

ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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NEW ACC PRESIDENT BRINGS GREETINGS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next ACC Meeting
February 26, 2008
9:30am—11:30 am
First United Methodist
725 W. 9th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska
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- Jesus prayed in the
garden that we all be
one as he and the Fa-
ther are one. There-
fore, Love thy
neighbor.

GREETINGS FROM THE ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE



Rev. Jim Stephens
President, Alaska Christian Conference

Welcome to the newsletter of the Alaska Christian Conference. It has been some time since communication has been sent from this state wide ecumenical organization. Let me briefly bring you up to date.

In mid 2007 David Fison, Retired United Methodist minis-

ter called me and asked if I might consider becoming involved in the Alaska Christian Conference. Realizing that Bishop Mark McDonald of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska had been reassigned to a position in Canada and that the office of President had not fully been filled since the last Bi-annual Assembly of the Conference, I accepted the invitation to become involved. With the excellent help of previous executive board members, David Blanchett, assistant to the Bishop; Phyllis Sullivan, secretary to the board and David Fison, Board Member of Rual-Cap, a new executive board was formed with myself being elected as President. Since then we have had monthly meetings except for December, and we have held one general meeting of the Conference in November at First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage.

Those in attendance included

Alonzo Patterson - Shiloh Baptist Church - American Baptist Church - Anchorage, Micky Knap - Anchorage Church Women United, Paul Everett - First Christian Methodist Episcopal - Anchorage, Curt Karns - Alaska/Yukon Presbytery - Presbyterian Church (USA), Peter Green - Alaska Moravian Church - Bethel, Doug Tollerud - Salvation Army, David Blanchett - Episcopal Church - Wasilla, Phyllis Sullivan - United Methodist Church - Wasilla, David Fison - RuralCap Board member - Anchorage, and myself James Stephens - Disciples of Christ - retired.

We are now meeting monthly and we look forward to 2008 with anticipation for an ecumenical ministry together in the great State of Alaska.

FEBRUARY/MARCH ECUMENICAL PRAYER CALENDAR

Feb 1 - Adventist Churches

Feb 2 - African Methodist Episcopal Zion Churches

Feb 3 - Assemblies of God Churches

Feb 4 - American Baptist Churches

Feb 5 - Conservative Baptist Churches

Feb 7 - Independent Baptist Churches

Feb 8 - Missionary Baptist Churches

Feb 9 - Southern Baptist Churches

Feb 10 - Bible Churches

Feb 11 - Brethren Churches

Feb 12 - Catholic Churches

Feb 13 - Roman Catholic Churches

Feb 14 - Christian Churches

Feb 15 - Disciples of Christ Churches

Feb 16 - Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches

ARTICLE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REGARDING GLOBAL WARMING REFLECTS CONDITIONS IN ALASKA



Rev. Michael Livingston, President, National Council of Churches USA

I am here today representing the 35 member denominations of the National Council of Churches in the USA with over 100,000 congregations and 45 million members. They are protestant and orthodox, rich and poor, urban and ru-

ral, big churches and small, white, black, brown, yellow and red, republican and democrat and while not all of them agree on much, we do agree on the need to protect God's creation while working for justice for all of God's children.

It has become clear that global warming is having and will continue to have devastating impacts on those living in poverty around the world, particularly those in least developed countries.

From the island of Shishmaref off the coast of Alaska that is literally falling into the sea to the coastal communities of India that are being flooded by rising seas and the rural communities of Africa that can no longer ensure food security for their families and their children, global warming is wreaking havoc on God's people.

This will only continue as

the climate reacts to the greenhouse gases we have already emitted and continue to emit.

As people of faith we are called to work for justice. The U.S. has created more than 25 percent of global warming pollution and it is our responsibility to not only answer this call but protect and provide for those who will be forced to bear the burden of our actions.

The scientific community has told us time and time again that global warming will hit those living in poverty and developing countries the hardest through floods, droughts, an increase in disease, lack of water and civil unrest. Many of these families and individuals are part of the National Council of Churches communities but more importantly they are part of our global community and God's creation.

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GLOBAL WARMING IN ALASKA

Muir and Riggs Glaciers



“we do agree on the need to protect God’s creation while working for justice for all of God’s children.”

