

# Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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## Thoughts from Dan

District and Prayer Conference at Pine Knolls Alliance Church in South Glens Falls (June 9-12) is now "in the books" so to speak. I want to thank each of you who came and participated in many wonderful and supportive ways throughout our gathering. In addition to the business that was accomplished including the reporting of each area of District ministry, passing of budgets for 2009 and 2010 and elections, we were blessed by beautiful times of worship, prayer, celebration and fellowship.

A very good number of Conference delegates took the time and made the effort to complete and leave with us a Conference Assessment Form. Review of these indicates that you felt we hit the mark in regards to our theme, "Living the Call Together: Got Health?" You seemed to have genuinely appreciated and benefited from the Health Electives on Wednesday. My sincere thanks to Jonathan Schuerholz, Bruce Guckelberg, Joshua Daigneault and Dave Luck for their willingness to prepare for and present their timely information and inspiration in the area of spiritual, physical and financial health respectively. Elaine and I enjoyed the opportunity to share from our experiences on the topic of marital health. My prayer is that each of these seminars contributed to the overall health of each of God's servants in some lasting way.

Our morning devotional and prayer meetings were times of special blessing at the beginning of each day. My thanks to Ken Lindsey, Bill Trinidad and Lisa Vogan for ministering to us with the Word and Music. Wayne Eppheimer's ordination message to Kevin Ellwood was powerful and will stay with us for a long time. The unique and powerful communion and healing time led by the Pine Knolls staff was both moving and meaningful.

Of course, I must not forget to mention the thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing time on the Lake George dinner cruise. The scenery was gorgeous, the food delicious and the Church Multiplication program informative and uplifting. Many thanks to Jon and Debra Martin for planning a wonderful evening for all of us.

Finally, many thanks to all of the folks at Pine Knolls for hosting us in such a warm and effective way. We will remember for years to come our marvelous time together at South Glens Falls.

Have a great Summer,  
Dan



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**Christ's Love and Sacrifice Provides for Unity.**

In the last several weeks, I've been marinating in the book of Ephesians for my devotions. Chapter 4 is one that is referred to in most of the Breaking of the Barrier Seminars. An illustration is shared in those seminars of how easy it is for the patrons of a local restaurant to detect if the waitresses are kind, considerate and helpful toward one another or if they are antagonistic. I believe the same is also true in the church. While guests may not be able to put their finger on it, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to sense, "there is just not something right about this situation."

Ephesians 4:2 uses phrases such as:

- ◆ Bearing with one another in love (not gritting our teeth),
- ◆ Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace
- ◆ Completely humble and gentle.

For an hour once a week on a Sunday morning, that is not too tough of an assignment. However, when the X factor (multiplied hours/days) are brought into the equation, "bearing" may become more of a challenge. Praise the Lord for power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

I think a couple of keys to this process are verse 7 & 11. God's grace to the church is that he has given us: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for the works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up. We obviously hear and see the function of pastors and teachers active in the local church but what about the rest? Has this lacked in the other areas, led to dysfunction/ disunity/imbalance to the point that there maybe underlying currents that have been going on for years and people are not speaking the truth in love and God's people are not being built up for the works of service?

The theme for 2008/2009 missionary tour is: Lost People Matter to God. This is a wonderful theme. It is listed as a core value statement for both the National Office and the Northeastern District. But let us not fool ourselves into thinking that we can reach lost people and bring them into the local body if the type of unity described in Ephesians 4 is not in operation.

For they will know we are Christians by our Love.

For a Healthy Today and Tomorrow,

Jon



## *District Items of Interest*

### Northeastern District Bags

The District Office has a supply of Northeastern District bags given out at District and Prayer Conference. If you donated yours to the mission trip and would like to have one for your personal use, the bags are available on a first come, first served basis.

The bags can be picked up at the District Office OR will be hand delivered when one of the District Staff is visiting your church throughout the remainder of the year to save on postage.

If interested, contact the District Business Manager Frank Whiting at [fe\\_whiting@northeasterncma.com](mailto:fe_whiting@northeasterncma.com)

### Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the August newsletter should be sent to [da\\_martin@northeasterncma.com](mailto:da_martin@northeasterncma.com) by Thursday July 24

"Primary Purpose: Making it Hard for People to Go to Hell from your City" by Ted Haggard.

