Together In Christ
17th World Convention
July 30 - August 3, 2008
Nashville, Tennessee
Located in the east Tennessee foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Emmanuel School of Religion is a graduate level Christian Seminary that exists to glorify Christ by serving the church. C. Robert Wetzel, Emmanuel’s President since 1994, is also President of the 17th World Convention (See Presidential Profile in the March 2006 World Christian) gathering in Nashville July 31 to August 3, this summer. Dr. Wetzel says of the school, “Emmanuel School of Religion offers itself as a servant preparing servants for ministry in the church at large. Its teaching ministry is done in the awareness that ‘in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others’ (Romans 1:25).” With the World Convention theme of Together in Christ, Wetzel’s presidency and Emmanuel’s partnership are all a natural fit for sharing in the ministry of Christ’s church.

Beginning classes on the campus of Milligan College in 1965, ESR moved to its own campus across the highway in 1974. The hub of the 33 acre campus is the beautiful Georgia Pink marble B.D. Phillips Memorial Building. The main academic and administrative building, the Phillips Memorial houses the chapel, classrooms offices and the Emmanuel library. One of the finest collections for a school of its size, the library contains over 158,000 items, including significant collections in the Bryant New Testament Seminar Collection and the Restoration Movement Archives. Under Wetzel’s presidency the campus has grown to include a prayer garden, garden chapel columbarium, the English style Emmanuel Village consisting of student housing in 42 cottages and the Thompson Community Center, which is a multi-purpose facility that also houses the school’s Taber Institute for World Mission, Institute for Church Planting and the Cook Institute of Excellence in Ministry. An $8 million dollar capital drive, The Heritage & Promise Campaign, has made many of these advances possible.

ESR students concentrate in five areas of study: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Doctrine, Church History and Christian Ministry, which includes Preaching, Counseling, Education, Church Administration and World Mission and Evangelism. Degrees granted are the Master of Arts in Religion, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry. Fourteen hundred Emmanuel alumni are serving Christ in 35 nations around the globe. A student body of 135 men and women from the US and eight other nations are currently enrolled, preparing to serve the church under a full-time faculty of ten with several additional part-time and adjunct instructors. In addition to a full catalogue of traditional academic coursework, ESR also serves the church by providing online resources, special lectureships and seminars and occasional publications from the Emmanuel Press, including books and the Emmanuel Reflections series. The School is devoted to church leadership, effectiveness, equipping and support for ministry servants around the globe. For more information on all of these offerings or to take a virtual tour of the campus, visit ESR at www.esr.edu. Those who will be attending the 17th World Convention, this summer, will want to be sure and visit the Emmanuel School of Religion booth in the Convention Exhibit Hall and thank Emmanuel and President Wetzel for their support and leadership in bringing us Together in Christ.
We have developed a great program for you. Our team of professional children’s workers have been working hard to ensure that there will be lots of exciting things for you to participate in at convention.

Our program is for kids from **Preschoolers to grade 5** and will operate from 9am till 5pm each day. Mum and dad can be involved in the adult stuff while you enjoy days full of adventure.

We will have great fun, music, trips to interesting places around Nashville including the **Science Museum, Marionette Theater, and Zoo**. Lots of games and quizzes with prizes and great craft work. Make sure that Mum and Dad **register you** for this fantastic time.
The goals of World Convention are to build fellowship, understanding, common purpose and effectiveness within the family of churches known as Christian, Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ. One way that these goals are accomplished is through providing resources that help to tell the story of our global family and our witness to the body of Christ. In time for this year's 17th Global Gathering, World Convention is pleased to offer four volumes which have been written or edited by the Convention staff, that we hope will be valuable ministry tools for our global family.

**One Church, A Bicentennial Celebration of Thomas Campbell’s Declaration and Address**, edited by Glenn Thomas Carson, Douglas A. Foster and Clinton J. Holloway, produced by Leafwood Publishers. The 17th World Convention is slated to be the kick-off celebration for the 200th anniversary observance of the Declaration and Address. This book, which contains an essay by Clint Holloway and a Communion meditation by Jeff Weston, is the spring board for discussion on the relevance of a two hundred year old document for ministry in today’s Stone-Campbell Movement Churches. This volume is sponsored by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

**Together in Christ, A History of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, 1930-2008**, by Clinton J. Holloway. A synopsis of each of the seventeen global gatherings of the World Convention, together with sundry historical notes by Jesse Bader, Lyndsay Jacobs and others, this brief history offers insights into the dynamic ministry of World Convention that has now spanned eight decades. It is richly illustrated with more than two dozen photographs drawn from the Convention Archives, many of which have never before been published.

