holy Spirit that we might be His witnesses, beginning where we are and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

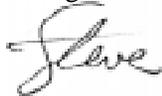
Recently I've been reminded of these themes as I've witnessed historical and present connections with Christians of other nations. This year (2006) we commemorate the 200th anniversary of what has been called the "Haystack Prayer Meeting," an occasion when college students fervently prayed for the fulfillment of God's vision for reaching the world for Christ. In time this led to the congregational churches' establishing the first foreign missions sending agency in the United States, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM). I recently visited Christian brothers and sisters in two nations who received the gospel through missionaries sent by the ABCFM.

In September I visited several churches in Bulgaria. Outside the historic church in Plovdiv (once called Philippopolis) I

was moved to read an historical marker commemorating the death of Rev. William Meriam and his wife Susan, missionaries of the ABCFM, who brought the gospel to that city and were murdered by robbers in 1862. The evangelical congregational churches of Bulgaria that are the fruit of such sacrifice definitely have the Lord's vision for evangelism and church planting! Some of our CCCC churches are in sister-church relationships with congregations in Bulgaria. Please call me if you'd like to hear about how your congregation could do the same.

In October I visited Micronesia, spending time with the Gardells (CCCC fraternal workers in Pohnpei) and the Chiles (CCCC fraternal workers in Chuuk). I was blessed to meet with pastors and church leaders in both locations. Here, too, we celebrate historical connections in Christ, as nineteenth-century missionaries from the ABCFM first brought the good news of Christ to these islands. The Lord has led the CCCC into important support roles for the church in Micronesia, as we stand beside brothers and sisters there.

I so love the Biblical description of a church from every nation and people and I am glad that the CCCC is part of fulfilling this vision!



Bryan's Bytes

by Bryan Burrell

Of Updates and Improvements

The media ministry of the Conference continues to grow. With direction and input from our Conference Minister, an *ad hoc* media committee has been formed. With the expansion of our media ministry, my personal ability to respond to each need and request has been limited, making a larger committee advisable.

The revised website has been under construction for some time. If the new site is not ready for release by the time you receive this edition of *THE*

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FORESEE, please check out our progress at www.cccusa.com. This update is long overdue and will result in a number of improvements in the future.

The new website includes a "Search" feature, so that information can be more easily found and retrieved. The church directory will be updated using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, making its contents more accurate and current.

My recent visit to the CCCC office has resulted in a number of improvements to operations there. An additional Windows XP computer was donated, so the Conference now has an impressive, up-to-date trio of computers—one for each member of our office. Software to create PDF (portable data format) files has been installed; so that more forms will be available online by the time you read this article. Check out our web presence at www.cccusa.org or www.cccusa.com. The updates and improvements will continue.

Carlton's Comments

Men's Retreats Offer a Break from the Busy Life

Rev. Carlton Walker,
Northeast Regional Minister

One aspect of being the Northeast Regional Minister that I enjoy the most is being able to participate in events in the region that I ordinarily wouldn't attend. On a recent weekend I took part



in the New England Congregational Christian Fellowship's annual men's retreat. These retreats have been held for some twelve years, currently using the Monadnock Bible Conference facilities in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

Ninety-six men attended the retreat, which began on a Friday evening. A team of six men from the Mayflower Congregational Church in Kingston, Massachusetts and the Eastford Congregational Church in Connecticut led worship throughout the weekend. A mix of hymns, gospel songs and praise music focused worshippers' attention on God, on Jesus Christ and on the truths of the Christian faith. There is nothing like singing a rousing hymn with ninety-five other men!

Another special experience of fellowship was to be joined for meals by around fifty other men from CCCC churches who were having a separate retreat at the same time.

This year's speaker was Greg Dyson, a pastor who wears many hats. He is Pastor of Christian Education at the Church in the Acres in Springfield, Massachusetts. He also serves as the evangelical chaplain of Springfield College. Working with troubled youth is another part of his ministry. Having had past experience speaking to regional men's groups, women's meetings and youth conferences, Greg effectively

challenged the men to be "plugged in" to God, to one's superiors, subordinates and equals, to children and to the future.

One problem men often have is that they live too busy a life. They don't take time to read and think. This retreat gave the participants three hours on Saturday afternoon to hike and enjoy the beauty of the fall trees with the mountains in the distance—and time to read, to talk or pray with one another, or to pray alone and just enjoy God's presence. We men need more of that kind of time—and a weak cell phone signal, as it was at the Monadnock location, doesn't hurt!