If you misplaced this book at District and Prayer Conference  
Contact: Denes House  
585-247-4352

### In Transition

Rev. Charles and Dot Droppa  
Retired, to New England District  
July 7, 2008

### Looking for Pastors Interim Pastors in NY

Andover, Niagara Falls,  
Orchard Park, Saratoga Springs  
and Troy, NY

Looking for Assistant or  
Associate Pastors in NY  
Corning, Kingston and Syracuse

Pastor Tom Hartley of the Clinton Alliance Church is looking for information about the "Digital Hymnal." If anyone has had first-hand experience with this technology, please contact him at [clintoncma@optonline.net](mailto:clintoncma@optonline.net) or call 845-266-5178. Thank you.

### District Resource

Electronic copies of the 2008 District and Prayer Conference Proceedings are available by contacting Mr. Frank E. Whiting at [fe\\_whiting@northeasterncma.com](mailto:fe_whiting@northeasterncma.com)

### DEXCOM Meeting

Reports to DEXCOM and other items for DEXCOM consideration must be received at least two weeks before scheduled DEXCOM meetings in order to be placed on the Agenda. It is important to send information to Frank Whiting at [fe\\_whiting@northeasterncma.com](mailto:fe_whiting@northeasterncma.com) by August 26 for the September 9, 2008 meeting.

## *Dates to Remember*

### JULY

- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**  
District Office Closed
- 6 -12 Explorer Camp (grades 9—12), Delta LBCC
- 8 -12 International Bible Quizzing
- 10 Evangelism Committee Teleconference, 3:00 PM
- 13 -19 Pioneer Camp (grades 6-8), Delta LBCC
- 13 -19 Adventure Camp (grades 9-12), Delta LBCC
- 15 CMTeam Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 20 -26 Trailblazer Camp (grades 3-5), Delta LBCC
- 20 -26 Voyager Camp (boys, ages 11-14), Delta LBCC
- 24 Missions Committee Teleconference, 10:00 AM

### AUGUST

- 26 DEXCOM Agenda items due at District Office
- 29-Sept 1 **District Alliance Family Retreat**, Delta LBCC

## *Directory Updates*

### Albion

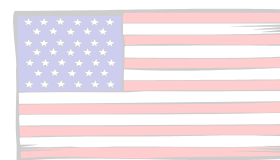
website -- <http://faithalliance.weebly.com>

### "Rev." Kevin T. Ellwood

Congratulations, Kevin and Becca!

See District Directory pages 4 and 5, District Officers and Committees  
Please send phone, address, e-mail and website updates when they occur to:

[office@northeasterncma.com](mailto:office@northeasterncma.com) – Thank you!





## Parsonage to Parsonage

My heart ached as statistics of women in crisis were read at the National Committee of Alliance Women Ministries in Colorado last spring. These women aren't living only in places like Afghanistan. They are sitting in our pews and sharing our backyards. As we learned from Diane Lucas who spoke so well at our District Conference luncheon, one in four women have been sexually abused as a child. Many hide their pain secretly in their hearts.

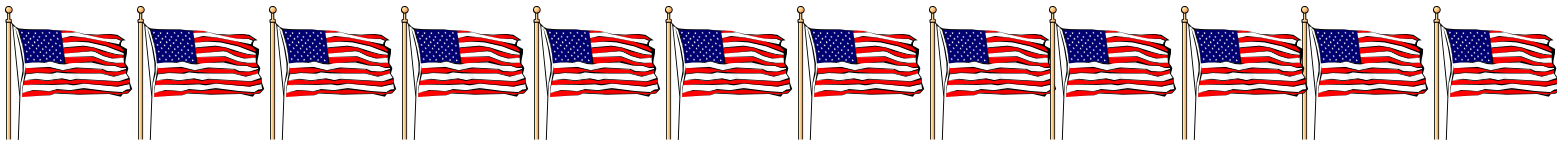
What can we do? May we not be like those to whom Amy Carmichael was writing when she penned, "Agony, gloom and despair. I sit and read about it in my easy chair." As Christians, we know the One who will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Let us get involved in the lives of those we sit beside in church and live beside at home.

"Mission Critical: Reaching Women and Meeting Their Needs" is the Alliance Women Ministries 2008-2009 National Project. Our National goal is to raise \$345,000 for ministry to women in crisis. The project will focus on prevention of sexual abuse, prostitution, and drug abuse; parenting skills; health centers; and other tools to assist in spiritual growth.