**Power for Pressurized People, A Devotional Study on Paul’s Letter to the Church at Colosse**, by Jeff Weston. This ten-part study guide covering the book of Colossians is excellent for use as a personal devotional or small group study guide. This study illuminates the pastoral heart of the Apostle Paul as he attempts to correct and encourage the local church leaders. Jeff brings out these themes as a way of encouraging believers today –particularly leaders and active church participants who feel the pressures of the world and the local church.

**Lest We Forget, Meditations at the Meal of Remembrance**, by Clinton J. Holloway is a collection of 75 meditations for use in the local church’s observance of the Lord’s Supper, drawn from historical anecdotes, favorite hymns, humorous stories, real life situations and more. An introduction provides guidance in preparing the leader and congregation in the observance of the central act of worship, as well as suggests other resources to utilize when readying the hearts of the congregation to commune with Jesus in the Lord’s Supper.

Limited quantities of each of these resources will be available at the Nashville Convention at a discounted rate. Stop by our World Convention booth in the Exhibit Hall to purchase yours. Those unable to attend the Convention but who wish to obtain these books may order them through the Convention office. A post-Convention offer will appear in the August issue of ChristiaNet.
## Workshop Schedule

**Thursday July 31**

**11.30AM – 12.30PM**
- Robert Welsh
- Robert Shannon
- Linda Egle
- CY & Pat Kim
- Ed Nichols

**BADER LECTURE – Ash Barker**
- Gordon Moyes
- Vargas / Shebeck
- Clinton Holloway

**2.30PM – 3.30PM**
- Holly Allen
- Thom Mackey
- Grant Spangenberg
- John Deane
- Randy Harris
- Lee Camp
- Glenn Basey
- Wayne Long

**4PM - 5PM**
- Ed Gray
- Gary Kidwell
- Gene Lovelace
- Daniel Rodriguez
- Randy Harris
- Marsha Relyea Miles
- Samples / Hanna
- David Brown
- Ronald Highfield

**Friday August 1**

**11.30AM – 12.30PM**
- Robert Shannon
- Knowles/Foster/Williams
- Ronald Highfield
- Holloway / Lavendar
- Jeff Walling
- David Matson
- Gailyn Van Rheenan
- Marsha Relyea Miles
- David Brown
- CY and Pat Kim

**2.30PM – 3.30PM**
- Linda Egle
- Robert Welsh
- J.D. Moseley
- Leonard Allen
- Douglas Foster
- Vargas / Shebeck
- Holley Allen
- Daniel Rodriguez

**4PM - 5PM**
- Jack Holland
- Marj Dredge
- Gary Kidwell
- Dick Hamm
- Jeff Walling
- Neville Muir
- Iris Paul
- Lee Camp
- Bruce Shields

**Saturday August 2**

**11.30AM – 12.30PM**
- Ed Gray
- Knowles/Foster/Williams
- Neville Muir
- Marj Dredge
- J.D. Moseley
- Thom Mackey
- Jack Holland
- Gene Lovelace
- Glen Basey
- Gailyn Van Rheenan
- Iris Paul
- Tim Woodroof

**4PM - 5PM**
- Ed Nichols
- Leonard Allen
- Dick Hamm
- Panel Discussion
- Bruce Shields
- Gordon Moyes

**BADER LECTURE - Ash Barker**
- John Deane
- Clinton Holloway
- Wayne Long
- Grant Spangenberg
- Tim Woodroof
Wednesday
July 30

9.00 am Day Tours Begin
9.30 am Registration Open
9am - 4pm Global Leaders Forum
4pm Exhibit Hall Open
7pm Worship Service
  Speaker - Cynthia Hale
9pm Presidents Reception (open to all)

