

Ecumenical Connection

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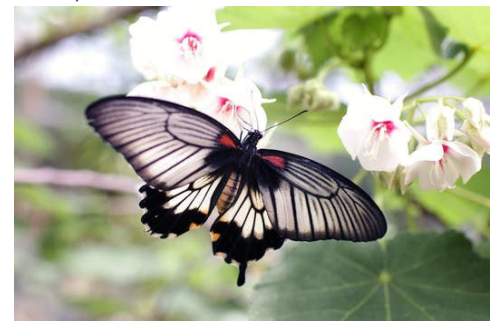
Some exciting and positive progress has happened with the ICC in recent months due to clergy reading our newsletter. Pastors have felt called to join teams, committees and task forces that speak to their passion. Churches have asked to share resources. Congregations have reached across the street to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

This all happens because judicatory leaders share our newsletter (four issues/year) with their pastors and congregations. Thank you! If you are not already doing this, please remember to forward our newsletter on.

On a related note, please consider putting a link to our website on yours. We're all in this together! Thank you.
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Compliments....and thank yous!

During a recent conference call of Illinois Christians Encountering Racism (ICER) the team had a discussion on compliments. Do you give them? Do you receive them? If you receive them how do they make you feel? The group set as a goal to give more compliments in their daily lives. I think this could also include thank yous. Since we reach a wide percentage of Christians in Illinois, if we all took this on as a goal, we could spread a lot of positive feelings in the state. Be sincere. Be genuine. But increase the number of times a day you give a compliment or a thank you. And if you receive one, receive it humbly and graciously - don't deflect it. Maybe next issue we will have some stories about how this opened you to more of God's grace - what a glorious experience! The ICC gave out these butterfly cards at Annual Assembly to remind everyone to have hope!



You can all be Ecumenical Partners!

The Illinois Conference of Churches voted to forge a new membership structure. Previously, the governing bodies of denominations, located in Illinois were members - judicatories and they continue to be the foundation of our organization.

But the ICC is broadening this structure. Going forward, individual persons, individual congregations or churches (regardless of its judicatory being a member) and organizations, can become ecumenical partners and attend Annual Assembly where they will have a voice at the table. Voting is done by consensus and will continue to be the responsibility of the judicatory leaders and delegates.

All members and ecumenical partners must agree with the Mission Statement of the ICC:

"The Illinois Conference of Churches seeks to be an inclusive community of churches that celebrates and makes visible our sacred bonds of unity in Christ. We will do this by: Promoting an honest sharing and understanding of both our common and divergent theological convictions; and Making public, prophetic witness to Christ's love for all people, particularly by addressing poverty and racism. To these ends the members of the Illinois Conference of Churches proclaim our common faith in Jesus Christ. In word and deed, we give expression to Ephesians 4:5 - there is "...one Lord, one faith, one baptism..." - as we unite in cooperative ministries."

To become an ecumenical partner please fill out and submit the form on the website under "news" electronically, or download and print the form to mail. By submitting or mailing this form you attest that you agree with the mission statement. Thank you for your generous support of the ICC.

Interfaith Dialogue Event by Great Rivers Presbytery

You are cordially invited to a special event hosted by the Interfaith Group of Great Rivers Presbytery, “Facing Israel/Palestine: A New Model for Interfaith Relations” on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 pm at First Federated-Peoria’s Life Together Center. The church is located at 3601 N Sheridan Rd, Peoria.

We will welcome Rabbi Brant Rosen, rabbi of Congregation Tzedek Shalom in Chicago, Midwest Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee, and author of *Wrestling in the Daylight* (2017). He will model how to engage in dialogue around one of the most challenging global discussions of our time from the perspective of commonly held values.

The last time we offered an event like this was in 2016, where we hosted “Understanding Jesus Requires an Understanding of Judaism” by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. Activities like these are important because we value fostering a diverse community of mutual learning, where we can experience encounters of differing convictions that empower us to better understand ourselves and each other. We seek to offer the kinds of events that provide fruitful environments for constructive interaction, even amidst differences of belief. In all we do, we strive to promote open, truthful, and mutually respectful dialogue, which we are looking forward to Rabbi Rosen modeling for us.

