

## 2008 - 2009 Mission Study Topics

These mission study events are for laity and clergy, women and men who are concerned about the future, who care about the world, and who seek God's guidance through Scripture.

**I Believe in Jesus** – To believe in Jesus is to love as God loved and live as Christ lived, valuing all creation. To believe in Jesus is to live in the way of Christ, freeing the oppressed, healing the sick and wounded, clothing the naked, welcoming all. To believe in Jesus is to follow the sacred commandment to love as God loved. To believe in Jesus is to embrace the sacredness of life.



**Text:** *I Believe in Jesus* by Bishop Minerva Carcaño with Study Guide by Glory Dharmaraj (#M3027, \$7.00)



**Israel/Palestine** – While God has given humanity the gift of life and relationship, too often we have created barriers between people and lands. We have acted in ways that violate the sacredness of life and do not make for peace. As followers of Christ, as Christians in community, let us deepen our understanding of what it means to live in sacred harmony. Then, let us walk together in ways that lead to peace and reconciliation.

**Text:** *Israel and Palestine* by Stephen Goldstein with Study Guide by Sandra Olewine (#M3006, \$8.50)

### **Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival** –

Native American traditions teach us that creation includes all that comes from God, and all that comes from the heart and mind of God is sacred. Native traditions call on their people to value life as God values life. To be a created people is to be relationally connected to all people everywhere, as well as to all God has created.



**Text:** *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival* by Thom White Wolf Fassett with Study Guide by Brenda Connelly (#M3015, \$10.00)

### **Children's Study – Creator Sang a Welcoming Song: Native America for Children**

**Teacher's Guide:** *Creator Sang a Welcoming Song: Native America for Children* by Ray Buckley (#M3021, \$8.00)

### **Youth Study – Walk in These White Man Shoes: Youth Explore Native America**

**Text:** *Walking in These White Man Shoes: Youth Explore Native America* by Ray Buckley (#M3022, \$8.00)

**2008 Dean: Rev. Barbara Schreier ~ Ass't Dean: Pat Tebbetts**

## **Registration Information**

*To ensure class placement preferences, please register early!*

Copy registration pages as needed and send \$50.00 per person deposit

Checks payable to “**School of Christian Mission**”

**If registering after the deadline, please contact the Registrar for availability of space and, if available, add a \$10.00 late fee.**

**Full refund is provided only if requested prior to registration deadline.**

If you have not received a confirmation letter within two weeks of the event, please contact the Registrar.

**The School of Christian Mission Committee accepts credit card payments. Credit cards will only be accepted to pay the balance of your registration, and authorization forms will be sent with your confirmation letter. We hope that this will be of benefit to our participants. We accept MasterCard, Visa and American Express.**

We will accept credit cards for literature sales at all events.

## **Scholarship Information**

- ✚ Seek financial assistance from your local church or UMW unit.
- ✚ Conference UMW Officers: full scholarship, send no deposit.
- ✚ District UMW Officers: half scholarship, send \$50.00 deposit.
- ✚ UMW local unit members may request a \$30.00 deduction on your final bill. Please include your request along with your registration form.
- ✚ Additional scholarship funds may be available. Please include a statement of need signed by your pastor and indicate what amount you will pay and the amount your local church will pay. **Submit this statement to Lynn Bibeau, Business Manager, 12 Spring St., Camden, ME 04843 prior to the registration deadline.**

The School of Christian Missions welcomes donations to the Scholarship Fund and to the Operating Fund. Please send these donations to Lynn Bibeau at the above address.

**University of Maine, Farmington, ME  
July 18 – 20, 2008**

Set in picturesque western Maine, the UMF Campus is a great setting for study, refreshment and fun! Dormitory housing, great food and fabulous fellowship describe this event. Some classrooms are air-conditioned, and the evening programs are always lively!

**Registrar: Peg Swett 207-825-3898**

**RESIDENTS**

Adult Resident rate is for Registration  
(study books not included),  
2 nights lodging plus 6 meals.

Adult, single occupancy (suites) \$160.00  
Adult, double occupancy (couples) \$160.00

Youth/child rates include meals  
and lodging.

Youth (13-18), sharing w/adult\*\* \$120.00  
Child (5-12), sharing w/adult\*\* \$ 100.00  
Child (1-4), sharing w/adult\*\* \$ 70.00  
Child (under 1 year) No Charge

**COMMUTERS**

Adult commuter rates include Registration  
(study books not included),  
no meals\* or lodging.

Adult \$ 90.00

Youth/child rate is for Registration  
only, no meals\* or lodging.

Child/Youth (1-12) \$ 60.00  
Child (under 1 year) No Charge

\* Individual meal tickets may be purchased.

\*\* One adult attending with one or more children or youth must pay the single room rate for the adult, plus the rate for each child/youth.

**Childcare provided for ages 4 and under.**

Study books will not be mailed to participants and are not included in registration fees.

See "Registration Information" page

**Resident participants please bring your own linens and towels.**

Mail to Peg Swett, 942 River Road, Orrington, ME 04474

Registration Due By June 20, 2008

See Scholarship information at back.

# Camp Aldersgate, North Scituate, RI

September 18 - 20, 2008 Thursday dinner - Saturday afternoon

(First class will be Friday morning)

Set in rural Rhode Island, this event feels like going to camp! Enjoy the casual setting, explore woodland paths, and connect with nature by the lakeside or campfire. All this in addition to study and worship experiences! Housing includes doubles and quads, with upper bunks used only with permission. Space is available for Recreational Vehicles (electricity available). Nearby Bed & Breakfasts and Hotels are other housing options.

