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ECUMENISM

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Our Common  
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Dear Servant of Christ,

I am writing to you about the important work of the Ecumenical witness of the churches in Alaska. For over 50 years the Church in Alaska has had an Ecumenical ministry through the Alaska Council of Churches and the Alaska Christian Conference.

The continued work of the Alaska Christian Conference is progressing as Alaska celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are encouraging participation and guidance as we move into the future. The ACC board has been meeting regularly for the past two years to discern the best way to serve the Christian witness in Alaska.

ACC collaborated with F.I.S.H. (Friendship in Service to Humanity) in honoring a woman of faith, Tay Thomas for her volunteer and philanthropic work in our state. This event was held at the Anchorage Senior Center on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and was well attended by clergy and lay alike from Anchorage and the Mat-Su Valley.

Future plans call for providing cultural awareness training for new clergy to our state. We will also have training sessions dealing with the topic of sexual misconduct. Plans are being made for the **Biennial Assembly of ACC to be held in Anchorage October 26 - 28, 2010.**

In the past the Alaska Christian Conference has relied on the generous support of denomination giving and by gifts from local churches and individuals. It has been a long time since a letter has gone out asking for this financial support. According to the By-Laws and Articles of the Constitution, the following classes of membership and annual dues have been used:

- Ecclesiastical unit fee \$100.00
- Individual churches have given \$50.00
- Affiliate member fees have been \$50.00.
- Individual memberships \$10.00

We encourage you to include a generous amount in your church or denominational budget and to elect representation to the Alaska Christian Conference for our Biennial Assembly.

Please visit our web site at <http://www.ak-acc.org/>

Sincerely,

James A. Stephens  
President – Alaska Christian Conference