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## It's Dues Time . . .

If you haven't already paid your dues it's that time again. Annual dues and where to mail them are listed on page 3 of this newsletter. In addition, you will find quarterly report forms. It is time for the fourth quarter of 2007. If you haven't filed your quarterly report then you are urged to do so as soon as possible.

Quarterly reports are due of all Ministers, Teachers, Churches, Study Groups and other ministries. It does not matter if you have activity or not. The purpose is to keep you listed as a Minister, Church or other of the groups named above.

Let's start the new year right by bringing order to our organization..

**Order**--The divine idea of order is the idea of adjustment, and as this is established in man's thought, his mind and affairs will be at one with the universal harmony.

The Revealing Word—Charles Fillmore

Thanks to **Rev. Teny Rule Fisher** and her husband **Charles** who very generously donated our membership dues to the INTA for 2008.

Thanks to these folks we will be listed in the Spring issue of INTA Magazine and we will run our first ad in the Summer issue of INTA Magazine for both the Conference and the College.



## Back to the Hardcopy . . .

It has been suggested by some Board members that the Newsletter is best read, and received, when sent by mail. In this vein **we** have decided to return to sending out the newsletter by regular mail. However, it will still be available online for your convenience and for archive purposes.

## From Fillmore Theological College . . .

I am pleased to announce that Barbara Ryon Hill has agreed to serve on the Board of Fillmore Theological College (FTC). She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to FTC that will help us frame and build our vision for the future

Rev. Barbara Ryon Hill is an ordained Unity minister who is founding minister of The North Shore Gathering in Sheboygan, Wisconsin ([www.northshoregathering.com](http://www.northshoregathering.com)). She is a graduate of The University of Southern California with a PhD in Communication and served as a university professor, corporate executive, and organizational consultant prior to entering ministry. She continues her consulting practice working with churches who are experiencing conflict and working on planning, team building, and decision making.

Barbara is excited about joining the College Board as she sees Fillmore Theological College as a wonderful outreach that will bring more and more people to the study of Truth Principles. Her hope over time is to add an annual face-to-face component to the college in order to build community and deepen the learning experience.

Rev. Donald Hudson, Chancellor—Fillmore Theological College

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*"We fairly sizzle with zeal and enthusiasm to do the work that is ours to do."*  
Charles and Myrtle Fillmore

## Advertising in Logos

**Christianity, Practical**--The teachings of Jesus practically applied to the everyday life of man. Practical Christianity is not a term applied to an arbitrary theory of human origin; neither is it a revelation to humanity from some prophet whose word alone must be taken unquestionably as authority. It is, in this respect, different from most religious systems of the world. Its students are not asked to believe anything that they cannot logically demonstrate to be true. Thus, it is the only system of religion before the people today that, because of its universal appeal to the pure reason in man, can be accepted and applied by every nation under the sun.

**Christianity**--The science of eternal life. It is governed by scientific principles of mind action, which are really the foundation of all the various sciences.

**Church of Christ**--Spiritual consciousness, first individual, then collective. In the general usage the word church applies to persons who have been "born anew" (John 3:3) through the quickening power of the word, gathered together in one body, their union being typified by the human body.

Jesus never organized a church on earth; neither did He authorize anyone else to do so. He said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). He did not tell Peter that he was to be the head of the church, with a line of popes to follow. He said, "I will build my church" (ecclesia, assembly, or called-out ones). Jesus is still the head of His "assembly," and its only organization is in Spirit. He gave but one guide, one source from which His followers should receive their inspiration: "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you" (John 14:26).

Many of our members have expressed a desire to make known their goods and services to our membership.

It is the policy of the Conference on Practical Christianity that we do not expose our member mailing list or other confidential information to organizations who would begin to become bothersome to our members. However, we do recognize that there are instances where a member might be interested in what another has to offer in the way of goods and services. This being said, we have decided to accept advertising in our newsletter.

The terms: all ads will be a minimum of 1/4 page in size. The overall page size will be represented as the normal printed area of this newsletter.

The rates will be monthly and will be based on the following schedule:

1/4 Page	\$40.00
1/2 Page	\$60.00
Full Page	\$125.00

All advertising rates are based on computer ready jpg files.

Ads having to be created by the Logos staff will be done at an extra charge of \$45.00 per hour with a one hour minimum.

Email [drcharlie@fillmoresunity.com](mailto:drcharlie@fillmoresunity.com) for advertising agreement.



## News from Fillmore Theological College

by Rev. Donald Hudson

Rev. Dr. Don Hudson, Chancellor of Fillmore Theological College has appointed Rev. Nancy Smith as Treasurer for the institution. Rev. Smith will replace Robert Kent presently Treasurer of the Conference on Practical Christianity as Treasurer for the College.

Rev. Smith will install a system of accounting that will allow for instant reporting on any topic with the business activities of the College. This will afford a totally open bookkeeping system from which any member can access records keeping information.

Rev. Nancy brings with her a background of business accounting for membership and customer based activities including billing, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

We look forward to having a professional, accurate and ethical system of accounting under Rev. Smith.

