

News from Around the District. . . .

March 2011



Dave Manske writes: *“Our team of 6 is having a great time visiting our Alliance workers, the national church and ministries throughout Mali! It is a privilege to meet and interact with international workers, national church leaders and Malian believers. Our team (representing 3 Alliance churches) just visited a region of Mali with over 600 villages, of which only 20 have at least 1 Christian, in a region covered by 3 bi-vocational pastors. The Alliance is the singular voice bringing the message to these people. **The Great Commission challenge remains! Pray that we will rise to stand in the gap!**”*

February 25-27: 355 men gathered at Big Sandy Camp for the annual **Alliance Men’s Retreat**. The large number required use of every bed on the grounds! Excellent times of worship were led by a group from Cornerstone Alliance of Northfield, MN. **Rev. Neil T. Anderson** spoke persuasively on how men can develop spiritual intimacy with God. The responses were powerful and deep in many lives. On Saturday night, prayer and sharing extended late into the evening, as men sought prayer support, confessed sin, and were anointed with oil. Thanks to Keith Stacy and the leadership team for planning an excellent retreat.

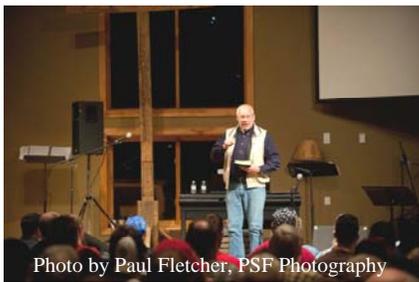


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Congratulations to **Rev. Keith Beckwith** on completing his requirements for ordination. A service was held at Cornerstone Alliance Church in Northfield, MN on February 20, 2011. The “Charge to the Ordinand” was given by Rev. Bill Kuhn. Also participating in the service was Dr. Donald Wiggins along with Keith’s pastor, Rev. Tom Franklin, and other ordained pastors and church elders.



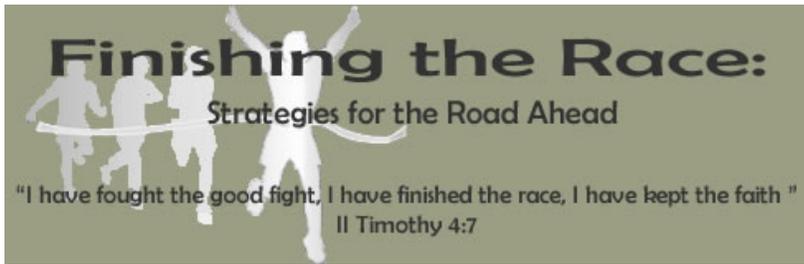
A Word from Dave Toth—BSC Executive Director

We are continuing to accumulate names on our Camp Coordinator roster! It’s exciting to sense renewed camp interest and energy in our churches. As I get out and visit with congregations and pastors, I hear time and again of the impact Christ has had on people while they were here at camp. I hear of plans to revitalize their local scholarship funds and get kids to camp! Other newly appointed coordinators are already brainstorming about how to get their congregations involved and invested in Big Sandy Camp. We are excited about partnering together in ministry!



We are looking forward to a great camping season with increased opportunities to share the Gospel with hungry and needy kids. We are also looking at new offerings for local churches such as retreats aimed at family, marriage, parenting, etc. We are always kicking ideas around here, so please feel free to join in! Our calendar can fill up quickly, so get those dates called in and contracts signed as soon as possible.

If you haven’t appointed or considered appointing a lay person as camp coordinator, *please do!* This is a vital link in camp-church communication and momentum building.



*District & Prayer Conference
Watertown Event Center
Watertown, SD
April 11-13, 2011*

Guest Speaker: Rev. John Stumbo



After six years as lead pastor of the Salem Alliance Church in Oregon during which this urban-located church grew steadily to 3000, John contracted a mysterious disease that devastated his body. By Thanksgiving

2008 he was fighting for his life. He nearly died several times in the months that followed, but God spared him, and he began a long, slow journey toward recovery.

