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Dear CCSW Disciples:

We are delighted that you will be joining us at the CCSW Regional Assembly next week in Fort Worth! Focusing on the theme, ***Refresh & Rejoice!***, this Assembly will provide outstanding opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, sharing and growing together in the Spirit of God made known in Jesus Christ! We're glad you are going to be a part of it! We did want to send you a few notes to make your planning and your Assembly experience the best that we can.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be located in the main lobby at University Christian Church, 2720 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. (Just across the street from Texas Christian University!) Underneath the porte cochere at the University Drive parking lot is the entrance to the main lobby. The Registration desk will be right inside that door! [You can find out more information about the church at www.universitychristianchurch.org!]

PARKING INFORMATION: Each day there will be little bit different parking directions due to the space University Christian Church shares with TCU! We will provide you with a parking pass and directions about parking for each day!

Thursday: For Pastors coming to the Pre-Assembly Gathering, FREE parking is available at the TCU lot at Sandage and Berry Street. There is a shuttle that runs from that location to the Brown-Lupton Student Center (BLUU) every 5 minutes. Just tell the driver that you are headed to the "BLUU"! You will be able to park there through the football game, but the shuttle coming back will pick up on Stadium Drive across from the stadium after the game.

Friday & Saturday: Parking is Available at University Christian Church and in the two lots behind University Christian Church on Rogers Street. Look for the sign that says: "REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PARKING HERE TODAY!"

Watch for special Sunday parking instructions!

BUSINESS MEETING: As you are aware, the Region is in the midst of a transformation and discernment process that is designed to help us realign our ministry together in ways that best serve God's mission, our ministry together as Region and Areas, and each of our congregations. The ***New Day, New Direction*** Task Force will be leading us in our work on Saturday morning as we focus on discerning God's mission for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest.

Due to the focus of this time and the benefit of ideas and thoughts and conversation that will happen during this time AND, in light of the fact that we only have three business items, we will be doing our business as "worshipful work" in our Saturday evening dinner session. The three items of business are: 1) adopt the Nominating Committee's report for those to serve in the next biennium; 2) receive the 2007 Audit, 3) Approve the 2009 budget.

In order to give persons a chance to talk about these business items, ask questions, visit with others, and get any more information that they might wish – we are providing TWO question/answer sessions: one on Friday afternoon at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. and another on Saturday afternoon at 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

All of the business items are available online at www.ccsw.org with the Regional Assembly information. **Please note:** The Regional Executive Committee, on behalf of the Regional Council, approved today an *adjusted* budget for forwarding to the Regional Assembly that reflects a much smaller deficit and some deep cuts in order to best be sensitive to the current economic stress of the country and our two Areas which have congregations and members in ongoing hurricane recovery. All of the business items will be printed in the Assembly docket that you will receive at the Registration desk.

Also, for those who must return to their homes on Saturday afternoon, we will provide an “Unable To Stay” early voting opportunity at the Registration desk, so that those who have that responsibility can fulfill it.

LUNCHEONS: On Saturday, both the Disciples Men and Disciples Women will be hosting luncheons at the Brown-Lupton University Union. (“The BLUU” – pronounce “blue”) Shuttle service will be available from the Rogers Street Entrance at University Christian Church to the BLUU beginning at 12: 15 p.m. and return service will be available beginning at 2:25 p.m. *Some tickets are still available;* they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone. If you are interested, prior to Thursday -you can call the Regional office at (817) 926-4687 and reserve one; or check at the Registration desk on Friday.

EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES:

Disciples Learn On Friday morning from 10 a.m. until noon, Dr. D. Newell Williams -- Disciples historian, President of Brite Divinity School, and current Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, will reflect on Disciples History and the insights from history that are helping to make changes in the life of the Christian Church in the 21st century.

TCU vs. BYU- Thursday evening, 7 p.m. Amon Carter Stadium, TCU There are a few football tickets left for the discounted price of \$20 each. Call the Regional Office at (817) 926-4687 and reserve your ticket and arrange to pick it up! Go Frogs!

Golf Tournament: There are still a few places for teams at the Regional Assembly Golf Tournament at Hawks’ Creek Golf Course in Fort Worth on Friday morning. Information is available at www.ccsw.org with the Regional Assembly Registration, but please call: **David Cartwright at 972-998-9193 to register now!**

Again, we are excited about our time together next weekend! Should you have any questions, the Regional Office should be able to answer them at (817) 926-4687 or contact Dani Loving Cartwright, the Regional Minister, at (817) 944-8794.

God is calling us to the future --- for which much is unknown – and yet, it is the journey on which **God** is leading us! We will see you soon!

Blessings,

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