



WINTER NEWSLETTER

North Carolina Chaplains' Association

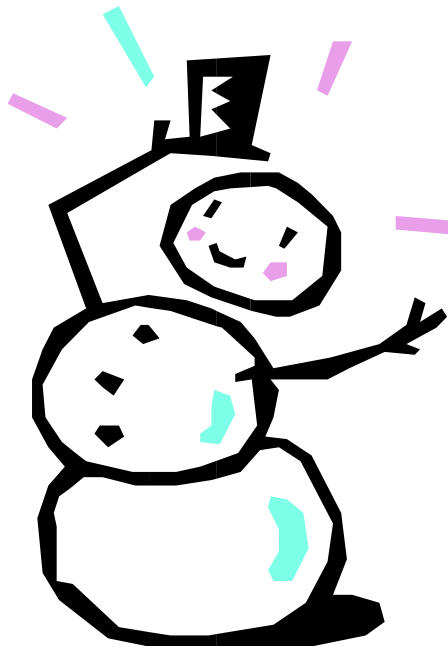
January 30, 2004

Lord, Look Who's Forty!

I chose the theme for this Newsletter to reflect the ice and snow that many of us have experienced across the state this last week. Don't let the wintry conditions keep you from registering for NCCA's Spring Meeting! Our meeting is earlier this year, so make note of the deadline for reservations with the Hilton North Raleigh. Make them this week, if you can, so you don't forget.

There are several places in this issue that encourage you to be part of the celebration of NCCA's 40th anniversary. I do hope you will all plan to join us in Raleigh, March 24-26. Come to a pre-conference workshop and spend Wednesday evening with friends as we begin to reflect on the history of our professional organization. Some of you may have pieces of that history tucked away at home. Bring what you can find to share with others who haven't experienced as many of the last forty years together.

Finally, I'd like to thank John Edgerton for hosting our meeting this year. Without Wake Med's substantial gift we probably wouldn't have been able to secure Walter and June Wink, who aim to bring us a memorable conference. We have scheduled extra time for their sessions because you will not want to miss them. Celebrate!



If you don't come to Raleigh March 24-26, my head may roll!

It's Time To Celebrate!!!

North Carolina Chaplains Association is having a birthday! The Spring Conference will be filled with festivities in honor of the organization's 40-year anniversary. Commercial breaks throughout the conference will show off talented actors within the organization and inform us what the NCCA was like in the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. We are asking conference attendees to participate in the "Wall of Memories" and help complete the organization's time line. Both will be displayed at the banquet. If you are a Past-President, Chaplain-of-the-Year or Chaplain Emeritus, please bring your plaque for display. We would also love any other memorabilia that could be displayed for all to see. If you have old photos of NCCA events, please pull them out, shake off the cobwebs and bring them to the conference. You may even be the winner of something to take home.

If you are not able to attend the entire conference, please make a special effort to come to the banquet! See the conference registration form for information. There will be a jazz band, decade skits, historical time line, special anniversary dessert, the Chaplain-of-the-Year awarded, and fellowship with friends and fellow chaplains. Hope to see you there! Remember to register soon. There are a limited number of rooms available and you don't want to miss this celebration. *Shay*

Special points of interest:

- Register early!
- Note cutoff date for Hotel reservation is February 23, 2004
- Accommodation reservations at www.northraleigh.hilton.com using 3 digit group code NCC
- Remember to bring memorabilia!
- Check website for Nominating Committee Report closer to meeting date
- ATTEND this conference! We need you to help us celebrate!!!
- Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

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Invitation to Hear Dr. Walter Wink

Why take the time to hear Dr. Walter Wink speak? There are several reasons that come to mind. One is he is a prolific writer. He has written over a dozen books, and his book, Engaging The Powers has won the three Religious Book of the Year Awards. He has always been fresh, cutting edge, and offers new perspectives on faith, life and ministry. He is not only a writer, he's worth reading.

One of his first books was The Bible in Human Transformation: Towards A New Paradigm for Biblical Study, and he has added an addition to that, Transforming Bible Study: A Leader's Guide. He has recently written books such as Homosexuality and Christian Faith, and other books include Unmasking the Powers and Naming the Powers, which along with Engaging the Powers form his "Powers" trilogy of books. He was selected the Peace Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC in 1989.

