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Strengthen Mission, Build Community

Resources for Congregations from the Minnesota Council of Churches

Find mission opportunities for your faith community that help you grow in faith and advance God's work. Calendar of events, educational forum resources and mission opportunities. [View on-line](#) with links connecting to each resource or [download a PDF](#) to share with others.

Welcoming the Stranger – Summer Issue

Learn more about the Fresh Start Community Garden, a volunteer's reward, public speaking skills class, policy issues related to refugees, getting job ready and more in the [summer issue of Welcoming the Stranger](#).

Want to Sing at the Fair?

The Minnesota Council of Churches is looking for a small vocal ensemble to be part of the Ecumenical Worship service at the MN State Fair, August 29 and September 5, 2010. For more information contact Gail Anderson (612) 230-3210.

Upcoming Events

How to be a Good Ecumenical and Interfaith Partner

Tuesday, July 27, 2010, 12pm to 1pm Bring your lunch!, Minnesota Church Center, 122 W Franklin Ave, Ste 100, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Learn more about how you and your organization can be a good ecumenical and interfaith partner. Gail Anderson, Director of Unity and Relationships for the Minnesota Council of Churches will cover the religious landscape in our communities, case studies, methods of inclusion, and explore ideas of where interfaith and ecumenical partners can be invited to participate in functions. For more information contact [Gail](#) at (612) 230-3210.

Stranger to Neighbor Training

Tuesday August 10, 2010, 9am to 5pm, Minnesota Church Center, 122 W Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, 55404

Gain the knowledge-base and skill set to become an interfaith leader on immigration. This training is open to staff and volunteers from local immigration organizations, religious leaders, and student groups. Presented in partnership with the Interfaith Youth Core. For information contact [Gail Anderson](#) at (612) 230-3210, for registration contact [Dejan Selimovic](#).

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Commission of Inquiry Established! ... in Great Britain.

On Monday, July 5, Prime Minister David Cameron, of the Conservative Party, announced that he established a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the role of British security services in torture since 9/11. He agrees with NRCAT that "It's time to clear this matter up once and for all." Please join our ongoing efforts to establish a Commission of Inquiry in the United States and [learn what else you and your faith community can do to end torture](#).

Resources

Children's Sabbath Resources

Join with thousands of synagogues, churches, temples, mosques, and other faith communities to celebrate [Children's Sabbath October 15-17, 2010](#). Click [here](#) to order a Children's Sabbath Resource manual, or to request other iCAN resources to help you plan your Sabbath celebration. Click [here](#) to learn about other Minnesota congregations that have enriched the lives of their faith communities by celebrating the Children's Sabbath. Minnesota Council of Churches is a partner with iCAN, the Interfaith Children's Advocacy Network.

Inspiration of the Week

Faith is not like a deed to a house in which one may live with full rights of possession. It is more like a kit of tools with which a man may build him a house. The tools will be worth just what he does with them. When he lays them down, they will have no value until he takes them up again.

~Lloyd Cassel Douglas

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