



The Angels' Voice



**“The bend in the road is not the end of the road,
unless you refuse to make the turn!”**

Anonymous: and passed to us by Tina Baeten

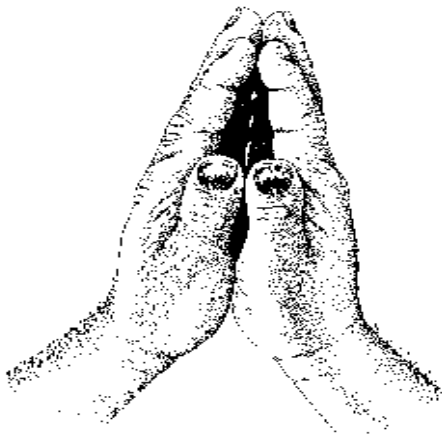
The day has arrived!

In the first week of May the Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) of Angels of Hope MCC placed the following announcement on the MCC web site and began the active search for a new pastor. The announcement was also sent to all seven Regional Elders and their staff and we asked that they forward the announcement to all clergy in their respective Regions. We also sent it to hundreds of folks on our mailing lists.

An exciting development is that we also have the vacancy notice on the United Church of Christ's denominational web site at www.ucc.org.

Let us all pray that we are guided to that special someone and that they hear the call to join Angels of Hope MCC.

The next meeting of the PSC will be following worship in Green Bay on June 1st.



The announcement reads as follows:

Bi-Locational Congregation Seeks Pastor for LTR

You: MCC or UCC credentialed or eligible; Bi-Vocational; Appreciative of diverse theologies with a heart for social justice ministries. Experience with smaller congregations a plus. Must not be averse to winter, cheese curds or the NFL.

Us: 21 years young and the 2nd oldest LGBT presence in Northeast Wisconsin; Church owner with welcoming atmosphere; Meaningful worship a high priority. We are ready to be challenged to live the Gospel beyond our walls.

You and Us: Provide nurturing and mutual support.

Let's explore the possibilities.

Direct all inquiries to:

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Subject Heading: PASTORAL SEARCH

So...are you looking for something to do this summer.

June 1 Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) meeting following worship service in Green Bay. Updates on where we are in the process, what to look forward to and get answers to the questions you have. There will be at least one more meeting of the PSC before the conference in Minneapolis.

June 6—8 Pride fest in Milwaukee. Drive down and march with Milwaukee MCC in the parade.

June 8 Board of Trustee meeting at 4:00pm in Appleton at the FCUCC church.

June 13 Out in the bars in Appleton, 50-50 raffle with ARCW as the recipient.

June 14 Bear-B-Que at Rascals in Appleton

June 22 AIDS testing in Green Bay (see article next page)

July 11—12 Saturday the 12th is Pride Alive at Joannes Park in Green Bay. Angels of Hope will lead the interfaith worship service at 11:00am in the park and be present all day. On Friday the 11th we will host a film night at Harmony Café in Appleton. The film will be 'For the Bible Tells Me So'.

July 17—20 MCC Region 2 Conference in Minneapolis. At the last Pastoral Search Meeting I asked for a show of hands of those who were planning on going to the conference and there were **15 hands** in the air. **WOW!** See the letter in the next column.

www.mccchurch.org/region2conference/

July 26 Annual picnic at the Brown County Park in Wrightstown with Positive Voice and PFLAG. We will pass out invitations to everyone at the Pride Alive event and hope to have a large crowd joining us.

The Board of Trustees is working on getting the church's raffle license so that most of the events can be fundraisers for us as well.

Join your congregation as we turn a new page in community involvement and outreach.

Meet Rev Elder Nancy Wilson at the Region 2 Conference

Dear Friends from Region 2:

Please join me in getting "Out-Fitted" in Minneapolis July 17 to 18 this year! Our conference scripture, Ephesians 4:12 promises to inspire and challenge us as we get ready to minister in the years ahead.

As we gather to worship, to pray, to learn, to connect and have fun, I encourage you to prepare for this great, once every three year gathering of Region 2 of Metropolitan Community Churches. Pray for our Conference staff and planning team, and think about volunteering yourself!

Region 2, pastors, lay leaders and members, you are from the "heartland" of the US, in a world that is increasingly global and complex. We need *you* to be "out-fitted" for the demanding future of ministry in MCC.

As share my own perspectives on the "State of MCC," I will be talking not only about MCC today, but MCC in the next twenty years. How will the world be changing? How will science, technology and human sexuality change? How will demographics and culture shape and affect us? How will we live up to the label "Human Rights Church?" in the US as well as in places like Eastern Europe and Jamaica? How will we respond to the mandate implied by "Would Jesus Discriminate?" Why are we working with groups like "the Fellowship?" How will we re-invent our mission, theology and ministry in the heartland of the US in the early part of the 21st century? What kind of buildings will we meet in? What are our greatest challenges and opportunities? Are we growing? Who needs us the most? How do we change and grow to meet that need? How do we "step up to the plate" of the spiritual hunger of our communities in these times?

Along with Rev. Elder Jim Mitulski, your Elder; Rev. Elder Ken Martin, who will be visiting the conference; MCC staff and volunteers, I look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis. Register today!!

Grace and Peace, Rev. Nancy Wilson, Moderator

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Editor's: This is an excerpt. The entire letter can be found on the MCC Region 2 web site.

## WHAT SHOULD JUNE 27 MEAN TO ME?

By: Paul Jacob, ARCW, Green Bay

June 27 is National HIV Testing Day, and you can play a role whether you think you need to be tested or not.

Wisconsin is proud of how it has addressed the AIDS crisis since the mid 1980's. The gay community and other health-minded activists united and built a network of AIDS service organizations to serve those infected, and those at risk for infection. The successful efforts made by all of us who have supported and/or utilized HIV/AIDS services has kept Wisconsin's infection rate below other states with comparable populations and demographics. That's a remarkable accomplishment! But in spite of that good news, Wisconsin has reported nearly 10,000 HIV infections since those early years. And during the past seven years the HIV infection rate here has increased by 34%. This is alarming, and is an indication that we need to get back on track!

One of the most important steps we can take to slow the spread of HIV is to get tested, and to encourage others at risk to get tested. The CDC recommends that all sexually active gay men get tested annually. Early detection, and knowing our status, reduces the risk that we will infect others. And early treatment may lead to a longer, healthier life. If any of us have put our self at risk, we need to be responsible and get that test! We can also have an impact by encouraging others in our circle of friends to get tested: "Hey, did ya know June 27 is National HIV Testing day? We're trying to get as many at-risk people to get tested as we can. That's the best way to prevent new infections!"

Angels of Hope Church and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin are partnering to provide free and anonymous HIV testing at Angels of Hope Church on Sunday June 22, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The test is a rapid, finger stick test, and is more than 99.9% accurate. Results are ready in 15 minutes. If you have NOT put yourself at risk for infection, then we don't recommend getting tested. But if you or someone you know HAVE been at risk, then we encourage you to join us on June 22, and get your free test. In addition to sexually active gay men, injection drug users who share equipment and heterosexuals who have multiple partners and/or unprotected sex may be at high risk.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has nine offices throughout the State, including Green Bay and Appleton, providing an array of services for those infected and affected. For additional information call 800-675-9400 or visit [www.arcw.org](http://www.arcw.org).



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## Knowledge is Unity, Unity is Power!!!

### June 27th is National AIDS Testing Day

By E-Ben Grisby

On Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church, in alliance with the AIDS Resource Center of WI (ARCW) will be hosting an **HIV Testing Day** to promote an inward sign of congregational solidarity and as an outward sign to the LGBT community.

Testing will be done on a *first come, first served basis*. Refreshments will also be available on-site.

**Location:** Angels of Hope MCC-3607 Libal Street, Green Bay. Parking lot access behind the church will be available.

**Date/Time:** Sunday June 22, 2008 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

**Cost:** Testing is free, yet priceless. However, a donation of a non-perishable food for the ARCW pantry will be accepted.

Afterwards, bring your appetites and come on down to Rascal's Bar & Grill (**702 E. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton, WI**) where there will be a Bar-B-Q/fundraiser hosted from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Angels of Hope Metropolitan Community Church has agreed to donate the food for the bar-b-q. Please note, Rascals Bar & Grill is a liquor serving establishment. You must be at least 21years old to attend. We will be asking for a \$5 donation for the bar-b-q.

**Be the change you wish to see in the world-Gandhi**

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**Special Announcement**

At the Angels of Hope MCC Board of Trustee meeting on April 20, 2008 the Board appointed

**Lisa G.**

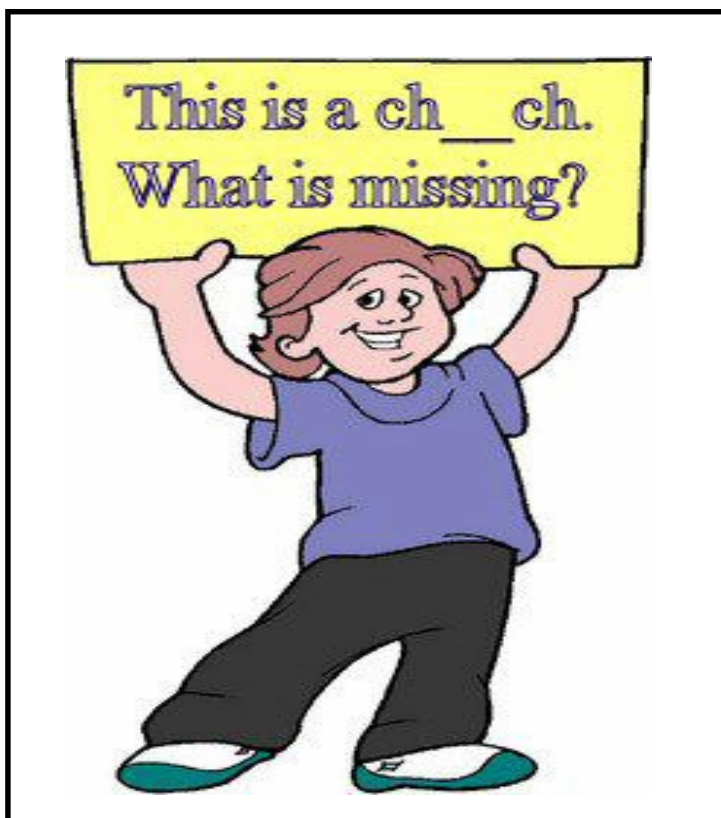
as our Lay Delegate and

**Michael S.**

as our Alternate Lay Delegate.

They will represent your church at all MCC conferences until the Annual Congregational Meeting in the fall or 2010.

Congratulations to both of them and thank you for taking on the responsibility!



**Birthdays...that we know of:**

Larry K...  
and Pastor Emeritus  
Thomas J Schuh

**Web Site Improvements**

The Resources section of 'The Angels' Voice' that appeared in this space has now been moved to the new and improved Angels of Hope MCC web site. We have a new web mistress and we are looking for anyone who would like to help with the day to day updates. If you would care to help let Gail know.

**Unfinished world, *Unfinished calling***

**! GLBT RESOURCE LIST IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE !**