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## DINING HALL NAMED AT CAMP MARY MAC

The Regional Board at the June 11, 2011 at the Downsville Christian Church meeting approved **naming the Dining Hall at Camp Mary Mac in honor of James (Shorty) and Thelma Mellott** for almost fifty years of service at Camp Mary Mac. Shorty served on the committee that found the property for Camp Mary Mac. He and Thelma were involved in preparing the meals at the Downsville Christian Church when Mary Mac was first opened. The meals were transported to the Corn Roast site. From those early days they have served in a variety of ways. Shorty has most recently met each camp and driven suitcases up the hill at the start of camp and then taken them back down at the close. He has also provided the leadership for the "Mary Mac Angels." The Angels do mowing, maintenance and keep the grounds in great shape as volunteers.



The motion approved says, "In appreciation for service far and above a tithe of time, energy, money and volunteer efforts to serve campers at Camp Mary Mac," the Dining Hall at Camp Mary Mac will be named the:

**JAMES (SHORTY) AND THELMA MELLOTT DINING HALL**

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## Elevator Project Begins at Regional Office

Phase two of the Regional Office move to the North Chevy Chase Christian Church has begun. **The project to extend the elevator to the top floor of the educational wing of the Church began at the end of June.**

This phase of the move became more complicated when the Montgomery County government would not approve the proposed plan. A secondary plan was developed which included a new entrance into the building having to be constructed as part of the project to bring the elevator to the top floor. North Chevy Chase CC and the Capital Area are partnering in this phase of the move.

This effort to make the Regional Office **accessible** to all patrons has also been enhanced by **John and Kay Slonaker** donating a stair lift to mount the last five steps in the hallway leading to the Regional Office Suite. Once completed, the final phase of the move will begin.

Currently the Financial Office of the Region is located on the first floor. This assures accessibility to everyone because there are two flights of steps to reach the current Office. When phase three of the project is complete, all Regional Offices will be together in the suite on the top floor!





## A CAPITAL COMMENT

*"And Jesus said, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'" (Mark 1.17 RSV)*

### The Challenge to Grow!

Over five thousand Disciples are about to gather in Nashville, TN for the 2011 General Assembly. They will engage in worship, business and sharing. The next page offers some information especially for those who are going. The Assembly started as a gathering in which congregations would share the Good News about what they have experienced. It was a time to share information and to share the excitement of the people that have been brought into a relationship with Jesus Christ!

The 2011 Yearbook will also be coming out soon. The 2010 Yearbook reported that the **Capital Area had 5,880 participating members.** It will be interesting to see how many participating members we have in the new listing. It is also interesting to remember that one of those activities at the early assemblies reported growth of our congregations.

Now I have a firm conviction that if all we are interested in is growth to pay the bills, have enough workers or save a congregation from ceasing its visible ministry, **God does not bless that effort!** Why do I say that? **Because I believe that God wants us to share the Good News with all whom we encounter. I believe that God wants us to attest to what our relationship with Jesus Christ has done for us. I believe that God wants us to build the kind of community that lives by the principles that Christ taught, especially practicing forgiveness as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, and to work for them in our communities.**

If we do those three things, the Gospel (read Good News) is magnetic and will draw people into our communities of faith. When we are actively engaged in sharing the Good News, the community will grow! Thus, **our numbers become a measure of our individual and corporate health!**

I am offering a challenge to us to grow as individuals, congregations and as a Region. In order to do so, we must share our stories, we must work for congregations engaged in mission and practicing forgiveness, build congregations that are models of the kind of personal and corporate communities that Jesus drew together with the twelve. **That was a community of great diversity with zealots, mystics and government collaborators living and working together!** We are called to be in the world but not of it, to live together differently than the world wants to live!

If we are doing those things we will grow and perhaps the 2012 Yearbook will push us above the 6,000 participating number. **It is a goal to grow. But the most important part is to bring others into a relationship with Jesus Christ!** If we do, we will grow. Will you accept the challenge? With whom have you shared your faith story? Who have you invited to worship or to be in the community?

