

Central Conference Ministerial Association

February 23, 2012

Dear colleagues in Covenant ministry,

Once again it is time to gather for the Annual Meeting of the Central Conference Ministerial Association [CCMA]. Our meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Central Conference. This year, our events will take place at the Zion Covenant Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on Thursday and Friday, April 26-27, 2012.

If you are a minister with credentials in the Covenant, we look forward to seeing you in Sheboygan. As a person holding credentials in the Evangelical Covenant Church, you are a member of the CCMA and the national Covenant Ministerium. Your attendance at this meeting is an important part of the commitment you made to our common mission when you were licensed or ordained. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association you must send greetings to your colleagues through the Secretary of the CCMA Executive Committee in accordance with our Bylaws. You can address your greetings to: Rev. Jonathan Wilson, CCMA Secretary, 17 North Commonwealth Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123. Greetings can also be sent via email to manoftheword@hotmail.com.

To prepare for the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to watch your mail for the annual dues statement you will receive soon from our treasurer, Robert Poor. Please remember that at the 2011 Annual Meeting at North Park Covenant in Chicago we voted to increase our dues beginning in 2012. Your statement will reflect this increase. Also, remember that in order to have voting privileges at the CCMA Annual Meeting in Sheboygan or if you wish to serve on any boards, committees, or task forces in the conference or nationally, your dues must be current. If you have questions about your dues or need to know how to make arrangements for an exemption from paying dues for 2012, please contact our treasurer, Robert Poor, by email at bobpoor@gmail.com or by phone at (847) 480-5789.

We have included a Continuing Education element to in our Annual Meeting this year. We will welcome Dr. Robert Hubbard, professor of Old Testament at North Park Theological Seminary. Bob will guide us into the Old Testament texts that reveal the Holy Spirit and reflect with us on the work of the Spirit in the Old Testament. This will also be an opportunity to for us to thank Bob for his years of teaching at NPTS and to wish him well as he retires from NPTS later this year.

Throughout our meetings we will have an opportunity to hear the testimonies of our 2012 Central Conference ordination candidates. This has been a wonderful blessing in past years and we look forward to hearing about God's love, grace, and call in the lives of this year's ordinands.

This letter is included in the information packet that all Central Conference churches are receiving in preparation for the CCMA Annual Meeting and the Central Conference Annual Meeting. All registration and housing information can be found here. Registration and housing information can also be found on the Central Conference website (<http://www.centralconf.org>).

PASTORS, please make all credentialed folk in your congregation aware of this information.

Our CCMA Annual Meeting Schedule:

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

12:30 PM	Registration begins. Dues can be paid at the time of registration.
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Continuing Education with Dr. Robert Hubbard, professor of Old Testament at North Park Theological Seminary. Bob will be speaking on “The Holy Spirit in the Books Before Matthew”.
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Coffee Break
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	CCMA Annual Meeting Business Session
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Dinner (on own). Dining options will be available at registration.
7:00 PM	CCMA Annual Meeting Worship with Dr. Robert Hubbard preaching on “The Table in the Shadow of Two Mountains” (Josh. 8:30-35; Luke 23:32-43) Holy Communion will be served. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow the service.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM – Coffee and Continental Breakfast at Zion Covenant Church
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM CCMA Annual Meeting Business Session

If you have business that needs to be included in the agenda for the CCMA Annual Meeting, please contact the CCMA secretary, Rev. Jonathan Wilson, as soon as possible (see email and telephone info above).

We look forward to seeing you at Zion Covenant in Sheboygan! Our hope and prayer is that our gatherings in April will provide you with an opportunity to be refreshed in Christ, reconnected with your colleagues, and included in the ongoing work of our ministerial association.

Grace and peace,

Central Conference Ministerial Association Executive Committee

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