The event is free of charge and open to all members of the Great Rivers Presbytery, our Jewish, Muslim, and interreligious friends, and the general public. Light refreshments will be available and Rabbi Rosen will be signing copies of his book, *Wrestling in the Daylight*.
The PGR Interfaith Group

The Interreligious Stance of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as Adopted by the 221st General Assembly (2014):

“The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at all levels will be open to and will seek opportunities for respectful dialogue and mutual relationships entities and persons from other religious traditions. It does this in the faith that the church of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is a sign and means of God’s intention for the wholeness of all humankind and all creation.”

Presbytery of Great Rivers Interfaith Mission Statement:

“The mission of the Interfaith Group of Great Rivers Presbytery is to encourage and facilitate positive engagement of our congregations, the presbytery itself, and individual Presbyterians with people of non-Christian faith traditions through education, dialogue and common cause.”

ICC opposes new immigrant detention center

The Illinois Conference of Churches released the following public statement on the proposed immigration detention center in Dwight, IL. Our Leadership Team co-chairman, Wally Carlson, attended the Village Board meeting and read our statement and spoke briefly. The center proposals were approved 5-2. Several organizations are continuing efforts to prevent the center from being built.

“The Illinois Conference of Churches (ICC), representing 13 Christian denominations, opposes the creation of a private immigration detention facility in Dwight, IL. The ICC has a long history of concern for the humane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers in this country. People who are seeking refuge from persecution and violence do not belong in detention. Children deserve to have their fathers with them while awaiting an immigration judge’s decision. The ICC encourages Dwight area residents to speak out against the center and urges the Village Board to vote no on the related proposals.”

Save the Date!

Advocacy Day is May 9, 2019



The Illinois Conference of Churches is partnering with Faith in Place (our official partner) to join them in their Advocacy Day on May 9 at the Capitol in Springfield. We encourage you to ride one of their buses to be kinder to the environment, if the departure locations work for you. We will provide you some additional talking points and direct you to the offices of your senator and representatives. We will hold an interfaith prayer service to pray for our legislators as they make important decisions this year. Watch our website and the Faith in Place website for more details as they unfold.

From the Faith in Place website: "Join us at the Illinois State Capitol Building on May 9th to educate your legislators about important environmental issues. Gather with hundreds of people from groups across the state for an energizing rally with inspiring speakers.

As people of diverse faiths, our voices are a powerful force. Together, we can call upon our elected officials to care for our neighbors, our Earth, and future generations!

Stay tuned for additional details!"



SAVE-THE-DATE

2nd Annual Spiritual Leaders Retreat

(for college and university Spiritual Leaders, Chaplains, Campus Ministers etc. in Illinois. This is an interreligious opportunity)

Thursday, April 11

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Eureka College

Cerf Center Terrill Room

300 E. College Ave., Eureka, IL

Free parking east of the Cerf Center in the gravel lot.

9 a.m. Light Breakfast

10 a.m. Program begins



Please share with anyone who would benefit from this experience and have them email Laurie Vial to be added to the database.

Networking, networking, networking

Spiritual Leaders will have the ability to contact each other throughout the year through a private Facebook page where they can post concerns and receive suggestions.

Bring books you no longer need for a book swap.

Sponsored by Eureka College and the Illinois Conference of Churches

Register online using the events tab on the ICC website. Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, snacks, materials and facilitators.

Deadline is April 1.

Questions? Contact Laurie Vial, Executive Director, at laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org or at the phone number below.

Lodging: Sleep Inn Washington, IL (309) 481-0450 is the closest lodging.

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Save the date!

2019 Illinois Conference of Churches Annual Assembly “Ministerial Alliances: the Cornerstone of Ecumenism”

Dinner the evening before at 6:30 p.m. - open to all! Please pay for your own dinner.

Friday, Sept. 20

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Light breakfast 8-9 a.m.

Worship 9 a.m.

