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~BARNABAS NETWORK, ABCOPAD MINISTERS COUNCIL

It is with great joy that the ABCOPAD Ministers Council announces the official launch of the Barnabas Network. This exciting new ministry venture has been created to provide care for the pastors of our Region and their families in a more intentional way. The Ministers Council is here for you. Please feel free to contact a member of our Executive Committee with any question or concerns you have. To read more and view photos click on this link and check the home page for Barnabas Network.

<http://www.abcopad.org/>

~NATIONAL MINISTRIES MISSIONAL CHURCH WEB RESOURCES

National Ministries announces the launch of a new Internet-based resource focused on missional church transformation aimed at congregational leaders. According to National Ministries' Missional Church Strategist Dr. Ron Carlson, "The missional church transformation web pages address a growing concern that the North American church is in serious decline and out of touch with its rapidly changing contexts, with few resources capable of turning the tide. The basic thrust of these pages is to share discoveries that will help equip and mobilize a new kind of church for a new, challenging and constantly changing world."

<http://www.abc-usa.org/news/2008/20080722b.htm>

http://www.nationalministries.org/missional_church/

~NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP PASTORS NETWORK

In a desire to connect Baptist missional pastors with one another and with the world through a dialogue revolving around relationship, inspiration, and information, the NABF (the North American Regional fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance) launched a new networking forum for pastors of its member denominations on Monday, August 4. George Bullard, recording secretary for the fellowship, noted "The purpose of the NABF Pastors Network is to significantly increase the involvement of Baptist pastors in North America with one another, with missional efforts, and with Baptist pastors throughout the world."

For more information click:

<file:///R:/WORD/MCDOCS/08Web/NABF%20Pastors%20Network%20Launch08.pdf>

~FRESH INSIGHTS ON SABBATICALS

Susan Panek Polizzi writes of her sabbatical experience as she **began** a new pastorate: "I must tell you that the majority of my colleagues have the same reaction when I tell them that I began my ministry here

with a four week sabbatical. Their jaws drop and they ask, 'Really????' The idea of a sabbatical is not that it is a vacation, but that it is a time to do focused work and to 're-create' – to re-balance what often goes out of balance when we get caught up in the routine of our lives and ministries."

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/Sabbaticals/InsightonSabbaticalspolizzi08.aspx>

~COLLEAGUES

`Please hold in prayer Souci Familiaran Grimsely, former Ministers Council Vice President, and Elmo D. Familiaran, ABC New Jersey Associate Regional Pastor/Area. Their mother, Mrs. Elsie Dianala Familiaran, passed away Sunday, July 27 at Torrance Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. She had been in California visiting friends. Mrs. Familiaran, 76, was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Moley Familiaran, deputy general secretary for Cooperative Christianity and the ecumenical officer of ABCUSA. Mrs. Familiaran was also the daughter of Rev. Delfin Dianala, the well known pastor who aided American Baptist missionaries in Hopevale during the Japanese occupation of the Philippine Islands during World War II.

`Please keep colleague Yvonne Carter, from the Board of National Ministries staff, in your prayers. Yvonne's daughter, Teresa, passed away in July. The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 26, at Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lyndhurst, Ohio. The Rev. Jeremiah Price is the pastor. Condolences and expressions of sympathy may be sent to Yvonne: 3695 Irving Park Drive Woodmere Village OH 44122.

~POSITION OPENING

First Institutional Baptist Church in Phoenix, AZ, is looking for an executive minister.

http://www.crcds.edu/content/images/Executive_Minister_Hiring_Profile_rev.pdf

~AIRLINE FEE CHART

While airline continue to impose additional charges almost daily, American Express at the end of July developed a helpful chart for extra airline fees:

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/Senate%202008/documents/ultimate-guide-to-airline-fees.pdf>

TIME.com provides the information as of August 7, 2008.

<http://www.time.com/time/business/article/0,8599,1829928,00.html?xid=newsletter-daily>

~NEW IRS MILEAGE RATE

The IRS has announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rates for the final six months of 2008, from July 1 Through December 31, 2008.

Citing "recent gasoline price increases," the IRS has increased the standard business mileage rate from 50.5 cents to 58.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven between July 1 and December 31, 2008.

~SPECIAL FREE BOOK OFFER FROM JUDSON PRESS

August will see the release of two Spanish-language books from Judson Press. Recognizing the Hispanic population as our nation's fastest growing demographic, Judson is committed to meeting the spiritual needs of these Christians.

Both new books are written by American Baptist authors. The first, ***Tentado a dejar la cruz: Renovando el llamado al discipulado*** is a Spanish translation of pastor Ernest R. Flores's *Tempted to Leave the Cross: Renewing the Call to Discipleship*. The second, ***El sabor de nuestra fe hispana*** is also available in English as ***The Flavor of Our Hispanic Faith***. In this Hispanic American celebration of family, culture, and faith, author Karen Valetin teamed up with Edwin Aymat, a former General Board member and an American Baptist pastor for more than 40 years. Ed has just translated the current version of the Ministers Council Code of Ethics into Spanish.

In the hopes of generating "word of mouth" about these new resources, Judson Press is giving away **free copies** of *Tentado a dejar la cruz*, *El sabor de nuestra fe hispana*, and *The Flavor of Our Hispanic Faith*. **The first ten callers** for each title will receive a free copy with free shipping (limit one copy of one title per person). We will request your email address so that we may follow up with you in the hopes of getting your feedback and/or endorsement after you've had a few weeks to review the book. To request your copy, call 800-458-3766. This offer is not available on the website, however, additional copies can be ordered online at www.judsonpress.com. Offer cannot be applied to previous orders.

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/BookClubPage/BookPageInformation.aspx>

~WORLD MISSION CONFERENCES, INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

This is NOT your grandmother's mission conference!

Gone are the days of missionaries in frumpy clothing showing old movies from the deepest jungles of Africa.

Today's missionaries are leading seminars on AIDS prevention.

Today's missionaries are bringing the Gospel into Muslim cultures.

Today's missionaries are helping US churches reach out to refugees in their cities.

Today's missionaries are offering hope to victims of human trafficking.

Today's missionaries are involved in Global issues. Are you?

The World Mission Conference is a unique opportunity to learn about these important ministries. Register online and save! www.worldmissionconference.org

Sept. 19 – 21 Suffield, Connecticut

Oct. 3 – 5 Marshalltown, Iowa

~PET ADOPTION

In this time of mortgage foreclosures, sometimes struggling homeowners are forced to abandon their pets when they are foreclosed on or have to move. If you are thinking of getting a puppy, you might consider pet adoption. This site is a good place to begin your search: <http://adoptions.petsmart.com/>.

THE MINISTERS COUNCIL OWNS THE DOMAINS WWW.MINISTERSCOUNCIL.ORG AND WWW.MINISTERSCOUNCIL.COM. IF YOUR BROWSER ENCOUNTERS DIFFICULTY IN OPENING ANY OF THE LINKS IN THIS NEWSLETTER, GO DIRECTLY TO THE WEBSITE AND/OR FEEL FREE TO CALL THE OFFICE FOR SPECIFIC NAVIGATION DIRECTIONS TO LOCATE THAT LANDING PAGE ON THE SITE.

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Sign up for future issues of the monthly Ministers Council newsletter by replying to this message from the email address to which you wish issues to be sent. Add the newsletter email address to your address book so that future newsletters will not go into your spam filter.

If you have news, ideas, events or websites from your Ministers Council to share with colleagues, please email to joe.kutter@abc-usa.org. The more we share with one another what works, the stronger we will all be.

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II Timothy 1:6-7

"For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."