Registrar: Virginia Ahart 413-527-4828

## RESIDENTS (No single rooms)

Adult Resident rate is for

Registration (study books not included),

2 nights lodging plus 6 meals. **\$150.00**

## COMMUTERS

Adult commuter rates include

Registration (study books not

included), plus 4 meals **\$115.00**

Recreational Vehicle Rate is \$115.00 including 4 meals.

No programs are available for children or youth. No child care is provided.

Study books will not be mailed to participants and are not included in registration fees.

See "Registration Information" page.

Resident participants, please bring your own sheets, blankets, pillows and towels.

*Please register early as the School of Christian Mission Committee reserves the right to cancel this event if registration is less than 35 persons by August 21, 2008.*

**Mail to Virginia Ahart, 27 Fomer Road, Southampton, MA 01073**

*Registration due by August 21, 2008*

See School website for more information at [www.scm.org](http://www.scm.org)

## Gordon College, Wenham, MA

July 25 - 27, 2008

A lively multicultural mission education weekend including worship, study and fellowship. The campus amenities include new dorm housing, recreational facilities, beach and Internet access. Golf carts assist with accessibility around this lovely and mostly level campus. Classrooms are air-conditioned.

Registrar: Kim Gontarz 603-424-9534

### RESIDENTS

Adult Resident rate is for Registration  
(study books not included),  
2 nights lodging plus 6 meals.

Adult, single occupancy \$230.00

Adult, double occupancy \$185.00

Youth (13-18), sharing w/adult \$140.00

Child (5-12), sharing w/adult \$125.00

Child (1-4), sharing w/adult \$ 75.00

Child (under 1 year) No Charge

### COMMUTERS

Adult Commuter rate is for Registration  
(study books not included),  
plus 4 meals

Adult \$130.00

Youth (13-18) \$110.00

Children (1-12) \$ 85.00

**Nursery Class provided for ages 4 and under – must be requested with Registration.**

Study books will not be mailed to participants and are not included in registration fees.

See "Registration Information" page.

Resident participants please bring your own linens and towels.

**Mail to Kim Gontarz, 88 Back River Road, Merrimack, NH 03054**

**Registration Due By June 27, 2008**

**See Scholarship information at back.**

**This form must accompany registration.**  
*If this form is not on file, the Youth/Child will not be allowed to stay at School of Christian Mission.*

**Youth Covenant**  
**New England Conference - School of Christian Mission**

As a youth attending the School of Christian Mission, I take seriously my responsibility and affirm my commitment for the well being and safety of others and myself. I agree to remain on the site of the event unless I have been given permission to leave by the Dean of the School or the Coordinator of the Youth Program. I will attend all activities, sessions and meals. I will observe scheduled curfews by being in my room, being quiet and not disturbing others. I understand that anything considered illegal for minors (persons under 18) under civil and criminal law applies to this event or meeting as well. Therefore, I will not use tobacco, illegal substances, or alcohol, nor will I possess any firearms, weapons or fireworks, nor drive a vehicle unless I am a licensed driver. I will respect the equipment and property of others and care for the facility that we share. Any damage to the facility will be the sole responsibility of the person or persons who cause the damage and the parent or legal guardian of each person responsible. I understand that the dress code is the same as the dress code for any regular school and I will observe that code.

I understand that if I break the covenant, and if the brokenness cannot be reconciled, that my parent or legal guardian will be contacted and my participation in the event will be terminated.

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Youth's Signature

Date

**Parental Consent Form**

I give my permission for my **child/youth**, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the New England Conference School of Christian Mission, July 18-20, 2008 at the University of Maine, Farmington, ME; and/or July 25-27, 2008 at Gordon College, Wenham, MA. I am aware of the purpose of this event and understand the scope and nature of the programs and activities my daughter/son will participate in during the event. I have read the covenant that my daughter/son has signed and I understand the responsibilities she/he has agreed to. I will support her/him in fulfilling this event.

I designate \_\_\_\_\_ to be the on-site chaperone for my son/daughter during the aforementioned event.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**Liability and Medical Release Form [Youth and Children]**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Child/Youth Signature

Date

Please indicate here if your child/youth is being treated for any allergy or medical concerns:

# Registration Form

Check which school you wish to attend and return this form to the Registrar of that school.

University of Maine, Farmington, ME \_\_\_\_\_

Gordon College, Wenham, MA \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Aldersgate, North Scituate, RI \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print clearly.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults:** All adults participate in *I Believe in Jesus*. (Choose second study below)

*Israel/Palestine* \_\_\_\_\_ or *Giving our Hearts Away: Native American Survival* \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to purchase my study books on site. (Check one) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Resident (single) \_\_\_\_\_ Resident (double) \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

Roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency at School of Mission notify:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to have my name & address published on a class roster? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

Conference or District UMW Officer? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Class (age 12-18) Children's Class (age 5-12) [Farmington and Gordon only]

[Complete Consent & Liability Form] For age 12, indicate Y or C Class

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare (age 4 and under) [Farmington and Gordon only]


Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_


**Enclosed Non-refundable Deposit @ \$50.00 for each adult, child and youth registration**  
(except Conference UMW Officers)

SOCM  
Pat Tebbets  
1038 Ocean Avenue  
Portland, ME 04103


## Schools of Christian Mission 2008



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207-825-3898  
942 River Road,  
Orrington, ME 04474



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Aldersgate (Sept. 18-20)  
Registrar - Virginia Ahart  
(413) 527-4828  
27 Fomer Road  
Southampton, MA 01073

**Come enjoy yourself, renew old friendships, make new friends,  
learn what you can do to make a difference in the world today  
with God's guidance!**

### One-Day Events:

May 3, *Globalization* study, Vineyard Haven, MA  
May 10, *Music and Mission*, Merrimack, NH  
August 16, Korean School, Greenland, NH  
October 4, *I Believe in Jesus* and *Native American* studies, Acton, MA