Forum 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

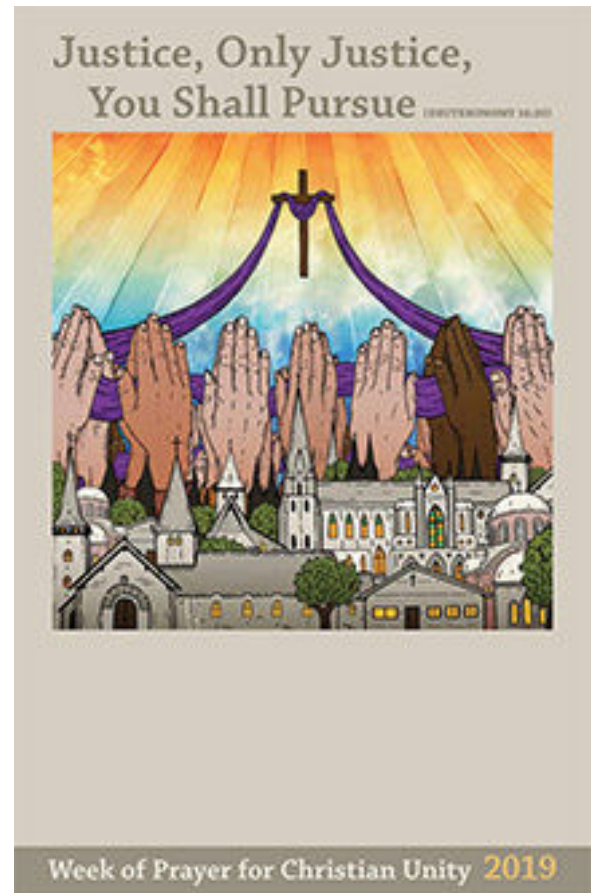
Lunch at noon

Business meeting 2 p.m.

Location: Bloomington, IL

Bishop John Franklin White, African Methodist Episcopal Church, 4th Episcopal District, will deliver the message during morning worship.

Larry Engel and Mike Breininger of the Ministers of Richland County (Wisconsin) ministerial association will present the Forum. Come hear the compelling story of how their association became negative and closed down only to rise again with 27 active members.



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For a copy of any proposed by-law changes go to our website under “events” or request a copy by email, after Sept. 1.

Register online using the events tab on our website. \$15 for students, \$50 for all others, includes breakfast, lunch and materials. Deadline Sept. 13.

Questions? Contact Laurie Vial, Executive Director, at laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org or at the phone number below.

Lodging: Rooms are blocked at Eastland Suites, Bloomington at \$85 plus tax. Rooms must be booked prior to Sept. 5 to assure the discounted rate. 309-662-0000.

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ICC unveils “One Voice” concerts

As announced in our previous issue, the Illinois Conference of Churches will embrace fund-raising in addition to donations to fund its valuable work in Illinois. The ICC operates on an annual budget of \$47,000. After this year’s Annual Assembly we will publish our 2019 budget in each newsletter as the back page in our continuing effort to be transparent.

Our fund raising will revolve around music. We will be holding One Voice ecumenical concerts all over the state. We have conversations going on in several cities in Illinois.

The basic format for these concerts, which will include Christian music of all genres, plus some solos and congregational singing, will be a choir director from any church in the community and a church volunteering its sanctuary. The ICC will pay a stipend to the choir director, organist/pianist and sound board system operator. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to the ICC. Some concerts will also include special instruments such as brass or drums.

Music has always been an important part of ecumenism. Singing at our Annual Assembly worship service is always a beautiful blending of voices praising God amongst pastors and lay people of many diverse Christian backgrounds.