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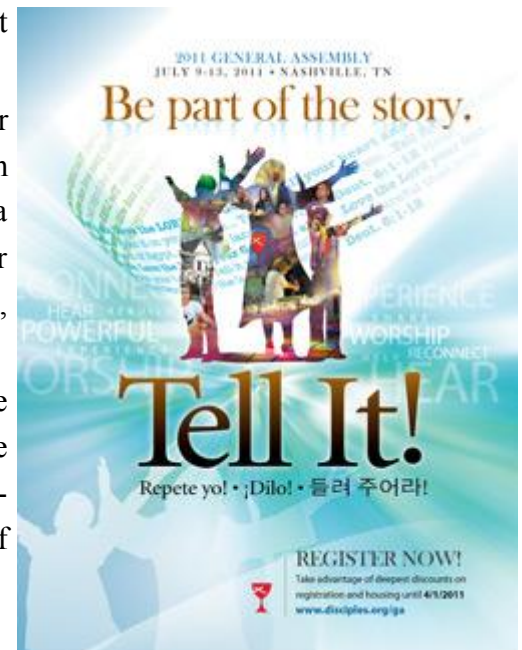
## The General Assembly is in Nashville, Tennessee

July 9-13, 2011

The Biennial Gathering of Disciples from all across the United States and Canada is a time of spiritual growth, prayer, worship, praise, reports, vision, hope and endeavoring to empower the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We need that empowerment so that we might be **a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

In order to be that, we have to **TELL IT!** We have to gather and **Be part of the story.** We hope that you will be there to be with us. We hope that your story of faith, hope and blessing will become a part of our story. We hope that you will become excited to tell your story to others for in telling your story it will invite them to Church, encourage them to believe, and assist them in worshipping.

Come and join the fun. You can sign up on line. You can be a part. And just for a bonus, you can tour Music City. You can see Nashville. You can enjoy the beautiful scenery. But most importantly, you can show the world what it means to be a Disciple of Christ.



### **NIRF RECEPTION AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Are you going to the General Assembly in Nashville? Be sure to come to the reception held by the NIRF regions in **Room 206 of the Convention Center following the evening session on Tuesday.** NIRF is the Northeast Inter-Regional Fellowship and is the oldest of the five regional fellowship groups in our Church.

The NIRF regions are: Pennsylvania, Northeastern, Canada, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and the Capital Area. We have done a combined reception at the last several assemblies. NIRF holds an annual meeting in May and the NIRF Regional Ministers get together for two days twice a year to develop mutual support and ways that we can help resource our churches together.

### **Capital Area Seeks Voting Representatives For the General Assembly**

Voting representation at the General Assembly comes from a variety of sources. Congregations choose representatives, Clergy with standing and General Board members are voters. General Units and Regions also get to name some voting representatives. **The Capital Area is entitled to eight voters.** Currently we have not used all of our slots, so if you are going to attend, but your congregation has already named its voters, please contact the Regional Minister and see if you can fill one of the voting slots!



## IF YOU DO OR DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE THE

### Capital Area Christian electronically:

***The Capital Area Christian*** is primarily being sent electronically now. You can request a print copy. You can also request to be added to the electronic mail version. Both of these are done by sending an email to [nicole@cccadisciples.org](mailto:nicole@cccadisciples.org) or by calling the Regional Office at 301-942-8266. If you are getting this newsletter electronically, but do not wish to receive it, please send an email to [nicole@cccdisciples.org](mailto:nicole@cccdisciples.org) and request that you be removed from the CAC newsletter mailing list.



(Pictured above: Kamil Benes, Bara Zlamalova, Dana Miller and Tomas Pechacek)

## 2011 Bethany Beach Summer Staff

Pictured above are the three Czech Republic students who are working this summer at the Christian Church Conference Center at Bethany Beach, Delaware along with Conference Center Manager Dana Miller. We have used foreign students for a number of years to staff the Conference Center. This provides another opportunity to interact with different cultures and takes us a step closer to fulfilling our dream to be a pro-reconciling community where diversity is honored.

You might remember Kamil Benes from his tour of duty two years ago. Bara and Tomas are new this summer! Our effort to be a movement for wholeness includes continuing to encounter the diversity of culture that we experience in our world. WELCOME, KAMIL, BARA AND TOMAS!



