

# Clergy Resources

## This Week

Find links to all the resources we are researching for congregations and clergy in one place.

<http://www.nwareacc.org/learn-grow/resources/>

- VBS option: *Journey to India* and *Journey to Congo* are available for you to download for free from the Global Ministries website: <http://globalministries.org/resources/youth-and-children/>. While these curricula were written specifically for VBS, they may be adapted for other settings and situations.
- **New Rules Limits Use of Wireless Microphones** Businesses and organizations, including churches, using wireless microphones operating in the 700 MHz band must stop using them no later than June 12. These frequencies are now being used by public safety entities. Both licensed and unlicensed users must comply or face fines, according to the Federal Communications Commission. The new rule affects only wireless microphones and similar devices operating between 698 MHz and 806 MHz. Systems operating at other frequencies are not affected. Users may find the spectrum in which their equipment operates by checking a label on the device. A list of affected microphones and other information about the rule is online at [www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones). Information is also available by calling (888) 225-5322 (CALLFCC)
- What could this video teach us about helping others to think critically?  
[http://www.ted.com/talks/dan\\_meyer\\_math\\_curriculum\\_makeover.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/dan_meyer_math_curriculum_makeover.html)
- Some will recall this Compartiendo Amor (Sharing Love) ministry in Aguas Calientes that the area helped to construct and support over the years:  
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000070482583> We rejoice that the ministry lives on for over 10 years now!
- **Until May 31, save 30%** off the retail price on all inspirational and devotional titles when you use the promotion code **Inspire10** and order online, by phone, fax, or e-mail. Chalice Press – selected resources.  
[http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001OOxHMyT1jj0sY3i43wt-a9Q\\_mlj7ZqiK5ndfITnZ14msH6ujtP2w51WnUTwy2HZIWZfT63Q00QAMChYupQo8GNuzkoAOXepKAy7wx87j6e5VGyhPd70lvABo9vy7IYO6XIKtgnpvBhak0G4eCYWdgUvyayifCl1sRr07AM21qGwDDPXvR\\_T9mxFXd-BiYuTvq2TuhIhlo59L8kyHeVqn4slciH879K3PegKIEjnjb7fOrRCUnC1n1w%3D%3D](http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001OOxHMyT1jj0sY3i43wt-a9Q_mlj7ZqiK5ndfITnZ14msH6ujtP2w51WnUTwy2HZIWZfT63Q00QAMChYupQo8GNuzkoAOXepKAy7wx87j6e5VGyhPd70lvABo9vy7IYO6XIKtgnpvBhak0G4eCYWdgUvyayifCl1sRr07AM21qGwDDPXvR_T9mxFXd-BiYuTvq2TuhIhlo59L8kyHeVqn4slciH879K3PegKIEjnjb7fOrRCUnC1n1w%3D%3D)
- **Alan Roxburg on Moving Back Into the Neighborhood: Three videos. See them here:**  
[http://www.roxburghmissionalnet.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=85](http://www.roxburghmissionalnet.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=85)

- Dismantling Systemic Racism

- June 19, 2010

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- **RECONCILIATION MISSION**

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- Reconciliation Mission is the Disciples of Christ 39-year witness to racial justice and reconciliation. Called into being in 1965, this ministry has developed and grown deeper. Originally constituted as a grant making fund, today Reconciliation Mission gives oversight to the denomination's pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative called *Many Members, One Table*. Reconciliation is funded solely by the Reconciliation Mission offering collected each fall. It receives 50 percent of all funds collected by the regions. Its mission is to nurture the wholeness of the church by dismantling systemic racism and other oppressive structures towards becoming a church that demonstrates True Community, Deep Christian Spirituality and a Passion for Justice. This ministry is accomplished through intentional organizing, education, and advocacy.