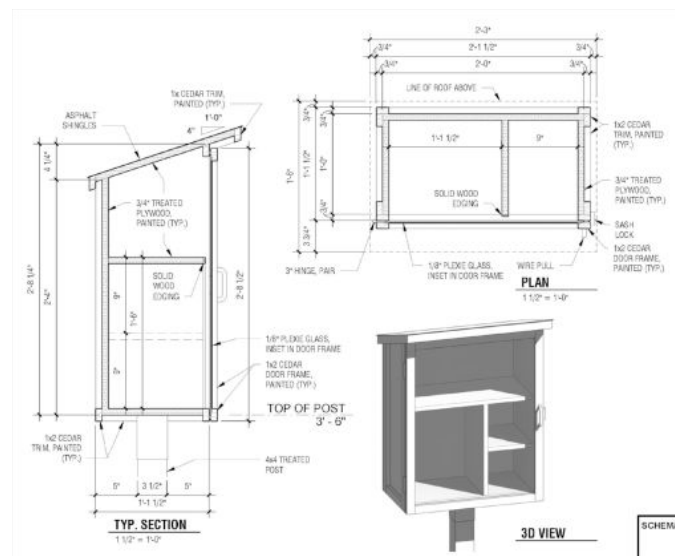
Please watch future newsletters for announcements of dates of upcoming One Voice concerts. We hope you will consider hosting a concert in 2019. If a concert is held in your area please promote it to potential choir members and get the word out to attend. Contact Laurie for more information. **Note:** our April 7 concert has been cancelled.



Little Free Pantry

Are you aware of the Little Free Library concept in your area? The ICC is interested in learning more about the Little Free Pantry movement. <http://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

If your church has jumped on this bandwagon let us know. Send us a photo of your pantry and some anecdotes. Watch this newsletter for updates throughout the year. Champaign-Urbana has several “blessing boxes.” Now that spring is here the pantries can be stocked with food containing liquids.



Our partner in faith and care for the environment - Faith in Place

We urge you to go to their website **faithinplace.org** and check them out and find events all over the state of Illinois.

See page 3 for 2019 Advocacy Day info.



Faithful Citizen Workshops taking place in

Chicago, March 23, <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/chicago-faithful-citizens-workshop>

in E. Peoria on March 29, <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/peoria-faithful-citizen-workshop>

in Lake County on April 6 <https://www.faithinplace.org/events/lc-faithful-citizen-workshop>

Watch the Faith in Place website for Southern Illinois and Champaign-Urbana's Faithful Citizen Workshops to be announced.

Are you interested in making your voice heard on environmental issues, but unsure how to do so?

We want to empower you and your house of worship to build relationships with your elected officials to show your support for policies that protect the land, water, and air that we all share.

This interactive training will help you obtain a clearer understanding of ways to be engaged and empowered to make a difference in environmental policy from the perspective of a person of faith.

Learn more about the legislative process and the importance of citizen voices. Gain confidence in speaking to your elected officials through role-playing exercises and question and answer sessions. Gain insight into how environmental issues and climate change are inter-related to economic and social justice for our neighbors.



Task Force on End-of-Life Decisions unveils plans

The Illinois Conference of Churches has taken on a major new project to assist all of our denominations to help their congregations better prepare for and deal with end-of-life issues. We started this program by encouraging churches to participate in the Donor Sabbath to increase awareness of organ and tissue donation. The Donor Sabbath is the second weekend of November each year. We encourage your church to start a discussion and plan to participate from now on. The website is www.donatelife.net/nds/.

Members of the Task Force met for a half day session to plan a page on our website with materials covering issues such as:

- hospice
- living wills
- wills
- advance planning
- funeral planning
- green funerals
- and much more

While this is a sensitive topic, it's one that our members and friends face through the loss of loved ones, and eventually themselves. As Christians we want to give our members the tools and information to ease these decisions whenever possible.

Members are Mike Wakeland, Gloria Marshall, Kathy Gingrich, Katherine Ball, Kristel Clayville, Anna Lee Hisey Pierson, and Amy Zietlow. They are enthusiastic and organized. Please pray for this Task Force as they do research and writing.

God's blessings, Laurie



This can be observed any time during 2019. For additional information and materials see the website www.geii.org.