Why do I mention this top-notch experience I recently had? If your area fellowship is looking for a significant activity to sponsor, I would strongly suggest that you try a men's retreat. You don't need ninety-six to make it a worthwhile experience. As long as the group is committed to finding God's will for them as men, a retreat of any size will prove worthwhile. Try it, you'll like it too!

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Suggestions for Improving Church Newsletters

by the Editors

As editors of *THE FORESEE*, we have occasion to read church newsletters from around the Conference. Sometimes these newsletters contain material of potential interest to the wider CCCC community, and we save it for future use in *THE FORESEE*.

As we've looked over recent newsletters, we've come up with a few suggestions:

- Include the full names of the pastor(s). It's surprising how many newsletters we read with remarks by "Pastor Bob" or "Pastor Mike," but no last name! It might be a good idea to use a "masthead" with all relevant contact information at the same place in every issue of your newsletter, like the one we use in *THE FORESEE* on page 2.

- Send your newsletter to the Conference office, if you're not already doing so. The office will forward it to

us. But if you like, also send it directly to us at the address on our masthead.

- If you don't already do so, send your newsletter to your Area Representative, and to all other CCCC churches in your area. Sharing local church news helps to build fellowship and strengthen ties with our sister churches. And exchange newsletters with other churches in your local community as well.

- Some churches mail *THE FORESEE* with their local newsletters. It's a great way to help your people remember that they're part of a larger Congregational community.

- Put your newsletter on your church's web site. (For an example, visit www.unioncong.com and click on *ReUnion*.) Your servicemen, students, missionaries and others away from your local community will have access to your newsletter online.

You can create PDF files if you have access to Adobe Acrobat (the editor program, not the reader). Ask us for further information about this.

- What you put in your newsletter is up to you, but it's interesting to note the variety we see in church newsletters. Some seem to contain nothing but local church events—birthdays, calendar, pastoral remarks or appeals for help with finances or leadership needs. Some include humor or "cute" items (probably from the Internet). Others include missionary news, financial reports or summaries of church board action. Not many contain material that might help your congregation think about the deeper implications of the faith for the Christian life in today's troubled cultural environment. We suggest reviewing your content to ensure that your newsletter is a well-rounded vehicle for the advancement of God's kingdom in your corner of the world!

The American Home Missionary Society and the Mormon Issue

by Milton Reimer, Ph.D., Conference Historian, New Rockford, North Dakota

Concluded from the Previous Issue

The opposition of the American Home Missionary Society and Superintendent Marcus Whitman Montgomery notwithstanding, the process for statehood for Utah proceeded inexorably. The *Home Missionary* in 1894 reported changes in local conditions. Mormon leadership was seemingly ready to modify some Mormon practices and beliefs. Rev. W. S. Hawkes, AHMS Superintendent for the Territory, noted an increase in non-Mormon population in Utah and a growing interest in national politics among Mormon young people. Mormon preachers were presenting a milder form of their religion, and a Mormon Church manifesto suspended the practice of polygamy. Officially the Church declared its intention not to dictate to the people in the realm of politics.

In January 1896, Utah was admitted to the Union as the forty-fifth state. The AHMS Annual Report of that year presents a modified view of the situation: “It is the prevailing opinion that the Mormon people are honest in these professions [of adjusting to American values] and that the old forms of strife and opposition are gone forever.”

By this time Montgomery, the old, tireless anti-Mormon crusader, had left the scene. He died in February of 1893. A tribute to him appeared in the May 1894 issue of *The Home Missionary*, presenting him as a man who, once convinced of a need before him, worked indefatigably to meet that need. The article went on to say that he organized meetings against Mormonism, wrote on the Mormon problem, received approval from the New York Mission office to go to Utah to study the situation at first hand, and effectively stopped Mormon inroads in Minnesota.

The guarded optimism expressed by AHMS leaders regarding a modified version of Mormonism after Utah attained statehood was short-lived. In the 1898 Annual Report, Superintendent Hawkes stated that statehood for Utah had set the mission work back five years. The Mormon Church was again reasserting its influence and control over the people. An alliance with the Mormons was essential to success in any line of business, and many “gentiles” were leaving the state.

An 1899 issue of *The Home Missionary* noted the duplicity of the Mormon leadership. In order to control the people of the state, large numbers of foreign immigrants were brought into Utah and firmly indoctrinated with Mormonism.

