

Mission Link

Central Area of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in the Southwest Region
Abilene, Texas
December – 2009

**Merry Christmas to the Central Area
congregations from, Tony and Lesle**



Oh, how I love Thee, Lord of Heaven above!



Youth Rallies

CYF Mid-Winter Rally
January 8-10, 2010
For students in grades 9-12

Chi Rho Late-Winter Rally
February 19-21, 2010
For students in grades 6-8

JYF Round-Up
February 19-21, 2010
For students in grades 4-5

All the registration materials have been mailed to the congregations. Contact your church office or e-mail us at cea@ccsw.org and we can send you the forms. Note: All rallies are held at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat.

January Calendar Events

Jan. 8-10	CYF Mid-Winter Rally - LBCR
Jan. 11	Bosque Clergy Cluster Meeting – Stephenville
Jan. 12	Concho Clergy Cluster Meeting – San Angelo
Jan. 16	CAST training and COM interviews – Abilene
Jan. 19	Plateau Clergy Cluster Meeting – Midland
Jan. 21	Big Country Clergy Cluster Meeting – Abilene
Jan. 31	CANN Pulpit Exchange – This is a suggested date

You can view the entire 2010 Central Area calendar at www.central-area.org

Leadership Development Event

Normally offered in January, there will not be an Area-wide event this year. We are seeking to provide leadership training which the CANN Neighborhoods select for themselves. The training will be provided by the Area Minister.

The Saturday dates that are available *at this time* for Leadership training are:

January 9, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 20
March 13, 20
April 17, 24

The following workshop/seminar choices are:

1. Elder or Deacon retreat
2. New approach for faith community learning workshop. (curriculum lesson planning, group dynamics, age-level training)
3. Radical hospitality workshop (evangelism)
4. Spiritual formation retreat
5. Leadership development

Central Area Men's Retreat

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Hartman, Senior Minister
First Christian Church, Wichita Falls

Retreat Date: February 26-27, 2010

Theme: "The Disciples Man: Gatekeeper or Gatecrasher?"

Place: Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Cost: \$55.00



Central Area Women's Retreat

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Tony L. Salisbury, Area Minister
Central Area of the Christian Church, Abilene

Retreat Date: March 26-28, 2010

Theme: Power of Prayer: Disciples Women Creating Space for God
POP

Place: Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Cost: \$80.00 for weekend
\$35.00 for Saturday only



Regional Assembly to be held in Midland

The Regional Assembly Committee has selected Midland, Texas for the site of the 2010 Regional Assembly. Make plans now to attend on October 21-24, 2010.

Please note - this is a change of date from our Calendar of Events distributed last week.

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