

# ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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## NEW ACC PRESIDENT BRINGS GREETINGS

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next ACC Meeting April 24, 2008 9:30am—11:30 am First United Methodist 725 W. 9th Avenue Anchorage, Alaska 907 272-2112
- Jesus prayed in the garden that we all be one as he and the Father are one. Therefore, Love thy neighbor.

### Greetings from the Alaska Christian Conference

Recently I returned from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where I was able to attend the annual convention of the Association of Professional Chaplains. This organization is the certifying body for Chaplains who serve in Hospitals, Hospices, Long Term Care, Prisons, Police and Fire Departments. This year the class of 2008 totaled over 200 persons from around the United States. These persons were from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and faith traditions. What has makes me appreciate this organization so much is how they bring together from such a diverse group of people for work, study and worship. Yes, worship. I am always amazed at the times of meditation and worship at the Association of Professional Chaplains gatherings as there are Christians, Jews, Buddhist, and now Muslims in the membership of the Association. What holds this organization together is our common purpose, which is

“Healing through Spiritual Care”.

If this kind of collegiality and focus is possible with the APC, then how much more it should be possible



*Rev. Jim Stephens*  
President, Alaska Christian Conference

for the faith groups in our State of Alaska to be able to meet and share times of worship and caring from time to time. I would like to commend one of the members of our executive committee for his vision in proposing a way to be together in a time of worship. At our last meeting we shared what Rev. David Fison called the “Last Breakfast”, where we read

the scripture from John’s Gospel relating Jesus meeting his disciples on the shore of the lake and shared fish and bread with them. We had a time of breaking the bread and sharing the fish that had been prepared for our breakfast gathering. It was a wonderful time, especially since it was held on the first Thursday after Easter Sunday, and we were able to continue the experience of the resurrection miracles of Jesus.

The Purpose of the Alaska Christian Conference is “Facing the Reality of Our Common Calling.” With this as our guide I believe that the Alaska Christian Conference can become a true Christian witness for our State. I encourage you to find ways to gather together and increase the common ministries that you share in your community.

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**FACING THE REALITY OF  
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**PRAYER CALENDAR**

**WEEKLY**

**Mar 30-Apr 5**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Alaska

**APR 6-12**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Europe

**Apr 13-19**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Australia

**Apr 20-26**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Africa

**Apr 27-May 3**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Canada

**May 4-10**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in South America

**May 11-17**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Russia

**May 18-24**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in Asia

**May 25-31**

All ecumenical move-  
ments in the World



Rev. Jim Stephens, President, Alaska Christian Conference  
Received an "Outstanding Local Leader Award".  
from the Association of Professional Chaplains Convention, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania