



Faith Connections

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People In Need

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Our Mission: Serve this community † Revitalize the Church † Celebrate Christian Unity

For the Sake of Others (Philippians 2:1-4)

One of the most difficult mindsets to attain is that a Christian lives for the sake of others. This is not a new idea. This is not the by-product of some soft-minded, gushy-hearted spirituality. This idea is central to a biblical understanding of what it means to be a genuine Christian -- to be truly Christ-like rather than a person playing at discipleship.

The Mindset of Jesus

Listen to the emphasis that Paul penned on this idea as he writes to the Christians at Philippi: "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion (Phil. 2:1). Translation: If Jesus has made any real dent on you ... if being his follower has had any real effect on you ... then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." (2:2) With all people who are like you? With all the folks you naturally like or who like you? No, says Paul. Have the same love, spirit, and mind as Christ.

As Christians, we don't think we need to do this anymore. Christians know they are beloved children of the almighty God of the universe. They have seen the most brilliant and beautiful being, greater than the universe itself, proclaim them so beloved that he would suffer and die for them. Christians know they are heirs to a glorious heaven. They have an identity and security that is unimpeachable. And it takes a lifetime to fully live into that reality. If you get this, it is liberating you from a self-focus toward an other-focus.

Paul understood that this shift of orientation takes time for all of us. This is why he writes this letter to the believers at Philippi. He knows we are always being tempted to go back to the natural, sinful, human way of looking at things and coming at life. We are feeling the pull to make our school days, our job, our marriage, our politics, and our church life a lot about us or our tribes. But "rather in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others" (Phil. 2:3-4).

I'm not suggesting you don't matter. You have an identity, gifts, and wisdom that are needed in this world. Don't think less of yourselves. Just think of yourself less as Jesus models.

Blessings,
Mel

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Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop is Closing

Due to economic conditions, Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop is closing. We're grateful to those who have contributed to the ministry throughout the years.

The store will be open from 10am - 4pm M-W-F through August 28th. Follow us on Facebook for information about closing sales.

Donations are still being accepted but you must make an appointment by calling 563-323-5007.



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Volunteers Needed

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Winnie's Place is our shelter program that helps women, with or without children, who are homeless and/or survivors of domestic abuse, move away from their current situations toward a world of new opportunities.

If you feel called to assist at Winnie's Place, please contact Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002 or by email at bvanausdeln@cuqca.org.



Thank you, Iowa Scottish Rite Masonic Foundation and the Davenport Scottish Rite Foundation. Each organization recently provided grants to assist our ministries.





Delegate Assembly

Thursday, August 27th

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

2601 15th St

Moline, IL 61265

7pm—9pm

Our Annual Delegate Assembly will include music, words of witness from our clients, and special reports. Registration begins at 6:30pm and the meeting will commence at 7:00pm.

RSVP by Friday, August 14th. You may RSVP by calling our office at 563-332-5002 or send an email to Kimberly Reese at kreese@cuqca.org

July 27, 2020

Dear Churches United Delegates and Board:

With the surge of COVID-19 infections I want to take this opportunity to share with you information on COVID-19 precautions our host church has taken to host the upcoming Churches United Delegate Assembly.

Please keep in mind that if the number of diagnosed cases increases in Rock Island County to the warning category, our meeting will take place with board members only via ZOOM.

For the Safety of all of our members TBC will do the following:

- Blaze Restoration will sanitize our building in preparation for our Delegate Assembly 3 days in advance of our meeting.
- Temperatures will be taken and recorded prior to entering the sanctuary. Temperatures of 100.4 will be asked to return home.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in the vestibule prior to entering the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer must be used each time an individual enters or leaves the sanctuary.
- Masks are required when entering the building and worn throughout the our annual meeting
- Seating will be measured to ensure proper social distancing. Ushers will be directing individuals and families to their seats. The vestibule will be used for entering and exiting the sanctuary. No gathering.
- Offering will be conducted in offering boxes inside the sanctuary doors.
- Ushers will dismiss services row by row to avoid crowding.

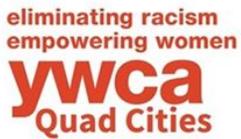
I am looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Annual Delegate Assembly

Be blessed and be safe,

Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes
Executive Director

Thank you to our Thanksgiving in July Sponsors for making this year's campaign a success.

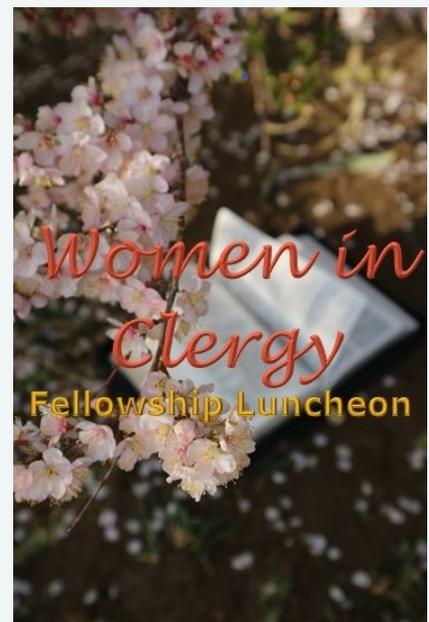
The 2020 Women in Clergy Luncheon has been canceled.



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FREIGHT HOUSE FARMERS MARKET



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