Eugene Young, a grandson of Brigham Young, gave the parting salvo in this anti-Mormon crusade in 1899. He succinctly stated the consequences of the earlier efforts to counter the forces of Mormonism and its subsequent resurgence under the protective umbrella of statehood: “Eight years ago, crushed by the government, its leaders in prison

or hiding, its property confiscated, and credit fatally impaired, its people half alienated and wholly threatened with disenfranchisement, [Mormonism] sued for mercy. Mormonism today, triumphant and arrogant, its property and prestige restored, its citizenship guaranteed by statehood, its influence secured by power in one of our branches of government, challenges the orthodoxy of your older beliefs and calls it heterodoxy.”

The AHMS continued its work in Utah but with little success among the Mormon population. Small numbers of “gentile” congregations were established and provided an evangelical haven for an occasional defector. With the death of Montgomery in 1893 and Utah statehood in 1896, the anti-Mormon rhetoric gradually subsided. After the turn of the twentieth century, the *Records* of the AHMS no longer highlighted the “Mormon problem.” The issue that for fifty years claimed a significant portion of the American Home Missionary Society’s time and resources had passed into history.

Gospel Defence League in Africa Has Congregational Roots

by David A. Williams, Fort Worth, Texas

Are you interested in missions, especially concerning southern Africa — South Africa, Angola, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Namibia? Then you might want to check out the web site of the Gospel Defence League, www.christianaction.org.za/GDL/.

The Gospel Defence League was founded in 1980 by the Rev. Charles Scarborough, a Congregational pastor and missionary to the Gilbert Islands. He was also the first chairman of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches of South Africa, a member body of the World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship.

The aim of the Gospel Defense League is “to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as that Gospel is set forth in Holy Scripture and generally affirmed in the historic creeds of Christendom.” The organization’s activities include missionary and evangelistic outreach, newsletters, articles, conferences and cooperation with other African evangelical missions groups. The present chairman of the GDL is Dorothea Scarborough, widow of Rev. Charles Scarborough and former chairman of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches of South Africa.

“Muzzling the Oxen”?: Biblical Principles for Establishing Pastors’ Salaries

by Dr. John Kimball, Vice President of the CCCC and Mid-Atlantic Area Representative

I actually know someone who believes in the old adage: “Lord, you keep our pastor humble, we’ll keep him poor.” But it’s not more spiritual for the pastor to live in poverty – in fact, it’s unbiblical. Churches have an obligation to make sure their shepherds and families are adequately supported. What, then, should a pastor be paid?

First, let’s look at some key Scriptures. In 1 Timothy 5:17-18 Paul writes, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,’ and ‘The laborer is worthy of his wages.’” Two biblical principles are here: not muzzling the ox, and the concept of “double honor.”

In ancient Israel, God commanded his people to leave oxen un-muzzled so they could eat while threshing the grain. Citing this passage in 1 Corinthians 9:3-14 Paul asks, If God cares for oxen, will he not care more for those who make their profession the proclamation of the gospel? No pastor should be placed in a position of being unable to both take care of the flock of God and to provide for family needs.

Paul also says that those who “rule well” and work at preaching and teaching are worthy of “double honor.” The Greek phrase *diples times* refers to value – in this case, remuneration. Those who teach and preach are not to be held to a lesser standard of living. Though some may choose such a standard for ministry reasons, the church must never impose it upon them.

Additionally, God established what we might call the “priest’s portion” (Leviticus 2:2-3, 5-10; 6:14-16; 6:24-7:9). Because of their ministry, the priests were not able to farm like the rest of Israel. God commanded that a portion of the people’s offerings and sacrifices would belong to them.

With these biblical considerations in mind, how can a congregation develop an adequate “salary package”? In the *Clergy Compensation Guide* (out of print), Bobby Edwards lists some factors to bear in mind:

1. *The pastor’s level of experience.* An experienced pastor should be compensated at a higher level than one coming to a church right out of seminary.
2. *The pastor’s educational level.* Training and education enhance a pastor’s ministry effectiveness, directly benefiting the church. The salary of pastor with a D.Min. or Ph.D. should be commensurate with his or her related education, at a level higher than that for a pastor with lay training only.
3. *The pastor’s credentials.* To be recognized by the state for certain functions (e.g., performing marriages), pastors must have some form of formal recognition from a body of peers

(e.g., ordination), or credentials unique to their profession.

4. *Comparative positions in the community.* – Pastors should be paid on a par with other career positions in the community that require the same level of training, education, credentials and experience.

5. *The church’s ability to support the pastor.* The church’s resources must also be considered. Some congregations may not be able to engage the pastor they want without allowing him or her to pursue a second career. Better-funded churches may need to give their pastor an increase.