Walter is not only a world-renowned writer; he and his wife June have been holding workshops together for many years. They traveled to South Africa in 1986 and out of that trip a book emerged entitled Violence and Non-Violence in South Africa. He and June both teach at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City, and they are a couple who try to live a "simple" life, but their "simple" life is sometimes a time-consuming lifestyle in the Berkshire Mountains of western Massachusetts. They grow their own vegetables, fruits and berries and freeze them for the winter months. Their home is also the location of June's pottery studio, Wild Thyme Pottery.

Walter and June have been creative in their lives as they approach many of the issues that we struggle with in our culture. There is not a more important issue that Dr. Wink could write on than the issue of power and understanding of how God's order of things is very different than the order of things from the perspective of domination systems. So, one of the reasons I would come hear Dr. Wink is because of his long history of working for peace, of understanding power, and of his work in the biblical interpretation arena.

Secondly, when I talked to Dr. Wink this summer he very much wanted to set up this conference in the way that would speak to Chaplains, which is to say, Dr. Wink wants to connect with us. He wants to bring to us what would be relevant to our profession but would also be fresh and new. Therefore, he has chosen as his overall theme "Jesus' Way of Healing," and he will review Jesus' way of praying, he will center on the "Healing of the Paralytic" and he will also look at the whole perspective of worldviews in relation to healing. I know this is a topic that relates to many of us who function as a Chaplain in a hospital. There are not any of us who do not encounter people on a daily basis dealing with the issue of healing and what healing is really all about. Some of our patients and patients' family members push us to practice forms of magical healing that most of us are uncomfortable with, and I'm sure Walter will bring some fresh new perspectives to the whole arena of the healing process.

I am excited that Walter and his wife, June, will be joining us in Raleigh March 25-26, 2004. I cannot think of another person who would bring to us more energetic and fresh perspectives than Walter will, and I hope that you can consider joining us for this conference as a way to revitalize yourself and your perspectives on ministry. *John*



Walter and June Wink take a break from teaching to share a few moments on the ice in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts.

We're changing to CCE's

"Intercession breathes the air of a time yet to be into the suffocating atmosphere of present reality."

Walter Wink

In response to APC's recent change to its annual education requirements for members, the Executive Committee has explored and adopted the practice of offering CCE's (Continuing Chaplaincy Education) now granted through the Association of Professional Chaplains. This involves no additional cost to you and will help meet your education requirement each year. Attending NCCA Spring and Fall education sessions will help you meet your annual allotment of approved hours. Certificates will be available at this year's meeting. *Jackie*

At the time of printing this information is not complete. Look for additional info on the website soon.

40TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING
DUES PAYMENT and
SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION
North Carolina Chaplains' Association

_____ Check if any information is new or changed

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Address: (___ Home; ___ Office): _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Institution/Church: _____
 Email Address: _____

NCCA Annual Dues Payment (Now due for 2004-2005)

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| Member | \$30 | |
| Associate | \$15 | |
| Total: | | \$ _____ |

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

March 25-26, 2004

Hilton North Raleigh, Raleigh, NC

Featured Guests: Walter and June Wink

Meeting Registration Fees:

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| Member / Associate Member | \$85 | \$ _____ |
| CPE Student | \$40 | \$ _____ |
| Non-Member | \$95 | \$ _____ |
| Add Late Fee (if after March 12) | \$15 | \$ _____ |
| Non-Registered Guest at Thursday banquet | \$30 | \$ _____ |

Total: _____ \$ _____

NOTE: No refunds can be granted after March 12 Registration Deadline

Grand Total for Dues and Meeting Registration \$ _____

RETURN THIS FORM, along with your check payable to NC Chaplains' Association, to:
 Chaplain Melanie Childers
 Watauga Medical Center
 PO Box 2600
 Boone, NC 28607

NCCA offers .6 CCE (continuing chaplaincy education) units for this meeting, granted through APC. This involves no additional cost to you. Certificates available at the meeting.

Hotel Accommodations

Make room reservations directly with Hilton North Raleigh by **February 23** to get discounted rate
 (800)HILTONS or www.northraleigh.hilton.com
 (Ask for "NC Chaplains" or use three-digit code "NCC" when making reservation)
 Group rate: \$85 double room



First Notice First Notice First Notice

Dear NCCA Member:

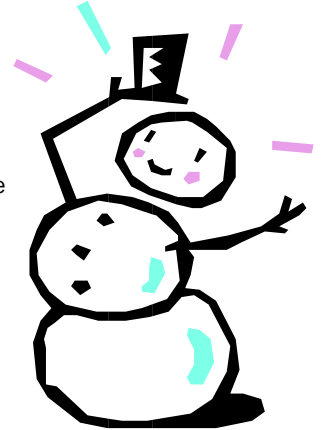
This letter will serve as your notice that 2004-2005 annual membership dues for the North Carolina Chaplains' Association are now due. These dues are payable each spring for the upcoming year.