Thursday
July 31

7.30am Early Worship with Dr Gary Holloway
8.30am Children’s Program
9am Youth Program
9am Worship Services
10.15am Bible Study
  Speaker - Rhonda Lowry
11.15am Half Day Tours
    Exhibit Hall Open
11.30am Workshops
12.30pm - 2.30pm LUNCH
2.30pm Workshops
4pm Workshops
5pm - 7pm DINNER
7pm Worship – Speaker - Bob Russell
9.30pm Late Night Coffee Shop at Aspen Grove

Friday
August 1

7.30am Early Worship with Dr Gary Holloway
8.30am Children’s Program
9am Youth Program
9am Worship Services
10.15am Bible Study – Speaker - Ajai Lall
11.15am Half Day Tours
    Exhibit Hall Open
11.30am Workshops
12.30pm - 2.30pm LUNCH
Minister’s & Spouses Lunch at Millennium Hotel
2.30pm Workshops  
4pm Workshops  
5pm - 7pm DINNER  
7pm Worship – Speaker - Mike Cope  
9.30pm Late Night Coffee Shop at Aspen Grove

Saturday  
August 2  
7.30am Early Worship with Dr Gary Holloway  
8.30am Children’s Program  
9am Youth Program  
9am Worship Services  
10.15am Bible Study – Speaker - B.J. Mpofu  
11.15am Half Day Tours  
11.30am Workshops  
12.30pm - 2.30pm LUNCH  
Men’s Lunch – Speaker - Dr Henry Webb  
Women’s Lunch at Millennium Hotel  
4pm Workshops  
5pm - 7 pm DINNER  
7pm Celebration Concert featuring Tommy Emmanuel  
9.30pm Late Night Coffee Shop at Aspen Grove

Sunday  
August 3  
AM Local Church Services - Make sure you book for pick-up.  
2pm - 4pm Great Communion Closing Worship  
Speaker – Dr Robert Wetzel

Monday  
August 4  
Post Convention Tours begin
Abilene Christian University
ACM International
Arky’s Bookstore
ARM Prison Outreach & Rapha House
Aspen Grove Christian Church
Association for Biblical Astronomy
Awana Clubs International
Baker Publishing Group
Beeson Divinity School
Brite Divinity School
Cane Ridge Meeting House
Calligraphy by Michael Noyes
Carolina Christian College
Central India Christian Mission
Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission
Christ’s Freedom for Haiti
Christ Reaching Asia Mission Worldwide, Inc
Christian Board of Publication
Christian Care Companies
Christian Children’s Home of Ohio
Christian Church Foundation (DOC)
Christian Churches Pension Fund
Christian Holyland Foundation
Christian Riders Ministry
Christian Theological Seminary
Christian Wings for the World
Christians Across America
Christians’ Haven
Christmount
Church Development Fund
Church Extension (DOC)
Cokesbury Bookstores
College Press
Colores and Pueblo
Deaf Ministries International
Deaf Missions
Disciples of Christ Historical Society
Emmanuel School of Religion
Eternal Threads
European Evangelistic Society
Fashions by Sarah
Friend Speak
Ghana Christian University
Global Church Growth Discipling Ministries
Global Ministries
Gospel for Asia
Greenlee Communion Systems
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Harding University Graduate School
Herald of Truth Ministries
Hisportic Missions
Horizon International
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International Bible Society
International Christian Braille Mission
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IDES
Jesus-Wood, Inc
Johnson Bible College
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Leafwood Publishers & ACU Press
Lexington Theological Seminary
Lincoln Christian College and Seminary
Literacy & Evangelism International
Literature and Teaching Ministries (LATM)
Marriage Mentoring
Milligan College
“Missionary Craft Sales” - Comp
Mission Services Association
Mission to Russia
Mountain Mission School
Mulberry International
MultiNational Underwriters
Myanmar Hope Christian Mission
NACC
National City Christian Church - HOLDING
National Missionary Convention
New Life International
New Mexico Christian Children’s Home
Discipline
Designed with the leaders of local Churches in mind, the 3rd Global Leaders Forum, is themed *Sharing Resources*. Ministers, elders, teachers – those who sometimes struggle with finding the right tools to lead in their congregations – will be equipped and enlightened as we share from a wide range of materials available across the streams of the Stone-Campbell Movement. **New and exciting materials for ministry** will be showcased by authors, publishers and cutting-edge resource people.