It's amazing that when the world pushes us to our knees we are in perfect position to pray.

**Professional Member Quarterly Report  
2007**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Board President: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Board President: \_\_\_\_\_

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General Membership                      \$60.00

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**From our members . . .**

Contributed by Rev. Phillip Fischer

God wants to be thought of  
as our Lover  
I must see myself as bound in love  
as if everything that has been done  
has been done for me.  
There is to say, the Love of God  
makes such a unity in us  
that when we see this unity  
no one is able to separate oneself  
from another.

Julian of Norwich

**Why we love Children**

Contributed By Rev. Marty Copelin



An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting in to mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

**An Understanding of Angels . . .**

From Children

Contributed by Rev. Nancy Smith

I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold. Gregory, 5

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. Henry, 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. Jack, 6

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. Antonio, 9

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. Unknown

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the kid get over it. Vicki, 8



## Accounting . . .

By request of the President of the Conference on Practical Christianity a new accounting process has been proposed. You have each received a Proposal via email that you are requested to comment on at your earliest convenience.

The intent of the Proposal is to make available, to the membership, fiscal accountability in reporting where our funding is coming from and where exactly are we spending our money.

While this reporting is meant for the membership for the purpose of integrity, it is also and more importantly for God as a demonstration of our stewardship with regard to our supply and our dominion of what we have been provided.

This spiritual application of good business practices is one of the most effective ways for us to grow and to have increase.

We exist for the expression and demonstration of God in and about our lives so that others may see the successful application of Practical Christianity as the path to a thriving experience in this world, the perfect learning space provided by God.

The usual attitude applies here in that every word of this newsletter is open to your comment.

## Headquarters . . .

It is time for a review of the work of the President of the Conference on Practical Christianity, Rev. Charles Smith.

Any organization is only as good as the leadership and the leadership is only as good as the help he or she receives from the total membership.

You are invited to email me:

[drcharlie@fillmoresunity.com](mailto:drcharlie@fillmoresunity.com)

Tell me your likes and dislikes and what I can do for you to make your organization provide those things you require to help in ways you expected from the Conference.

I am personally excited about 2008 and the infinite possibilities God has made available for our growth, our prosperity and the wonderful opportunities to serve.

I await your replies.

Thank you ,

Charlie

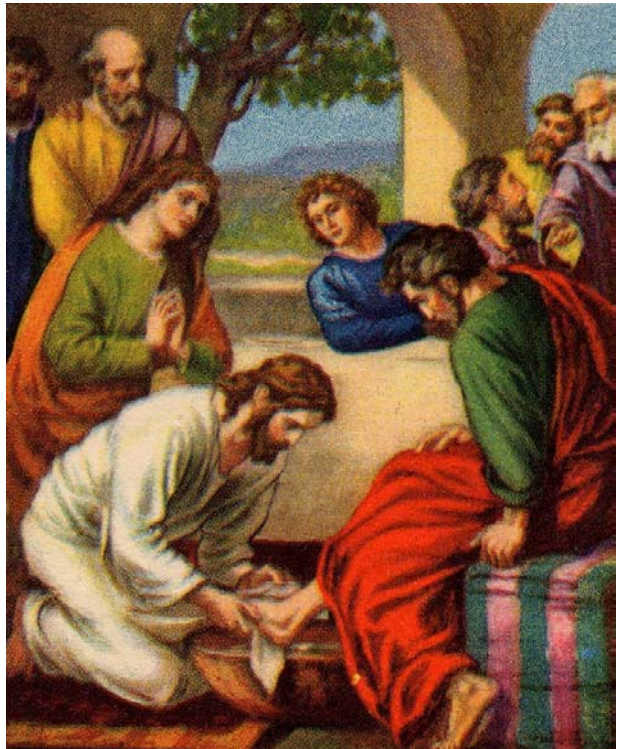
## What you can do . . .

The essence and consciousness of any organization has directly to do with the involvement of it's members. The Conference on Practical Christianity is no different. Your input in ideas, desires, teaching, articles and attendance at the online Board meetings and Round Tables is necessary so that your consciousness may be inserted into the equation that defines our organization.

While I would like to think that my articles, thoughts, ideas and philosophy are widely received by all members, I am operating from the reality that your input is very important to our growth and purpose.

Tell me what is going on at your church, some good thing that is happening in your community, the birth of a members new baby. These things are about the celebration and joy of this wonderful life God has given us.

