



The Chalice



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December 2011



*Central Christian Church
Annual Christmas Bazaar*

*1110 Guadalupe
Austin, Texas*

*Come enjoy a stroll through
our downtown historic church
and shop local artisans.*

*We also invite you to have
lunch or a sweet treat in our*

Candy Cane Café.

All proceeds benefit Youth Ministries.

Thursday, December 1st 9am-4pm

Friday, December 2nd 9am-4pm

Saturday, December 3rd 9am-4pm

Sunday, December 4th noon-3pm

Prayer Partner Church of the Week

Dec 4	Bethany CC	B Miller & G Ross, Interim Co-Pastors	(512)926-4146
Dec 11	Bluebonnet Hills CC	Landon Schultz, Pastor	(512) 263-2322
Dec 18	Central CC Austin	Peggy Edge, Minister	(512) 476-6941
Dec 25	IC Principe de Paz	Lyndon Rogers, Pastor	(512) 453-4535



A Center of Continuing Education for Disciples of Christ
Rev. Julie A. Wood, Executive Director

November 15, 2011

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

The Texas Bible Chair Foundation cordially invites you to attend our next **Clergy Leadership Institute**. It will be held on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** from **9:30 am to 3:30 pm** at **North Central Christian Church, 1300 Evans Road, San Antonio, Texas**. *Please note this is a different location than the September Clergy Leadership Institute.*

You do not have to have participated in any of our previous sessions to attend the February Clergy Leadership Institute. Each Institute is designed to stand on its own.

The February session will focus on **Conflict Resolution**. The workshops will be led by the **Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus**, Co-Pastors of Round Rock Christian Church, where they have taught and implemented this approach to Conflict Resolution. The sessions will be available in both English and Spanish, if needed.

During our Clergy Leadership Institutes over the past three years, we averaged approximately 25 clergy in attendance at each session. The Institutes are designed for both ordained and licensed clergy as well as men and women who are exploring a call to vocational ministry. Bluebonnet Area licensed ministers will receive Continuing Education units from the BBA Department of Ministry for attending the entire day. CEU certificates will be distributed following the Closing Worship service. The courses are taught by ordained ministers and other scholars with graduate-level degrees.

Attached is a registration form for you to use. Limited scholarships are available. We would encourage any church or individual who is able to send an extra registration fee in order to make more scholarship money available for this training.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Clergy Leadership Institutes in 2012:

Saturday, May 12, 2012 in Austin
Saturday, September 22, 2012 in San Antonio

Please call or email me with any questions or if you need additional information about the Clergy Leadership Institute. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Julie A. Wood



A Center of Continuing Education
for Disciples of Christ

Clergy Leadership Institute

Saturday, February 25, 2012

North Central Christian Church
1300 Evans Road
San Antonio, Texas

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Open to all Ordained and Licensed Disciples
and United Church of Christ Ministers

The Texas Bible Chair Foundation is sponsoring the Clergy Leadership Institute as part of its commitment to offering educational opportunities for clergy and lay leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In 1904, Mrs. M. M. Blanks of Loebhart donated property and seed money to the United Christian Missionary Society for the purpose of establishing a Bible Chair on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. In 1905, the Bible Chair was opened under Dr. Frank L. Jewett. After losing the focus of religious education at UT, the Directors and Board of the Bible Chair have worked hard to find God's vision and purpose for carrying out our charter - being "a center of continuing education for Disciples of Christ."

**DIRECTIONS TO
NORTH CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
1300 Evans Road
San Antonio, TX
(210) 481-3083

From IH-35 North or South, take TX-1604-Loop West/Anderson Loop Exit (Exit #172). Follow TX-1604 Loop West to US 281 North. Merge onto US 281 North. Follow US 281 North to Evans Road. Turn left onto Evans Road and follow to the church at 1300 Evans Road.

For more information or questions about registration, please contact Rev. Julie Wood at the Texas Bible Chair Office at 512-477-6104 ext. 14 or by email at TexasBibleChair@yahoo.com.

REGISTRATION (Please Detach and Mail)

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
Street/PO Box
City _____ ZIP Code _____
PHONE: Office _____
Cell _____
Email: _____

Church Name/Location: _____
Ordained Minister Licensed Minister
Other _____
Special Needs: Translator Diet
Other _____

**Registration Fee: \$40.00 for
all workshops and lunch.**

Limited number of Scholarships available.

Registrations must be received by
February 23, 2012.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION

Send to: Texas Bible Chair Foundation
2007 University Avenue
Austin TX 78705-5623

Amount Paid: _____
Date Received: _____

SAVE THE DATES
2012
Upcoming
Clergy Leadership Institute
Sessions

Saturday, May 12, 2012
Austin

Saturday, September 22, 2012
San Antonio

Continuing Education credit is available for Licensed Ministers through the Bluebonnet Area Department of Ministry by attending the Texas Bible Chair Foundation's Clergy Leadership Institute. CEU Certificates will be distributed following the Closing Worship Service.

