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From the ABCORI President

New Year Greetings!

As we begin 2013, God's blessings on ABCORI are very apparent. Our new Executive Minister is preparing to come here, our Meadowwood Conference Center is being renovated thanks to the support of the Champlin Foundation, and our Recruitment Committee is finding new people to continue the work of our board and other groups.

An anonymous donor who is very pleased that we have called an Executive Minister but concerned that Rev. Tom Wiles will be separated from his wife Linda for several months before she can move here, proposes to collect funds for a Love Gift to support additional travel for her. Since she was not able to accompany Tom on his visit in December, ABCORI has committed to pay for her to have one trip here prior to moving. The person who is making the offer below wants to enable her to make more than one trip. The ABCORI Board of Ministries joyfully accepts this offer and encourages you to support this Love Gift.

In keeping with "Healthy Pastors" ABCORI will provide for Rev. Wiles' wife, Linda, to visit RI once this year when she finds time in her school contract. The purpose of this trip is to help locate housing and become acquainted with the area. Another offer has been made to the churches of ABCORI to further support our Mission of Healthy Pastors. A matching gift of \$500 will be donated to a "Love Gift for Linda" to allow her to travel several times until she is able to make the final move at the end of the school year. This means if you will donate to the Love Gift each dollar will be matched up to \$500. The monies will specifically be available to Linda for travel to and from RI and be shepherded by the Board of Ministries. These are tough economic times, for our new Executive Minister's family also. If you are able to participate, please send your Love Gift to ABCORI and indicate in the Memo line "Love Gift for Linda." Blessings on you.

I encourage you to mark your calendars now for our Annual Business Meeting on Monday, March 4 at 7 pm at Calvary Baptist Church in Providence. This will be an opportunity to meet Tom, and will certainly be a joyous celebration of our past year and the bright future to come. Remember, churches need to appoint their delegates for this meeting, but everyone is invited to attend, so put the date in your calendar now!

There are still a few slots open in the Leadership List, so if you are considering serving ABCORI or would like to nominate someone, please contact Jim Essex (jet201@aol.com) or myself right away.

May God continue to shower abundant blessings on each of us, our churches, our pastors, and our association in this bright new year!

Donna Sherman, President

Around Our Churches

Community Church of Providence Fun Night this Friday, January 11, from 6-8 pm! I am excited to invite you to our first Fun Night of the winter.

Please join us this Friday from 6-8 pm. Whatever food you bring to share will be appreciated. If we need more, we'll all chip in and order pizza. Our recreation center is equipped for activities such as ping pong, pool, shuffle board, basketball, bowling, and skate boarding. We look forward to seeing you on Friday night! For more information, call the church office at 751-9328

Phillips Memorial Baptist Church "Local Author series" program Sunday, Jan. 13th 11AM in Fellowship Hall; all are invited! Guest Author Joy Feldman, Nutritionist, will discuss her book "Is Your Hair Made of Donuts?" and provide healthy snacks. A book-signing will follow her presentation.

Allendale Baptist Church will be sponsoring a mission trip to La Romana, DR from January 19th - 26th. If you are interested please call Kathy Savasta at 265-7244. Click here for [registration form](#) with details.

Married Couples Pre-Valentine's Day Brunch and Movie Matinee @ Calvary Baptist Church, Saturday, February 9, 2013 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We will have food, fellowship, great workshops and watch the movie, "A Vow To Cherish." Please come and let God use this mini-retreat to help strength your marriage and commitment to one another. Note: Recently engaged couples are invited to attend. There is a nominal fee. Please contact the church office (401) 461-7507 for details on how to sign-up.

The First Baptist Church in Swansea, the 3rd oldest Baptist congregation in the Americas, the oldest in Massachusetts, is sponsoring a tour to Baptist heritage sites in Wales. John Myles, our founding pastor, founded the first Baptist congregations in Wales beginning in 1649. The tour is led by the Rev. Dr. Charles K. Hartman as a part of our congregation's 350th celebration. The tour is scheduled for June 12-20, 2013 and will visit Cardif, Swansea, Oxford and London. Brochures with registration form and other information available from Charlie Hartman (revdochart@gmail.com). Some brochures will be available in ABCORI office.

Around Our State

When a crisis strikes many of us rely on relatives or friends for support, but some families have no safety-net. **Safe Families for Children mobilizes and equips faith communities, to provide support to families in crisis.** Parents can voluntarily arrange for their child(ren) to stay with a host family from a faith community (who is screened, trained, and supported by Bethany Christian Services) while they take care of themselves for a temporary period of time. SFFC can also provide host homes for young pregnant women, who are trying to make safe and healthy choices for themselves and their unborn child. We choose and support life.

Safe Families for Children is a national movement of compassion, led by the Church, giving hope to families. It equips Christians to work together to effectively care for families in their community, providing an extended network of support that helps stabilize and strengthen vulnerable families. There are many ways to participate – hosting a child in your home for a short period of time, encouraging a parent who is struggling, providing childcare for a host family, giving to the SFFC ministry, or purchasing tangible resources for a child or family such as food, clothing, or school supplies.

Please join us for a brunch and informational forum on Thursday, January 17th, 9:00am – 11:00am,

at CareNet Pregnancy Counseling Center, 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence.