**2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue
(cf. Deuteronomy 16:20)**

By: Fr. Thomas Orians, SA
Associate Director – Graymoor
Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute

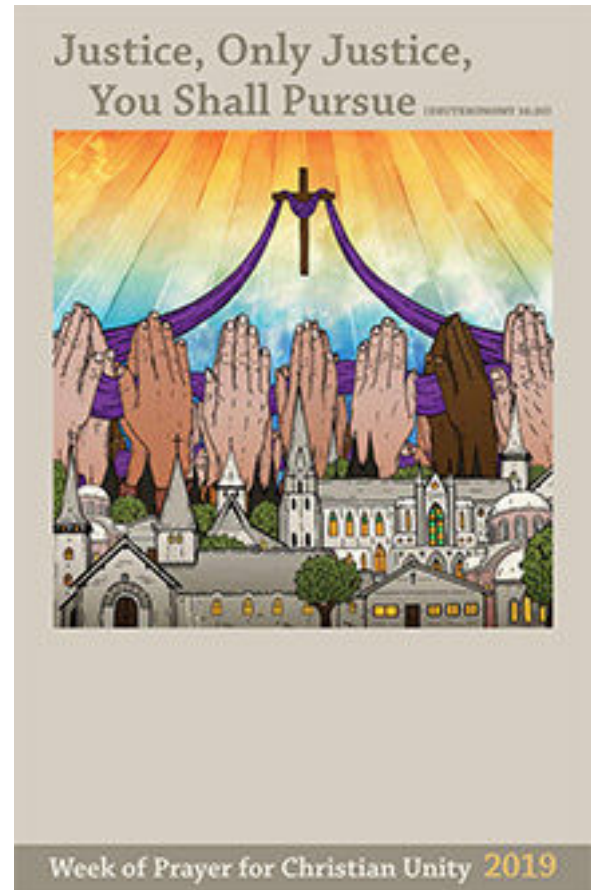
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 theme has been selected, and finds its origins in Deuteronomy. “Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue” (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20) was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity.

The initial work on the theme for this year’s Week of Prayer was prepared by a group of representatives from different parts of Indonesia, including the Communion of Churches in Indonesia and the Indonesian Catholic Bishops’ Conference. The texts were finalized during a meeting of the International Committee of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

Fr. Tom Orians, SA Associate Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute noted, “Every year, Christians across the world gather in prayer for growth in unity. We do this in a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We are called together to form a united witness for justice and for Christian Unity that becomes a means of Christ’s healing grace for the brokenness of the world. Only by heeding Jesus’s prayer “that they all may be one” can we witness to living unity in diversity.”

The Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ...” (cf. Deuteronomy 16:18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs, and recognized this common need throughout the world.

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Jan.18 to 25. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Servant of God, Fr. Paul Wattson, Founder of the Society of the Atonement, to cover the original days of the Feasts of the Chair of St. Peter (Jan.18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), and therefore have a symbolic significance.



The National Workshop on Christian Unity

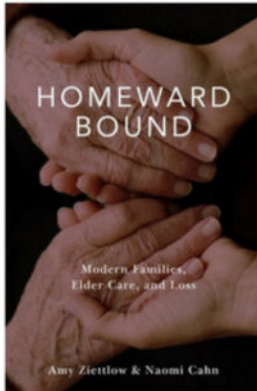


St. Louis, Missouri
April 1-4, 2019
www.nwcu.org

Book Corner

Rev. Amy Zietlow is an ELCA Lutheran pastor serving Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Decatur. She is a member of our End-of-Life Decisions Task Force. She co-authored this book, *Homeward Bound: Modern Families, Elder Care, and Loss*, on a related subject and spoke about it at our Annual Assembly.

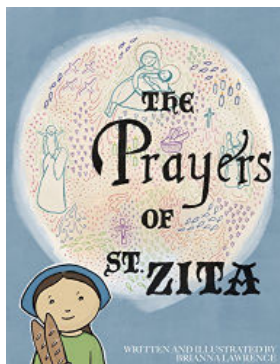
If you know of a book that has an Illinois tie or is related to the work of the ICC please recommend it for a future Book Corner. Thanks. Laurie



Homeward Bound

By Amy Zietlow and Naomi Cahn

(Oxford | 2017 | 232 pages | \$29.95 | 9780190261092)