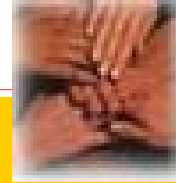
## First Christian Hagerstown To Install Steven Johns-Boehme

The **Rev. Steven Johns-Boehme** (pronounced Burma) has been called to serve as the settled senior pastor at First Christian. **He begins his ministry July 1, 2011.** Rev. Johns-Boehme will be installed at a special 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, September 18th followed by a reception.

We welcome Rev. Johns-Boehme, his wife, **Gratia**, who is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and their two daughters, **Zoe and Alizah** to the Capital Area. Zoe is a student at the University of Louisville and Alizah is an eighth grader.

### 2011 CAPITAL AREA PRAYER CALENDAR

You are invited to participate in the Capital Area Prayer Calendar by offering a prayer each day for the listed congregation or Capital Area mission during the week listed.



#### July

- Jun 26-Jul 2 Henson Valley CC  
Ft. Washington, MD
- Jul 3-9 Beaver Creek CC  
Hagerstown, MD
- Jul 10-16 Hagerstown, MD FCC
- Jul 17-23 Hagerstown, MD SCC
- Jul 24-30 University CC,  
Hyattsville, MD

#### August

- Jul 31-Aug 6 Landover (MD) CC
- Aug 7-13 Largo Community  
Mitchellville, MD
- Aug 14-20 Mt. Rainier (MD) CC
- Aug 21-27 Perryhawkin CC  
Princess Ann, MD

#### September

- Aug 28-Sep 3 Rockville (MD) CC
- Sep 4-10 Heritage CC,  
Silver Spring, MD
- Sep 11-17 United By Faith

### REGIONAL MINISTER VISITATION SCHEDULE

*The Regional Minister has been asked to preach or will be present at the congregations listed below.*

#### July

- 3 Heritage CC
- 10 General Assembly
- 17 Shepherd Park CC
- 24
- 31 Ft. Washington CC

#### August

- 7 Henson Valley CC
- 14
- 21
- 28

#### September

- 4 Labor Day Weekend
- 11
- 18 FCC Hagerstown
- 25

**(Subject to Change as other events are scheduled.)**



# CORN ROAST TICKETS MAILED TO CHURCHES

## CORN ROAST IS AUGUST 13th 10am-2 pm!

The **tickets** for the 2011 Corn Roast have been **mailed** to each congregation. Everyone is invited to spend Saturday, August 13 at Camp Mary Mac from 10 am to 2 pm. Roasted corn ears are available for free as long as they last. Chicken dinners, hot dogs and other goodies are for sale. **You must have a ticket to get a chicken dinner and they must be purchased by August 4th so that we have a dinner for you!**

Other activities include the annual Moon Bounce, hayrack ride tours of the grounds, music and plenty of your fellow disciples to engage in conversation. Again there will be a dunking booth so bring your swim suit! **If you have never seen Camp Mary Mac, it is a great time to visit.** If your children have gone to camp, it is a great time to see where they have been. If you are unsure about the Capital Campaign, it is a chance to see the area where improvements are needed.

**The Regional Board has just named the Dining Hall for Shorty and Thelma Mellott. Come say thank you to them for their years of service.** Come taste their wares as Shorty leads the barbecuing of the chicken and Thelma again leads the efforts to provide other goodies !

We did have to raise the dinner tickets for the first time in a number of years to \$10.00 a meal. But there is plenty of other food to buy and there is the roasted corn for **FREE to all who come!**

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH CAPITAL AREA CORN ROAST

CAMP MARY MAC

August 13, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW  
CONTACT YOUR MINISTER FOR  
DETAILS



### MENU

All the corn you can eat  
(free)

Chicken Dinner  
(\$10.00)  
Includes 1/2 chicken, roll, drink & sides

Or

A picnic lunch  
(you provide)

### ACTIVITIES

Hayrides

Moon Bounce

Dunking Booth  
(Bring a swimsuit)

Live Band

Lots of good conversation

& more!!!

