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What's Up?

SAVE the DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
FOR

16 tips for turning your church around

Join us for the Fall Gathering of New Jersey Association Churches featuring the Rev. Gordon Dragt, Senior Pastor Emeritus of Middle Collegiate Church in the East Village (the church the *Village Voice* called, "...the Coney Island of the Lord...").

Where: Community Congregational Church of Short Hills

When: Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. We'll conclude at 1 p.m.

Who: Anyone who believes their church can be a more vital, growing, mission oriented congregation

Cost: \$4.00 per person

Tip:

Be An Evangelist and Don't Be Bashful About It!

Look for more information in the September E-Update

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What's New(s)?

WELCOME: The **Rev. Bill Mulford** is now serving as the interim senior pastor at Community Church of Mountain Lakes. And the **Rev. Jan Willem Van der Werf** has transferred his standing from the Boston Metro Association. He is serving as interim in a Presbyterian church near Trenton.

FAREWELL: Leah Fowler is off to a new position in Chicago and Bob and Sheila Cassels will be moving to Delaware in July. Our thanks to them for so generously sharing their gifts with the Association.

SYNOD DELEGATES: Four NJA members will be part of the CAC delegation: **Rev. Linda Holzbaaur** of Tom's River; **Ms. Christine Shesler** of Chatham; **Ms. Hyo-Jung Kim** from Haworth; and **Rev. Adam Tietje** of Holmdel. Adam will be leaving us shortly; he is being deployed as an army chaplain to Fort Campbell, KY. Christine and Hyo-Jung have each been elected to Executive Council of the UCC. Check out all the Synod news on line at ucc.org.

BOUNDARY TRAINING: To date, 52 authorized ministers of the Association have completed their training under the excellent leadership of the **Rev. Dr. Debra Duke** and the **Rev. Tom Willingham**. *The last opportunity to do the training in New Jersey this year will be October 9-10, a Friday evening and Saturday, the place TBA.*

Dates to Remember:

June 26 - 29 UCC General Synod

July 3 – NJA Office closed

~~July 24 – 26 CAC Youth Event, Baltimore~~

Cancelled due to low registration

September 7 NJA Office closed

October – 9 & 10 Boundary Training

October – 17 NJA Fall Gathering

November 1 – Daylight Savings Ends

November 27 – NJA Office closed

2010:

January 22-24 CE&Y Youth Event at Camp Bernie for 7th -12th Graders

June 11-13 CAC Annual Meeting (*with Diana Butler Bass as our Keynoter*)