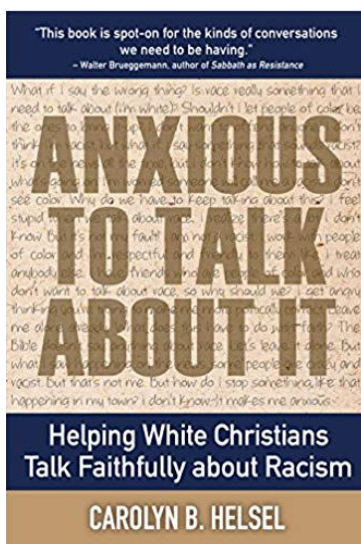


The Prayers of Saint Zita (The Lives of Lesser Known Saints)

By Brianna Lawrence. \$3.99 as a Kindle book from Amazon

Saint Zita is a 13th century Italian saint who demonstrates that hard work, prayer, and charity can lead to closeness and peace with God, even when one faces obstacles. Zita is the patron saint of domestic workers and servants.

Brianna Lawrence is an Urbana, IL author. Her husband, Brian Gaines, spoke at the 2018 Annual Assembly



Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism

This is the book our anti-racism team is currently studying.

By Carolyn B. Helsel Available in paperback and for Kindle

“What if I say the wrong thing?” “I’m white—is race really something I need to talk about? I’m worried I’ll be called a racist!” “What does race have to do with faith, anyway?” “Why do we have to keep talking about this?”

If talking about racism makes you anxious, afraid, or even angry, you’re not alone. In *Anxious to Talk about It*, pastor and professor Carolyn B. Helsel draws on her success with white congregations to offer insight and tools to embrace, explore and work through the anxious feelings that often arise in these hard conversations. Through powerful personal stories, new observations on racial identity development, and spiritual practices to help engage issues of racial justice prayerfully, you’ll gain a deeper understanding of race in America and your place in it.

You will learn how to join conversations with courage, compassion, and knowledge of self, others, and the important issues at stake. Helsel’s guidance will inspire you to receive the gifts that come through these difficult race conversations and point to how you can get further involved in the important social justice work around race relations. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection and discussion to further help you get the conversations started.

While *Anxious to Talk about It* can be read alone, reading with a group will deepen the discussion, integrate the material, and provide opportunities to practice. A free Study Guide and other group resources are available at www.chalicepress.com. (taken from Amazon website)

Judicatory visits and major meetings

Laurie Vial, executive director of the Illinois Conference of Churches, is traveling around the state and meeting individually with all Judicatory executives.

Another of Laurie's goals is to attend the major meetings of each denomination and where possible have an information table in the exhibition space. Please help out the ICC by communicating about your major meetings and forwarding registration forms for exhibition space. She could also address these gatherings and bring a brief greeting from the ICC.

Would you like to join an ICC Team?

Team members needed

The ICC operates with five teams: Leadership, Public Policy, Annual Assembly Forum (planning the Forum) Illinois Christians Encountering Racism (ICER) (anti-racism) and Interreligious (a newer team trying to deepen our relationship with other faiths). Our Interreligious Team is seeking new members, particularly those of other faiths. And the other teams are also accepting new members. These teams meet mostly by conference call and only a few times a year. If the mission of any of these teams speaks to your heart please contact Laurie at laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org for more information.

Grants

Now that the Illinois Conference of Churches will be seeking grants to supplement denomination donations in our working budget, we need you to be our eyes and ears. If you hear of appropriate grant opportunities from foundations or your own denomination, please notify the executive director. Thank you for helping in this way.

Is there a way for Judicatories to share more resources such as training sessions?

The Christian Church Disciples of Christ has led the charge by opening their annual anti-racism training to anyone in our 13 member denominations. Everyone is watching their budget including travel budget and trying to be good stewards of the environment by not driving as much. If your denomination has a training session, a special speaker, an event, a workshop or any other "happening"



that you would like to open to your fellow ICC members, please let us know. We will promote these events on our website and in our newsletter. Our Leadership Team would really like to grow this opportunity for more ecumenical encounters. And we'll all meet more brothers and sisters in Christ and have more networking opportunities.

Like us on Facebook!



Keep up with the Illinois Conference of Churches and be prepared to have a little fun along the way.

www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-Conference-of-Churches

URGENT NEED: Email lists - media and state and national legislators

A friend of the ICC recently shared their media email list with the ICC - thank you so much. It is not a comprehensive list that covers the entire state. If you have an up-to-date email list for most all media in Illinois - newspaper, radio stations, TV stations etc, please share it with us for our public policy work.

Also, we have an urgent need for an email list for our state and national legislators. Thanks very much.



Opportunity at Menard Corrections Center, Chester, IL



Kairos Prison Ministry
International

Menard Corrections Center
Chester, IL

Volunteering with Kairos

Kairos is a volunteer, lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry, started in 1976, which consists of three programs: Kairos Inside (Men/Women), Kairos Outside (for families of the incarcerated), and Kairos Torch (to reach incarcerated youth). Kairos Weekends are much like the Walk to Emmaus 3 day retreat weekend, but focused on the special needs of those affected by incarceration.

The Christian volunteers of **Kairos Inside** have been called by God to share the love and forgiveness of Christ to incarcerated men. During a 3½-day weekend program of talks, meditation, music, listening and loving, a Christian community will start to form. The volunteers are blessed to be able to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with the Participants.

Kairos has more than 30,000 volunteers who serve in 500+ prisons and communities in 37 states and 9 foreign countries. Kairos sprang from the Cursillo movement and is supported by volunteers from 4th Day ministries such as Cursillo, Via de Cristo, Walk To Emmaus, and Tres Dias as well as volunteers from Christian churches. Kairos embraces a diverse group of volunteers working together to fulfill Christ's call to action in Matthew 25:36.

By sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, Kairos hopes to change hearts and transform lives. Studies have shown that Kairos helps reduce recidivism, improve the prison environment, make communities safer, reunite and heal family and relatives, and create positive and productive members of society.



Christine Money, Former Warden at Marion Correctional Institution

"I was assigned to be the Warden at the Marion Correctional Institution. It was a dark place and Kairos brought the light of love and hope. Over the next ten years, the miracles mounted, peace replaced violence, hope replaced despair, broken relationships were restored and incarcerated men lived their faith unapologetically. The culture of the prison changed dramatically."

For more information, contact

Tom Braun
trb@htc.net
314-691-9341

Teams of the Illinois Conference of Churches

We welcome new members to our teams. Please contact Laurie Vial, executive director, with questions or to join a team.

Leadership Team

Rev. Gary McCants, co-chair

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Rev. Wally Carlson, co-chair

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Dates to remember:

May 9 Advocacy Day

April 11 Campus Spiritual Leaders Retreat

Sept. 20 Annual Assembly in Bloomington with
dinner the evening before.

\$\$\$\$\$ Thank you for your generous response to our 2019 pledge drive. If you have not yet filled out and returned your pledge card please do. Donations are always welcome - one easy way to donate is to use PayPal on our website. Again, thank you for your generous gifts. A copy of our budget is always the final page of our newsletter

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2019 Illinois Conference of Churches Budget

			2019 Budget
Income			
	Member Denominations		\$ 28,000
	Contributions (individual/congregation)		\$ 4,000
	Fund raising		15,000
	TOTAL INCOME		47,000
Expense			
	Personnel		
		Exec Director Salary	35,971
		Payroll Taxes	2,589
		Total Personnel	38,560
	Governan		
		Meeting Expense	250
		Annual Assembly	500
		Annual Meetings	900
		Total Governance/Mission	1,650
	Travel		
		Mileage	1,800
		Professional Development	900
		Total Travel	2,700
	Administra		
		Payroll Expense	475
		Bookkeeping/Accounting	90
		Insurance	1,300
		Computers/Software	1,000
		Office Supplies	300
		Postage	100
		Telephone	650
		Printing	100
		Miscellaneous	200
		Public Policy	300
		Total Administrative/Operating	4,515
		TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 47,425
		Surplus / Deficit	(425)