Or contact the Regional Office at [mail@cccadisciples.org](mailto:mail@cccadisciples.org) | (301) 942-8266

SEE YOU THE SECOND SATURDAY IN AUGUST !



## Disciples Men Events



### Bethany 2012—XTREME FAITH-BOLD ACTION

“A Gathering of Disciples Men”

July 13-15, 2012

Next year the Disciples Men of the Capital Area are joining with Men from the Regions of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Northeastern, West Virginia and Ohio will gather at Bethany College for a great event. Make plans now to be there to worship, sing, study, learn, be enriched, be uplifted, and be encouraged to follow Jesus Christ! Information and registration forms will be found at the General Assembly and <http://www.disciples.org/disciplesmen>.



Pictured above: Disciples Men Spring Gathering with Virginia Regional Men!

## Disciples Women Events

### Disciples Women Gather in the Spring At Bethany Beach

Thirty-eight women and two children gathered at the Christian Church Conference Center at Bethany Beach, DE for their annual Spring Retreat. The event was a huge success and uplifted all who gathered.



### Disciples Men and Women to Study Human Trafficking at Joint Gathering in the Fall of 2010!

The Disciples Men and Women will join forces for their Annual Fall Gatherings! They are planning a joint meeting to study human trafficking and the great need to work hard to combat this growing problem.

**The meeting will be held at the Springfield Christian Church from 9 am to 3 pm.** The Church is located at 5407 Backlick Road in Springfield, VA, just inside the beltway. Details will come in later communications!

## OCTOBER 23 IS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SUNDAY

All Congregations will be asked to celebrate the Progress of the *Share the Light* Capital Campaign.



## Michael Joseph, Our Missionary to Columbia, Visits Springfield Christian Church

Michael Joseph visited Springfield (VA) Christian Church on June 26. During his presentation, he told about whole villages which were victimized by violence and had to be relocated. Part of their healing was to tell their story in pictures created by quilting. One of the quilts is pictured below.

Not only is this quilting therapeutic, it can also become a micro business to bring income to the villagers in their new setting. Haunted by images of violence between warring factions of the Columbians, the quilt they sent to the United States was one that the people wanted us to see their **JOY** in their new setting.

This is a people who are struggling to live Christian lives in peace! This is also the work in which we are engaged through Global Ministries and particularly through Michael Joseph.

**We are seeking to help these indigenous people so we have ordered ten of these hangings that we will sell for \$40 each. If you would like one, let us know in the Regional Office. If we receive more orders than the ten, we will increase our order.**

(pictured at right: Connie Warasila who hosted Michael, Michael Joseph and Rev. Beth Pass, Senior Minister at Springfield.)



## Congregational Searches Continue

Several congregations are seeking ministers, although none of the searches are at active search efforts. **Heritage CC** is in an intentional interim ministry. It is being served by **Rev. Jeff Stinehelfer**. **Fairfax CC** is seeking a settled senior pastor, but is not receiving names yet. **Rev. Russell Wagner-Bark** is serving as the interim. **Henson Valley CC** is doing long range planning before they begin seeking a senior minister. **Rev. Dr. Martha Brown** is leading the congregation in the interim. **University Christian Church** is not receiving names yet for its settled senior Minister position. **Rev. Gloria Grant** is serving as the **Acting Senior Minister**.

Several of our congregations are also seeking part time help for ministerial and lay positions. If you are interested in part time positions, please contact the Regional Minister.

Clergy interested in positions in the Capital Area are to signal their interest to the Regional Minister, not by directly contacting the congregation. Congregations are encouraged to only seek pastors who have been through the criminal background check and have standing with the Disciples of Christ.



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENTERS CONGREGATIONAL PHASE!

The **Capital Area Capital Campaign** is moving into the final phase. Capital Area congregations will now be asked to **Share the Light!** Congregational Leaders have been invited to a series of meetings to outline how to do a Capital Campaign on a four week schedule. Congregations are being asked to consider a goal range and then decide what the goal for their congregation is. Any congregation whose leaders have not already attended an information meeting can get the information by contacting the Regional Minister or the Campaign Director, Ramona Crawford.

Congregational campaigns will be conducted the opposite time of year from their own financial planning schedule, thus congregations with a calendar budget are asked to do their campaign this Spring. Congregations whose financial year runs from July 1-June 30 will be asked to do their campaign in the fall.

**The Capital Campaign seeks to raise \$1.58 million dollars in a three year period. The good news is that we have already received pledges totaling over \$600,000.00 or 38% of our goal.**

There are many ways to give to the campaign beyond cash on hand. A three year pledge is the way many are choosing to participate, but the Capital Area also is able to receive contributions of stock, real property, remainder trusts, insurance policy named beneficiary and we can get very creative. All donors are asked to consult their own financial advisors when considering other gifts.

**We look forward to hearing from your congregation and from you!**

## Regional Shepherds Program Approved

One of the responsibilities of the Regional Minister is to be the pastor to the pastors. With 171 ministers in the Region and with all the other responsibilities that the Region has, it is often difficult to make the time to care for our pastors. The Regional Board meeting at the Downsville Christian Church on June 11 approved a program to use ministers in the Region to assist the Regional Minister in keeping up with the needs of our clergy.

All clergy will be surveyed to see if they would like to have a minister to shepherd them. Each shepherd will be trained by and report to the Regional Minister. They will respect confidentiality and will be asked to regularly their clergy, can meet with them and will share needs, concerns and joys with the Regional Minister as permitted. This will enable our clergy to feel more connected and build a support network. Eventually the program can be extended to support congregations also.

## With our Congregations

*The Twelfth Street Christian Church of Washington, DC* is planning a Summer Festival for the afternoon of **July 20 from 1-5 pm. All are welcome!**

Once again this year *the United Christian Parish of Reston, VA* is planning an excursion. This year it is the **Smokey Mountains "Show Trip" on November 14-18.** The trip costs \$435.00 for 5 days and 4 nights. Contact **Jean Banks** for more information at **703-629-8581.**

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church* just took a major step forward. They have added two new staff positions. **The Rev. Glenn Zuber** has been added as part-time **Director of Family Life Ministries.** **Ms. Maria Forlenza** joins the staff as part-time **Director of Music Ministries.** Congratulations!

*North Chevy Chase CC* has also added a **"Come as you Are" Worship Service on Thursday evenings at 6:45 pm.**

*Several of our congregations are doing summer mission trips. Please let us know what you did and where you went!*



# 2011 Camp and Conference Schedule

## Summer Camps, Conferences, Retreats, and Events:

BB	July 3-9	Family Camp 1
MM	July 3-9	Junior Camp 1
MM	July 17-23	Chi Rho Camp 2 (service)
MM	July 24-30	Junior Camp 2
MM	July 31 -August 6	Created 2B Me (rising 9 <sup>th</sup> graders only)
BB	July 31 -August 6	CYF Conference 2
MM	August 7-10	Camp Starfish (Sponsored by Hyattstown CC)
BB	August 7-13	Family Camp 2
<b>MM</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>Annual Corn Roast</b>
BB	August 25-28	Footprints
BB	September 6-9	Senior's Fall Conference

## Fall Retreats and Events:

MM	September 16-18	YAC Fall Retreat
MM	September 30-Oct. 2	CYF Fall Retreat
MM	October 14-16	Chi Rho Fall Retreat
BB	Oct. TBD	Closing weekend

Above you will note the Capital Area Camps yet to be held this summer. We note two very special efforts. **Camp Starfish** is sponsored by the *Hyattstown Christian Church* in partnership with the Region. It is a camp for children whose parents are incarcerated. They are always looking for help, but especially need van drivers to get the children to camp.

Again this year, thanks to the efforts of **Lara Shepherd** at *FCC Hagerstown*, the **Created to be Me** camp for youth going into eighth grade will get a wholesome look at sexuality. All participants had a great experience two years ago. We did not have enough participants to hold the camp last year. Lara personally help raise funds to make the camp a success.

## Regional Youth Council Reforming

Senior High Youth interested in serving on a renewed Regional Youth Council (RYC) are invited to submit applications to the Regional Office. The application is available by contacting the Regional Office or the **Rev. Brian Adams**. The Council will meet several times during the year, help plan Regional Youth events and work to help all youth have positive relationships.