Dues are set at \$30 for full members and \$15 for associate members. You are welcome to make these payments at the same time you pay your registration fee for the Spring Meeting. Even if you will not be able to attend the Spring Meeting, the meeting registration form doubles as a membership renewal form. Please forward your dues with the form to Chaplain Melanie Childers, Watauga Medical Center, PO Box 2600, Boone, NC 28607.

Thank you for your support of and involvement in the North Carolina Chaplains' Association.

Sincerely,

Melanie Childers



Timely payment of dues continues to help your Executive Committee plan future meetings.

Let's Support one of our own *and* our troops in Iraq!

Life can change quickly. We witness that every day as chaplains. A year ago, Robert Ford was the chaplain at Frye Regional Hospital in Hickory. He was host for our 2003 Spring Meeting. He was also waiting to be called to active service by the Army Reserves.

Today Robert serves as the chaplain at Ray Barracks Post in Friedberg, Germany where he has been stationed since mid-summer. Robert describes his work this way, "My mission is directed toward the soldiers who are going down range and to those who are coming back. I provide chaplain coverage to all the families who are over here. We rotate the Staff Duty Chaplain position, which is 24/7 for a week at a time. We are called into all emergencies going on in the Army community."

When asked how we might support our troops in Iraq, Robert suggested sending items such as games and decks of cards. The troops get very bored with the little free time they have. Barry Morris, chaplain at Randolph Hospital, and Elizabeth Hyland, chaplain at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, organized their hospitals and sent goody boxes to Robert in December. He forwarded the items to Iraq via planes leaving from Friedberg.

The NCCA Executive Committee invites you to participate in supporting Robert and our troops in Iraq. Since there is nothing like talking to loved ones, we will collect phone cards at our spring meeting. Please make sure the phone card can be used for international calls.

The project will be even more successful if you collect phone cards at your hospital. It's easy to do! At Lake Norman Regional we are running "Project Heart to Heart" through early February. Cards and donations are collected outside the cafeteria during lunch. Each card will be put into an envelope with a Valentine decorated by an elementary school child. The cards won't arrive in Iraq on February 14th, but troops will know someone cares whenever they open these very special love notes!

If you won't be at our March meeting, you can still participate by sending a card (s) to Elizabeth Hyland, Lake Norman Regional Medical Center, Box 3250, Mooresville, NC 28117. For more information: ehyland@ctc.net.

Please keep Robert, his family and all of our dedicated service men and women in your prayers. He would love to hear from you with an e-mail at Robert.Loran.Ford@us.army.mil.

Elizabeth



Chaplain Robert Ford will ensure your phone cards reach our troops in Iraq.

North Carolina Chaplains' Association

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**DON'T FORGET TO BRING ANY NCCA
MEMORABILIA TO THE CONFERENCE!
WE WANT TO DISPLAY THE MEMORIES!
HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY!!!**

www.ncchaplains.org

2004 Annual Meeting Agenda

Hilton North Raleigh
3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh 27609
919-872-2323

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

Pre-Conference Workshops 7:30–8:30 pm

Thursday, March 25, 2004

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| 8:15–8:30 am | Greetings from Wake Medical Center |
| 8:30–10:30 | Lecture I "Jesus' Way of Praying" |
| 10:30–11:00 | Break |
| 11:00–11:15 | NCCA Commercial Break |
| 11:15–12:00 | Business Session I |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch on your own |
| 1:30–1:45 | NCCA Commercial Break II |
| 1:45–3:45 | Lecture II "The Healing of the Paralytic" |
| 3:45–6:00 | Free Time |
| 6:00 pm | Banquet |

Friday, March 26, 2004

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| 8:30–10:30 am | Lecture III |
| 10:30–11:00 | Break |
| 11:00–11:15 | Commercial Break IV |
| 11:15–11:45 | Business Session II |
| 11:45–12:00 pm | Closing and Evaluations |



Don't miss this meeting! You may even skate away with one of several prizes to be given away during the conference. Besides, we really want to see all of you!