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From the President:

We have been inspired and encouraged by the EIA (Education, Insight and Action) programs presented this spring. The latest program, May Friendship Day, was a wonderful evening dinner gathering. Along with the CWU National May Friendship Day program, lively, energetic boys and girls from the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church "Glimpse of Heaven" Choir sang, under the direction of Mr. Donnell Johnson. Mr. Johnson also delighted us with a "Children's Moment," centered on the national theme, "God's Wisdom Inspires Hospitality." Thanks and appreciation to Diana DeBruycker and her committee and to the 12 Corners Presbyterian Church Family for all of their wonderful hospitality.

As we anticipate the upcoming June event, wonderful speakers will enlighten us on the "Action" EIA component. Also come prepared with your items to be auctioned while enjoying the fun with our auctioneer Rev. Sue Forsyth.

In our quest of ensuring "A World Fit for Children," let us seek to strengthen the environment in which children are raised; to promote principles which are designed to stop the exploration of children; to fight poverty; and to create an environment which will place children at the forefront of the family, so that parents and other adults will be more inclined to nurture the whole child.

Have a wonderful enjoyable summer, and we hope to see you at the yard sale in July and the Red Wing game in August.

**Peace and Blessings,
Audrey T. Davidson**

CWU Family Fun Night at the Red Wings

Friday, August 8 at 7 pm

With Indianapolis Indians.

Fireworks following the game.

Tickets: \$6.00 each.

Only 65 seats have been reserved.

To get tickets:

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope with a check made out to Church Women United.

**Mail to: ATTN: Ellen Kimbrough, C/O Church Women United in Rochester, 644 Titus Avenue, Rd,
Rochester, NY 14617-3939**

Include a note indicating how many tickets you are purchasing.

Your tickets will then be mailed to you.

Church Women United Action Alert

“Therefore, at this time we urge Christian Women to: Urge more US government attention to human rights in Colombia and, specifically, the protection of human rights workers.” CWU Social Policy Book, 1941-2004, p103

Help Protect Human Rights Advocate Ingrid Vergara in Colombia

CALL YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS see below for detailed message

May 1, 2008

Ms. Ingrid Vergara is a local leader of Colombia’s National Movement for Victims of State Crimes and an important partner of Lutheran World Relief. In September 2007 Ingrid visited members of Lutheran World Relief’s Sal y Luz communities in the Midwest. She spoke passionately and knowledgeably about current conditions for human rights activists in Colombia.

Last year, Ingrid received death threats for her work as a Human Rights Leader in Colombia. Sadly this April, Ingrid and her family were again threatened. Lutheran World Relief is deeply concerned about their safety in this volatile environment.

While Ingrid’s case is especially upsetting for Lutheran World Relief and you, our advocates, her situation is not uncommon in Colombia. It is reported that in 2005 alone at least 41 human rights defenders were murdered or “disappeared.” Human rights workers, like Ingrid, are an important part in making peace possible in Colombia. Without their hard work, knowledge and dedication much of the positive change in U.S. policy toward Colombia this past year would not have been possible. LWR asks that you call your member of Congress to voice concern for the threats made against Ingrid, her family and those threatened each year in Colombia.

Take Action:

Call your representative and senators to express your concern for Ms. Ingrid Vergara’s safety and the safety of her family.

Your message:

My name is ___ and I live in ____. I am deeply concerned for the safety of human rights workers in Colombia and specifically, Ms. Ingrid Vergara and her family. Last year and this past April they have received death threats because of her work for human rights. Please ask Rep ___ (or Senator ___ to contact the Colombian Ambassador, Carolina Barco and the State Department Assistant Secretary of Human Rights and Labor, David Kramer. Please have him/her urge Ambassador Barco and Mr. Kramer to: (1) call for increased protection of Ms Ingrid Vergara and her family including protection by the Colombia National Police-Sucre section and (2) ask that a full investigation take place into the threats against her and her family.

Thank you for considering this action. Your calls will play an important role in guaranteeing the safety of Lutheran World Relief’s partners and their families.

Who Is LWR? Lutheran World Relief, an international nonprofit organization, works to end poverty and injustice by empowering some of the world's most impoverished communities to help themselves. With partners in 35 countries, LWR seeks to promote sustainable development with justice and dignity by helping communities bring about change for healthy, safe and secure lives; engage in Fair Trade; promote peace and reconciliation; and respond to emergencies. LWR is headquartered in Baltimore, Md. and has worked in international development and relief since 1945.

Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), individuals and parish groups in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility.

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Kids' Korner News

150 Ways to Show Kids You Care [third 25]

- Invite them over for juice.
- Give them space when they need it.
- Discuss their dreams and nightmares.
- Feed them when they're hungry.
- Answer their questions.
- Tell them how terrific they are.
- Share their excitement.
- Make yourself available.
- Call them to say "hello."
- Notice when they're absent.
- Create a tradition with them and keep it.
- Show up at their concerts, games, and events.
- Learn what they have to teach.
- Find a common interest.
- Laugh at their jokes.
- Be relaxed.
- Kneel, squat, or sit so you're at their eye level.
- Delight in their discoveries.
- Send them a letter or postcard.
- Follow them when they lead.
- Hide surprises for them to find.
- Contribute to their collections.
- Stay with them when they're afraid.
- Use your ears more than your mouth.
- Suggest better behaviors when they act out.

Action Alert Update

BUILDING A WORLD FIT FOR CHILDREN NEWS FROM THE CWU WASHINGTON OFFICE

Thanks to all for a wonderful response to the CWU Petition campaign for the United Nations Treaty **on the Convention on the Rights of the Child**. More than 2,700 signatures from Church Women United have been sent to the White House urging ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. (CRC) Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

CWU SHORT SUBJECTS



Thank You

Odessa Lybrand & Lura Masters
for assembling the May 2008 Sundial.

