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Dates to Remember:

- Monday, May 12, 2014
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Heeding God's Call protest before Realco Guns on Marlboro Pike in District Heights, Maryland

- Monday, May 14, 2014
10:00 am Heeding God's Call protest continue before the National Rifle Association Headquarters on Waples Mill Road in Fairfax, Virginia

-Thursday, May 15, 2014
11:45 am to 2:00 pm Food Distribution at Historic Berean Baptist Church

-May 18 to May 22, 2014
National Council of Churches Christian Unity Gathering in Washington, DC

- Thursday, May 22, 2014
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Annual Spring Assembly and
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Ministry Resource Fair

- Monday, May 26, 2014
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Heeding God's Call protest before Realco Guns on Marlboro Pike in District Heights, Maryland

-Tuesday, June 3, 2014
First Annual Civili-Tea



Citywide Creative Expression Contest deadline

- Thursday, June 12, 2014
10:30 am CCGW Executive Committee Meeting at Second Baptist Church

- Friday, June 13, 2014
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Citywide Artistic Expression Contest at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery, 701 Ninth St., NW

Youth Art Contest

The First Annual Civili-Tea Citywide Creative Expression Contest will be presented with DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative, Pepco and the Council of Churches. All entries must be submitted by Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Entries can be dropped off at the DC Collaborative, 1001 G Street NW Suite 1000W.

The judging will take place at the PEPCO Art Gallery, where the entries will be displayed from June 12-14. The Gallery is located at 702 Eighth Street NW and hours are Tuesday-Friday Noon to 4 PM. The winners will be announced at a reception on Friday, June 13. Monetary prizes and certificates will be awarded. The theme is "share instances of civility in (your life) and express concerns about the incivility (you) see and experience." Admission is free.

ELIGIBILITY

The citywide Creative Expression competition will be open to Washington, DC, youth in 5th grade-10th grade.

For the contest guidelines, please contact Judge Mary Terrell at marytea1997@yahoo.com.

Become a Member of CCGW

To join and participate, please contact us at the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, 5 Thomas Circle, NW, of Washington, DC 20005, at 202-745-0425 or cgw@verizon.net.



Iva Carruthers, Marian Wright Edelman, Harold Dean Trulear, Jim Wallis

NCC's First 'Christian Unity Gathering' slated May 18-20 in Washington, DC area

The National Council of Churches first "Christian Unity Gathering" of leaders from member communions and other partners will be held on May 18-20, 2014, at the Hilton Washington Dulles in Herndon, VA.

Heeding God's Call (HGC)

Below is a link to an article in the Montgomery County Gazette about the Thursday, May 15, 2014, event organized by Heeding God's Call in conjunction with local clergy. The event was held at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in Rockville and incorporated a Memorial to the victims of gun violence. Speakers responded to a recent article in the *Washington Post* about a gun dealer who wished to begin selling the first smart gun in the US but who backed down due to pressure and threats received. Members of HGC and other clergy lamented the continued tragedy reaped by gun violence and encouraged the consideration of approval and sale of the smart gun. Please take the time to read the article and see at the pictures of the event as well as the Memorial to the Lost, which has since moved to Northern Virginia Mennonite Church in Fairfax. CCGW hopes that you take the time to visit

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the Memorial now or as it comes to sites close to you.

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20140515/NEWS/140519468/1022/clergy-rally-for-gun-safety-at-bethesda-church&template=gazette>

Thank you for your continued efforts to reduce gun violence and support peace.

Lisa Delity
Chairperson, HGCGW
Heeding God's Call of Greater Washington

SPRING ASSEMBLY MINISTRY FAIR

During our Spring Assembly May 22, 2014, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington will host a Ministry Fair. Ministries and social programs from across the metro area are invited to show case their service and good works, share information with other houses of worship, agencies and the general public.

This was a great time to network, gather and share information to form partnerships and identify new referral sources of your clients and congregation.

Prospective Ministry Resource Fair

Participants

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) – promotes religious freedom through three major activities: legislation, litigation and education. The BJC internship program is offers fall, spring and summer internships to undergraduate and graduate students as well as individuals who have completed a college or seminary degree program. 202-544-4226. 200 Maryland Avenue, NE – Washington, DC 20002. www.BJConline.org.

Becoming God's Woman – is a “living” workshop that helps individuals understand how actions often negatively impact ourselves and those around us, and what we can do to help shape our lives and that of others. Ms. Sylvia Stokes, Facilitator, 781-789-8940. Slystokes55@yahoo.com.

Care Consultants, LLC – empowers and strengthens positive and productive values for youth and their families members by collectively addressing the challenges that they face daily by promoting self-worth through prevention, education, and other services. 301-856-2386. 7902 Old Branch Avenue, Suite 109 – Clinton, MD 20735. www.careconsultantsllc.com.

