

**CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
CONNECTION
June/July 2012**

Congratulations to all of the Scholarship and Award Winners who were recognized at our Spring Assembly!

Receiving **Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarships** of \$1,000 each:

Daniella Hall, a member of Union Missionary Baptist Church; Mecca Bint Ismail, who attends Masjid-As-Salaam Mosque; and Geneva McPherson, a member of New Hope Family Life Center; all graduating from Albany High School; Colleen Bernstein, a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar, graduating from the Academy of the Holy Names; Farrell Brennan, a member of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville, graduating from Voorheesville High School; Mary Doane, a member of St. Patrick's Church in Ravena, graduating from Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School; Jolisa Smith, a member of Blessed Hope Worship Center, graduating from the Albany Academy for Girls; and Ekong Takor, a member of First Presbyterian Church, graduating from Shaker High School

Receiving **Hogancamp Seminary Scholarships** of \$150 each:

Lynnette Cole, a member of the Voorheesville United Methodist Church and a student at Wesley Theological Seminary

Barbara Toll, a member of Journey United Church of Christ and a student at Asbury Theological Seminary

Receiving the **James and Pearl Campbell Peace and Justice Award**:

Ruth Pelham, founder and director of the "Music Mobile"

Officer Benjamin Sturges, III, Community Engagement Unit police officer in Albany's South End

New CACC Logo

Our Communications Committee has recommended that we create a new logo, so we are appealing to our members for input. If you or a member of your congregation is skilled at designing logos, we would welcome your ideas and assistance. Please contact the CACC office (462-5450) by **July 15**.

Congratulations to...

--the Rev. Carolyn Lester, a former CACC Board member, who received a D. Min. from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School on May 19!

--the Rev. Edward Smart (Israel AME Church), Lisa Wilson-Good (Trinity Alliance and SNUG), and Clenard Killikelly (Equinox), among those recently honored by the Capital District Labor-Religion Coalition!

--several area priests celebrating anniversaries of ordination: Rev. Adam Forno (25th), the Revs. Alan Jupin, Daniel Maher, Leo Markert, Frank O'Connor, Thomas Powers, and John Rooney (50th); and Rev. George St. John (60th)!

--Scott VanDerveer, recently ordained as a Roman Catholic Deacon!

Transitions

Welcome to the Rev. John Provost, recently assigned to St. Mary's Church and Sacred Heart Church. We also welcome Sacred Heart as a new member of the CACC. Farewell and best wishes to Dr. Mark Sullivan as he leaves his position as president of the College of St. Rose, and to Sr. Gail Waring, RSM, as she retires from her position with St. Peter's Healthcare Services.

Capital Region Theological Center

An ecumenical project offering training for laity and clergy. Upcoming:

“A Call to the Simple Way of Radical Christianity” with Shane Claiborne, **6/22 & 23 @ Emmanuel Baptist Church**. Fri. only, \$35; Sat. only, \$95; both days, \$105. Age 25 & under: \$10 for both events! “Learn to Sail with Wind & Water Stories in the Bible”, **8/23-26 retreat with the Rev. Dr. John Buskey @ Pathfinder Lodge, Cooperstown**. Cost: \$300. Limited space. Register by 8/7. Call 462-2470 or visit www.capitalrtc.org for more information or to register. Scholarships & group discounts available for many events.

Plan now to attend CRTC's **Fall Banquet** on Mon., Oct. 1, at the Glen Sanders Mansion, with the Rev. Marie Jerge, Upstate New York Synod Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as keynote speaker.

Summer Appeal for Council Funds

With gratitude, the Council has reaffirmed its commitment to ministries for 2012 on behalf of the hungry, the homeless, and our young people. The **Albany CROP Hunger Walk**, the **Emergency Overflow Shelter**, the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program**, and the **Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry at the University at Albany** are specific examples of these ministries. In addition, the Council will continue its advocacy for the poor and for peace and justice in our region.

We rely on financial contributions from member congregations and individuals to provide these ministries. And as with churches, our expenses continue through the summer months when income typically declines. If you have already made your contribution to the Council's 2012 budget, we thank you, and ask you to consider an additional gift at this time. If you have not yet made a contribution for this year, please consider this information in sizing and providing your gift now.

A form (below) and an enclosed envelope are provided for your convenience. Your contribution, at whatever level, and your participation in these important ministries are deeply appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to our joint endeavors. If you have any questions, we invite you to contact Rev. Brennan or Kitt Jackson at the Council office.

Faithfully yours,
Deb Riitano
President, CACC Board of Directors

Rev. George Brennan
Executive Director

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Please accept my/our gift of \$_____ for the ministries of the Capital Area Council of Churches.

