

Regional News Notes

- ✍ **Foothills Christian Church** has called **Phil Hills** as their minister. Their ministry begins together in late April.
- ✍ Congratulations to **Cathy Nichols, Arizona's Global Ministry Partner**. She and her husband are expecting their first child this summer. She will be available during the month of June to speak in Arizona congregations.
- ✍ On April 20, **Chalice Christian Church**, which has been a congregation in formation, will be chartered, officially becoming our newest Disciple congregation.
- ✍ We celebrate our newest congregation in formation, **Iglesia Cristiana El Buen Samaritano**. This congregation is being "nested" by our **Larkspur Christian Church**.
- ✍ With preview services held once a month, and a launch team now in place, our **Coolwater Christian Church** is moving steadily toward their official launching and weekly services, scheduled to begin in September. Their current services attract between 50 and 70 worshippers each month. In April they will worship on Palm Sunday and Easter.

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Summer Camp 2003

Junior Camp
 Graduated 3-5th

Jul 14 – Jul 19

Chi Rho Camp
 Graduated 6-8th

Jul 27 – Aug 2

CYF Conference
 Graduated 9-12th

Jul 20 – Jul 26



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One Vision
 One Spirit
 One Fund

**2003 Disciples Mission Fund
 Easter Offering
 For General Ministries**

The Easter Offering is one of four Special Offerings (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas) that annually provides support for the wider mission of the Christian Church (Disciple of Christ) through its Disciples Mission Fund (formerly known as Basic Mission Finance).

The Easter Special Offering has been designated for general ministries to strengthen congregation life through programs and projects of the ten Disciples general program units. The funds will be used in a variety of ways through children, youth and adult program ministries to enhance the ministries of congregations worldwide. These ministries include:

- ✍ **Disciples Home Missions** supports ministries to children, youth and adults to strengthen congregations by providing resources and training. Recently, several of our congregations participated in training for Children Worship and Wonder, a children's ministries program, led by Susan Michal, a DHM trainer.
- ✍ **Global Ministries** provides a visible witness of our commitment to ministries around the world through Global Ministry Partners. Our Arizona partner, Cathy Nichols, serving in Jerusalem, will be making a visit to our Region in June. Cathy shares her mission experience by providing a useful explanation of some of the issues confronting the Palestinian Christians today and also a general overview of the Israel/Palestine conflict and where it is heading.
- ✍ **National Benevolent Association** has new presence in our Region. Ground will be broken soon for NBA Estes Gardens, a HUD retirement facility in Tucson. NBA continues to serve in two Glendale retirement facilities, Waymark Gardens and Manistee Manor.
- ✍ **Christian Church Foundation** helps Disciples make a difference through planned gifts. They provide assistance to congregations in developing policies that will allow ministries to continue and grow. This month the Foundation will provide a 2-day Consultation with Regional Staff and other leaders to empower the development of a strategy for funding the ministry of the Region.

STAFFING FOR THE REGION'S MISSION

During the past six months our regional staff has changed as staff retired and moved to other ministries. As the Region considered calling new staff persons we have looked to this mission statement of the Region for direction:



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arizona is called to: Create an environment and relationships through which congregations and leaders are called, supported and equipped for congregational mission and ministries that are transforming, growing and faithful.



Thus, as the Personnel Commission looked at new staffing, they focused on the ways that the Region can assist congregations and leaders in their mission and ministry.

I believe we have called four persons to the region's staff that have a heart for the church, a commitment to congregational ministry and gifts, skills and training that will

be resources to congregations.

- ✦ **David Coatsworth** has returned to our staff as **Consultant for Stewardship, Finance and Development Ministries**. David brings extensive experience working with congregations in these areas.
- ✦ **Rosy Cunningham**, the current CWF President, has been called to succeed Phyllis Hallman as **Executive for Women's Ministries**.
- ✦ **Jennie Shirey** has been called as **Consultant for Christian Education and Faith Formation**, bringing education, training and experience in these ministries to congregations.
- ✦ **Trish Thompson-Winters** will serve as **Minister of Youth and Children's Ministries**, to coordinate our regional programs in these areas.

I invite you to call upon them as partners in the common ministry that is ours.



🐑🐑🐑 **“Feed My Sheep”** 🐑🐑🐑

With Keynote Speaker, Rev. Linda Miller

Women's Fair 2003

Saturday, April 26 8:30 – 3:15

First Presbyterian Church, Casa Grande

Cost \$22 (Lunch Included)

Register by April 9. Contact your CWF President for form.

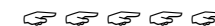
To participate in
Gift & Craft Fair

Contact Carol Friesen

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Regional Forum & Celebration with Fred Craddock



Internationally recognized Disciples Preacher
Named by Time Magazine as one of America's top 10 preachers
Professor of Preaching & New Testament at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta

An afternoon of Preaching, Worship, Dialogue, Fellowship & Food



Sunday, May 4, 2003 3 – 6 pm
Sun City Christian Church

Register now through your congregation. Registration Cost \$5 pp (includes dinner)

Special Regional Assembly Sunday, May 4, 2003

The Regional Administrative Council has unanimously voted to re-elect our Regional Minister and President, Dennis Williams, to a second 6-year term, commencing January 1, 2004. This action requires Regional Assembly Approval, therefore, a special assembly has been called and will convene briefly during the Regional Forum & Celebration on May 4th.

Congregations have been asked to file the names of their voting delegates with the Regional Office no later than April 28th.

Arizona Clergy Retreat

Preaching ^{is that} Matters

preaching that awakens passions
preaching that touches lives
preaching that inspires action
preaching that connects with the world

Fred Craddock, Retreat Leader
May 4-5-6, 2003

Sunday 7pm – Tuesday 1pm

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center
Carefree, Arizona