

Hart Beat

(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Our 2016 CNYBA Mid-year Meeting was held yesterday at **Grace, Rome**. I'm not sure we have ever had a better associational meeting. Except for one guest speaker, everybody on the program was from CNYBA – one of us! Truly God has blessed us with some great men of God!
- Here are some highlights: (1) The host church, and Pastor Trent Williams, did a superb job with pre-session continental breakfast and the after-session lunch – going way beyond adequate. (2) Pastor Phil Huber (**Inlet CC**) did a great inspirational and practical presentation about involving the church in the community (3) Pastor Sam Macri (**Crosspoint, Whitesboro**), using the methods he uses at Crosspoint, was straight forward, convicting, and right on the money about how to develop a discipleship program – keeping our full attention all the while. (3) We also heard presentations by both Pastor Bill Lower (**West Hill, Ithaca**) and Pastor Dan Schallmo (**Summit, Cazenovia**) about the recent “scouting” mission trip to the Virgin Islands. They gave us a good overview of the needs and the potential of CNYBA involvement in a missions effort there. In both their presentations you could hear their excitement and commitment to be “on board” as we further develop a Virgin Island Missions Project. (4) As a bonus, we were able to hear from Carlos Rodriquez (NAMB National Church Planting Catalyst for Puerto Rico & the Virgin Islands) regarding the need for our involvement in reaching St. Croix for the Lord. (5) Pastor John Depugh (**Newark Baptist Fellowship Church**), and the folks he brought with him led us in upbeat, inspirational, and worshipful music throughout the program. (6) Our CNYBA Moderator, Steve Sallis, did a masterful job managing the meeting and moving it right along – even finishing a few minutes early. He led one of the best opening prayer sessions we have had. And he made the whole thing look easy.
- During the business session yesterday the association approved the recommendations from the CNYBA Leadership Team to (1) make CNYBA Virgin Islands Missions the project for the 2016 Knapton Associational Mission Offering. (2) to move some long-languishing unused restricted funds to a Virgin Island Mission fund. The Week of Prayer for Associational Missions & the receiving of our 2016 Knapton Associational Mission Offering will occur late in May.
- On Friday past our CNYBA St. Croix Project Team met with Carlos Rodriquez (NAMB National Church Planting Catalyst for the Virgin Islands) and Jonathan

Santiago (BCNY Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands Partnership Coordinator) to discuss the possibilities for CNYBA church in St. Croix. Our Project Team came away even more convinced that the Lord is leading us to invest in missions and ministry on St. Croix. You will be hearing more about mission trips to the Virgin Islands. There may need to be a couple of trips for strategy and planning earlier, but the target date for our first BIG Associational St. Croix mission trip is the week between Christmas and New Year's. More information later.

- Pastor Gary Culver (**Emory Chapel**, Waverly) has had some health issues of late and has had two stints in the hospital. Pastor Jim Hundley (**Emmanuel, Cortland**) was in the hospital three days this past week. Let's remember to lift these men of God up in prayer.
- Lyn and I were supposed to worship today with the good folks at **Bellewood, North Syracuse**, where I was again scheduled to preach in the absence of Pastor Matt Hallenbeck, who has been on vacation with his family during Spring break. Instead I wound up at the ER this morning with a case of vertigo. Ronnie Wyatt graciously stepped into the gap at the last minute. After several tests and x-rays to rule out stuff, the ER folks pronounced the obvious, gave me some medication to take, and sent me home. I got progressively better as the day wore on. At this writing I have just a slight headache and a little discomfort with sudden movement of the head. I think I'll be back to normal by morning.
- Lyn's knee replacement surgery is scheduled for tomorrow morning at Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA. We are told to be there by 9:30 AM – not sure when the actual surgery begins. She will be in the hospital for a few days and then on to a residential rehab facility, also in Sayre, for a couple of weeks. We would appreciate your prayers.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly, NY** will continue their monthly second Saturday church-wide visitation program on May 14th. The following day, May 15th, they will continue their spring & summer once a month outdoor service and fellowship meal at Round Top Park in Sayre, PA. On May 21st they will have a Family Fun Night, which will include a fellowship meal and games. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** is hosting a Retirement & Going-Away come-and-go reception for Pastor Karl and Bonnie Novak on Sunday afternoon, May 15th from 3 to 6 PM. They will be moving to Mississippi. Mike McMahon, one of the men who has saved and disciplined under their ministry, has been selected by the church to take over as Pastor on June 1st. We will miss this sweet couple. Pastor Karl and Bonnie Gal have become good personal friends. May the Lord bless them in this next phase of their journey for the Lord!

- **Cornerstone, Endicott** will host a Youth Expo on Saturday, May 7th from Noon 'til 3 PM. I'll be doing a short seminar with them this coming Friday evening on pastoral compensation entitled "Render Unto Caesar, Without Being Rendered." Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will hold a Young Adult Singles Night of Galactic Bowling from 10:30 PM to 1:30 AM on May 6th. On Sunday evening, May 15th they will have a Ladies' "Get Ready for Sandals Mani/Pedi Night" from 4-6pm. A Parents & Little Stars Playdate is scheduled for May 18th from 11:15 AM until 1:00 PM. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pasor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Thurs – BD Kristen Hallenbeck (PW @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- Thurs – BD Milt Kornegay (Pastor @ Central, Syracuse)
- Sat – Pastoral Compensation Seminar @ Cornerstone, Endicott

➡ **May Church Ministry Anniversaries**

- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since May 1996
- Rickey Fuller – Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon since May 2002
- Dan Schallmo – Pastor @ Summit, Cazenovia since May 2005
- Ken Fallon – Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne since May 2005
- Andy Smith – Associate Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland since May 2009
- Phil Wright – Pastor @ Canastota BC since May 2014

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Oklahoma] CARLOS and AURORA AGUILAR serve with First Baptist Church of Poteau, Oklahoma, and the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, where they start churches among Hispanics in southeast Oklahoma. The Aguilers share the gospel with Hispanic immigrants who come to a four-county area of Oklahoma to work in chicken processing plants and rock quarries. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help the Aguilers lead Hispanics to faith in Jesus and start new churches. Please pray that God will touch the hearts of the immigrants coming to southeast Oklahoma so they can have an encounter with Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- [East Asia] BRIDGET PENNELL* is known by her teammates as the "party person." She often uses entertaining in her home to open doors to conversations about the gospel and to build relationships. Parties are especially appealing to the university students in her city who want to get to know an American and also practice their English. Bridget, who serves in East Asia thanks to the Cooperative

Program, also teaches classes in life skills and provides counseling services through a training center in the city. She is grateful to Southern Baptists for the chance to spread the gospel in East Asia.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- When a guy's printer type began to grow faint, he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told him he might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job himself. Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?" "Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."