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- **FACILITATORS:** Phil Smith and Rev. Margie Pride, Co-chairs of the Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Team

- for the Mid-America Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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- **THE GOALS OF OUR TIME TOGETHER WILL BE TO:**

- ♦ Explore what God calls the church to look like;
- ♦ Explore the way we define and understand racism
- ♦ Explore a faith-based understanding of anti-racism; and
- ♦ Invite participants to discover the role they can play in dismantling racism in their faith communities

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- **Times:** Registration: 9:00 a.m. Workshop: 9:30 am to 4:00 p.m.

- A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

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- **Location:** Webster Groves Christian Church, 1320 West Lockwood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63122

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- **Cost:** \$20.00 *Scholarship Assistance is available through a grant from the Mission and Unity Commission. Please contact MSR-CRM for more information.*

- <http://missourischoolofreligion.org/coursesevents/continuing-ed/dismantling-systemic-racism/>

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# Cumulative

## Administration

- Click here for the latest edition of the **Risk Reporter from Church Mutual**. Excellent, free resources including information on how to get rid of stored clutter, managing property risks, and reducing falls.  
[http://www.churchmutual.com/riskreporter/index.php?id=36&utm\\_source=SprRR&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=SeeOnlineRB&utm\\_campaign=SprRRRB](http://www.churchmutual.com/riskreporter/index.php?id=36&utm_source=SprRR&utm_medium=email&utm_content=SeeOnlineRB&utm_campaign=SprRRRB)

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## Bible

## Camp and Conference

- Share a **short video of the Summer Camp Counselor Training** in Lathrop.  
<http://animoto.com/play/gd4lxl3R1dN7Ayati6yxGQ> While there, see what \$30/yr will do for **your congregation's video communications ministry**.
- From our colleague Martha Jolly – NE Area Camp and Conference Coordinator regarding camping and mission opportunities in the Mid-America Region, lots of very good opportunities and useful information:
- Camp updates – here is a quick update on camps and staffing.
  - **Chi Rho Current River Canoe & Smoky Mountain Trek Trips are full.**

- CYF (high school) Wilderness Backpack and Eleven Point River Canoe Trips both still have openings.
- St. Louis Mission and New Orleans Mission Trips both still have openings.
- All Rickman Center camps still have openings
- Staff Needs – Yes, we are still recruiting staff. We need your help, especially with male staff. The minimum age for counselors is 18 years of age (Elementary, Junior camps); for all other camps the minimum age is 21 (CYF minimum is 23).
- Chi Rho Current River Director looking for a male and a female staff (need to be at least 21 years old). If you're interested, contact trip director
- Rev. Matthew Keith (FCC/Sedalia) at [mdkeith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdkeith@sbcglobal.net) (660-826-5300) or Martha at [mjolly@nearea.org](mailto:mjolly@nearea.org) (573-442-5815).

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## Church

### Communication

- From Deputy General Minister and President Todd Adams regarding the OGMP's policy on Social Media: *The "cut and dry" 101 regarding social media such as Facebook is: if you have a "friend" who you met through the church or is now a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), your Facebook site is now work property and should reflect the perspective and values of your particular expression of the church and should pass the sunshine test – "in the light of day, would you want what you have posted to be announced from the pulpit of your congregation or appear as the headline in your local paper."*
- From our colleague Chase Peebles (FCC St. Joseph): "In an effort for older folks to keep up with the newest forms of social networking, I think this article in the NY Times should be passed on, especially to youth workers. I think I'm fairly up to date on social networking for my age, but I'd never heard of this one, apparently it's very popular among younger teens and it seems to me to be ready-made for on-line bullying and damaging reputations--social networking at its worst. I think it would be worth passing on to clergy, especially youth workers": <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/06/us/06formspring.html> *Thanks, Chase!*
- Omar Ahmad: Political change with pen and paper (valuable information on how to effect change through the political process which may also apply to working with individuals in the Church. Six minutes: [http://www.ted.com/talks/omar\\_ahmad\\_political\\_change\\_with\\_pen\\_and\\_paper.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/omar_ahmad_political_change_with_pen_and_paper.html)

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## Congregational Transformation and Health