Name(s): _____

Address _____

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E-mail: _____

Faith Communities Respond to End of Life Issues-July 11

8am registration; 8:30am-12pm program, Carondolet Hospitality Center, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Rd., Latham. This forum is for faith community leaders, service providers, congregational members who help support seniors, and other interested people. It will begin with an overview by an attorney, a doctor, and a demographer, and continue with a panel on traditional ways various faith communities approach end of life issues. The morning ends with a panel of religious and health care professionals discussing what really happens when people have to make these decisions. Free, but please register before 7/3 by calling 269-3976 or sending an e-mail with "July 11 Forum" in the subject line to director@albanyguardiansociety.org.

CACC Shelter Needs

Men's inexpensive flip flops (for use in the shower), T-shirts (Med., XL, 2X); boxer shorts (38-40), white tube socks (9-11); travel sized soaps and deodorants; 4-drawer file cabinet; 2 oscillating 20" stand fans.

Also needed: interested & committed people to serve on the Shelter Oversight Committee or to volunteer in the Shelter during the 2012-13 season (Nov.-Apr.). Call the CACC office @462-5450.

Volunteers Needed....

...at the Regional Food Bank of NENY warehouse in Latham and on the Patroon Land Farm in Knox, as well as seasonal drivers for the Summer Food Service Program (delivering summer lunches to various sites in Albany). Visit www.regionalfoodbank.net or call Jackie or Laura @786-3691 x234.

Remember, you have a choice!

You can receive the newsletter in the mail, read it on our web site (www.CapAreaCC.org), or get it as an e-mail attachment. Send an e-mail to CapAreaCC@aol.com if you prefer the paperless version. You can also follow us on Facebook and invite your friends to "like" us.

Church World Service/CROP Walk News

CWS is assisting refugees and responding to natural disasters around the world. Many thanks to all who participated in the 10 Capital Region CROP Walks on May 6. Preliminary figures from the Albany Walk show 450 walkers/volunteers from 50 different groups. \$48,000 was turned in on Walk Day. With \$14,104 posted in on-line donations, plus additional income turned in to our office, the income to date is \$73,000. By the time all outstanding pledges and matching funds have come in, we hope to end up with \$80,000-\$85,000. If you have CROP Walk money to turn in, please get it to our office ASAP so it can be posted before June 30.

This and That

The Ne'imah Jewish Community Chorus will present its annual concert "Havah Nashira" (Let's Sing!) at 7:30pm, **6/17 @** the Massry Center for the Performing Arts, College of St. Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Cost: \$15 general admission, \$10 for seniors, children, & students. Call Helene @ 438-9561...The Albany Friends Meeting, 727 Madison Ave., is hosting a Bayard Rustin 100th birthday celebration on **6/22** beginning at 6:30pm. Free pizza, salad & cake, followed by the documentary "Brother Outsider"... Christian Arts International and International Accelerated Missions present "Gloryfest 2012", an evening of music, dance, mime, and drama, on **6/22** beginning at 7pm at Rock Road Chapel in Berne. Workshops in dance and drama on **6/23** from 10am-4pm. All programs are free, but donations to support AIM's missionaries will be accepted. Contact Sylvia at Christianarts@nycap.rr.com for more information....The Colonie Senior Service Center has opened "Al'z Café", the Capital District's first Alzheimer's Café, at the Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle, Albany 12205. The Café will be open the first Thursday of each month from 6-8pm and provides a safe, welcoming place to relax and socialize with others who have experienced the challenges of age-related dementias. No reservations are needed and there is no cost to attend. Call Raema Mitchell @ 459-2857 ext. 234, or e-mail her at rmitchell@colonieseniors.org.

June, 2012

13 Albany CROP Com., 4:45pm
 14 Com. chairs meeting, Noon
 17 Father's Day
 20 CREO Board, Noon
 * 22-23 CRTC event w/ Shane
 Claiborne

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4 Independence Day (office closed)
 *11 CDSIF Program on End of Life
 Issues, 8:30am-12pm;
 11 Finance/Dev. Com., 4:30pm

August, 2012

22 Deadline to turn in CROP \$
 27 Action & Program.Com, 4pm
 29 Nominations due for CDSIF Lifetime Achievement Awards
 9-13 Habitat for Humanity Tent-a-Thon
 in Tawasentha Park

Plan ahead: the CACC Fall Banquet will be on **Thursday Oct.11** at the **Albany Country Club**. **Also, the 34th Annual CACC Musical Celebration** will be on **Sunday, Nov. 4** at **First Lutheran Church**.

[*denotes more information to be found elsewhere in this issue]