Community Organized in Prayer for Salvation (COPS) – is an outreach ministry of Word Evangelistic Church that is active in ridding their area of drugs and saving souls. Rev. Catherine Boddie Bego, Founder and Executive Director, 202-397-5826. P.O. Box 48617 – Washington, DC 20002

Council of Churches of Greater Washington – is an ecumenical organizations in which different Christian churches come together to provide various services that bring about social change. CCGW promotes Christianity to carry out the will of God, represent Christian interest and positions on issues, ministers to all people, particularly victims of injustice, and to collectively provide services in those matters and situations too difficult or awkward for a single church or person. Dr. James E. Terrell, President of the Board, 202-745-0425. 5 Thomas Circle, NW – Washington, DC 20005. www.councilofchurchesofgwdc.org.

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia - offers a faith community partnership to help restore individuals to productive members of the community who have been part of the criminal justice system by providing re-entry programs and services; criminal justice supervision while helping offenders address needs that place them at risk for re-offending. Mr. Jasper Ormond, Associate Director, 202-220-5427. 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 1325 – Washington, DC 20004. www.csosa.gov.

DC Central Kitchen's – offers a culinary job training program which includes self-empowerment sessions, culinary job training and employment skills. Ms. Sarah Riley, 202-601-7322. 425 2nd Street, NW – Washington, DC 20001. www.dccentralkitchen.org.

Education & Training Services, Inc. – offers a support program that provides mentoring, job club opportunities and supportive services to the communities of Prince Georges County and Metro DC area. Ms. Sylvia Stokes, 301-965-0282. 7900 Old Branch Avenue, Suite 109 - Clinton, MD 20735. Slystokes55@yahoo.com.

Essence Fashion Jewelry – delivers and does parties. 301-806.3651. essencefashionjewelry@yahoo.com.

Heeding God's Call of Greater Washington – Inspiring hope, joining hands, taking action to end gun violence. Ms. Lisa Delity, Chairperson, 301-661-3154. P.O Box 130 – West Bowie, MD 20719. www.heedinggodscall.org.

Historic Berean Baptist Church – seeks to touch the heart of God; to teach the Word of God; and to equip the people of God. Rev. Jess J. Jackson, Pastor, 202-746-9623. 1400 Rhode Island Avenue, NE – Washington, DC 20018. Pastorhbbc1400@yahoo.com.

National City Christian Church – seeks to help everyone journey toward a fuller commitment to Christ by being an inclusive church family which fully embraces in its life and ministries people of every race, gender, age, culture, economic circumstance,

sexual/gender orientation, family configuration, physical or mental condition, and all other distinctions which are the rich tapestry of God's Creation. Dr. Stephen Gentle, Senior Pastor. 202-232-0323. 5 Thomas Circle, NW – Washington, DC 20005. www.nationalcitycc.org.

National Council of Churches, USA – is a leading force for ecumenical cooperation among Christians in the United States from a wide spectrum of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox, Evangelical, historic African American and Living Peace churches that includes 45 million persons in more than 100,000 local congregations in communities across the nation. 202-544-2350. 110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 108 – Washington, DC 20002. www.nccusa.org.

New Generations Outreach Ministry – prepares students for their automotive transmission rebuilding job and offers a vehicle donation program. They offer paid on-job training. Bro. Keith LaVelle Dickerson, Instructor, 240-286-9598. 4077 Silver Hill Road - Suitland, MD 20746. www.newgenomtrain.org.

The High Tea Society – offers a mentoring program for girls ages to 18 who reside in economically challenged communities. Judge Mary Terrell (Ret.), Founder, 202-841-5244. 609 Girard Street, NE - Washington, DC 20017. www.thehighteasociety.org.

The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington – brings together Islamic, Jewish, protestant, and Roman Catholic faith communities for the purposes of dialogue and social action. The Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Letter-day Saints, Sikh, and Zoroastrian faiths have since joined. These eleven faith communities make IFC one of the most diverse inter-religious organizations in the world. Rev. Clark Lobenstine, Executive Director, 202-234-6300. 100 Allison Street, NW – Washington, DC 20011. www.ifcmw.org.

The Southeast Welding Academy – offers quality education in an effort to produce “World Class Welders”. They will train students with skills, knowledge and workplace attitudes essential to enter the workforce as dedicated and competent employees. Mr. Delmus Nelson, Owner/Administrator, 202-610-9858. 1103 W Street, SE – Washington, DC 20020. www.southeastweldingacademy.org.

Wesley Theological Seminary – equips people for serving in ministry. Ms. Mauri S. Bishop, Assistant Director, 202-706-6836. 4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – Washington, DC 20016. www.wesleyseminary.edu.

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Please send any news or announcements for the Newsletter to the CCGW office before 10:30 a.m. on the preceding **Wednesday**.
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