PRAYER CALENDAR CONTINUES FROM FRNT PAGE

Feb 16 - Christian & Missionary Alliance Churches
 Feb 17 - Christian Reformed Churches
 Feb 18 - Church of God Churches
 Feb 19 - Church of God in Christ Churches
 Feb 20 - Community Churches

Feb 21 - Congregational Churches
 Feb 22 - Congregational Christian Churches
 Feb 23 - Covenant Churches
 Feb 24 - Eastern Orthodox Churches
 Feb 25 - Episcopal Churches
 Feb 26 - Evangelical Cove-

nant Churches
 Feb 27 - Evangelical Free Churches
 Feb 28 - Friends Churches
 Feb 29 - Full Gospel Churches
 Mar 1 - Greek Orthodox Churches
 Mar 2 - Independent

Churches
 Mar 3 - Interdenominational Churches
 Mar 4 - Korean Churches
 Mar 5 - ELCA, Lutheran Churches
 Mar 6 - Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches
 Mar 7 - Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Churches

GLOBAL WARNING IN ALASKA CONTINUES

As a result of these devastating consequences, there is a clear need for adequate resources to empower these individuals and ensure justice for the most vulnerable among us.

As Congress continues to discuss and develop climate legislation, they must provide financial support to those living in

poverty abroad. In addition, we must continue to assist in the development of adaptation plans for particularly vulnerable communities while also participating in technology transfers and ongoing assessment of the needs of vulnerable communities around the world.

These provisions are key

elements of any climate legislation as they will ensure the development of international relief, adaptation, and mitigation programs for those impacted by climate change.

The Lieberman/Warner climate bill has provided initial support for impacted communities and we commend Senators Lieberman, Warner and Boxer for their work and dedication to addressing these moral issues, particularly our responsibility to protect and provide for our brothers and sisters abroad.

These communities are facing the devastating consequences of global warming including floods, disease and food insecurity. However, we can and must do more and we look forward to working with the Senators to ensure adequate and appropriate support for

affected communities.

In our efforts to curb global warming and its catastrophic impacts from taking place, we cannot overlook those individuals who are already being affected by the changes we have forced upon God's creation.

We must work to allow these individuals and all of God's people to live in God's abundance and with dignity ensuring that basic human needs are provided for in the future.

We must provide financial support and the resources necessary to enable our brothers and sisters to eliminate the devastating impacts that global warming will have around the world.

Reprinted article from National Council of Churches. The Rev. Michael Livingstone is also presently Director of the International Council of Community Churches.



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| Mar 8 - Mennonite Churches | Churches |
| Mar 9 - Free Methodist Churches | Mar 14 - Orthodox Churches |
| Mar 10 - Christian Methodist Episcopal Churches | Mar 15 - Pentecostal Churches |
| Mar 11 - United Methodist Churches | Mar 16 - Pentecostal Holiness Churches |
| Mar 12 - Nazarene Churches | Mar 17 - Presbyterian Churches |
| Mar 13 - NonDenominational | <i>Prayer Continues page 4</i> |

Melting ground and sea ice destroying villages



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**FACING THE REALITY OF
OUR COMMON CALLING.**

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Mar 18 - Presbyterian USA Churches	Disasters
Mar 19—Quaker Churches	Mar 27 - Ecumenical Officers of Churches
Mar 20 - Salvation Army	Mar 28 - Pastors of Churches
Mar 21 - Seventh Day Adventist Churches	Mar 29 - Past President of ACC, Bishop Mark L. MacDonald
Mar 22 - International Council of Community Churches	Mar 30 - National Council of Churches
Mar 23 - Moravian Churches	Mar 31 - Churches United in Christ
Mar 24 - Alaska Christian Conference	
Mar 25 - All ecumenical movements in Alaska	
Mar 26 - Alaska Volunteer Organizations Assisting in	



The Alaska Interfaith Power and Light presents

Climate Change and the Faith Perspective

February 12, 2008 9:00 am—11:30 am

**Location: Anchorage Unitarian Fellowship,
3201 Turnagain, Anchorage, AK**

Key Note speaker will be The Rev. Trimble Gilbert from Arctic Village. A short global warming film will be shown and an energy efficiency tour of the church, guided by Green Sanctuary will be done.

Free Moose's Tooth Pizza will be available if you RSVP.
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