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TO: CCSW Disciples Men

FROM: Nathan Higginbotham (email = nathanhig@sbcglobal.net)

re: Current activities and September 15-17, 2017 Retreat Registration and Information

Our Regional Men's Mission Work Project this year continues for the Iglesia Cristiana La Roca Church in S. Dallas, TX. From Monday through Saturday, March 27- April 1, a total of 30 men volunteered their time and expertise in constructing a 35 x 40 foot add on facility to this growing congregation's church we men built in 2015. Once again, our faithful cooks, Bill Napper, Ernie & Peggy Spiekermann prepared meals for everyone. The cooks were given much appreciated help this year by the La Roca congregation women who served lunch every day at the work site. Following Jimmie Muckleroy's death last December, project leadership is by committee led by Les Hodson. Jimmie's son Tony brought their company's crane to install trusses as well as personnel to install the steel roof and siding. Follow-on work is being scheduled. Sadly, our master electrician for the past 21 years, Stewart Wood died on March 26, and many of us attended his funeral in Denison on April 5th.

Our denomination's Disciples Men are encouraging us again to be one of 200 congregations in the DOC to have a Cookin' for Mission fund-raiser to help replenish the fund supporting our four Disciples Service Centers(Inman Christian Center in San Antonio is one) and projects for Kids and Youth around the USA. Go to: www.discipleshomemissions.org/congregations/disciples-men/cookin-for-mission/

At the Regional Men's cabinet meeting in January, plans were finalized for the **Annual Retreat at Lake Brownwood on Sept. 15-17**. Our two keynote speakers for this year are: Bryan Feille, retired Brite Divinity School/TCU professor and Jimmy Cobb, retired minister at FCC, San Marcos and past CCSW moderator. Our theme for this year's retreat is **"Wellness of Soul, Spirit and Body."**

A pre-retreat Golf tournament on Friday before the retreat will be held. Please register your desire to play on the Registration Form or contact Roy Horne at: rhorne@geosouthernenergy.com or me.

Also, you must send registrations in together if you want to stay in the same Dorm.

See the enclosed Registration Form and other Retreat information. These Registration Forms, speaker publicity, schedule, etc. are on a link from the CCSW web site at www.ccsw.org/disciples-men. Please give a copy of this Registration Form to your Church Secretary and your current Disciples Men/CMF President to assist with publicity for our retreat. We have set a goal of 180 men in attendance. That should assure us of "breaking even" on costs. A First Time attendee fee is \$75 and a Scholarship discount of \$50 is available toward any registration fee. Register before the August 31st deadline to save 10 dollars.

Please Register Online if possible; the extra costs are absorbed by Disciples Men funds. Go to the Disciples Men's page of the Regional website at www.ccsw.org/disciples-men. This will really assist Bonnie Schuler, Office manager in the CCSW office.

I will see you in September, if not at the General Assembly in Cleveland in July.

2017 CCSW MEN'S RETREAT

September 15-17, 2017

Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat
9105 CR 460, Brownwood, TX 76801
(325) 784-5133

Theme:

“Wellness of Soul, Spirit and Body”

SPEAKERS

Rev. Dr. Bryan Feille

Retired Professor, Brite Divinity School/TCU
Minneapolis, MN

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Cobb

Retired Sr. Minister, & former Moderator of CCSW
San Marcos, TX

HIGHLIGHTS

PREACHING * TEACHING * SINGING * WORSHIP * FELLOWSHIP * WORKSHOPS * RELAXATION

* **Special Offerings**:- Saturday - 2018 Men's Mission Project; Sunday – To Be developed

WORKSHOPS: (Preliminary list)

One by each Keynote Speaker, plus tentative ones on: How to Share Your Faith Without Getting on a Soapbox, Transforming Men's Work for the 21st Century, How Can God Guide Me?, and a World Religion Presentation.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Friday's Pre-Retreat Golf Tournament, Chicken Foot, Horseshoes, Basketball, Volleyball, Golfing, Fishing, Dominoes, Card Games, and Rest & Relaxation. **Please note: Bring your own recreation equipment!**

POWERFUL SINGING – Accompanied by your Instruments:

Bring your instrument and join in with the music.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:

Layman of the Year Minister of the Year Attendance Awards Golf Tournament and Recreational Winners

Mail in Your Registration Now!

Annual Men's Retreat
Christian Church in the Southwest
September 15-17, 2017
Registration Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ Your AREA(e.g., North Texas) _____
CONGREGATION _____
IS THIS YOUR FIRST MEN'S RETREAT at Lake Brownwood? YES _____ NO _____ Date I mailed this _____
Please Check if you want an Email Confirmation _____ Email Address _____

REGISTRATION FEES(Per person):

NOTE: Fees for a First Time Attendee are only \$75.

Postmarked By:

August 31

After August 31

(Circle your option below)

Dorm()*

\$120

\$130

*One Night(**)*

\$95

\$105

*Saturday Only(**)*

\$80

\$90

Arranged- RV, State Park or Motel(*+)

\$90

\$100

(+) Will provide my own housing

(*) Includes all meals

(**) Includes up to 3 meals

Scholarships are Available at a \$50 discount off any registration. --Contact Your Area Men's President

Do you have any Special Needs?

- 1) Dorm close to Assembly Hall? Check if you want to use closer Cana or Jordan dorms _____
- 2) Lower Bunk Required Due To: _____
- 3) Diabetic Foods? Deserts _____ Other _____

Check Lodging Desired: Friday _____ Saturday _____ Desire Handicap Access _____

(Please Note: Lodging is Assigned By the Registration Postmark Date - If you want groups together, send all together and send by August 1st. We cannot guarantee all men will be together if Registrations are not sent in together.)

I want to play in the Friday Noon Golf Tournament _____ -- my Email address is: _____

Make checks payable to:

CCSW Men's Retreat- 2017

Mail to:

Christian Church in the Southwest

P. O. Box 1689

Fort Worth, TX 76101-1689

CCSW OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount Paid \$ _____ Ck# _____ Ck Date _____ Payor Name _____ POSTMARKED _____

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