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A monthly newsletter supporting the building of community in the multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-national community of faith



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Many Thanks to Carleton and Darcy Borden:

As future calls to ministry will guide Carleton and Darcy Borden to challenges beyond the boundaries of the Northern Plains Conference, the Faith and Nurture Committee has with sadness and gratitude received their resignation as the Co-Youth Directors for the Northern Plains Conference. We wish Carleton and Darcy well as they look forward to the opportunities placed before them as they prepare to move to a new call. May God's richest blessing continue to be with them as they go forth as channels of God's grace. Your many friends in the Northern Plains Conference wish you well.

The Northern Plains Conference is looking for a Youth Director:

Following the resignation of Carleton and Darcy Borden as co-youth directors for the Northern Plains Conference, the Faith and Nurture Committee announces that they are receiving applications from those that would be interested in serving in that position. If you are interested in being a part of the Northern Plains Conference team, helping to plan the various youth events, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Office for more information. If you have questions do not hesitate to call 701 255 1104.

The Northern Plains Conference prepares to move its office:

As a move to help trim the 2012 budget the Northern Plains Conference is closing its office at Bismarck United Church of Christ and will be moving operations to Peg and Wade Schemmel's home. The move will take place the first week of November. On November 2 & 3 the office at the church will be packed. All who would like to help are invited to come to the office located in the basement of Bismarck UCC which is located at 1200 East Highland Acres Road. The telephone will be moved on November 4th. I would suggest that if you wish to get hold of the Conference Office or the Conference Minister

during that time that you call Peg Schemmel's Cell at 701 226 1196 or Wade Schemmel's cell at 701 471 3278. We will also have the means to receive emails during the move. The final phase of the move will be completed on November 7th. I want to thank Marcy Dawson and the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Hebron for making space available for storage. Material not taken to the Schemmel home will be housed in the basement of the First Congregational UCC parsonage. If you have questions please do not hesitate to call the Conference Office. On behalf of the Northern Plains Conference I want to **thank Bismarck United Church of Christ** for hosting us for the past five years. It has been our pleasure to be in their facility and to be able to carry on the business and life of the Conference from that location. It has been our pleasure to work with the Bismarck United Church of Christ and we look forward to future opportunities to share with them and others in the NPC in the vital ministry that God has placed before us.

All Northern Plains Conference pastors and members are encouraged to share in the **Installation service for Margaret Kloster** as the pastor for the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Argusville. The address is: 101 Third Street, Argusville. Margaret will be installed by the Northern Plains Conference Church and Ministry Committee on **November 6th at 4:00 pm (ct)**. Let us join together to celebrate this joyous event.

Let us join together for the **Installation of Ethelind (Lindy) Holt** as **Chaplain** at the **Ann Carlson Center** in Jamestown, November 10, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. The address is: 701 3rd Street North West, Jamestown. This special service will be an opportunity to celebrate this historic ministry and to wish Lindy well on her new pilgrimage. As we celebrate this ministry, we also lift up the four way covenant which calls Pastor Holt into a bond with **First Congregational UCC of Jamestown**.

Let us join the members of **Hope United Church of Christ of Streeter** and their pastor, Zach Bey, as they celebrate the **100th anniversary** for their congregation. All Northern Plains Conference folk are invited to join together in Streeter on November 20th at 10:30 am (ct) for this special celebration.

The Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry Committee seeks a new chair:

Following seven years as the chair for the Sisters in Christ, Women's Ministry Committee, Peg Schemmel has stepped down and the group is looking for a new chair to guide their vital work. The Sisters in Christ are the arm of the Northern Plains Conference ministry that reaches out to and invites UCC women to come together for fellowship and sharing. Two special events that are hosted by this ministry are the Annual Women's luncheon which takes place during the Annual Meeting, and the Fall Northern Plains Conference Women's Retreat. Any who are interested in learning more about this vital ministry are invited to contact the Conference Office.

Articles included in the Long Version of the November 2011 Aware Are:

As I look At It, "Coming Together On Line" with Kate Huey, Five from Northern Plains Conference will attend an Evangelism Workshop, Congregations Seeking A Pastor, Mission: 1, Voices from the Prairie, written by Jim Moos.

The New Address for the Northern Plains Conference, Conference Office:

Beginning November 1st is 204 East Reno Avenue, Bismarck ND, 58504-6471. Please make that change in your mailing labels. The Conference phone and fax numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

The Northern Plains Conference had the opportunity to welcome **Florence Coppola, Executive for National Disaster Ministries** to tour the various critical disaster cites in the Conference. While getting a vision of the "Lay of the Land" in North Dakota, Florence Coppola paid specific visits to Minot, Bismarck, Fargo and the Jamestown Valley City areas. We are grateful that she could take time from her busy schedule to take a firsthand look at the flood damage. Florence's trip was coordinated by Lindy Holt, the Northern Plains Conference Disaster Coordinator.

The Calendar for November

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/2-11/5	-----	Evangelism Workshop	Detroit
11/3	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Flasher
11/6	4:00 pm (ct)	Margaret Kloster Installation	Argusville
11/7	8:30 am (ct)	Move Conference Office	Bismarck
11/10	2:30pm (ct)	Lindy Holt Installation Service	Jamestown
11/10-11/12	-----	CM attends Board meetings	Cleveland
11/13	10:00 am (ct)	CM Leads Worship	Springfield, SD
11/16	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
11/17	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	First Cong, Fargo
11/20	10:30 am (ct)	Anniversary Celebration	Streeter
11/21	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	-----
11/24	-----	Thanksgiving	-----
11/28	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	-----