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ANNOUNCING A CERTIFICATE ON SPIRITUALITY AND AGING

The be.group and the New Theological Seminary of the West are partnering with each other to offer a "Certificate on Spirituality and Aging." This certificate will involve a "course of integration of faith and practice for those working with and caring for the older members of our community." The first opportunity for earning this certificate comes up next month—September, 2015.

The course of study that will earn the participants this certificate involves a half-day retreat and four half-day classes. The retreat is set for Saturday, September 12th. The classes will be held on the following second Saturdays: October 10 and November 14 of this year, plus January 9 and February 13 of next year. There will be no session in December to avoid a conflict with holiday activities.

Concerning this new program, your Editor has taken the following information from a pamphlet distributed by Doug Edwards, Director of Church Outreach, the be.group, when he served as the Keynote Speaker at the 2nd Annual Regional Older Adults Retreat held at Loch Leven in May of this year.

"Programs today targeting older adults too often rely upon outdated models, paradigms that do not reflect current cultural trends, or an incomplete understanding of the deeper issues faced by persons in the later stages of life. Today's research shows that what is often lacking in older adult programming is an emphasis on the spirituality of aging.

This certificate program will enable participants to gain an understanding of the essential role of spirituality and how spirituality enhances the efficacy of other health care and congregational services to and with older adults. This certificate program will focus on developing an awareness of spirituality in aging, allowing participants to engage the spirituality of the older adults whom they serve, as well as their own spirituality. This will be done in a manner that is wholistic and is sensitive to spiritual formation and human development."

Who should consider participating in this program of study leading to receiving a Certificate on Spirituality and Aging? We believe this is an excellent program for Pastors and leaders in congregations who are interested in increasing their knowledge of an effectiveness in ministering to and with older adults. With that in mind, we are pleased to inform Pastors that this program will, as least, partially satisfy Denominational Continuing Education requirements. It will also provide Continuing Education credits for those seeking hours for: BRN, BB, RCFE and NAB.

If this interests you, here's what you need to do to get more information about the Certificate on Spirituality and Aging.

Call this phone number: 626-765-9500.

Or, send an e-mail to: infor@ntswest.org.

Or, go to this website: www.ntswest.org.

Or, call Doug Edwards, whom many PSWR Disciples know, at this phone number: 626-755-7170.

The Older Adult Ministry Committee of the PSWR Region hopes that several Disciples' Pastors and Lay Leaders among our congregations will consider enrolling in this program to obtain a Certificate on Spirituality and Aging.

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS EVENT?

Do you know that the 6th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality is going to be held in Los Angeles from October 4th through October 7th? You know now. Registration for this event will be capped at 250 participants. At present people are coming to LA from all over the US, as well as from Canada, the United Kingdom, Ghana, Australia and Uganda. Registration is \$350. This is what's included in the registration fee.

Opening reception and program: "Reel Aging," presented by Robert K. Johnston and Catherine M. Barsottie of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena.

Monday night's presentation of "The Forgiving and the Forgetting," a new drama by Jade Angelica.

Tuesday evening gala dinner and entertainment.

Three days packed with lectures by plenary speakers, workshops, symposia and poster sessions from experts in the fields of Aging and Spirituality.

A Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

To get the latest information about this Conference and, more important, to register for it since time is drawing short to do so, contact Nancy Gordon, Director of the Center for Spirituality and Aging at Walnut Village in Anaheim. Nancy is the event organizer and the host. Many older adults in Disciples' congregations in the PSW Region had the privilege of meeting Nancy and hearing her speak when she was the Keynote speaker for our first Older Adult Retreat held in May, 2014 at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. Here's Nancy's contact information. Phone: 714-507-370. E-mail: ngordon@frontporch.net. Your contact of Nancy through one, or the other of these avenues, will get you all the information you need to register for the 6th Annual Conference on Ageing and Spirituality, coming to Los Angeles in early October.

CALLING ALL SENIOR GOLFERS IN THE PSW REGION

The Registration Brochure for the 2015 Don Shelton Memorial Golf Classic was mailed to pastors and congregations in the PSW Region, as well as to individual golfers from prior years, on July 7th. If you didn't get a brochure at your home, be sure to speak to your Pastor to see if he/she has a brochure you can use to register to play in this golf tournament. It will take place on Monday, September 21 at the San Dimas Canyon Golf Course in San Dimas. Check in will begin at 9 A.M. The tournament will begin at 11 A.M. with a shot-gun start.

Registration fees will again be \$185 per golfer. Though if you are a first-time participant in this event, the registration fee is just \$100. During the tournament you will participate in these on-course contests: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and Straightest Drive. Before the tournament you may participate in the Putting Contest. All of this is included in your registration fee, along with both lunch and dinner.

The proceeds from this golf tournament benefit six important ministries in the PSW Region. They are: All Peoples Community Center, the DOC Students Program at Chapman University, Disciples Seminary Foundation, Eastmont Community Center, Project IMPACT, and the Camp and Conference Scholarship Program.

If you would like more information about this year's event, contact Ed Linberg, Chairman, at: emlinberg@earthlink.net. Or, call him at: 909-392-6688. If you are a non-golfer be sure to ask at your church about purchasing tickets for the Opportunity Drawing and the Shelton Scholarship Fund Drawing. Buying tickets for these drawings is a great way for non-golfers to support the Annual Golf Tournament!

FEATURED HYMN "ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL"

THIS IS A HYMN FOR
ALL SEASONS.

"ALL THINGS BRIGHT
AND BEAUTIFUL, ALL
CREATURES GREAT
AND SMALL. ALL
THINGS WISE AND
WONDERFUL, THE
LORD GOD MADE
THEM ALL.

EACH LITTLE FLOWER
THAT OPENS, EACH
LITTLE BIRD THAT
SINGS, GOD MADE
THEIR GLOWING
COLORS, AND MADE
THEIR TINY WINGS.

THE PURPLE HEADED
MOUNTAIN, THE RIVER
RUNNING BY, THE
SUNSET, AND THE
MORNING THAT
BRIGHTENS UP THE
SKY.

THE COLD WIND IN
THE WINTER, THE
PLEASANT SUMMER
SUN, THE RIPE FRUITS
IN THE GARDEN, GOD
MADE THEM EVERY
ONE.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT
AND BEAUTIFUL, ALL
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CHALICE HYMNAL,
NO. 61; THE WORDS
WERE WRITTEN IN
1848 BY CECIL F.
ALEXANDER. THE
HYMN TUNE IS A 17TH
CENTURY ENGLISH
MELODY.