

NEWSNOTES

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“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

posted on Facebook by my brother, Dr. Lynn Lacey of Rancho Cordova, CA



David Vargas

David Vargas Will Be Our DPF Breakfast Speaker at the General Assembly

Rev. Vargas retired from Global Ministries at the last General Assembly and we are blessed — as you will be—when you gather with us in Orlando at the Assembly site on Wednesday morning. David’s commitments and passion for justice and peaceful resolutions to global conflicts are remarkable and his remarks expectedly pointed to the listeners: “What does God call YOU to do for God’s

struggling and suffering?”

As you plan your time for the July General Assembly, be sure to reserve the DPF Breakfast event as an important venue. You may even want to begin to “talk up” this event as a place to meet friends and colleagues you haven’t seen for awhile.

There are many other DPF “features” which will be unfolding in the months ahead for the Assembly: Faithful and Sacred Conversations as a part of the Assembly process; meeting and greeting former and present (for Summer 2013) Peace Interns; purchasing a new DPF t-shirt to help visualize our witness; visiting our booth space in the Assembly display area; “re-upping” your membership; sharing your concerns and interests with your Executive Committee members present.

Faithful Conversations

Bruce Ervin, Robert Welsh and representatives of the Assembly Planning Team and the Office of General Minister and President are developing further models derived from experiences at the last General Assembly. DPF has developed two modules for Regional Assembly workshops/displays: traditional church positions on war (holy war, just war and pacifism); and Disciples’ historical positions on war. Lest you think DPF rests between Assemblies, volunteers and volunteer staff will be present this Fall in 7 regional assemblies: Indiana, Illinois-Wisconsin, Mid-America, Nebraska, Pacific Southwest, Great River Region, and Georgia! In a future edition of NewsNotes expect to see a report from several sources on these experience and an offering of published materials and hand-outs which may be used by congregations in their own settings.

To Do List:

- Renew your DPF 2013 membership!!
New Option: Pay Pal. See Web pg.
- Pray for Peace and the Reign of Justice
- Tell a friend about the Disciples Peace Fellowship
- Join one of our online forums: Disciples Peace Fellowship on Facebook; former DPF Intern Forum link from DPF Web page.
- Pray for ALL returning from or remaining in conflict areas
- Check out the resolutions passed recently by the Indiana Region, the Pacific Southwest Region, and the Kentucky Region — go to their regional web-pages
- Respond to DPF requests for info on page 2.



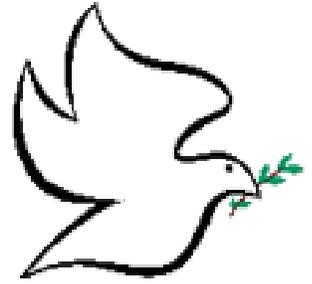
Plan now to attend General Assembly and DPF Events in Orlando-2013

DPF Opportunities for Members and Friends —

- Make a nomination for Wittkamper LifeTime Peace Achievement Award (*email letter to jlacey2632@aol.com*) for remarkable Disciples Peacemaker.
- Make a nomination for Todd Bratkovich Young Peacemaker Award (*email letter to jlacey2632@aol.com*) for individual young adult or young adult ministry.

(further information on either award, send inquiry to Jon)

- DPF is looking for an experienced DPFweb.com Webmaster to update and maintain our website. Email your experience and interest in this voluntary position to jlacey2632@aol.com
- 2013 Peace Intern Class. Secure current information, dates, applications on our website.
- Keep updated about calendar, events, articles, NewsNotes and alerts by frequently reviewing website, BLOGS, and Disciples Peace Fellowship on Facebook.



Christian advocates will gather for the at the **11th annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days April 5 – 8, 2013**, to seek food justice for a healthy world. EAD will explore the injustices in global food systems that leave one billion people hungry, create food price shocks that destabilize communities everywhere, and undermine God's creation. Inspiring speakers will offer a faith-based vision for fair and humane food policies and practices, along with grassroots advocacy training, all culminating with Monday's Lobby Day on Capitol Hill.

For more information please go to: <http://advocacydays.org/>

For scholarship assistance for young adults, students, and seminarians, please e-mail: scholarships@advocacydays.org

GLAD Alliance News:

The GLAD Alliance concluded the 2012 Easter Writing Project. This project included 74 voices from across the denomination to share thoughts on sexuality and faith. They included ministers, lay people, elders, regional ministers, General Unit leaders, and our General Minister and President. To read more about it and find the discussion page, go to their webpage: www.gladalliance.org. Some amazing testimonies!

Peace Sunday—First Sunday of Advent— Resources Available Online (DPFweb.com)

Rev. Linda McKiernan Allen, former co-moderator of Disciples Peace Fellowship has developed worship resources for the 2012 observance of "Peace Sunday." Keyed to the Common Lectionary passages for the traditional Sunday, they may be used as befits a congregation's liturgical schedule. (Remaining posted at Homeland Ministries' website is a large collection of materials collected earlier by Rev. David Downing. These will also be archived for further use. Should you need an electronic copy of the materials, or have difficulty downloading them yourselves, please request an electronic copy from jlacey2632@aol.com

There Is A Battle Of Two Wolves Inside Us All



One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, lies, inferiority and ego.

The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth.

The wolf that wins? The one you feed.

—Cherokee Proverb