



# e- Vigil

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Community Church

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The International Christian Community Churches celebrate the diversity of God's people and their mission to bring others to Christ. All of our churches are open, welcoming and accepting.

## THANK YOU, REV JAY NEELY

There are no words that can express how we feel about Rev. Jay Neely. We know that his resignation was not an easy decision. We also know that he is a devoted servant of God's and seeks God's will in all that he does.

Rev. Neely is a founding member of ICCC. He has been in a leadership role for many years. Jay was instrumental in our formation and dedicated and committed to help the founders provide a place where all are welcome, the love of God is truly preached and the joy of God is dominant.

Rev. Neely has been a mentor to many and a friend to all. His kindness, gentleness and hospitality are very much a part of our lives. And we know he is not going away! As Senior Pastor of Good Shepherd ICCC, he remains a faithful, active, vibrant servant of Jesus Christ. We know that he is really busy with George, his partner of 30 years, the "girls" (those wonderful Italian Greyhounds) and his church.

Murphy's Law was wrong about Jay's outlook on things. When it comes to Jay, "everything is more rewarding than you think and things will go right when you put your faith in God".

Sharon Lindenbaum, Acting Presiding Minister

Rev. Carlene Wood, Clerk

Milton Blanchett, Treasurer

Rob Hagen, Member-at-Large

Rev. David Strong, Member-at-Large

Rev. Jerry Ethridge, Member-at-Large

## WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

That is just what the Governing Board has had the joy of experiencing! When Jay resigned as our Presiding Minister, we “kicked it into gear”, prayed hard, came together and began a new and exciting journey. We were saddened by Jay’s decision but we rejoiced in knowing that he is doing God’s will and loving us no less.

The Board met for our pre-convocation meeting Sept. 21 – 22. We were able to accomplish many things for ICCC and work on charting our course for our future. And what a GLORIOUS future it is!!! Filled with good news from our churches, celebrations of who we are and new people wanting to become part of ICCC.

We are so very excited about our November Convocation. UNITED IN LOVE is who we are and will continue to be. To really know that we have one love, one spirit and one purpose is an exciting way to present the Gospel of a living and loving God.

Though the Board has experienced some struggles, we know that change is and can be an extraordinary, learning and growing experience. Paul wrote in Philippians 2:5 “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus”. Attitude determines performance. The attitude of ICCC is this: We will praise God at all times, not just because it is right, but because we FEEL it! And we will spread this feeling, this attitude to everyone so that they too can rejoice as David did in Psalm 34, where he wrote “I will bless the Lord at all times...my soul shall make its boast in the Lord...the humble shall hear it and rejoice...let us Exalt God’s name together”.

So, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let’s journey together in the wonderful Grace of Jesus...ONE LOVE, ONE SPIRIT, ONE PURPOSE.

Your never bored Governing Board!



### ICCC SINGERS CONVOCATION CHOIR

ICCC believes in singing to and for God. And we invite you to join us in praise and worship. “Worship” is a verb. It denotes action. “Singing” is a verb and it also denotes action. Want a wonderful way to make your worship experience alive and full? Come and join the ICCC Singers at Convocation. You do not have to have a great voice or even a good voice. You just have to want to Praise the Lord in song! We welcome everyone. Choir robes will be provided and the music is being sent to all ICCC churches.

So when you get to the Convocation, look us up. The choir is under the direction of Sharon Lindenbaum and the music is provided by Allison Milwood and Christy. We want you to help us celebrate our salvation in song.

See you in Atlanta !

## Thoughts To Ponder:

O God, let me preach with enthusiasm because of what Christ did, not because of what crowds think...because of the salvation we have, not the size of the group we have. Use me, O God, not because it's the hour for the message, but because you've given me a message for the hour.

*Ed Towne*

The church should be a community of dates instead of pumpkins. Pumpkins you can harvest in six months. Dates have to be planted and tended by people who will not live to harvest them. Dates are for future generations. *George Chauncey*

### Call and Discernment

(taught in conjunction with 2007 Convocation)

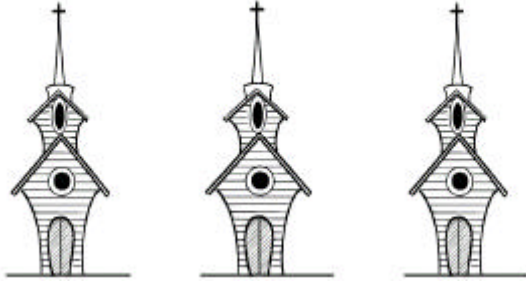
Emmaus information has been sent to all the churches, and again specifically to those pastors who have indicated that there are individuals in their congregation who are interested. We have received serious inquiries from 15 people already. Those who are interested in taking courses for credit or in auditing courses should contact Rev. Carlene Wood by phone at 828.216.9546 or by email at [sricecwood@charter.net](mailto:sricecwood@charter.net).

