

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Today is Mother's Day! To all mothers who are reading this, God bless you! I'm reflecting on my own mother today and wishing I could give her a big hug. She went to be with the Lord in 1991. If your mother is still living, and you haven't already, call her and tell her how much you love her.
- Most of you know that Lyn had knee replacement surgery on Monday past. On Thursday she was transferred to Sayre Health Care Center for more intensive physical therapy. She will be there for about 10 days we think. She is making progress in the length of time she can tolerate the walker and the degree of flex in the knee. More work this week. Some have asked where to send cards. Cards may be sent to Lyn Hart % Sayre Health Care Center, 151 Keefer Lane, Sayre, PA 18840. If you would like to offer a word of encouragement via phone, you may call her cell phone @ 607-372-7957.
- I was privileged to meet with the Pastor and deacons at one of our CNYBA churches on Friday evening regarding pastoral compensation. I'm sure other churches could give their pastor a raise without costing the church anything – by paying him less in the taxed categories and more in the non-taxed categories, allowing the pastor to keep more of what the church is already paying him. I'd be happy to talk to any of our pastors and/or church leadership about this subject.
- I worshiped today with the good folks at our home church, **Living Water, Owego**, this morning. I wanted to be close by so I could get back over to the Rehab Center to be with Lyn this afternoon. I also needed to do some research in preparation for some training I'll be doing with our tellers in my role as Chairman of the Finance Committee. The handling of church finances with a view toward accountability and security is another subject I have taught in several of our churches and would be happy to share with others. We should be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Inlet CC** heard the testimony of Justin Murdoch during the morning service today, followed by his baptism. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will host The Hoppers (Southern Gospel group) in concert on June 25th. On Saturday, May 25th, they will welcome Pastor Pierre from New Testament Mission in La Croix, Haiti at a pot-luck dinner to hear about

the needs and help them prepare for a work/ministry trip there. Sam Macri is Pastor.

- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will host a retirement/going-away reception for Pastor Karl and Bonnie Novak next Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 PM. Mike McMahon is Pastor Elect.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** will hold it's annual Women's Day of Encouragement on Saturday, May 21st. The featured speaker will be Galina Messmer, author of the Book "Galina's Hope". She will encourage ladies who have suffered loss and/or abuse and encourage others in how to be help. 10am-1pm. Lunch provided. For more information contact Pastor Bill Lower at wlower@aol.com or (607) 227-4646.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk
- Fri (13) – BD Pedro Abreu (Pastor @ Transformation, Syracuse)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [South Asia] DENNIS and LOIS HARTNETT* work for the Leadership, Equipping and Development (LEAD) team, providing Bible training to church leaders. Because leaders may be unable to receive Bible training due to travel costs, the Hartnetts go to them. They may be on the road for a few days or a month. They model their teaching on 2 Timothy 2:2, HCSB: “And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” They want those they teach to teach others. Your giving through the Cooperative Program helps train church leaders in South Asia.
- [Connecticut] JOSHUA SMITH is the worship and arts pastor for a church plant in Connecticut. There is a spiritual darkness there. Mediums, psychics and healers are often the ones New Englanders turn to in their search for spiritual insight. Unfortunately, Christianity and the church are rarely considered as sources for guidance. Many consider Christianity a dying movement that doesn't relate to their everyday needs, much less their eternal needs. But with your help through the Cooperative Program, people in Connecticut are coming to Christ. Joshua asks Christians to pray for God to continue to provide resources and safety for him and his family as they serve there.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Did you hear about the doctor who wrote out a prescription in the usual doctor's fashion? The patient used it for two years as a railroad pass. Twice it got him into Radio City Music Hall, and once into Yankee Stadium. It came in handy as a letter from his employer to the cashier to increase his salary. And to top it off, his daughter played it on the piano and won a scholarship to the Curtis Music Conservatory.