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### ~SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for the Orientation to ABC Life / Ministers Conference for all ministerial leaders set for January 23-26, 2012 at the Doubletree Resort, 10100 International Drive, Orlando, FL. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please continue to check our website – [www.ministerscouncil.org](http://www.ministerscouncil.org) - for updates and further information.

### ~TOGETHER IN MINISTRY APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

**All applications for 2011 covenant group grants are due in the national Ministers Council office by October 31, 2010. If you have not yet submitted your applications to your constituent Ministers Council officers please do so TODAY!** Applications to the national office must come from constituent Councils and be postmarked by October 31, 2010. Application forms may be found on [www.ministerscouncil.org](http://www.ministerscouncil.org) under the Together in Ministry link. In order to be considered, please complete the form online and print it out. Applications must be received by mail and NOT by email or FAX. For applications click on the link below.

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/TIMApplication.aspx>

If your group received funding for 2010 and you are planning to re-apply for additional funding, your group must fill out evaluation forms. Please click on the link to access these forms.

<http://www.ministerscouncil.com/TogetherInMinistry/2010TIMEvaluationForms.aspx>

### ~2010 RALPH GARFIELD SCHELL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Rev. Mildred "Millie" Myren has received the 2010 Ministers Council Ralph Garfield Schell President's Award for Excellence in the Ministry. The award was announced by Ministers Council President Jeff Savage at the Ministers Council Senate concluding banquet on August 18. She was nominated by the President of the Metro Chicago Ministers Council, Rev. Carol Jamieson Brown.

The President's Award was instituted in 1996 as the recognition of a member of a local Ministers Council who seems to be extraordinarily faithful in carrying out the principles of the Ministers Council Code of Ethics, as well as unusually effective in fulfilling the objectives of the five committees of our structure..." The award is announced annually, and usually at the closing banquet of the American Baptist Ministers Council Senate.

The Rev. Millie Myren grew up in the Morgan Park Baptist Church of Chicago where her father was the music director for 59 years. In 1978 she became an administrator in what was then called the Chicago Baptist Association, now ABC Metro Chicago and was named Interim Executive Minister serving from 1988-89 and again in 1993. In 1994 Millie was named Executive Minister of the Region.

## ~JUDSON PRESS

In his first Judson Press book, Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, Executive Minister of American Baptist Churches of New Jersey, celebrates friendship's benefits for discipleship and church growth. ***Making Friends, Making Disciples: Growing Your Church through Authentic Relationships*** is the first volume in Judson's new "Living Church" series, edited by J. Dwight Stinnett, Executive Minister of the Great Rivers Region. First-year sales support ABCNJ's Anti-Poverty Initiative, thanks to the generous donation of the author's royalties. Available for preorder now at 800-4-JUDSON or online at [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com). Save 20% on the retail price of \$16.00 by ordering online! Releases September 15th.

## ~XTREME TEAM HAITI

June 22 - July 22, 2011

Cost: TBD

Be a part of what God is doing in Haiti through missionaries, partner conventions, volunteers, and mostly, the Haitian people. Young adults ages 19 - 29 go to [www.xtremeteamonline.org](http://www.xtremeteamonline.org) for an application and reference form. Dates are subject to change slightly. Leader: Deliris Carrion, missionary in Haiti

## ~SABBATICAL RESOURCES- *Mike Harvey, Executive Director, Conference of Baptist Ministers of MA*

THE MASSACHUSETTS BAPTIST CHARITABLE SOCIETY has grants of up to \$2000 to assist with Sabbatical expenses. For further information about these grants and other services of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society, visit their website: [www.massbaptistcharitable.org](http://www.massbaptistcharitable.org) or contact the Executive Director, the REV. DR. JEAN WRIGHT at 978-448-0451 or [revdrwright1@verizon.net](mailto:revdrwright1@verizon.net).

THE LILLY ENDOWMENT SABBATICAL GRANTS: these are grants of up to \$45,000. Further information can be found at: [www.lillyendowment.org](http://www.lillyendowment.org).

LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE: These are grants of up to \$15,000.  
Contact: [www.louisville-institute.org](http://www.louisville-institute.org).

Do you have five years of pastoral experience, or are you ready to be part of the ministry for the same number of years? If your answer is yes then there is an excellent opportunity waiting in the form of Sabbatical Grant for pastors and leaders. Below are the links that would be very helpful if you are thinking of a Sabbatical during the year 2011-2012. Deadline to apply is September 1<sup>st</sup>. The program is open to Christian clergy, church staff members, denominational staff, and others employed in recognized positions of pastoral leadership, ordained and lay.

View the Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders forms and application requirements. [www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/agplform.aspx](http://www.louisville-institute.org/Grants/programs/agplform.aspx)

View the Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders description of application process. [www.louisville-institute.org/PDFs/SGPLGrant Application process.pdf](http://www.louisville-institute.org/PDFs/SGPLGrant%20Application%20process.pdf)

Questions about eligibility may be sent to [info@louisville-institute.org](mailto:info@louisville-institute.org)

## ~TAKING A BREAK FROM THE LORD'S WORK - *By Paul Vitello, Published: August 1, 2010*

The findings have surfaced with ominous regularity over the last few years, and with little notice: Members of the clergy now suffer from obesity, hypertension and depression at rates higher than most Americans. In the last decade, their use of antidepressants has risen, while their life expectancy has fallen. Many would change jobs if they could. [Read more>>](#)

## **~DO YOU NEED REST IN THE STORM? CLERGY BURNOUT IS NOT INEVITABLE**

With all the buzz in the news about clergy burnout, here is the link to the teleconference done last December with Kirk Byron Jones, author of Rest in the Storm and Addicted to Hurry. Download the recording [here](#).

To subscribe to the newsletter go to Marcuson Leadership Circle - leaders practicing an easier, more effective way to lead – and sign up.

Company Website: <http://www.margaretmarcuson.com/>

## **~NEW BLOG: HOW TO ACHIEVE CHURCH GROWTH BY ATTENDING TO CHURCH HEALTH AND WELLNESS** – Rev. Nancy Laport, Certified Life Coach

*Strive for health and growth will come*

Are you tired of playing the numbers game of church growth?  
Are you tired of the same complaints from your members?  
Do you find yourself putting out fires after board meetings?  
Do you feel more like a chaplain than a pastor?  
Do you feel guilty taking time for yourself?  
Is your church overscheduled and understaffed?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then you know how easy it is for your energy to be depleted in serving your congregation. When your energy is depleted, it affects the entire church. When the church's energy is depleted, it affects the Kingdom of God. Energy is necessary for good health whether in our bodies or the Body of Christ. Health and wellness is much more than an absence of illness or disease. It is a state of functioning that allows us to reach our maximum potential using all our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual energy. In this blog I look at all aspects of church health and wellness and ways to bring more of it to your congregation and to yourself.

[www.churchhealthandwellness.blogspot.com](http://www.churchhealthandwellness.blogspot.com)

## **~IN MEMORIUM**

Rev. Ruth Morales, former associate minister and active member at First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, passed away on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. She was surrounded by family and friends. Ruth served as a Senator-at-Large on the national Ministers Council Senate from 1999-2002. [Read more >>>](#)

## **~REMEMBER US!**

When planning your estate, please remember The Ministers Council.

## **~HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED**

The hard reality about this newsletter is this: Our email mailing list is not as complete as we would wish. But you can help and your help we ask. Please forward this to your constituencies and friends. Most months, there is something helpful and when there is not, the delete button is only about an inch away and there will be little imposition impressed upon your friends. We appreciate your help. *Joe Kutter*

**THE MINISTERS COUNCIL OWNS THE DOMAINS [www.ministerscouncil.org](http://www.ministerscouncil.org) AND [www.ministerscouncil.com](http://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.**

## **~SIGN UP FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM THE MINISTERS COUNCIL**

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](mailto:joe.kutter@abc-usa.org). The more we share with one another what works, the stronger we will all be.

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