### Call for Singers and Choirs!

Rev. Linda Veltheim is looking for Individual Church Choirs and Singers to perform during the Convocation Worship Services. Singers are also needed for the Mass Choir under the Direction of Ms. Sharon Lindenbaum, Acting Presiding Minister  
And Director of the Mass Choir. Volunteer Today!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Seminars Available

Fall is quickly approaching. Several seminars are available to ICCC Churches. If interested please contact the ICCC National Office and they will forward you a list of available seminars. They range from Church growth to developing leadership. They include Church in a Box to developing a drama ministry. E-mail today and take advantage of the talent pool ICCC can provide. It would be helpful if you could act on this soon so that the presenters can schedule the availability in your area.



# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Please check the church websites, which can be located at  
[www.Intlccc.org](http://www.Intlccc.org) for other activities

## Denominational News

**Deadline for Nominations Extended**

### **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES**

**“A Christ-Centered Faith Community”**

**TO:** ICCC Churches  
**FROM:** Governing Board Members  
**RE:** Governing Board Elections

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

The Governing Board conducted a meeting this past weekend in Atlanta. One major agenda item was to re-open the nominations for openings on the Board of Governors. There has been a change. An error was found in the minutes of a Convocation noting that the Position of Clerk of the Board was for four years; so the present term of the Clerk has not expired. The Board has determined that the nomination process will remain open until` until October 6<sup>th</sup>. The following Governing Board positions expire this year:

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** The Presiding Minister is that person elected to have pastoral oversight among the local faith communities of ICCC. He/she shall give vision and direction to the growth, development and maturing of ICCC and its leadership at denominational and local levels, and shall represent ICCC to the wider community. The Presiding Minister shall act as Moderator at General Convocation and Governing Board business meetings.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall be that person elected to be a good steward of the finances of ICCC, to report regularly on financial matters, to give an accurate accounting of all financial transactions. The Treasurer shall, with the Governing Board, present to the General Convocation all financial reports and budgets for determination and vote by the Convocation Assembly.

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**MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** Members-at-large shall be those persons elected by the General Convocation and may be given specific tasks at the direction and request of the Governing board or the Presiding Minister.

Candidate applications for these positions can be submitted to the Clerk of the Governing Board until October 6th, 2007. Incumbents who wish to re-run for their current positions will need to complete an application as well. Form is on line and attached.

**Deadline: October 6, 2007**

**INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES, INC.  
GOVERNING BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION**  
November 2007

<b>General Information</b>	
Name:	Church Affiliation:
Position Sought: <input type="checkbox"/> Presiding Minister <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> At Large
Education/Training:	Employment and Professional Information:
<b>Faith Background</b>	
Spiritual Journal/Church History:	
Statement of Faith:	
<b>ICCC-Specific Information</b>	
ICCC History, including denominational activities, positions held, etc.:	
Denominational Vision Statement:	
<b>Other</b>	
Other Information:	
Please complete and return this form to the ICCC Clerk no later than September 8, 2007.	
Snail mail form to: Rev. Carlene Wood, Clerk 626 Fairview Road Asheville, NC 28803	Email form to: <a href="mailto:sricecwood@charter.net">sricecwood@charter.net</a> Indicate "Candidate Form" in subject line
Instructions for completing this form: This is a locked Microsoft Word document. Tab through the items and as one section is completed, tab to the next. There is unlimited space in each section. When completed, save the document and then email it to the above address. If unable to complete this form, use separate pages to answer items and snail mail per above.	

**Remember new deadline for applications is October 6,2007**

## Current Candidates for Governing Board Positions

### Presiding Minister(Currently Vacant):

Rev. Jerry Ethridge  
Ms. Sharon Lindenbaum  
Rev. Carlene Woods

### Treasurer(Currently held by Mr. Milton Blanchett):

Mr. Milton Blanchett  
Rev. Steve Garrett

### Member-at-Large (Currently held by Rev. Jerry Ethridge):

Allison Burris  
Rev. Philip Maniscalco

## Governing Board

Acting Presiding Minister: Ms. Sharon Lindenbaum  
Clerk of the Board: Rev. Carlene Wood  
Treasurer: Mr. Milton Blanchett  
At-Large: Rev. David Strong  
At- Large: Rev. Jerry Ethridge  
At- Large: Mr. Rob Hagen



## Board of Ministry

Chairperson: Rev. Emily Bel  
Rev. Mena Johnson  
Mr. Ray Powell

## Area Leaders

Rev. Jerry Ethridge: GA  
Rev. Carlene Wood: NC; SC.

## Emmaus Institute

Interim Director: Rev. Carlene Wood  
Assistant Director: Rev. Linda Veltheim

## Reminder:

- Check your calendar for due dates for articles to be placed in the e-vigil
- Please make copies of this newsletter to be distributed at your church
- Monthly Reports due October 5
- Governing Board Election Applications due October 6, 2007
- Register now for Convocation 2007

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**Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**

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***is always open***

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