His story of God's amazing grace through the dark valley of debilitating disease and near-death experiences will encourage anyone going through tough times in life and ministry. It will challenge us all with a true perspective on the eternal versus the temporal.

John is a graduate of Crown College and served as youth pastor in Monticello and later as senior pastor in Mountain Lake. He and his wife, Joanna, met at Crown College and have two college-age sons and one married daughter.

Conference registration and hotel information is available online at www.nwdcma.org. The hotel discounted price of \$81 is available through March 14. Call the hotel directly at 605-866-8011 to receive this group rate.

Tentative Schedule

Monday	2:30 p.m.	Committee Chairs and Secretaries Orientation
	3:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
	5:00 p.m.	Registration Begins
	*5:30 p.m.	Family Gathering/Social Time—Ballroom
		Registration continues
	7:00 p.m.	Finger foods & punch
	8:15 p.m.	Evening Service—Theater
		Pie Social—Ballroom
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
	8:30 a.m.	Morning service—Ballroom
	10:00 a.m.	Break—reception area
	10:30 a.m.	Business Session-Theater
	12:00 noon	Luncheons
	2:00 p.m.	Business Session-Theater and Breakout rooms
	5:00 p.m.	Break for supper
7:00 p.m.	Evening service-Theater	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
	8:30 a.m.	Morning Service-Theater
	10:00 a.m.	Break
	10:30 a.m.	Business Session-Theater
	12:00 noon	Close

**The Family Gathering/social time is in place of the "family dinner". This will be a lighter meal and will allow time for reconnecting and socializing before the evening service. Pie and coffee will be served following the service at 8:15 p.m.*

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Registration Information for District Conference

Registration is available on-line at www.nwdcma.org. Click on the link at the bottom of the home page and follow the instructions for registering. The registration fee for voting delegates (official workers and lay delegates) is \$20. There is no registration fee for retired C&MA workers. You can pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer (EFT). There is also a "Lay Delegate" form available on-line which needs to be filled out for each lay delegate from your church. Be sure to print it and send or email to the Northwestern District Office. (nwd@nwdcma.org)

District Conference Costs:

Registration fee: (official workers and lay delegates)	\$20
Family gathering with light meal:	\$12
Monday evening Pie Social	\$ 5
Tuesday Luncheons (Alliance Women, C&MA Men)	\$12

Hotel reservations can be made at the **Best Western Ramkota Hotel** (connected to the Watertown Event Center) by calling them directly at 605-866-8011.

To receive the discounted rate of \$81 your reservation must be made by March 14.



Resonate (2011 New Official Workers Forum)

The National Office of the C&MA is extending an invitation to all new official workers who are in their first year of service to attend "Resonate," the C&MA's New Official Workers Forum. This event is designed especially for "new" official workers and for those official workers who have not previously attended a NOWF. This year's event will be held August 22-25 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. By attending this event, a new worker will:

- ◆ Learn more about the vision of the C&MA
- ◆ Fulfill one of the requirements toward ordination and consecration
- ◆ Network with other new and experienced workers
- ◆ Build relationships with C&MA support staff
- ◆ Discover new and useful tools that will sharpen ministry skills
- ◆ Take a tour of the National Office

If you have not received information on this event, contact our office (952-446-9318) and we will request that information be sent to you.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Carol Morin** who passed away



February 7, 2011. A memorial service was held at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN where Carol and her husband, Rev. Dean Morin, have served since 1997. They also ministered together in Tracy, Battle Lake, and Sauk Rapids, MN.

2011 Official Directory and Prayer Guide

The 2011 Official Directory and Prayer Guide of The Christian and Missionary Alliance is available for purchase online at TheAllianceStore.com. It may be purchased only by churches, districts, and National Office staff as a reference for pastors and church staff.

Cost is \$7.50 plus shipping and handling.



NWD Calendar

March 7	LO&CC—District Office
March 8	DEXCOM—District Office
March 11-13	Quilting Retreat—Big Sandy Camp
March 26	Elder Training—Grand Rapids Alliance Church
April 11-13	District & Prayer Conference—Watertown, SD
May 5-6	Crown College Board meets
May 7	Crown College Graduation
May 25-29	C&MA General Council—Kansas City, MO