The first 100 registrants to the Global Leaders Forum will be given a resource bag filled with samples, catalogues and may be even free books. You will leave the Forum better informed, in touch and certainly not empty-handed! **YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU CAME TO CONVENTION EARLY!**

The Global Leaders Forum will take place on **Wednesday July 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel**. A registration fee of $25, payable in advance to the Convention office, will cover the cost of lunch for yourself and to help offset the cost of someone attending from a two-thirds world nation. Register by mail or fax only.
Global Women Connecting Retreat  
(Formerly World Christian Women’s’ Fellowship)  
July 28 – 30, 2008

WHAT: Women’s Retreat  
Open to All Women of the World Convention

WHEN: Prior to World Convention - July 28, 2008 to July 30, 2008  
The retreat starts with worship at 6:30 PM Monday, July 28 and concludes before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 30.

WHERE: Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee USA  
Contact the Millennium directly to make your reservations.  
Enter code: WCCCC to receive our group rate.  
1-866-866-8086 – Reservations  
1-615-259-4343 – Direct line  
1-615-313-1327 – Fax  
http://www.millenniumhotels.com – Web Site  
Maxwell@mhmail.com - Email

Transportation, hotel and meal cost (except daily breakfast buffet if staying at the Millennium Hotel) are not part of the retreat registration fee.

Retreat Cost: Registration fee is only $45  
Money Order or Cashier’s Check, made payable to Global Women Connecting, should be mailed, along with your registration form, by June 15, 2008 to:  
Office of Disciples Women  
130 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-3645 United States  
Email: abowman@dhm.disciples.org  
1-317-713-2665

Registration Form can be downloaded from http://www.worldconvention.org/conventionregistration.htm
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Former World Convention President Joyce Passes

Dr. Daniel Joyce, President of World Convention from 1970 to 1974, passed away December 14, 2007. A memorial service was held April 19 in Houston, Texas. When Dr. Joyce was elected to the presidency at the Adelaide Convention in 1970 it had been 40 years since an American held that position. At the time Dr. Joyce was Dean of The Graduate Seminary of Phillips University, Oklahoma. Daniel Joyce was a Convention Board Member for many years, in addition to presiding over the 9th World Convention in Mexico City in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Bea. Dr. Joyce was an ardent supporter of World Convention, traveling extensively as President, in addition to his regular ministry of preaching and teaching. His intent was to be present for the Nashville Convention, in fact he held Registration No.1 for Nashville. Those wishing to remember Dr. Joyce are invited to contribute to their World Convention named fund, The Mr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Joyce Endowment Fund.

NEWS BREIFS:
The Melanesian Evangelical Churches of Christ in Papua New Guinea will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a series of meetings at Bunapas on the Ramu River November 14 - 17, 2008. The special guest speaker will be World Convention Executive Director/General Secretary Jeff Weston. The Westons previously served as missionaries at Bunapas in the 1970's.

The Christian Church and Churches of Christ in Brazil will meet for their annual convention in Golania, November 7 - 9, 2008. For the first time ever they are renting a convention center to cope with the expected record attendance. Jeff Weston has been invited to be a guest speaker at this event.

The future ministry of World Convention is a topic of discussion for our Executive Board. In 2006 the Board received four papers offering a challenging perspective for the future. Since then another paper has been presented by the Executive Director. The Board have been praying and thinking through the issues. The Board will meet on July 31 for further discussion.

The Board of the World Convention will make an announcement at the 17th Convention of the venue and date for the 18th Convention. This was scheduled for Zimbabwe but due to the economic and political situation is has been decided to relocate this convention.
Can You Help Us?

At World Convention we rely on our friends and supporters to send donations to fund our daily operation. Can you assist us in this ministry of unity and reconciliation? Will you send us a gift or ask for us to be added to your Church’s mission outreach support?

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Three ways to register for Convention:
2. Download a registration form from our website www.worldconvention.org, complete it and mail it to us.
3. Contact our Nashville office and request a form be mailed to you.
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