

Committed Caring Faith Communities

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Building a community of spiritual healing by empowering and supporting faith organizations in their service to people suffering from substance abuse and other addictions through prevention, awareness, education, and training.

What Are They Doing Now? 2002 & 2003 Academy Graduates Give Update

Captives Set Free, Delivered to Make a Difference, and *CHORE* (Christians Helping Other Respond Effectively) are the names of some of the substance abuse ministries established by Addiction Academy graduates, according to a recent survey of the 92 graduates of the 2002 & 2003 classes. Of those graduates, 24 or 26% completed and returned surveys. Twenty-three percent of respondents reported starting new substance abuse ministries upon completion of the Academy. All who started ministries were from the Class of 2003. Two of the 2002 graduates used information from the Academy to enhance their existing substance abuse ministries.

Aside from starting a ministry, graduates reported that they (1) are studying to become certified substance abuse counselors, (2) have conducted drug awareness activities at church, (3) have established or have become more involved in church outreach, (4) have distributed substance abuse literature, (5) have volunteered for CCFC, (6) have provided substance abuse education as part of their prison ministries, and (7) have written and directed a skit about substance abuse. 100% of respondents indicated that they would recommend the Academy training to others.

38 Graduate from Addictions Academy At Lincoln University



Addictions Academy Class of 2004

Faith community members who graduated from Committed Caring Faith Communities' (CCFC) 2004 Addictions Academy recently got a taste of life on a college campus in addition to a wealth of information about substance abuse and addiction. Participants converged at Lincoln University in Jefferson City May 24-28 from southeast, eastern, and western Missouri as well as southern Illinois and Richland, Virginia. This was the first time since its inception in 2002 that the Academy was offered on a statewide basis. It was previously offered in St. Louis on Thursday evenings during an 8 to 11 week period. The 2004 course was condensed into five full days based on a recommendation from the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse so that people from throughout the state could participate. As in previous years, the Academy received high marks from graduates. It was co-sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Plans are in the making for a May 2005 Academy at Lincoln University.

**Free Grant Writing
Workshop Scheduled
October 8-9, 2004**

Lynne Chambers, MSW, will be brought back to St. Louis by popular demand for her yearly grant writing class for faith and community-based organizations. The workshop will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 8 and continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 9.

There is no fee for the workshop, however, \$5 is required to register. The \$5 will be returned to participants once they arrive at the workshop. Participants who do not show up forfeit the \$5.

The workshop is filling up fast. Call (314) 951-1033 today for a registration form. Ms. Chambers is the founder and CEO of Chambers & Associates.

**July 23 Next Meeting of Faith
Community Substance Abuse
Resource Network**

Time is running out to make reservations to attend the July 23 meeting of the Missouri Faith Community Substance Abuse Resource Network in Columbia, Missouri. The Network is open to individuals from the faith community across the state of Missouri who are interested in faith-based substance abuse issues and programs.

Call (314) 951-1033 by July 16 to RSVP.

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**August 1 Deadline for Discounted Registration
for CCFC's Arkansas Conference**

Registration is now open for CCFC's eighth regional conference on substance abuse and related issues in North Little Rock, Arkansas September 7-9, 2004. The registration fee before August 1 is \$75. After August 1, the fee increases to \$100. Call (314) 951-1033 for a registration brochure.

Building the Community's Faith Toward Recovery is the theme of the conference that is co-sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center; and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock - MidSOUTH. The conference will be held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel.

Among the workshops to be conducted are Methamphetamine, Crack Cocaine, and Other Drugs; How to Get Freedom from Fear, Guilt, Worry, Resentment, Discouragement and Loneliness in Recovery; Making the Transition from Residential Treatment to Spiritual Aftercare; Faith Organizations Avoiding Victimization by People in Need of Substance Abuse Treatment; History of Spirituality and Healing; Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders; Obtaining a 501(c)3 Tax-Exempt Status; Drug Abuse from Various Faith Perspectives; Similarities and Differences in Prayer and Meditation Practices and Their Relevance in Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare; Setting Up a Faith-Based Substance Abuse Program; Dynamics of Faith Organizations Supporting 12-Step Programs; Legal Implications for Establishing a Treatment Agency; Resources – Treatment Options and Educational Opportunities; and Utilizing Interactive Activities to Start the Discussion in Addiction-Focused Trainings and Meetings. Day 3 of the conference is free and will consist of full-day concurrent workshops on grantsmanship, evaluation, and strategic planning.

The keynote speaker is The Rev. Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, senior pastor of Metropolitan Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Washington, D.C. In addition to his church's ministries for families and individuals caught in the affliction of addiction, Rev. Anthony serves as National Advisor to the Anti-Drug Program of the Congress of National Black Churches and special consultant to the National Crime Prevention Council and a member of its Advisory Council on Community Responses to Drug Abuse. In August 2001 he was cited by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment for contributions to local and national efforts to combat substance abuse.