I encourage each of us to get involved in Alliance Women Ministries (AWM). AWM is impacting the world for Christ. It's an opportunity you don't want to miss! Thank you to Renee Richter who has served so well as our Director. Welcome to Daisy Wallace, our newly elected District Director of AWM. Both of these women serve as unto the Lord. It is my honor to be their friends.

I love you all and have you in my heart,

Elaine



## Urban Impact Ministries

### Super Heroes and the Kingdom!

This past April Urban Impact hosted another great Global Impact. It's amazing to think Global Impact has been happening in Pittsburgh for the last 22 years! One of the best parts of hosting an event for so long is that we have the opportunity to see some of the fruit- this year we met Youth Leaders and volunteers who told us, *I went to Global Impact when I was in youth group and today I'm in ministry because of my time at Global Impact.* What an awesome encouragement to hear! And to think in another 5 or 10 years we will have another group of Christian leaders saying they are in ministry because of this particular year at Global Impact.

As we looked ahead to this year last spring, our goal was to reach out to a larger number of churches and to engage new groups. This year we had a total of 31 churches and 530 total attendees which included leaders and students. This compares with 24 churches total and 460 attendees that participated last year. This year the students participated in two different worship services, one in the morning and again in the evening, hearing from our speaker Robert Madu both times and also participated in worship. In between the worship services they received more training and encouragement as they prepared to spend a few hours in the community serving through various ways. In total they gave around 1450 hours of ministry through service, prayer and relational evangelism. At the end of the evening, the students were given a chance to respond in three different ways: (1) to receive Christ, (2) to request more training and discipleship and (3) to commit to fulltime ministry. In total, 260 students stepped forward to make a response.

We are so grateful for the support and encouragement we continue to receive from the C&MA congregations. It is a privilege to continue to serve alongside of you in the mission to fulfill the Great Commission. Please keep the participants in your prayers, for those who made a commitment to fulltime ministry that they would continue to seek God in how he is leading them. For those who received Christ to have an opportunity to be discipled and to grow in their faith. And thirdly that Youth leaders would have the opportunity to continue to raise up their students to live Godly lives in all that they do.

Sincerely,

Ed Glover and the Staff of Urban Impact

## Evangelism Minute

Now that we are beyond the busyness of District and Prayer Conference and getting into the summer months, we recognize that it is a *great* time to begin thinking and planning for the new season of ministries beginning this fall and running into the coming year! With that in mind, we on the District Evangelism Committee would like to encourage our fellow pastors to check out the practical planning tool we developed and attached to our report this year—the Evangelism Ministry Planning Tool (or EMPT) on page 49 of your Conference Reports CD!

Last year we ran the on-line survey which enabled us to produce a list of the different kinds of evangelism resources, events and speakers that are being used in our district churches. But we realized that there is a need for pastors, together with other church leaders, to enter into a definite process of first seeking the mind of God, discovering specific community needs, church vision, and natural God-given connections we have in place, before prayerfully determining what kind of evangelistic ministries God would have us pursue as missional churches in our unique communities.

The EMPT is designed to be used as a guide to help each of us and our churches to be intentional as we plan to engage our local areas with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom! I encourage senior pastors to print out enough copies of the EMPT for all of your pastoral staff and elders, and then put it on the agenda for discussion at your next Elders or Ministry Board meeting! (If part of your EMPT was cut off because it ran off the side of the page, be sure to check the “Auto-Rotate and center” option on the Print window before printing.)

**Furthering His Kingdom together,  
Pastor Dave Prahst (Nelliston)  
District Evangelism Committee  
Chairman**

### Short-term missions opportunity for medical professionals

November 1-10, 2008

Cost: \$590 plus airfare

Donations for medical supplies will be collected as well

Nurses, physical therapists, doctors, or other health care practitioners are invited to take part in a short-term missions trip to **Gabon, West Africa** working alongside C&MA missionaries **Tim and Meredith Brokopp**, providing medical care and vaccinations in several villages in and around Libreville. Participants will have access to the medical clinic of the Gabonese C&MA health care ministry. During the time in Gabon, members of the short-term team also will conduct evangelism campaigns in the villages, featuring the *JESUS* film.

Flights need to arrive into Libreville from  
October 30-November 1, 2008,  
and depart from November 9-11, 2008.  
Assistance in booking flights is available as needed.

