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EIA “Seeing the Possibilities of Change”

Friday, April 3, 2009 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Covenant United Methodist Church

1124 Culver Road

[Map on back of flyer]

Our Panelist: Dr. Cheryl Holloway, Ph.D. - Education

Deborah Swift - Economy

Mr. Nick Barsh, Lima High School - Environment

Registration: \$3.00 per person at door

Bring bag lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided.

This is the first in a three-part series. “Seeing the possibilities in change “ is our EIA theme for 2009. Rooted in reality we reach out to promote and support the Care of all God’s creation, by listening and learning.

In April, the Education Initiative, the first part of the series, will have a panel discussion on issues of the environment, education and various aspects of the economy.

- submitted by Odessa Lyband, EIA - Education Chair and Lura Masters, CWU Vice President

From the President

The year 2009 has already presented us with positive miracles and challenges. History was changed with the election of the first African-American President, and an airplane lands on the Hudson River. If you note, I said on the Hudson because the airliner did not sink until everyone had exited the plane. Although we are truly thankful for the positive changes and miracles, we must face the reality of the many negative challenges which many are facing. Families are faced with job terminations, foreclosure on homes, lose of health insurance, and the list goes go and on.

As we begin our 2009 programs and celebrations, let us be strong and bold and step out in faith and trust God for more new and positive changes. Let us resolve to have a stronger advocacy for women and children in promoting peace and justice, health care, housing, and the destruction of human trafficking which is all around us, even in our community.

We look forward to having your support and participation in our programs and celebrations.

Peace and Blessings, Audrey T. Davidson, President

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ACTION ALERT

“Building a World Fit for All God’s Children’ Church Women United, Haiti Needs Your Help

Last Sunday, Haitian President Rene Preval said that his impoverished country is in desperate need of economic assistance and is seeking as much as \$100 million to fill a budget gap that he said could send Haiti back into anarchy. “I believe we are at a very serious turning point,” Preval said in an interview. We can either win or lose. He said he argued that his long-troubled country was on its way to normalcy when rising food prices, the economic crisis and a series of devastating hurricanes left it reeling. He spoke through an interpreter, but when asked when Haiti needed the money, he broke into English and simply declared “Now.”

We can help Haiti now by calling on the World Bank to cancel Haiti’s debt immediately. Please Call Your Us Representative Today. Urge him/her to sign on to the Congressional letter to World Bank President Zoellick (pronounced Sel-lick) calling for Haiti’s immediate debt cancellation. Capitol Switchboard phone number is: (202) 224-3121

Script for your phone call:

My name is _____ and I am a constituent from __ (your city) __. I am calling to ask that Representative _____ sign Rep Waters’ letter calling on World Bank President Zoellick (sell - lick) to cancel Haiti’s debt. Haiti should be freed to use its resources for education and health care rather than debt repayment. To sign the letter, contact Kathleen Sengstock in Rep. Waters office @ (If you are speaking to the staff person be sure to thank them for their time and ask whether they think that the Representative will sign the letter.) Rep Waters (D-CA), Bachus (R-AL), and Barney Frank (D-MA) have written a letter to World Bank President Robert Zoellick urging him to suspend all further debt service payments from Haiti and grant the nation complete debt cancellation. Rep. Waters is asking that her colleagues join her by signing the letter. The more representatives who sign on to the letter, the stronger the message for debt cancellation will be.

Patricia Burkhardt, Church Women United Legislative Office, 100 Maryland Ave. NE RM 100
Washington, DC 20002 Phone: (200) 544-8747, Fax: (202) 544-9133

WOMEN’S HEALTH KITS

Items for kits for women leaving the Monroe County facility (As of February 17, 2009):

The Health Kits consist of:

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| Shampoo | Tooth Paste | Sturdy Comb | Bar Soap |
| Wash Cloth | Deodorant | Tissues (small packs) | Socks |

Please pack in a 1-gallon plastic bag. Please remove soap, toothpaste, etc. from any cardboard boxes or hard plastic wrapping. Please bring donations to the celebrations or to the CWU office. Items can be any size, though full size preferred. Combs without handles. Please Note Change: Tooth brushes are no longer needed; they are supplied at the jail. Thanks.

This is a good on-going project for a group to work on. Betty Allinger 663-0862.

CWU Short Subjects

Thank You

Betty Allinger, Mary Discher
& Lifetime Assistance Folks for
assembling the February 2009 SUNDIAL.

Thank You

Ellen Kimbrough, Mary Ann Henry and
Dot Borden for assembling the Financial
Appeal Letter.

