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Council Notes

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Focus on Youth

The Council is presently drawing from the rich history of our 1914 roots to focus on youth. Our focus is designed to prevent youth from becoming part of the justice system and to role model and mentor those in the system. Our goal is to encourage members of area congregations to form Serving Teams that focus on youth to help them become productive citizens.

The Council will arrange the sites, provide scheduling, training, identification badges, and collaborate with other agencies, i.e., Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, YMCA and Juvenile Court, for specific training and background checks.

For youth not in the system – Serving Teams interact with youth through various programs at YMCA’s,

Boys and Girls Clubs and the Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) Learning Centers.

We are also expanding the Hamilton County Community Referee Juvenile Courts into urban communities. Presently, only Avondale operates a Community Court. Initial expansion will include Bond Hill and Evanston. These courts divert first time, minor and non-felony offenders from the official court process to avoid a juvenile record. The Community Court assigns them to do community service and during that service we will assign Serving Team members to work with them in an effort to change their behavior through mentoring and role modeling.

For youth in the system – For the last nine years, the Council

has trained and scheduled seven teams that provide 10 weekly classes in anger management/conflict resolution and life skills for youth detained at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Youth Center (20/20). Presently, we are recruiting more teams to serve as tutors at the Center.

For youth with an incarcerated parent, our nine year old prison bus ministry *Linking Families Together* transports families to see loved ones at 10 adult prisons in the state of Ohio. Each year, we submit and procure grants so that youth under the age of 18 can ride our buses for free. The program assists families and caregivers in their efforts to keep the family together during the parent’s incarceration, as well as at the time of re-entry into the family. The Council

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also refers these youth to appropriate agencies for one-on-one mentoring.

For additional information on any of these programs or to get your congregation involved, call the Council, 513-351-6789.

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT THE
94TH ANNUAL DINNER
& DELEGATES ASSEMBLY MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M.

DINNER \$40.00

BANQUET HALL AT JORDAN CROSSING

(Invitation will follow in separate mailing)

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Christmas Open House— Board members, staff & friends



Jim Wuenker, Wm. Davis and Deborah Gaines



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J. Sellers, L. Anderson, J. Washington, J. Grady and S. Dumas.



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Still Confused by Ministry Changes?

The specific change— Sheriff Leis has authorized Transforming Jail Ministries (TJM) to produce identification badges for the Hamilton County Adult Jail System. TJM will approve volunteers by facilitating background checks, conducting team

orientation and training; and, scheduling all Jail System Worship Teams. The Council will— continue to make badges for all hospitals, Juvenile Youth Center and police clergy; place Worship Team schedules on our

website— www.cccgc.org; address your concerns; recognize your service at the Annual Dinner and the Volunteer Picnic; and, invite team members to join our Youth Serving Teams. Further questions, call 513-351-6789

Faith in Action Award

Just as Christ calls us to be a light to His people and to let the goodness of our acts shine before all so they will in turn praise God; He also calls us to lift up and recognize the efforts of those who answer His call. Each year our Annual Dinner and Delegates Assembly provides an opportunity for individuals and congregations to recognize those acts of service through the Faith In Action Award. This award was designed to give congregations an opportunity to recognize faithful volunteers in their church and Christian community. It is given to individuals who exemplify the scripture reference in 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4, "Your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Please use the form below to nominate. The dinner invitation will be mailed containing the names of the winners.

~ PLEASE POST ~

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNIONS 2008 FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS Nomination Form

(Return by March 24, 2008)

Date _____

I (we) would like to nominate the following person for his/her faithful dedication as a volunteer. We recognize that person for, "...your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

Name of Nominator (Group or Individual):

(Address) _____ (Phone)

Nominated Volunteer:

(Address) _____ (Phone)

How does the volunteer demonstrate the above scripture reference:

(Use added space and/or retype, as necessary)

Please return this form by March 24, 2008 to the Council of Christian Communion 7030 Reading Road, Suite 642, Cincinnati, OH 45237 • (513) 351-6789 • Fax 458-2252 (Please do not fax unless you type the nomination information)