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THE GREAT CO-MISSION

No matter the weather, nor what the groundhog saw, Spring is just around the corner. And Spring means our Annual Meeting! Please set aside April 16 and 17, for this inspiring event. All portions of this event are for church members as well as pastors.

Join our informal gathering on April 16, Friday evening with a light supper at about 6:30, and music concert at 7:00 pm. A free will offering will be taken.

Our business will be on Saturday. We will discuss our goals and dreams to strengthen our Association and how best to live out the Great Commission to “go forth and make disciples”. Speakers will share their experiences with some of our local, national, and international missions. We will have a worship service with Communion. Our host church is serving continental breakfast and lunch. And the best part? Due to generous donations, the Saturday meeting and meals will be completely free when registration is made by April 7.

Business to be conducted includes nominations of officers, a bylaws change to make the Director of the WCA Mini Camp a voting member of Youth & Camp Committee, and church communities to host future Annual Meetings.

The Great Co-Mission Annual Meeting will be at the Roscoe Congregational Community Church, Roscoe Illinois, just a few minutes south of Beloit. Yes, we are meeting “south of the border” this year! And yes, the business meeting is free! Just please register all your church folks by April 7. After that date registration is \$20 per person. So register early and bring your whole church! We will have a wonderful time together.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

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Minister's Fellowship Meetings 2010

April No Meeting, WCA Annual Meeting
May 12 First Congregational Church, Rochester

Watch for possible Summer fellowship opportunities!

Wisconsin Congregational
Theological Society

March 25, 2010: Kevin Clark

May 20, 2010: Doug Gray

*Now Meeting at
First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa*

A Reminder about the New Articles of Association

Each church has two (2) voting delegates: a delegate and minister.

The language of the articles is as follows:

IV. DELEGATES and VOTING

A. An active member Church may elect one lay delegate, who shall be an active member of said Church. The designated Minister, senior or associate, who is a member of each Church, shall also be a delegate to this Association with right of vote.

HAPPY EASTER

ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 17, 2010

First Congregational Community Church
Roscoe, Illinois

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Free if you register by
April 7th

Please see the registration information
included in this newsletter.

Proposed By-laws Change for WCA Annual meeting

The Youth & Camp Commission recommends a by-law change to the WCA so that the Mini-Camp Director will sit on the Committee with *voice and vote*.

It would be amendments to Section V, Officers and Committees, section C, Youth & Camp Committee. numeral 1. now reads

"The Youth and Camp Committee shall be comprised of nine members: The Chairperson, two Adult Members at Large (one lay, one clergy), the Junior and Senior High School Camp Directors, and two Adult Advisors to the Wisconsin State Pilgrim Fellowship, and two youth, one representing the Junior High age group and one representing the Senior High age group."

With the changes it should read "The Youth and Camp Committee shall be comprised of ten members: The Chairperson, two Adult Members at Large (one lay, one clergy), the Junior and Senior High School Camp Directors, The Mini Camp Director, and two Adult Advisors to the Wisconsin State Pilgrim Fellowship, and two youth, one representing the Junior High age group and one representing the Senior High age group.

and same section numeral 5 now reads "5. Camp Directors: The Youth and Camp Committee shall, each year, be responsible for securing Directors for Junior High Camp and Senior High Camp. The Directors shall be members of the Youth and Camp Committee until such time as their successors are secured."

Needs to be changed to "5. Camp Directors: The Youth and Camp Committee shall, each year, be responsible for securing Directors for Junior High Camp and Senior High Camp and Mini Camp. The Directors shall be members of the Youth and Camp Committee until such time as their successors are secured."

News From North Shore

Despite the wintry weather, the action continues to heat things up at North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point. In mid-February, we held an all-church trivia night and spaghetti supper. It was a big success and raised funds for the various missions of the church. Also in February, eight new members joined our church fellowship, several babies were baptized and new pew bibles were dedicated. Lastly, Rev. Karl Schimpf led two pilgrimages to the Milwaukee Public Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. The exhibit was excellent and made even better through the additional insight shared by Karl. It was a short, but good month!

As we move into March, we are in full swing with our Lenten programming. Each Wednesday evening features a discussion on one of five key practices for Christian Living. The evening begins with a shared meal prepared in our newly renovated kitchen and is followed by the discussion led by the pastors. The evening closes with words for reflection and prayer. Additionally, there is a short service of prayer and communion each Monday morning of Lent at 10:00.

Holy Week will be busy and spiritually fulfilling as we all renew our faith during this most important time of the Christian year. Palm Sunday will feature an all church Egg Bake Brunch followed by a family "Eggstravaganza". Maundy Thursday will include a Seder Supper followed by worship. The Church will commemorate Good Friday with an afternoon worship service. Finally, we will celebrate Easter Sunday with two identical services to inspire and focus us on our faith.

Submitted by,
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