

# *Changing Lives: Fearless Discipleship in Action*

## *Vermont Conference Annual Meeting*

*Lyndon State College, June 3-5, 2010*

### *Annual Meeting Reminders*

#### *Registration*

Registration will be in the lobby of the Twilight Theatre Thursday from 3-6 and Friday morning from 8-9. Check out will also be in the lobby on Saturday morning from 8-9.

#### *Documents*

Please print and bring lettered documents and any other information you think you will need with you. We are not planning to bring extra documents. Please let the Conference Office know as soon as possible if you are not able to bring your own documents. We will not be providing delegate 'packets' this year, just a worship bulletin and an evaluation form.

#### *Schedule*

The schedule that has been published is a tentative one. While the schedule will remain largely the same, some changes may be made. The general schedule will be a part of the worship booklet, and will be posted in the lobby of the Twilight Theatre.

#### *Bedding and Clothing*

If you **DID NOT** sign up to rent linens, be sure to bring your own sheets, pillow, pillowcase, and towels. The college turns off the heat at the end of the semester and it is often cold at this time of year in Lyndonville, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING AN EXTRA BLANKET**. The college does not provide any toiletries, including soap, so please remember to bring your own. You may also wish to bring a light jacket or sweater in case the weather is cool during the day.

#### *Off-Campus Accommodations*

The Colonnade Inn is located just off the exit of I 91, and a couple B & Bs are in the area.

#### *Cookies and Goodies*

On Thursday evening of Annual Meeting we will have a time of socializing and music in the Vail Student Center, starting at about 9:00 p.m. We are requesting that those attending consider bringing some cookies, nuts, pretzels, crackers, chips or some other munchies-type food to share at this event. Directions for where to leave your goodies will be available at check-in. Please contact Kathy Clark at 375-2548 or [ksclark58@yahoo.com](mailto:ksclark58@yahoo.com) with any questions.

#### *Hospitality*

A Hospitality table with coffee, water, juice, etc. will be available throughout the weekend. It is being provided by Kingdom Community Services.

#### *Red Vesters*

Volunteers from the Northeast Association wearing bright red vests will be available throughout the meeting with maps, information, and a desire to provide help. If you have a question, look for a Red Vester. If he or she doesn't know the answer, he or she will find out.

### **On Campus Transportation**

There are parking areas near the residence halls and the theatre. Please follow parking signs provided by the college. If you have special needs for housing because of physical limitations, make sure that you have made appropriate notation on your registration form.

### **New Delegates Information**

If this is your first experience at the Vermont Conference Annual Meeting, we encourage you to attend the New Delegate Orientation which will be held in the private Dining Room during breakfast on Friday morning at 7:45 am. Get your breakfast by going through the regular line, then proceed to the Private Dining Room, signs will be posted.

### **Sign Language Interpretation**

Sign Language interpretation will be available for the entire conference this year. Please note on your registration form if you would like to avail yourself of this service.

### **Offering**

An offering will be received during the communion service on Friday evening and will be donated to the Dillard Scholarship Fund. We hope to collect enough to complete the scholarship this year.

### **Forum Discussions & Workshops**

All attendees, both delegates and visitors will have the opportunity to participate in the Forum Discussions and workshops on Friday. Please see the Workshop descriptions and sign-up sheet for more information.

### **Peacemakers Breakfasts**

There will be Peacemaker's Breakfast both Friday and Saturday morning. You do not need to indicate your plan to attend these ahead of time. If you wish to participate, we ask that you please arrive at the Stevens Dining Hall promptly at 7 am, pick up your breakfast, and proceed to the designated area. Prompt arrival means less disruption of the program. If you do not wish to attend the Peacemaker's Breakfast, please arrive for breakfast at 7:15 or later in order to give attendees a chance to get through the line first. All are welcome to attend.

### **Chaplains**

There will be a chapel available during the annual meeting staffed by chaplains. The location will be room 342. Signs will be posted. If you are in need of spiritual reflection or guidance during the meeting, please seek out one of the chaplains.

### **Nurses**

There will be registered nurses available during the meeting for those in need of medical assistance. Information about the nurses and where they can be found will be posted at the registration table. There is also a lounge area outside the Twilight Theatre if you need a quiet place to rest.

### **Speakouts**

Once again this year, there will be the opportunity for 10 minutes of speakouts at the beginning of each plenary session. Speakouts are to be no more than 2 minutes in length and may address topics that are of general interest to the delegates. Speakouts are usually done in a first come, first served order. Sign up time for the speakouts will be announced during the plenaries.

## *A Covenant for Dialogue*

We will be adopting a Covenant for Dialogue that will inform the ways that we communicate and relate to each other during the meeting. A copy of the covenant is included as Document J for you to review prior to the meeting.

## *Worship*

### **IS YOUR WALK WITH JESUS LEAVING YOU FEARFUL.....OR FEARLESS....OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN?**

We will gather soon at Lyndon State College to be the Vermont Conference at work, at worship, and at play. Come Thursday evening for a warm welcome and worship featuring the *Annual Meeting Choir*. Meet our keynote speaker, *Rev. Matthew Boulton*, and *Rev. Liz Boulton*, preacher for the evening, as they begin to address what it might mean to be a fearless disciple of Jesus Christ, what it might mean to be *The Fearless Church*. The evening entertainment following our work and worship features *Mark Violette* on keyboard and guitar in the Vail Center.

Friday morning we're back to worship and begin our day with the keynote address from *Rev. Matt Boulton*. *Butterflyfish* band joins us for Friday evening worship and folks, hold onto your hats for some good bluegrass music plus preaching from *Rev. Liz*. The evening reception following worship invites us to join in some socializing and *Contra dancing* with *Chip Hedler*, our caller.

Saturday morning we conclude our time together in our final work and worship, a closing message from *Rev. Matt*, music by the *Butterflyfish* band and the *Annual Meeting Choir*, and a commissioning to send us back out to share the Good News of God's love and grace in our changing lives.

So....are you ready?

Are you willing to become fearless in this fear-filled world?

Come join us – the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ – as we give thanks for our

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