During the forum you will hear from Dr. Robin Chamberlain, National BCS Director of Safe Families for Children, listen to the inspiring story of a mom in crisis who was blessed by SFFC, and learn from some of our partner ministries in RI. Our prayer is that we can learn to collaborate more as a community of churches and service providers so that we can effectively care for vulnerable children and their families.

RSVP to Julie Paine, SFFC RI Coordinator, at jpaine@bethany.org or call 401-467-1395 to register with our office manager, Debbie.

SINGING THE DREAM

Rhode Island Communities Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Sunday, January 27, 2013, six Rhode Island choirs will present **SINGING THE DREAM**, a special afternoon of musical tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bringing together, for the first time, over 150 voices from Shir Emanu-El of Temple Emanu-El (Providence), Kol Kesem HaZamir, RPM Voices of Rhode Island, Providence Gay Men's Chorus, Beneficent Congregational Church and Central Congregational Church (Providence) this rich musical partnership will commemorate the legacy of this great civil rights leader.

The program includes a diverse selection of works, including gospel hymns, spirituals, Jewish hymns and *Klezmer* and contemporary compositions. Rabbi Wayne Franklin of Temple Emanu-El (Providence) will reflect on the legacy of Dr. King.

The beautiful, historic **Beneficent Congregational Church** in Providence, Rhode Island will be the venue for this very special performance on **Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.** Admission is **FREE**. All are invited to attend.

Date and Time: Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Place: Beneficent Congregational Church, 300 Weybosset, Providence, RI

Tickets: FREE Tickets available at <http://singingthedream.eventbrite.com/>

Sabbath Time

Saturday, February 9, 2013 9:00am-3:00pm

“Spiritual Preparations to Face the Storms of Life”

Many of us believe that Jesus calms the storms and stills the waters, but do we know where and how to find him in our boat (our lives)? This day retreat will give you an opportunity to learn or review some of the practices, disciplines and faith treasures we have that enables us to more closely follow our Lord Jesus Christ. Set aside these few hours on this one day to renew yourself and be opened to the Spirit and call on the ONE who truly calm the storms.

Really think about and pray about this possibility.

We all need a break from the hustle and bustle of life. So now is the time to get away and walk the beautiful grounds of Canonicus. Now is the time for prayer and reflection. Sabbath Time retreats offer an informal program in a relaxed setting at Tefft Chapel, Canonicus. The day begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm and includes input from a leader, personal time, creative ways to express our

spirituality and gentle sharing. The cost for the day is \$15.00. Bring a bag lunch, we will provide beverages.

Registration pamphlet [Word format](#) [PDF format](#)

Position Open

Secretary -The Baptist Church in Warren - part time, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 am to noon. Proficiency in Paint.net, Microsoft Word, Publisher, Yahoo and Power Point. Purpose of this role is: "to fulfill the day to day affairs of the church which require ongoing attention and to perform general office work, thus relieving the ministerial staff of executive and clerical duties." The secretary must create an environment that is inviting to people. Send resumes and questions Rev Esther Irish

MissionWorks 2013

If you missed MissionWorks 2012 you missed an exciting and inspiring time with our missionaries. The food, speakers, accommodations, workshops, fun and fellowship with brothers and sisters passionate about mission was outstanding. But I have some good news MissionWorks 2013 planning is already underway and the team is very excited about this year's theme and program. You will want to save the date October 18-19, 2013 at the Sheraton Four Points, Leominster, MA. Remember to mark your calendar today and look for more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Mission Opportunity

There will be a Short Term Mission opportunity to New Orleans: April 13-20, 2013 The project is the rebuilding of homes that were destroyed in Hurricane Katrina. For more information contact group leader Rev. Steve Youd at steveyoud@gmail.com or call him at 508-525-6221 or Linda Martin at linda@abcori.org or 401 294-6318 ext. 103. See more information in tabcomnotes

Church Buildings Available for Rent

Graniteville Baptist Church Johnston, RI is offering the use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday afternoons and evenings, as well as weekdays/evenings as needed. The rental fee will be \$150 per week, or a monthly fee of \$500. Please call the church at 231-6572 or email granitevillebaptist@cox.net

2 chapels (upstairs chapels seats 150 and downstairs 50), Rear Parking
 Rent \$250.00 for 2 hours for 20 people. Rent will increase based on number of people.
 Call Mrs. Richard E Whitney
 Church address: 1568 Lonsdale Ave. Lincoln RI 02865.

The ABCORI Calendar 2012

Date	Time	Event	Location
2013			
Jan 14	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	
Jan 25-26		AB Women's Ministries Spiritual Retreat	Canonicus
Feb 2	1:30 pm	Annual Spelling Bee	South Providence Neighborhood Ministries
Feb 12	6pm	BOM	Clavary Batist Church
Feb 18	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist
Feb 9		Sabbath Time Retreat	Canonicus
March 4	7pm	Annual Business Meeting	Calvary Baptist Church
April 8	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist
April 13	4 pm	Baptist Peacemakers of RI Concert	Community Church of Providence
April 20		AB Women's Ministries Spring Gathering	FBC, Hope Valley
April 27		Sabbath Time Retreat	Canonicus
June 14-15		Annual Conference for Women and Girls	Canonicus
June 21-23		Amer. Baptist Mission Summit/Biennial	Overland Park/Kansas City
July 3	6:30 pm	AB Women's Ministries Board	Lakewood Baptist

If you have something for The E-notes, please send it to info@abcori.org.

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