

The “E Messenger”

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May the Spirit of the Living Christ be with the First Congregational Church of Mott. We pray that the living Spirit of God might guide this congregation as it seeks to live out its faith. We ask that that Spirit be with the members of this church and their pastor, John Amundson.

Last Sunday it was my great pleasure to share in the centennial celebration of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Reeder. I want to thank the members of the South Western North Dakota Congregation and their pastor, Ilo Madden for a most enjoyable day.

At the 45th Annual Meeting three resolutions were passed, each one addressing a major need of our time. The resolution entitled “Embracing Cultural and Religious Diversity” calls on all of us to see in the differences we each have not a challenge to our well being or something to be afraid of but a declaration of the great creativity of our God. The resolution entitled “Climate Change, Energy Use and Faith” calls on us to do what we can as stewards of this great Earth to protect and pass on the blessing of our life as we have received it. It is a call to live responsibly and to call on our organizations to do so also. Finally the resolution entitled “Jack Seville Licensed Ministry Endowment Fund” formalized the readiness of the NPCUCC to continue to support the lay ministry program which is so vital for the future well being of the Conference and through which so many find a meaningful opportunity for service in Jesus’ name. All three resolutions can be found on the NPCUCC web site (www.npcucc.org) by clicking events.

On July 13th the congregations of the NPCUCC are encouraged to affirm our partnership with the Protestant Church of East Timor by holding them and their newly elected moderator in our prayers. (That person is not named at the present time.) Let us lift up our mission partner during our service of worship.

As many of you probably noticed during the Annual Meeting in Hankinson, there was a tent being painted on the front lawn of the church. This was not just any tent it was a “Tent of Hope”. A very special tent that invites us to reach out to the folk of Darfur who have undergone unspeakable pain and hardship at the hands of those who would destroy them for a half century. It is an invitation to display the tent at our churches, and then receive financial support which can be used to aid the people of Darfur or the refugees that are in the United

States. Please take this opportunity to display the tent at your church and receive an offering for the assistance of these most desperate people.

The next mission trip to New Orleans is scheduled for November 16 - 22. There is still room for those who would like to participate. If you are interested please contact Lindy Holt or the Conference Office.

We are invited to reach out to our brothers and sisters in the Midwest who are suffering from the devastating floods by contributing to flood relief. This offering will empower your church to be there with the victims of the floods with necessary help now and after all the others have left. Your church has a history of not only being there early with necessary help but being there with the victims helping to rebuild when others have moved on.

Let us join in celebration with our brothers and sisters of the Carrington Federated UCC/UMC and their pastor, Susan Fandrich as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of their congregation. The events will be celebrated with an open house on Saturday, June 29 and an organ concert June 30th.

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Date	Time	Event	Location
6/27	-----	CM Retreat	Orlando
6/28	-----	CM Retreat	Orlando
6/29	2:00 pm (ct)	125 th celebration Organ Concert	Carrington
6/29	-----	CM Retreat	Orlando
6/30	-----	CM Retreat	Orlando
7/1	-----	CM Retreat	Orlando
7/4	-----	Independence Day	-----
7/5	11:00 am (ct)	ALWL #2	-----
7/6	8:30 am (ct)	CM Shares in worship;	New Salem