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*The SEGA office
will be closed
beginning
Wednesday,
December 24th
until Monday,
January 5th.*

*Area Minister
Penny Ross-
Corona will be on
vacation beginning
Wednesday,
December 17th.*

Edited by Susan Moore

**The Southeast Gateway Area
staff wish you and your
families much**

**PEACE, HOPE and
JOY this
Christmas
season.**



*For a child has been born for us, a son given to
us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he
is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6 (NRSV)

Clergy News

Patrice L. Rosner has become the Managing Editor *Faith Practices: Worship, Learning, and Serving for Vital Congregations*, a new web-based resource being prepared by The Pilgrim Press of the United Church of Christ for local churches to begin to use by September 2010. She will continue to serve as minister at First Christian Church in Bonne Terre. Congratulations, Patrice!

Please keep in your prayers those among us who are grieving the loss of a loved one this Advent.

Margie Pride is traveling to Kentucky for the funeral of her aunt.
Dietra Wise is traveling to New York for the funeral of her grandmother.

David Woodard went to Ohio for the funeral of his step-mother.
Janet Fowler was in Kansas City for the funeral of her mother-in-law.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12 (NRSV)



Elders' Institute 2009

January 23-24, Rickman Center, Jefferson City

Inside, Outside, Upside Down



Keynote: **James Wilson** is an ordained Disciples pastor and member of Cairo-Jacksonville Pastoral Unity Christian Church in Cairo, MO. Over the past 19 years Jim and his wife, Jayanathi, have served with Global Ministries. From 2006 to 2009 they served at Kgolagano Theological College in Gaborone, Botswana. Jim served as a teacher of theology and Jayanathi upgraded the library as a community development. From 1988 to 2005 they both served the Lesotho Evangelical Church.

Jim & Jayanathi will in the Mid-America region beginning in January, 2009. He will be working in the Regional Office during Dr. Danny Stewart's sabbatical.

SCHEDULE

Friday

Registration 5:00-6:30
 Gathering 6:30
 Keynote I – James Wilson
 Fellowship

Saturday

Prayer & Reflection –7:00
 Gathering 8:45
 Keynote II-James Wilson
 Workshops
 Keynote III-James Wilson
 Closing Communion 3:00

THERE WILL ALSO BE:

Worship • Reading & Reflection Room

The purpose of the Elders' Institute is to develop a trained cadre of Elders from our Mid-America congregations to help them assume their roles as spiritual leaders within their congregations.

Elders' Institute - please complete one form per person

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

Elder or Clergy _____

Congregation _____

Payment Options: Check MasterCard Visa

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature: _____

RATES FOR ELDERS' INSTITUTE

Rickman Center	\$85
Cabin	\$80
Commuter	\$70
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$.

Rickman Center lodging is available on a first to register basis. Registration is limited to 150 people. The deadline for registration is January 8.

Mail this form and registration fee to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America, P.O. Box 104298, Jefferson City, MO 65110.

JANUARY 22 ★ AFFTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEGA CLERGY
SUPER CLUSTER MEETING

Hosted by the St. Louis Cluster

Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome—David Woodard
Opening Worship—Meditation led by Dietra Wise, Music led by Jenn Simmons
- 10:30 a.m. Introductions—Penny Ross-Corona
- 10:45 a.m. Karen Tye—**Beyond Sunday School: Christian Education and Your Congregation**
- Author Dr. Karen Tye proposes an imaginative and holistic approach to Christian formation which involves the whole church program and all age groups. Based on her most recent text *Christian Education in the Small Membership Church*, Dr. Tye will engage us in a lively conversation about equipping our members to see a Christian education program that goes beyond the classroom and emphasizes the importance of nurturing relationships in all church settings.
- Karen Tye is a professor emerita at Eden Theological Seminary and an active member of Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis.
- 11:30 a.m. Blessing for lunch—Bill Foglesong. Table conversation
Lunch provided by Affton (please pitch in a few dollars to cover the cost)
- 12:30 p.m. Charlsi Lewis & Brian Kirk—**Safe Sanctuary: Creating Safe Space in Your Church for Young People**
- This presentation will be a sneak preview of the "Safe Sanctuary" boundary training to be offered for all our SEGA churches on March 28th in Festus. The training emphasizes a biblical mandate for providing a safe and healthy environment for all children and teens in our congregations.
- 1:30 p.m. Closing Worship—Meditation led by Jacque Foster
Communion led by Mike Dixon and Darla Glynn
- 2:00 p.m. Benediction by Penny Ross-Corona & dismissal

***Please RSVP to the SEGA office by January 15,
so we can give the church a lunch count.***

Directions from the South:

- I-55 N to Reavis Barracks exit (#199)
- Left onto Reavis Barracks (name will change to MacKenzie)
- Left at Reavis Road
- Right at Tesson Ferry
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Attendance earns 4 hours continuing education credit toward 15 hour Regional Requirement