



## *Hospitality in Your Congregation Greeting With Compassion*

Today, fear and distrust seem to be widespread in our land. Symbols of openness are disappearing from the North American scene as we barricade ourselves from strangers in an effort to protect ourselves and our possessions. We have come to view strangers more as potential enemies than as potential friends.

All our social institutions have been affected by the growth of fear in our society. Churches, once known as havens of refuge and houses of prayer, now lock the doors to the very persons to whom they claim to minister. By failing to come to know the stranger, we too often make that person an enemy rather than a friend.

As long as we let our Christian walk be governed by the fears that grip the rest of society, we will find ourselves unsettled by strangers and unable to make friendship the normal expectation when we encounter new people.

What? Hospitality Workshop

When? Saturday, April 26, 2008

What Time? 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where? Des Moines Botanical Center  
909 Robert D Ray Dr, Des Moines

Who's Invited? All are invited.  
(Seating is limited to 80 persons)

How Much? No charge to participants.  
A freewill offering will be received to help defray the cost.

### **Pre-registration is required.**

You must RSVP to Linda Fisher, Lamoni Heartland Mission Center Office by Saturday, April 12. Call Linda at 641-784-3353 or email [lfisher@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:lfisher@cofchristlhmc.org).

## NEWS FROM THE LAMONI HEARTLAND MISSION CENTER April 6, 2008



On April 6, 1860, Joseph Smith III agreed to be the leader of those that were trying to reorganize the church. Eventually in 1881, he moved to the Lamoni area into a new house that was being built. This is what he said about this home. "Our beloved Liberty Hall well earned its reputation for freedom and good cheer, and its doors stood open for all who wished to enter and enjoy its hospitality, and to depart thence in kindness and love." Liberty Hall is now open again to welcome you. It has had some repair work done this winter and has a new area rug in the parlor from a generous donor. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. We invite you to come and enjoy the story of this home as well as seeing the wonderful antiques that are here. We hope to see you! Martha McKain



### *Lamoni Heartland Mission Center Conference Saturday, April 12 Des Moines Central Congregation*

- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Business  
Guest ministry -- Apostle Mary Jacks Dynes, Kris Judd  
Ordination of Lorrie Long to the office of Seventy  
(if approved by the conference)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch provided by the youth – Freewill offering
- 1:00 p.m. Business Session

#### **Conference Agenda Items:**

- Sharing of Reunion and camp information
- Share the Peace of Christ update
- Leadership update and discussion with Mary Jacks Dynes
- Missional Grant Report
- Missional Grant Awards
- Good News Reports from Congregations
- Update on the SIBE investment
- Resolutions:
  1. Replacement of computer equipment for Field Specialist
  2. Permission to explore and hire additional Field Specialists for the Mission Center
- Disciples Generous Response Reports:
  1. Mission Center Audit
  2. Guthrie Grove Audit
  3. Mission Tithes and Offerings