

**NORTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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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Don't Forget to Mug Your Guests and Visitors.

At the last Annual Meeting in Fargo guests and delegates were invited to take home mugs imprinted with the UCC logo and the "Northern Plains Conference" name imprinted. The purpose was to give the mugs to visitors so that they would have something to help them remember this time with you. The mugs could be filled with literature and possibly some candy or cookies from your church. This would hopefully work as an invitation calling the visitors to come again and visit your community of faith. You may wish to develop some pieces that could be fit into the mugs that would have helpful information about worship and activity times. A number of the mugs were given out at the Annual Meeting following the banquet on Saturday evening. The mugs are available through the Conference Office. Please contact us that we can make arrangements to get additional ones to you. Do not forget to "Mug your Guests".

Kate Huey from the National Church will be presenting a workshop September 30 – Oct. 1 at Bismarck UCC entitled "**Stewardship As A Spiritual Practice**". This exciting program will provide all who participate an excellent time to explore what would work in their congregation and then to put together some of the skills necessary to make it work. An informational flier can be found on the NPCUCC web site by going to www.npcucc.org or by going to the search area and typing in Stewardship or by looking under "Church News". The registration forms can be located under "Church News" and click on the Registration tab.

The South Dakota Conference invites us to join them for a **Sacred Conversation on Race**. The event will take place at the South Dakota Conference camp in the Black Hills, (Placerville) which provides a beautiful atmosphere for this meaningful conversation. The Sacred Conversation will take place September 12 – 14, with Norm Jackson, whom many of you know, facilitating. The

cost for the event will be \$80. The gathering will begin at 4:30 pm (mt) on Sept. 12 and will conclude after lunch on the 14th. All who are interested are invited to contact the Conference Office for more information.

Imagine Another World Is Possible is the theme for the **Neighbor's In Need** Special Mission Offering which is to be received on **World Communion Sunday, October 2nd**. This special Offering provides us with the opportunity to reach out to brothers and Sisters across the nation and world with help at those special moments that are life changing and yes life saving. This Offering touches NPC in a very meaningful way, as one third of all the money received goes to CAIM (the Council For American Indian Ministry) which helps to support 7 congregations in our Conference. Please be generous as you prayerfully prepare for this all church offering.

2012 National Youth Event IMAGINE

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana
July 7th to 16th 2012

The Northern Plains Council of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is proud to announce the selection of the NPCYYAM - NYE2012 Contingent leader. Rev. Tammy Toepke-Floyd of Wishek UCC has agreed to be our 2012 NYE Northern Plains Leader. We still need to build our team of leaders for this amazing event. We will begin the journey in Fargo on July 7th leaving by bus for NYE early on July 8th. The NPC will take two days to get down to Indiana and three days afterwards to return to Fargo. Plans are still being developed for those days.

With this announcement, we want your youth to begin to think about the 2012 National Youth Event. We are looking for adults who wish to be the additional leaders/chaperones for this fun and great event. NYE-2012 will be one of those

great moments your youth will talk about for years. Help us help them to have a great time. This is where we need you and the adults in your church. We hope to have information available for your local church by the Conference annual Fall Youth Rally (October 20th to 22nd @ the Bismarck UCC). If you are interested in being an adult chaperone please either contact: the Northern Plains Conference Office or the Borden's' @ revcarletonborden@gmail.com

Northern Plains Conference Fall Youth Rally

October 20 - 22, 2011

Location: Bismarck United Church of Christ

Address: 1200 East Highland Acres Road

Time: Thursday @ 1 pm - Saturday @ Noon

Cost: \$50 /Save \$5 If Registration Postmarked by October 8th

Registrations Due: October 14th.

Bring: Sleeping Bag, Pillow & Personal Care Items. Clothing (appropriate for sports & service project) Swim Suit.

Work Gloves & Rake.

Money for Snacks (while traveling).

Talent Show Items (instruments, etc.).

Adult Chaperone / Advisor.

Make Checks Payable to: NPCUCC

Mail Registrations to:

Bismarck United Church of Christ

Attn: Dawn Archer

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The Fall Youth Rally flyer and information can be located by going to the search engine and type in "Youth". There is a registration form there and also under the "Church News" tab and click on the Registration tab for the Registration form for the Fall Youth Rally.

Articles not in short version: As I look At It, Aware Available in two versions, Congregations Seek A Pastor, Voices From The Prairie; "A Time To Teach" by Tammy Toepke Floyd, State Women's Retreat, Media Resource Center, The Northern Plains Conference/South Dakota Conference Conversation of Union continues, 9/11 plus 10 information, Mission:1 information.

The September Calendar for the Northern Plains Conference:

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/1-9/3	-----	CM on vacation	-----
9/5	-----	Labor Day	-----
9/7	12:00 pm (ct)	Annual Meeting Planning	Aberdeen
9/8	10:00 am (ct)	MV Cluster	Hebron/First
9/12	12:00 Noon (et)	Council for Theological Education	Cleveland
9/12	4:30 pm (mt)	Sacred Conversations	Placerville Camp
9/13	-----	CTE	Cleveland
9/13	-----	Sacred Conversations	Placerville
9/14	-----	Sacred Conversations	Placerville
9/14	12:00 Noon (ct)	Ft. Berthold Cluster	New Town
9/15	10:00 am (ct)	Fargo Cluster	Plymouth, Fargo
9/16	4:30 pm (Mt)	Women's Retreat	Richardton/Abby
9/17	-----	Women's Retreat	Richardton
9/18	-----	Women's Retreat	Richardton
9/19	9:30 am (ct)	NDCC	Bismarck
9/22	11:00 am (ct)	Minot Cluster	Garrison
9/23-9/24	5:30 pm (ct)	Multiple Paths	Valley City
9/25	10:30 am (ct)	CM shares in worship	Fargo/Plymouth
9/26	11:00 am (ct)	Central Cluster	Jamestown
9/28	4:30 pm (ET)	Pension BD Meeting	New York
9/29	-----	Pension BD Meeting	New York
9/30	5:30 pm (ct)	Stewardship Workshop with Kate Huey	Bismarck