Kids' Korner News

Interfaith IMPACT of NYS Presents Annual Legislative Briefing

Ignorance is Bliss? Religion, Sex Education, and the Legislature

- A Discussion of The Healthy Teens Act

Sunday, March 22, 2009 2:00 pm at First Universalist Church, 150 S. Clinton Avenue
The Introduction to English Classroom; The Introduction to Math Classroom; The Introduction to Sex
Education Classroom

For details, please call 585-442-5111

Free & open to the public.

Group Contributors to CWU Financial Appeal in 2008

ABW Ministry, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
Amer Bapt Women LABC
Amer Baptist Churches
Brighton UCC
Central Missionary Guild, DUPC
Covenant UMW
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Fairport UMW
First Baptist Church
Greece UMW
GVA UCC
Hilton Baptist Church
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Irondequoit UCC WF
Lake Ave Baptist Church
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Presby. Women-Pittsford Presbyterian Church
Presbytery Genesee Valley
Presbyterian Women at Bethany
Ruth Circle, Webster Presbyterian Church
Sisters of Mercy of Rochester
St. Paul's Pittsford WELCA-Lincoln Ave.
The United Church of Pittsford
UMW Webster UM Church
Union Cong church of Christ WF
WA-First Presby. Ch-Pittsford
Webster Baptist Church
Webster Presbyterian Women
WELCA Incarnate Word Lutheran Church
White Church Women's Guild, Spencerport
Women-Trinity Lutheran Church - E. Rochester
Women of the ELCA
Women's Fellowship-Henrietta UCC

Community News

The Rochester Committee on Latin America (ROCLA)

ROCLA invites you to the Annual Rice & Beans Dinner, honoring Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas Watch, who will receive the *International White Dove Award*.

Friday, March 13, 2009, 6:00 pm at Gates Presbyterian Church, 1049 Wegman Road, (near Tinseltown), \$15.00 - \$25.00/person (sliding scale)

Please reserve your tickets in advance. Call Gail Mott at 585-381-5606 for more details. Tickets will be held for you at the door.

Diana Butler Bass 2-Day Workshop

“**Christianity that Works in the 21st Century**” - April 27-28, 2009 at Downtown United Presbyterian Church, 121 N. Fitzhugh Street. 8:30 am to 3:00 pm each day. Please note: lunch is included. For details, please contact The Rev. Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough at LLL@crcds.edu.

Women of Reformed Judaism Interfaith Event

Please join us for our 48th event Interfaith Event entitled "*In Today's Contemporary Society, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Women Search for Understanding.*"

Judge Karen Morris will discuss the shared ancestry of Abraham, father of our three ancient faiths. Through personal stories of three NY City mothers, Judge Morris will guide us in understanding the dilemma that commonalities and differences may present.

This annual free event is open to friends and representatives of the Greater Rochester Interfaith communities. The program will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A question-and-answer period will follow Judge Morris' presentation, with small group discussions at lunch in the Atrium.

Attendees should bring a non-meat lunch. Dessert, fruit and beverages will be provided. Your reservation will be helpful to our preparation.

Please call Sally Bittker- 244.7060 x233 to RSVP by leaving your name and the number of guests coming with you.

Positions Available at Paychex, Inc.

Position #1 Accounts Receivable Specialist B Location: Rochester, NY

The shift for this position is Monday through Friday 11 am - 8 pm following the training period.

To Apply: If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit our website at www.paychex.com/careers <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference code position 090105C. EOE Must be authorized to work in the U.S.

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Position #2 State Unemployment Claims Specialist B Location: Rochester, NY

To Apply: If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please visit our website at www.paychex.com/careers <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference code position 090106L. EOE Must be authorized to work in the U.S.

Interfaith Prayer Service March 19, 2009

Please join us for an interfaith prayer service to commemorate the 6th anniversary of the Iraq war, and to express our hope that violence around the world will soon come to an end.

Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park

When: Thursday March 19 at 6:30PM

Who: All are welcome

Sponsored by: Pax Christi Rochester, Catholic Family Center Office of Social Policy and others

"The Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of J.S. Bach"

Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, Presents the Rochester Premiere of
"The Words of Albert Schweitzer and the Music of J.S. Bach"

A Multimedia Musical Dramatization by Thurston Moore

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2008

Place: 1200 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY 14618

Time: 7:00 pm

Thomas Warfield will speak the words of Schweitzer and Justin Wallace plays the organ works by J.S. Bach. Playwright Thurston Moore will speak and sign CDs at a reception following the event.

This event is open to the public. Suggested donation: \$10; students \$5

For more information about the production, visit Tennessee Players on the web at:

<http://www.tennesseeplayers.org/sbproduction.html>

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Schedule for the Day

9:30.....Registration
9:55.....Prayer..... Rev.Patrina Freeman
10:00.....Welcome Audrey Davidson, CWU President
10:30.....Speakers 12 minutes each. Brief discussion group
12:30.....Lunch. Bring bag lunch. Dessert & Beverages Provided.

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Questions? 342-2790