I look forward to hearing from you. Rev. Charlie



***“Love one another As I have loved you . . .”***

"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." Jesus—John 13:13-15

## Financials—Year End—2007

DESCRIPTION	PREV Recpts	PREV DISB	Recpts & CREDITS DEC	DISB DEC	RECPTS 2007 TO-DATE	DISB 2007 TO-DATE
Beginning Balances	\$ 828.44				\$ 828.44	
Dues, Tithes and Fees and Credits	\$10,522.94		\$1,484.35		12,007.29	
Office rent, utilities, equip- ment, supplies, and postal charges		\$7,023.99		596.82		\$ 7,620.81
Professional services and fees		3,069.28		....158.00		3,227.28
Other						
Petty cash, College Transfer		950.00				950.00
Totals	\$11,351.38	\$11,043.27	\$1,484.35	\$ 754.82	\$12,835.73	\$11,798.09
Ending Balances		\$ 308.11				\$ 1,037.64

1. The Conference fiscal year is January through December.
2. The beginning and ending balances on the report agree with those of the bank statements.
3. Balances do not include any residual funds yet to be transferred from the PayPal account.
4. For the sake of efficiency and economy, the reports of fiscal activity have been condensed and simplified.
- 5 There is no longer a balance of funds restricted for the filing of IRS 501 (c) 3 tax exempt status. \$250.00 was expended for a draft of the Conference by laws, \$500.00 was transferred to Fillmore College at the donor's request, and the remainder was released from restriction at the donors' request or implied permission.

**January Financials were not available at time of publication.  
January Financials will be published in the March Newsletter along with February**

### Worth Contemplation:

- Life does not work through indecision. Indecision promotes blocks, confusion and stress. Make a decision and allow life to find movement through you. Trust yourself.
- Your mind does now know the difference between what you do want or what you don't want, it only knows what you focus on. Many people focus on what they don't have, what they are incapable of doing and their sicknesses.
- Consciousness is not contained in your body- you are the consciousness that contains the body. Consciousness draws to itself form through which to express

## The Wheat and Tares

One day Jesus went down to the sea and sat by the shore to address the people. He spoke in parables spiritual lessons with a message and a moral.

In one of his stories, he likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a good man who sowed good seed in his fields. But after the work was done and he and his laborers slept, his enemy came in the night and planted tares among the wheat, the seeds of Darnel which is a rye grass weed that produces poisonous fruit. When the shoots of grain sprung forth and grew the servants noticed the weeds among the wheat. They approached their master asking why there were weeds in the fields and if he had planted only good seed in the ground.

The master replied that he had planted only good seed but that an enemy had polluted the field with the noxious weeds. Knowing that the yield of the crop would be greatly diminished or ruined if the tares were allowed to remain the servants asked if they should go out and gather them up. The servants were told to leave them, for if they tried to gather the weeds before the wheat was ripe the good plants could be uprooted with the bad.

The master instructed them to let both the tares and the wheat grow together until the time of the harvest. Then the reapers would gather the weeds, tie them in bundles, and take them to be burned. Then the wheat would be harvested and stored safely in his barns.

### THE ALLEGORY EXPLAINED

After the crowds were sent away and had gone, the disciples of Jesus asked Him to explain this allegory. Jesus said, "He that sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the Kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that sowed them is the Evil One, the harvest is the end of the Age, and the reapers are the angels.

"As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so it shall be at the end of the Age. The Son of Man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend and them that are lawless and practice injustice. They shall be cast into a furnace of fire and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun, in the Kingdom of their Father."

Let those who have eyes to see let them see and those with ears to hear let them hear.

Paraphrased and rendered in contemporary language from (Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43)



Contributed by  
Little Wolf

## SAND and STONE

TWO FRIENDS WERE WALKING THROUGH THE DESERT. DURING SOME POINT OF THE JOURNEY, THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT; AND ONE FRIEND SLAPPED THE OTHER ONE IN THE FACE.

THE ONE WHO GOT SLAPPED WAS HURT, BUT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, WROTE IN THE SAND:

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE."

THEY KEPT ON WALKING, UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS, WHERE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE A BATH THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN SLAPPED GOT STUCK IN THE MIRE AND STARTED DROWNING, BUT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM.

AFTER HE RECOVERED FROM THE NEAR DROWNING, HE WROTE ON A STONE:

"TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE ".

THE FRIEND WHO HAD SLAPPED AND SAVED HIS BEST FRIEND ASKED HIM, "AFTER I HURT YOU, YOU WROTE IN THE SAND AND NOW, YOU WRITE ON A STONE, WHY?"

THE FRIEND REPLIED "WHEN SOMEONE HURTS US WE SHOULD WRITE IT DOWN IN SAND, WHERE WINDS OF FORGIVENESS CAN ERASE IT AWAY. BUT, WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING GOOD FOR US, WE MUST ENGRAVE IT IN STONE WHERE NO WIND CAN EVER ERASE IT."

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BLESSINGS IN STONE. THEY SAY IT TAKES A MINUTE TO FIND A SPECIAL PERSON, AN HOUR TO APPRECIATE THEM, A DAY TO LOVE THEM, BUT THEN AN ENTIRE LIFE TO FORGET THEM.

### STEP BY STEP

He does not lead me year by year  
Not even day by day.  
But step by step my faith unfolds;  
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's path I do not know,  
I only know this minute;  
But He will say, "This is the way,  
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so.  
Today's enough to bear;  
And when tomorrow comes,  
His grace shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?  
The God who gave His Son  
Holds all my moments in His hand  
And gives them, one by one.

--Barbara C. Ryberg