School's Out

DRIVE
CAREFULLY

Summer Office Hours

The CWU office will be closed from 12:30 pm on Thursday, June 26 until we reopen on Monday, August 25 at 9 am.

Periodically, someone will collect the mail and also listen to the voice mail.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ex-offenders Coming Home to Rochester Need Your Help

by Fred Schaeffer, JPC Board Chair

Judicial Process Commission (JPC) is a group that helps individuals coming home to the Rochester area after being incarcerated. We help them find jobs and housing, re-connect with family, find training or schooling, and work with other agencies. I believe that JPC is a jewel. It's a local group, operating on shoe strings, that tackles a tough job that is directly in the tradition of all religious communities.

But we need your help. We recently moved to a new office. With it we can help more people. Two years ago we helped 400 folks; last year it was 1,000 folks. But each year, 2,500 come home to our area. Without help, 2 out of 3 are back behind bars within 3 years. This is a terrible tragedy that you can help prevent.

Here are ten ways that you can help: (1) you can answer our phones, and make referrals to other agencies when needed, (2) you can file and notarize documents, (3) you can help plan and organize speakers for our Monday evening workshops on re-entry, (4) you can order and pick-up food from Foodlink for the Monday evening workshops, (5) you can advocate for free birth certificates for indigent people coming home from jail or prison, (6) you can gather family members with loved ones in prison for sharing and support, (7) you can beautify our street with planters and gardens, (8) you can refer and advocate for prisoners that write to our office, (9) you can organize for changes in NYS law for parolees and probationers, (10) you can obtain our training that enable you to provide one-on-one mentoring.

For more info, please call Sue Porter at 325-7727

Banister Nominated for Athena Award

Congratulations to Iris Sulcer-Banister, Executive Director, Wilson Commencement Park, for being nominated for the Athena Award.

The award, sponsored by the Rochester Business Alliance Women's Council, is given annually to a local woman for her achievements in business, community service and work to advance women.

Ten Ugly Men Festival Benefits Wilson Commencement Park

On July 26, the Ten Ugly Men will host a huge outdoor music festival to benefit local charities at Genesee Valley Park. These eleven generous, fun-loving guys raised \$75,000 at the 2007 festival, and gave \$25,000 to the Park to help low-income, single-parent families achieve self-sufficiency.

Park staff and volunteers will be actively involved with the 2008 festival, which will again support the Park.

If you are interested in volunteering at the festival, call Mary Lipka at 263-7942.

Job Opportunities At Paychex, Inc.

Paychex, Inc. is a leading national provider of payroll, human resource, and benefits outsourcing solutions for small- to medium-sized businesses. Paychex was founded in 1971. With headquarters in Rochester, New York, the company has more than 100 offices.

Position#1: Insurance Compliance Manager

Position Requirements: BA/BS degree (MBA or professional designation preferred) and a minimum of 8 years relevant experience or the equivalent combination of education and experience is required. Extensive insurance industry/regulatory/compliance experience, advanced communication and negotiation skills, independent decision-making authority, advanced regulatory interpretation and problem solving capabilities, extreme commitment to detail and accuracy, and the highest regard for ethics is required.

Position #2: Account Coordinator; National Health and Benefits

Position Requirements: Bachelors degree and a minimum of 3 years related experience is required. The equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered. Strong account management and customer service skills is required, however, previous experience within the health insurance industry preferred. A Life Accident and Health (LAH) license is also preferred. A LAH license will be required within 3 months of employment. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is required, experience working with insurance carrier systems or HRIS is helpful.

To Apply:

If you are interested in applying for either of these opportunities, please visit our website at www.paychex.com/careers <<http://www.paychex.com/careers>> to create a profile and apply for reference position code 07010FD. EOE Must be authorized to work in the U.S.

**Art Exhibit**

Works by Denise P. Logan, Associate Minister, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, at the Arts and Cultural Council, 277 N. Goodman Street, Rochester. May 30 thru July 17.

Cameron Community Ministries School Supply Collection

CCM will again be collecting school supplies for teachers at School #30 on Otis Street, as well as for the children in our program.

General Otis School has kindergarten through sixth grade and is on the west side of Rochester near Lyell Avenue. Over 90% of the kids qualify for free school lunches so they often don't have the school supplies they need.

We will be collecting supplies for the teachers. Our hope is to give each classroom supplies to meet the needs of the kids. We invite you to support this effort by bringing supplies to 48 Cameron Street from August 27 to September 6, 2008.

For a list of specific needs, call CMC at 254-2697.



Advent 2008 "Come, Lord Jesus"

Friday, December 5 @ 9:30

Speaker: Gail Ricciuti

Ogden Presbyterian Church

Spencerport, NY

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

YARD SALE

July 12-13, 2008

Baked Foods

9 am to 6 pm

Location

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

141 Adams Street

Rochester, NY

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\$ Men, Women, Children=s

Slightly Used Clean Clothing

\$ Baby Items, Books

\$ Other Stuff

\$ Small electrical Appliances

\$ Jewelry, Hats, Purses

\$ Vases, Pictures

\$ Kitchen Clutter

Drop Off Only

Friday, July 11, @ 4 pm

Saturday, July 12 @ 7 am

Contact: Mary Ann Henry @ 442-2812
Audrey Davidson @ 442-4178

PLEASE ONLY CLEAN AND WORKABLE ITEMS