Let’s look at some comparative examples from the local community. Let’s say a young pastor fresh out of seminary has been licensed by the denomination but has limited experience. Because the training, credentials and skills would be similar, check with your school board and find out what a new teacher with the same level of education and experience would make.

As a second example, a pastor in ministry for 20 years has earned a doctorate, and taken a church plant of 30 members to a growing church of 250. The salary comparison could begin with high school principals, preferably with the same number of years’ experience and who may hold a doctorate. Or compare to the salary of a college professor, a doctor, an attorney or an accountant with comparable experience and training.

In every case, take an average of these professions to establish what a “community standard of living” might be for someone with similar education, experience and credentials; then measure the pastor’s salary against that average. Comparison with salaries of other local pastors is not advisable, as churches are notorious for underpaying their employees. Comparing with administrative salaries at local hospitals, YMCAs and other such organizations, however, may be helpful.

Do this exercise periodically to ensure that the local church is maintaining an adequate salary for the pastor and other staff members. Because of income growth in the community, failing to increase the pastor’s compensation may effectively result in a salary reduction. Pastors are nearly always willing to serve even in situations of economic stagnation, as long as they know their congregation is making an honest effort to remunerate them fairly. Where there is a discrepancy due to an authentic inability to pay, churches should be open to allowing pastors to do other work that does not infringe upon their calling (i.e., teaching at a Christian school, working as a Christian counselor, adjunct college faculty, writing for the local paper). There are creative ways to make sure the pastor is not “muzzled” while ministering to the local church.



Church-Sponsored Thrift Store Celebrates 10 Years

Adapted from Hillsboro, WI *Sentry-Enterprise*, September 15, 2005

In March, 1995, The Good Samaritan Thrift Store and Food Pantry opened in a building next to the *Sentry Enterprise* office in Hillsboro, Wisconsin. The project began as a dream of Pastor Donald Ehler of First Congregational Church after he saw a similar operation in another town. When he brought the idea to his congregation they responded with overwhelming support. Dozens of volunteers learned to perform many jobs, from sorting clothing and stocking shelves to waiting on customers and filling grocery bags.

The Good Samaritan held its official tenth anniversary celebration in mid-September, 2005 with a special sale, free refreshments and food basket door prizes. Ten years later the project has grown to meet the growing needs of the area. A board of directors meets regularly to establish and review store policies. One policy that has never changed is that nothing will be wasted. All clothing not sold eventually lands on a “free table,” and if not given out it may make its way to other organizations in need of clothes



in the local community, or even across the globe. Recently, shipments were prepared for evacuees from Gulf Coast hurricanes.

The store is open five days per week. The Good Samaritan is staffed by more than 50 volunteers from local churches and service clubs. Food comes from a variety of sources, both governmental and private; 4,980 bags of groceries were distributed in 2004. The store also sponsors a nutrition program for needy women and children, assists new mothers with training in caring for their children, and provides funds for emergency housing and fuel for needy travelers passing through the area.

In every bag of groceries, volunteers include a devotional booklet “to feed the spirit,” as Pastor Ehler says. In addition, the store sponsors two of three tri-weekly radio broadcasts from First Congregational Church. What began as a small dream ten years ago continues today with little fanfare, but on a much larger scale, as a community witness to the love of Christ.

Cult Proof

by Rev. Nicholas G. Granitsas, Conference President.

Adapted from September-October, 2005 *Church Courier*, First Congregational Church, Revere, Massachusetts

One of the greatest blessings we enjoy as Americans is freedom of religion. How wonderful to worship the Lord and to proclaim His gospel without fear of persecution! However, there is a flip side to this freedom: we are also free to believe and promote that which is false and evil. Our freedom has proven to be fertile ground for cults. Current estimates list between 1500-3000 cults operating in America today. Keeping track of them is a challenge. The Yellow Pages have no listings under “Cults” — no cult believes it is one!

What makes a cult a *cult*? Cults believe their particular group has a unique grip on the truth; all other groups are false or twisted. Although cults often claim to believe in the Bible, they have an authority other than the Bible alone. This authority could be the cult leader or documents that either replace the Bible or “correctly interpret” it. Cults will have beliefs, practices, and even terms that are solely theirs. Members are eager to bring people into the cult because they believe it is the most important thing in life. Once part of a cult, members are pressed to stay in it and warned of dire consequences if they depart.

Many cults initially resort to deception regarding the true beliefs and practices of the cult, knowing that potential members would flee if they knew the facts. One well-known

group refers to this practice as “heavenly deception,” the ends justifying the means. Cults can be appealing; members are enthusiastic and show personal interest in potential members. In a day and age of uncertainty and anxiety, cults offer certainty and salvation. In a time of family fragmentation, cults offer tightly bonded fellowships of bearers of “the truth,” joined together against the world!