- The Columbia Partnership **Travel Free Learning** Series (and free archived audio downloads!) [http://columbiapartnership.typepad.com/the\\_columbia\\_partnership/travel-free-learning-dialogues.html](http://columbiapartnership.typepad.com/the_columbia_partnership/travel-free-learning-dialogues.html) **Pastors will truly enjoy this series!**
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## Continuing Clergy Education

- Phillips Theological Seminary has **courses on-line**. [www.ptstulsa.edu](http://www.ptstulsa.edu)
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## Curriculum

- Innovative, **free resources on line compiled by a DOC pastor**: plan a service, learn about seasons in the Church calendar. <http://www.kencollins.com/>
- **Mother's Day video resources** for classes or worship – all downloadable: [http://www.sermonspice.com/newsletter?utm\\_source=Masterlist+with+Advertiser%2C+Producer%2C+Spanish+groups&utm\\_campaign=8d11175d7e-Newsletter\\_Send\\_4\\_304\\_23\\_2010&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.sermonspice.com/newsletter?utm_source=Masterlist+with+Advertiser%2C+Producer%2C+Spanish+groups&utm_campaign=8d11175d7e-Newsletter_Send_4_304_23_2010&utm_medium=email)
- Living the Good News is **curriculum** based upon the Lectionary. [www.livingthegoodnews.com](http://www.livingthegoodnews.com)
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## Developing and Nurturing Leaders

- **Ministry to 20-Somethings** from Building Church Leaders: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/lyris/bcl/archives/04-29-2010.html>
- Willow Creek Leadership Conference [www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit) August 5-6, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, contact [NW Area Office](#) for information about discounted ticket rates. Best rates if ordered before May 18, 2010.
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## Disaster Preparedness and Recovery

## Disciples of Christ

- Review of Actions by the Disciples of Christ General Board at its April, 2010 meetings

<http://www.disciples.org/tabid/58/itemid/590/2010-GB-Meets-In-Indianapolis.aspx>

## Ethics

## Evangelism

- [Bill Tenny-Brittian](#) -- Church-Talk Lite: Evangelism for the Whole Congregation <http://youtu.be/Uk48IBX1DTQ?a>
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## Leadership

- Simon Sinek: How great leaders inspire action – fascinating and persuasive recap of what really motivates commitment from people. Eighteen minutes – worth the time.  
[http://www.ted.com/talks/simon\\_sinek\\_how\\_great\\_leaders\\_inspire\\_action.html?utm\\_source=newsletter\\_weekly\\_2010-05-05&utm\\_campaign=newsletter\\_weekly&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.ted.com/talks/simon_sinek_how_great_leaders_inspire_action.html?utm_source=newsletter_weekly_2010-05-05&utm_campaign=newsletter_weekly&utm_medium=email)
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## Mediation and Healthier Conflict Resolution

## Mission

- **Sexual Slavery on Main Street:** Trafficking of teenagers in the U.S. is getting worse. Here's what some Christians are trying to do about it. Article in *Christianity Today*  
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2010/may/5.17.html>
- Take the **Psychological First Aid Course on Line:** <http://learn.nctsn.org/> **FREE**
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## Pastoral Care & Counseling

## Preaching

## Retreat Centers

## Sabbatical

## Spirituality (Personal)

## Spirituality (Community)

## Stewardship

### Working with Other Denominations

### Worship

- CCLI – new features with **Song Select** include video instructions from some composers on how to play their pieces. <http://www.ccli.com/>
- Need **accompaniment tracks** to popular Christian songs? [www.christwill.com](http://www.christwill.com)
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### Young Adults

- Young Adult Event called **“Recharting Our Faith”** to take place in Las Vegas, NV from October 7– 10, 2010. [www.docya.org](http://www.docya.org)
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### Youth

- Free Summer Bowling - thanks to my friend Angela Williams (5<sup>th</sup> Street CC, Columbia) for sharing this information about free bowling for kids during the summer. Check it out (not every community is included but there are a bunch in Missouri): <http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/state.php?state=MO>.
- Here I am, Christian Leadership Experience (6/11-13) – check this link for event info teens finished with Gr. 10-12: <http://www.culver.edu/hereiam>.
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