

The “E Messenger”

Notes and Comments by Wade 040910

This Second Sunday of Easter, as we gather in the embrace of God’s redeeming love; let us hold in prayer the Filipino United Community Church of Winnipeg. We give thanks for the special ministry of this exciting Congregation as we pray that God’s gracious spirit continue to embrace its members and pastor, Lito Rodriquez. This we ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus the Christ. AMEN

This Sunday it will be our great pleasure to share in the installation of Dr. Mary McNamara as the president of United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. I will bring with me our prayerful support for her ministry through UTS which hopes that those who are touched by the seminary may discover God’s special plan for their lives. Mary McNamara will be the speaker at the Saturday Evening banquet on June 12th during the NPC Annual Meeting at Valley City.

It is with gratitude that I announce that a Brown Grant request for \$5,200 for the Multiple Paths Program of the NPC has been granted. This grant helps to support some of the new and exciting innovations that are being developed through that program. I want to thank R.J. Stohler for his work in framing the grant and also Veronica Jefferson and the Brown Grant Committee for their support of this vital new area of ministry.

On Sunday, May 23rd: Pentecost, we will be receiving the Strengthen The Church Offering. This special offering (One of the five for five) empowers the Conference and the National Church to reach out with support for Congregations that are searching for ways to give new strength and direction to their ministries. One- half of the money received through the Strengthen The Church Offering stays in the Conference. Congregations that have received this offering in the past will be getting their STC materials this week. If you have not received it before or if you have and did not receive the promotional materials, please contact the Conference Office and we will assist you in getting the mailings. Please remember the Strengthen the Church Offering is about renewing and supporting the ministry of every congregation.

You will find the flier, registration form and the by law description of the number of delegates each congregation can have for the upcoming NPC Annual Meeting which will be held at the Congregational United Church of Christ of Valley City, June 11 - 13 on the NPC Web Site www.npcucc.org under fliers and forms. Please take a moment to look over the information as you prepare to call the delegation from each congregation. This year’s Annual Meeting will be an opportunity to celebrate and share in the vision for this Conference and the United Church of Christ as a whole. As you will see on the

registration form, the deadline to reserve hotel rooms is May 10th and the deadline for registration for the Annual Meeting is June 4th. Please note that child care will be available on Saturday, June 12th.

On April 17th Geoffrey Black will be installed as the president of the United Church of Christ at a special service in Cleveland. It will be my pleasure to join our National delegates in representing the Northern Plains Conference at this event.

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| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| 4/11 | 3:00 pm (ct) | Installation of Dr. Mary McNamara as President of UTS | Minneapolis |
| 4/13 | 10:00 am (ct) | MV Cluster | New Salem |
| 4/15 | 10:00 am (ct) | Fargo Cluster | Moorhead |
| 4/16 | 9:00 am (ct) | UCC Email Ad Comes up please share the message | ----- |
| 4/17 | 11:45 am (ct) | Ho Wasta Lunch for Charles Hall | Bismarck |
| 4/17 | 2:00 pm (ct) | Installation for Geoffrey Black as President of UCC | Cleveland |