How can we become *cult proof*? Jesus warned that there would always be false Christs and false prophets. The “enemy of our souls” uses cults to keep people from the truth, and uses cults as his instruments. If we believe we could never be lured into a cult we have already lowered our guard. Our best defense is to continually fill our minds with the truth of the Scriptures through biblical preaching and teaching and individual Bible study. Many who join cults have some knowledge of the Bible but lack solid understanding. If you want your family members and friends to be *cult proof*, encourage them to thoroughly know the Word of God. If you encounter a new group, thoroughly examine its beliefs and practices and avoid it if anything seems questionable. Pray for discernment. Consult with trusted Christian leaders and friends.

Cults claim to offer people the pathway to truth, but only Jesus is “the way and the truth and life” (John 14:6). “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2).

Book Review

Finding Freedom in Forgiveness : Experience the Secret That Will Change Your Life, by Charlie “T” Jones and Daniel R. Ledwith (Harvest House, 2005).

Reviewed by Rev. Dr. Robert G. Leroe, Cliftdale Congregational Church, Saugus, Massachusetts (www.cliftdalecc.org)



It's been said that when we forgive we can't change the past, nor wish it away—but we can certainly change the future. Forgiveness is a beautiful concept until we have to actually *do* it. CCCC minister Dan Ledwith, in cooperation with well-known leadership speaker Charlie “Tremendous” Jones, has written an outstanding new book on this critical need. *Finding Freedom in Forgiveness* unfolds the pathway to being set free from the bondage of holding onto real or imagined offenses. This well-written book contains an important message that can change our lives. It is ideal for teen or adult study groups, and we recommend it for every church library. Dan Ledwith is Associate Pastor of Christian Education at First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

Let's pray together for . . .

- Direction, provision and vision for students in Conference Care
- Spiritual health in CCCC Churches
- Spiritual health and protection for CCCC ministers
- Direction and prayerfulness for churches in transition
- Unity and growth in regional CCCC fellowships
- Provision of finances for our churches and for our Conference
- Godly wisdom, energy, and vision for Conference leaders—
 - Conference Minister
 - Northeast Regional Minister
 - Area Representatives
 - Conference Officers
 - Conference Board
 - Conference Committees
 - Conference Office Staff

From the Conference Minister

Mark Your Calendars:

**58th Annual
Family Conference
July 17-20, 2006**

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and Convention Center**

Changes and Opportunities

Pastoral Changes:

Cooks, Fayette and Garden Cong Chs (Ind), Upper Peninsula MI called Lon Hider

Canton's First Church (Ind), Canton OH called Bruce Mont

Pastoral Openings:

Biola CA	Biola Congregational Church*
Longmont CO	Christ Congregational Church*
Garner IA	Zion Evangelical & Reformed Church*
Westford MA	Westford Bible Church (Ind)
Eureka MI	Eureka Christian Church*
Avon MN	Avon Community Church*
Holdingford MN	Community Country Church*
Scottsbluff NE	Emmanuel Congregational Church*
Rye NH	Rye Congregational Church (Ind) (Associate Pastor)
S Berne NY	S Berne Congregational Christian Church* (Part time with housing)
Sardis OH	St Paul's Church Trail Run*
Fredonia PA	Christ Community Church*
Orwell VT	First Congregational Church (Ind)

* = Conference member

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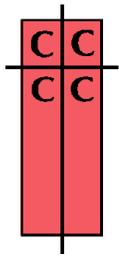
Health Tips

Diabetes Awareness

Diabetes can be a silent disease. Diabetes means you have too much sugar in your blood. Your risk for diabetes increases with age, gaining too much weight or decreased activity levels. Symptoms to watch for include being very thirsty, frequent urination and losing weight without trying. Ways to lower your risk include keeping your weight in control, staying active most days of the week and eating low fat meals that are high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Keeping your blood pressure under control will also help decrease your risk for diabetes and its complications.

Source: American Diabetes Association

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They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" Caesar's they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's..." Matthew 22:17



Worth's Income Tax Guide for Ministers 2006 Edition: For Preparing 2005 Tax Returns
B. J. Worth (Author) - Paperback Price \$15.16

Description

This updated edition contains a step-by-step presentation of tax laws that zero in on the special circumstances of the minister and religious worker to help church boards learn how to establish the best compensation package for the pastor. Includes worksheets.



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