For more information contact Matt Peace  
(Short Term Mission Office/AYMission) 610.564.9696  
or [peacem@cmalliance.org](mailto:peacem@cmalliance.org)

Updates are available and a registration link  
and schedule will be posted soon at:  
<http://www.cmalliance.org/serve/stmo/vision/index>



### Metropolitan District Youth Worker Retreat November 14-16, 2008

**\$75.00 to include housing and meals**

Open to Youth workers in an Alliance Church or Ministry

**Main Sessions include:**

Jason Ostrander (National Director for Alliance Youth  
Worship with Joe Zernhelt  
Training, games and activities  
at Yount Life Lake Champion in Glen Spey, NY

This retreat is intended to provide a time of renewal for youth leaders in the Alliance. For more information please go to:  
<http://metroyouth.org/connect/invigorate-08-2/>

A link for online registration will open July 14, 2008 on this link.

## Short-Term Missions Trip Presenters for Fall Missions Conferences

Many churches in our district will be starting their Fall Missions Conferences on a Sunday evening, and will not have a missionary speaker for the Sunday morning worship service. The District Missions Committee is suggesting the possibility of inviting a short-term mission's trip participant to speak of their experiences on the mission field. The following people have been recommended by their pastors as possible speakers:

### ALBANY

- ◆ Ken & Wendy Ferguson – 518-456-6777 – (Kosovo – ESL)
- ◆ Howard Mangum – 518-456-0334 – (Kosovo)
- ◆ Carla Wyllie – 518-393-5370 – (Kosovo – ESL)

### BALDWINSVILLE

- ◆ Amber (Rose) Kraus – 315-450-2882 – (Ecuador and Peru) Is a missionary candidate

### CORNING

- ◆ Bonnie VanAlstine – 607-527-8117 (Argentina – ESL and DVBS with Sue/Bob Sterns – 2006)
- ◆ David & Marsha Lineman – 607-962-3473 (Argentina ESL and DVBS with Sue/Bob Sterns – 2006)
- ◆ Pastor Dan Richter – 607-962-6123 (Haiti – non-Alliance)

### FULTON

- ◆ Linda Coe – 315-592-3303 – (Russia – Field Forum – DVBS)
- ◆ Alice Lamb – 315-592-5241 – (Russia – Field Forum – DVBS)

### LAFAYETTE

- ◆ Doug Mintz – 315-698-0185 (Gabon)
- ◆ Jim Phillips – 315-683-5508 (Dominican Republic and Gabon)
- ◆ Phil Graham – 315-696-8558 (Dominican Republic, Russia)
- ◆ Brian Mandigo – 315-677-9810 (Ukraine-not Alliance trip, Mexico, Dom. Rep., Venezuela)

### ROME

- ◆ Carlyle & Madeline Kilmore – 315-337-7003 (several countries – S.E. Asia, Africa, Ecuador)
- ◆ Rick Barnard – 315-337-0358 – (Burkina Faso, Mali, Germany, Dom. Rep.) - S. Tier in Oct.

### SOUTH GLENS FALLS

- ◆ Bill & Susan Church – 518-583-9967 – (Dominican Republic – lead 4 teams)
- ◆ Bill & Nancy Wessling – 809-548-7946 - (Dominican Rep. – spent 2 yrs. Guest house)

### TONAWANDA

- ◆ Contact the church for names 716-876-5570
- ◆ Rose D'Amico – 716-774-0037 – (Children's Home, Macon, GA)

The speakers should receive travel and honorarium for their sharing with your church. We trust that this list will be of some help to you in supplementing your missions focus during conference or throughout the year. If you have questions, please contact Madeline Kilmore at [Madeline@ckilmore.com](mailto:Madeline@ckilmore.com).



**Mr. Michael Strong**, Father of Mrs. Suzanne McConnell, June 1, 2008. His life, earthly and eternal (including serving behind the scenes at Billy Graham Crusades), was celebrated at a service officiated by Rev. John McConnell.

**Mrs. Bernice (Rev. Dwight) Steiner**, Widow of Former District Pastor, June 5, 2008. Memorial Service arrangements pending.

**Mrs. Pansy (Rev. R. Thomas) Peck**, Widow of Former District Director of Extension, Pastor and Delta Lake Executive Director, June 6, 2008. Memorial Services were conducted on June 14 at the McKeesport Alliance Church with Rev. Doug McCracken officiating, and at Walton, NY, Riverside Alliance Church, officiated by Rev. Jacob Bouw, Jr. with Rev. Jon Martin sharing District remembrances on June 21. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. Tom Peck, 4831 Lougean Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Memorial donations may be sent to: McKeesport Alliance Church, 938 Summit St., McKeesport, PA 15132.

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