A team of volunteers was recruited to help reorganize the RYC. The forms and the description should also be available soon on the Regional website. Youth also have a covenant to sign in order to participate on the Council. Adults also have a role and can apply for the adult positions. The Camp and Conference Commission oversees the Council and selects the Adult Chair. **Applications are due by August 13, but will be accepted at the Corn Roast.**



## **Annual Fund In Progress Keep the Revival Alive!**

Celebrating the 210th anniversary of the Cane Ridge Revival, our Goal for the Annual Fund in 2011 is to raise \$30,000.00 by August 4 when the Cane Ridge Revival began. The Revival birthed the Disciples of Christ and our efforts to bring the whole Church back together. In order to continue the work, we are asking individuals to see if they can make a special gift to the Annual Fund. This is necessary in part to cover the summer giving slump that we all go through which makes cash flow difficult. We also need it to do training and provide congregational resources to help all of us get through this time of economic difficulty.

Therefore we are asking people to see if they can give a penny for every year to keep the revival alive. Or maybe you can give a dime or a dollar for each year. Perhaps you have been truly blessed and can spare ten dollars a year to keep the revival alive. Whatever you can do, make the Check out to "CCCA" or "Christian Church Capital Area" and marked "Annual Fund" in the memo line. Mail it to the Regional Office addressed **Annual Fund, CCCA, 8814 Kensington Parkway, Suite 208, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-6743.**

We would love to close the campaign before the General Assembly begins on July 9. The campaign will end August 4 no matter what. (Of course we will accept gifts after that, especially as some have pledged gifts or have special circumstances, but no more reminders after that.) On the fifth of July we have already received 20% of our goal!

**YOUR GIFT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

**Can you help keep**



**the Cane Ridge Revival going?**

### **Elizabeth Baird to be Ordained**

Having finished her seminary training and all requirements of the Commission for Ministry, **Elizabeth Baird** will be ordained on **July 23, 2011** at the **First Christian Church, Falls Church, VA** at **3:00 pm**. Clergy who attend will be asked to vest in red. We celebrate another candidate who has completed the process for being ordained in the Christian Ministry.

In the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ordination is for life. Elizabeth will sign her Clergy Ethics Document as a part of the service and will be granted standing in the Order of Ministry. Her standing, along with the standing of all clergy, is reviewed annually. Standing is the imprimatur of the Church that a minister is ready and able to serve.

All are welcome to join in the Service of Ordination and to celebrate yet another minister called and trained and ready to serve.



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## CCCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 29 Commission for Congregational Life – RO – 10 am
- Jul 4 REGIONAL OFFICE CLOSED – FOURTH OF JULY**
- Jul 9-13 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in US and Canada - Nashville, TN**
- Jul 17 Present Cap Campaign - Shepherd Park CC -12:30 pm
- Jul 21 Regional Assembly Planning Comm—RO—7 pm
- Jul 23 Disciples Home Board – RO – 10:00 am
- Jul 23 Ordination of Elizabeth Baird – FCC Falls Ch 3 pm**
- Jul 30 Present Cap Campaign - Twelfth St CC— 11 am
- Jul 31 Present Cap Campaign - Ft. Washington CC—12 pm
- Aug 4 Commission for Ministry – RO – 10:00 am
- Aug 7 Present Cap Campaign—Henson Valley— 12 pm
- Aug 13 CORN ROAST—Camp Mary Mac—10 am-2 pm**
- Aug 15 Reg Min Pastoral Relations Comm—RO—7 pm
- Sep 13 Retired Clergy luncheon—TBA—10 am
- Mar 16 CCCA Ministers Association Reorganizational Meeting Rockville CC – 1:00 pm
- Sep 18 Install Stephen Johns-Boehme as Senior Minister – FCC Hagerstown, MD – 10:00 am**
- Oct 18 Ministers Association Fall Meeting—TBA—10 am
- Oct 23 Capital Campaign Emphasis Sunday**
- Nov 5 REGIONAL BOARD MEETING – N CHEVY CHASE CC – 9:00 AM**

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY July 9-13, 2011

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