



The Chalice



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Bluebonnet Area/Lower Rio Grande Valley District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest Region

January 2012

AP Council & BBA Board Meetings

Saturday, January 21, 2012

South Shore Christian Church

4710 South Alameda

Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

AP Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

AP Council members must submit reports no later than Friday, January 13, 2012. Please notify the office no later than Friday, January 13, 2012 if you will be attending.

Lunch will be offered between sessions. Cost is \$5.

BBA Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Please notify the office no later than Friday, January 13, 2012 if you will be attending.

The BBA Board is composed of:

- Two lay representatives from each member congregation. Member congregations shall elect or appoint their own lay representatives and designate their terms of office.
- Congregations with over 300 members are entitled to one additional lay representative.
- Members of the Area Administrative/Program Council.
- Ministers with standing as listed, or eligible to be listed, in the current Yearbook and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), who live within the Area.
- Area Minister and other program staff ex-officio without vote.

Prayer Partner Church of the Week

Jan 1	Shepherd of the Hills CC	Rod Coleman, Senior Pastor	(512) 343-7858
Jan 8	United CC Austin	Tim Tutt, Senior Pastor	(512) 218-8110
Jan 15	University CC	Charles Kutz-Marks, Senior Pastor	(512) 477-6104
Jan 22	Bella Vista CC	Alcides Sanchez, Pastor	(956) 640-5024
Jan 29	Bastrop CC	Rick Bartless, Pastor	(512) 321-6436

CHI RHO MIDWINTER PRESENTS:**Special Keynote: 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



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

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

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.

Save the Dates!

Performances:

Saturday, January 7, 2012
3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 PM

30th Reunion Celebration:

Sunday, January 8
Worship Service 10:30 AM

followed by a Reunion Lunch
in Fellowship Hall

www.facebook.com/Boarshheadfestival



30th Anniversary
First Christian Church - Corpus Christi

A special invitation to our former members, cast & crew – we hope to see you in 2012 to help us celebrate our 30th year!

BBA TODAY

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

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.
- 16 *BBA Office Closed in Observance of the MLK Holiday*
- 21 AP Council & BBA Board Meetings
- 25 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 27-29 Chi Rho Midwinter Rally, DORC \$100

FEBRUARY

- 6 LRGVD Mentor Group at FCC San Benito 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Capital Cluster Mentor Group at Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 22 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Clergy Leadership Institute

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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