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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR LARRY WILLIAMS

Thanks to the Lord for the productive meetings we experienced at our annual Mid-Year, College of Pastors meeting. It was held at the Mishawaka GBC. Many thanks to Pastor and Mrs. Davy Troxel for their excellent hospitality and generosity.

Poet T. S. Eliot declared April to be the “hardest month,” but we’re not sure why he says that. I love April, especially for the green, mint-flavored shakes and other goodies we may pick up to satisfy our tummies. Sometimes, in letting our light shine before others, we need to offer some of the basics of the Gospel message, teaching about Jesus (His death, burial and resurrection), repentance and baptism, before we can give our listener “meaty” food.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars now for National Conference: June 28-July 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The hotel has given us a price of \$108 plus tax. This rate does not include breakfast, however, there is a wonderful breakfast buffet served in the hotel restaurant. The hotel is working on a great discount to offer us for the breakfast. A direct phone line as well as an online booking link are listed below:

****RESERVATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE****

June 26 Executive Panel, June 27 Panel Meetings

June 28-July 3

DoubleTree by Hilton

Grand Rapids (MI) Airport

Call the hotel directly at 616-957-1543

And mention CGBCI Conference.

Deadline for special Conference rate: June 1

Booking

Link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=GRRVIDT&groupCode=CDTXCG&arrivaldate=2024-06-26&departuredate=2024-07-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

CONFERENCE MUSIC – PASTOR DELANE MILLER

I'm looking for players in the conference ensemble, woodwinds, brass and orchestral strings. I have chosen a medley for a Quick Choir. If interested in either of these, please email me at: millerdelane02@gmail.com.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

We are so thankful for the opportunity to lead YCON. The theme this year is, "Access by Faith." We will be looking at Romans 5 which tells of the great blessings bestowed upon believers. We have access to God, to justification, to His grace, all through faith! What a joy to be a Christian!

At midyear meetings, we discussed some challenges we are facing concerning female staff. Without the proper staff, we cannot have YCON as usual. We presented a few options to the pastors seeking advice, wisdom, and prayer. We are asking for your input on two different options for YCON. These options look a little different from other years but will still allow us to have a profitable time together as well as great fellowship. The options are as follows:

OPTION 1: Youth grades 6-12 will attend conference with their parents or a chaperone from their local church. They will stay in the room with their parents and/or the chaperone from the church. YCON Directors will develop and implement a program which will provide oversight of the youth from after the morning Bible hour until 5pm, then from 7pm to 10pm. Students would need to be picked up by their parents/chaperones at 10pm. The program would include Bible teaching, small group studies and discussions, activities, a lunch, and snacks.

NEEDS:

1. 2 male and 2 female staff members, in addition to the YCON directors who will commit to working with the youth from 10:30am – 10:00pm.

COST:

1. Cost for lunch: \$20/person for 4 days; Snacks: \$10/person
2. T-Shirt: \$15/person
3. Activity and transportation: \$35 – exact activity TBD
4. Total: \$140; The Conference would subsidize \$65/youth, bringing the total cost to \$75/youth

OPTION 2: Youth grades 6-12 who attend the National Conference will be invited to a special YCON breakout session every evening, from 7-10pm. There will be Bible teaching, small group discussion time, singing, snacks, and games during this time. Teens will stay with their parents or church chaperones and be responsible for their own meals.

NEEDS:

1. 1-2 female and 1-2 male staff members in addition to the YCON Directors; committed to attending Conference for the duration and who will spend 7- 10pm every night with the teens.

COST:

1. Snacks for the week: \$30
2. T-Shirt: \$15

3. Total: \$45

4. No subsidy from the Conference.

Please consider these options and let us know how best we can serve the fellowship and the youth at your local church. Your timely response is appreciated. You can send your response to Pastor Chris Knight at chrisk4christ@gmail.com or Pastor Jonathan Edwards at jsedwards07@gmail.com
Thank you! Pray for our youth!

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for uplifting NET 24 in your prayers. We are glad we can share the list of the names of this year's team members. This year's dates are July 29-August 12, 2024 with our training week at the GBC of Irasburg near Coventry, VT (July 29-August 1) and the outreach time at LaMoille Valley Grace Brethren Church in Morrisville, VT (August 2-11).

Part of the team will be sharing at National Conference on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 11:00 AM. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there. Below are the names of the team members listed with their home state.

Pastor Del and Grace Miller Ohio	Noelle Kallberg Vermont
Grace Bolling Ohio	Micah McAllister Ohio
Jethro Geiser Ohio	Sophia McAlister Ohio
Luke Hostetler Ohio	Amy Vanderpool Indiana
Charis Kallberg Vermont	

As we have done in the past, we are appealing to our fellowship to join with us in moving God's people to experience missions and to aid churches in our Fellowship with outreach. The adoption amount per team member is \$325 each. Please take note of that number. It is up slightly from what it has been for quite a few years. With the rising cost of everything, it is likely that it will change again next year. The Home Mission Panel is asking our churches to consider adopting a team member. We greatly appreciate the interest and help that we have faithfully received from numerous churches in our fellowship! In an upcoming Voice article, we will share how the team members are matched up with the adopting churches. If you would like to be involved in this way, please contact us. Thanks again for your interest and your prayers!

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