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An eLetter to the ceCommunity from the AGTS Office of Continuing Education “Shaping Leaders for the 21st Century”

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ceLines:

Hey there! I’m so excited about the opportunity to connect with you via the wonderful world of electronic mail. What a great way to keep the lines of communication open between the great community of leaders in our external studies program. I hope your life is blessed!

I just read an e-mail that contained an interview with Ed Zander, President and C.O.O. of SUN Microsystems. He was “prophesying” about the advancement of electronic media and communication. In short, he predicts that the Web will become so commonplace in our daily lives that it will be as “invisible” to us as is indoor plumbing and electricity. As general networking and bandwidth metrics improve people will be able to do “almost anything they want through simple appliances, handheld devices, autos and cell phones.” And...in many cases the common devices we currently use will “bypass human contact altogether” via the Web in order to operate at peak times, cheaper rates, and/or your personal interests. “Manufacturers are expected to boost yearly sales of Web-ready mobile phones and PDAs to 360 million units—35 times more than current levels.” “And every day, the Net grows by 2 million new Web pages, 200,000 new access devices and 150,000 new users.”

As I sit here banging away at my computer keyboard, the implications of these technological advancements blow my mind! But...an even greater excitement rises up within me that is HUGE! Think of all the great ways that we can more effectively connect with the people that we serve in our ministries. Even more...think of all the incredible ways that we can connect with the unchurched peoples of our community. The opportunities are virtually limitless! It’s here...It’s now...It’s accessible...It’s gotta be done!

I’d love to hear from you about the ways that you are using e-communication to enhance your ministry. I’ll share them with the ceCommunity so that we may all grow together in this exciting new arena of ministry.

Until next time...I wish you well,
Randy C. Walls, Director

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ceLinks:

Check out these web sites!

www.barna.org

This is the web site for Barna Research Online. It's a great resource for keeping up to date on the latest trends of the Church in the U.S. FYI!!! Be sure to click on the Seminars link to see when the Barna Research Group is coming to a city near you for a special one-day seminar.

www.strategy-business.com

This is the web site for Booz Allen & Hamilton, Inc., a business consulting firm. It's focused on the contemporary marketplace, but it is an excellent resource for keeping up to date on the latest issues in modern leadership theory. This e-journal includes interviews with top business leaders, editorials and research articles that can be adapted for leadership training in your local ministries. Also a great source for those PTH papers on leadership!

ceSources:

Books you can live in!!!

Brian McLaren, "The Church on the Other Side: Doing Ministry in the Postmodern Matrix." ---a book by our guest speaker at the AGTS pre-General Council seminar in that helps you learn how "to *think* differently, see church, life, and these revolutionary times in a new way, and *act* with courage, hope and an adventurous spirit."

Reggie McNeal, "A Work of Heart: Understanding How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders." ---a book "designed to help leaders develop the critical self-understanding they need to fulfill their life assignments from God."

Contact: adilley@agseminary.edu at the AGTS Bookstore to place your orders.

ceCourses:

Summer classes you just can't afford to skip!

We've got a great conference planned for you prior to General Council this year. Dr. Brian McLaren, pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church in the D.C. area, will be our guest speaker. He's written about it and daily lives what it means to do ministry in a post-modern matrix. Brian's sure to challenge and inspire you to rethink the way that you lead your own ministry. The dates are August 6 & 7, 2001. The place is the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. on the 6th. Click on this link <http://www.agts.edu/news/generalcouncil.html> for more information and pre-registration. There are price breaks for early registrations. Hope to see you there!

If you prefer to take a different approach, check out the pre-Council seminar with our partner, HonorBound. It's a great chance to connect with national leaders who are effective in reaching and discipling men in the new millennium. Click on the GC link above for more information.

Additional courses throughout the summer:

AGTS Branch in Springfield, MO

May 7-11, 2001 - PCPM 535 Counseling Essentials (3 Credits) w/ Don Lichi
- PTHM 545 Ministry Development Seminar (3 Credits) w/ Mark Bradford/John Spurling/Jay Taylor
June 11-15, 2001 - THEM 532 Systematic Theology II (3 Credits) w/ Jim Railey
July 23-27, 2001 - MCCM 630 Intercultural Patterns of Communication (3 Credits) w/ Del Tarr
- MCSE 631 Intro to Islam (3 Credits) w/ Robert Douglas
July 30-Aug. 3, 2001 - MSSE 639 Narrative Approaches to Muslim Evangelism (3 Credits) w/ Paul Parks
General Council Seminars in Kansas City, MO
August 6-7, 2001 - PTHE 640 Transforming Church Ministry in the 21st Century (2 Credits) w/ Brian McLaren
- **PTHE 640 Preparing Today's Church to Reach, Equip and Mobilize Men** (2 Credits) w/ Dan Erickson

NCU Branch in Minneapolis, MN

May 21-25, 2001 - BTHB 632 Biblical Theology of Signs and Wonders (3 Credits) w/ Ben Aker
May 28-June 1, 2001 - PTHB 528 Vision-Centered Leadership and Management (3 Credits) w/ Gordon Anderson
July 23-27, 2001 - PTHB 640 Developing a Multi-Cultural Congregation (3 Credits) w/ Curtiss DeYoung
July 30 – Aug. 3, 2001 - PTHB 640 Leadership Principles for the Contemporary Church (3 Credits) w/ Jim Allen

SC Branch in Lakeland, FL

May 14-18, 2001 - PCPB 548 Counseling Essentials (3 Credits) w/ Larry Hazelbaker
May 21-25, 2001 - PTHB 525 Leading and Developing Lay Ministries (3 Credits) Bill Hackett
June 11-15, 2001 - BTHB 646 Preaching Themes from Isaiah (3 Credits) Steve Fettke

VFCC Branch in Phoenixville, PA

May 7-11, 2001 - BNTB 530 New Testament Introduction (3 Credits) w/ Dwight Sheets
May 14-18, 2001 - HOMB 531 Methods of Biblical Preaching (3 Credits) w/ Ron Hall
June 18-22, 2001 - THEB 639 Theology of Sexuality (3 Credits) w/ Bruce Marino & Mark Bradford

Network Partners

Division of Home Missions

June 11-23, 2001 Reach the U w/ Chi Alpha Staff @ Drury University
June 12-16, 2001 Reach the U for Church Staff w/ Chi Alpha Staff @ Drury University
July 23-27, 2001 The Nature and Mission of the Urban Church w/ Mark Hausfeld @ AGTS

Division of Foreign Missions

June 18 - July 9, 2001 Pre-Field Orientation w/ Cary Tidwell @ CBC
July 10-19, 2001 - School of Missions w/ Cary Tidwell @ CBC

Montana District

July 2-6, 2001 Postmodernism and the Church w/ Earl Creps @ Hungry Horse Camp

Emerge Ministries

July 23-27, 2001 Basic Counseling Techniques w/ Richard Dobbins & Don Lichi @ Akron, OH
Marriage and Family Counseling Issues w/ Richard Dobbins & Don Lichi @ Akron, OH

Facultad de Teología (Spanish Language Only)

23 al 27 de julio de 2001 History and Literature of the Old Testament w/ Dennis Rivera @ AGTS
History and Literature of the New Testament w/ Everett Wilson @ AGTS

Latin American Bible Institute

July 23-27, 2001 II Corinthians: Apostleship, A Paradigm of Paradox w/ Jim Hernando @ San Antonio, TX

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