REFUND POLICY:

If requested, 80% of the registration fee will be refunded up to 14 days prior to the Clergy Leadership Institute. In the event of an emergency, 100% of the registration fee will be refunded up to the beginning of the event if the Texas Bible Chair Foundation is notified in writing.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Welcome and Worship
10:15 am - 11:30 am	SEMINAR #1 CONFLICT RESOLUTION "Identifying Conflict" Instructors: Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	LUNCH <i>(Provided with Registration)</i> Time will be allowed for small group discussions on issues and challenges of ministry.
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	SEMINAR #2 CONFLICT RESOLUTION "Biblical Approaches to Conflict" Instructors: Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm	SEMINAR #3 CONFLICT RESOLUTION "Implementing Conflict Resolution in the Congregation" Instructors: Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Closing Worship with Communion

CHI RHO MIDWINTER PRESENTS:**Special Keynoter: Kevin Dunn,**

Disciple of Christ, Father, Camp Small Group Leader, and NASA Rocket Scientist (no kidding!)

Where: Camp Gonzo

When: Jan. 27-29, 2012

(arrive Jan. 27th @ 7:00 pm and depart Jan. 29th at 10:30 am)

Who: CHI RHO 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Cost: \$100

Directors:

Rev. Cari Fowler
(830) 857- 6244

Rev. Beth Graham
(512) 465-5759

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 16, 2012

2012 Summer Camp Dates

CYF Conference: June 17-23, 2012

Fighters' Camp: June 24-30, 2012

Junior Camp: July 9-14, 2012

Chi Rho Camp: July 15-21, 2012

Beginners' Camp: July 25-28, 2012

Flyers and registration forms will be distributed as they are submitted by Camp Directors to the BBA Office.

Greetings Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD,

I just returned from the Disciples Women Administrative Committee meeting held November 11 - 13 in Dallas. This was my first meeting serving you as the Bluebonnet Area representative. We worked hard on planning the Leadership Training Event and the Women's Assembly and we were blessed by Ruby Henry and Shannon Karr from the North Texas Area who made an amazing lunch for us on Saturday! They even set the table with beautiful decorations, tablecloths, plates, glasses and silverware and wouldn't let us get up for anything!

The first event we worked on is the **Leadership Training Event** which is held each February and is for the Coordinators and Consultants from each Area around the Region to get together for a weekend of fellowship, training and planning. We will be trained on how to be a good Coordinator and Consultant and this is also the time where we will be able to spend time planning next year's Women's Retreat in September! In case you don't know who your consultant(s) are:

Alamo Cluster - Janie Harrison - janieh@satx.rr.com
Capital Cluster - Sharen Trickey - sharenvnow@yahoo.com
Coastal Cluster - Sallie Ferrell - rain3bow@gmail.com
Hill Country Cluster - Cindy Reese - cindyreese59@gmail.com
LRGVD (English speaking churches) - Caroline Herbert - cherbert12011@live.com
LRGVD (Spanish speaking churches) - Raquel Garcia - rgarcia@swgsm.org
Town & Country Cluster - Rita Fields fldsrt@yahoo.com & Etta Ross etta.ross@hutto.txed.net

The Leadership Training Event will be in Abilene, February 17 - 19, 2012 at the Elegante Suites. I am encouraging each Consultant to attend this event with me.

The second event we worked on is the **Southwest Region's Women's Assembly** which will be held June 22 - 24, 2012. We worked hard on planning this event and I am excited to announce that Disciples Women Executive Director Pat Donahoo from Indianapolis will be our keynote speaker! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend with me. There are still many issues that we will continue to work on and I will get this information out to you as soon as I can.

The other thing we realized during the weekend that we need to work on quickly is the Bylaws. Our goal is to get revised Bylaws set and ready to present to everyone by the June 2012 Women's Assembly and have them ratified at Regional Assembly in the fall of 2012. Since time flies by, I am encouraging the women on the Administrative Committee to begin working on them now.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the BBA/LRGVD named Women's Endowment Fund has been established! This was an exciting outcome from the women's retreat in September and I am thankful that the Christian Church Foundation was able to set it up so quickly. If you would like to honor a friend for their birthday, or someone in your church or at work for a job well done, simply send in your tax deductible donation. Designate in the notes field on your check - Women's Endowment Fund BBA/LRGVD and send your check to:

Christian Church Foundation
130 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986

It's a great way to honor women in the BBA/LRGVD and continue to support women's ministries at the same time. And remember; only the interest is used by the Christian Church Foundation - the principal stays put!

If you need more information on anything relating to Disciples Women, please feel free to e-mail or call me!

God bless,

Melanie Holtz

Coordinator, Disciples Women's Ministries ~ Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD

BBA TODAY

(for more information on these events and others please visit our online calendar at www.bluebonnetarea.org)

DECEMBER

- 5 LRGVD Mentor Group at FCC San Benito 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Capital Cluster Mentor Group at Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 21 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 26-30 *BBA Office Closed in Observance of the Christmas Holiday*

JANUARY

- 2 LRGVD Mentor Group at FCC San Benito 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 14 Capital Cluster Mentor Group at Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 *BBA Office Closed in Observance of the MLK Holiday*
- 25 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 27-29 Chi Rho Midwinter Rally, DORC \$100

We Want To Hear From You!

- Do you have a special event planned that you would like to share with other congregations across the BBA/LRGVD?
- Have you had a special celebration (pastor's birthday, ordination ceremony, graduation, church anniversary, community event, etc.)?
- Have you or your members served your community, state, or nation in a special way?
- Please let us know! Please send your stories and pictures to Anna in the Area office (bba@ccsw.org) **by the 15th of each month** to include in the next month's issue.

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