

*Religion  
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Council*

*Dallas - Ft. Worth Chapter*

# *E-NEWSLETTER*

**October 2005**

## **October chapter meeting to feature Interfaith Housing Coalition of Dallas**

Join fellow communication professionals to hear a presentation by the **Interfaith Housing Coalition of Dallas (IHC)** at the October chapter meeting for the Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter of Religion Communicators Council on Thursday, October 27, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the UMR Communications Center, 2400 Lone Star Dr. Dallas.

Interfaith Housing Coalition provides transitional housing, training and support services for Dallas-area homeless families. Utilizing a comprehensive and accountable approach to address the root issues of homelessness, this ministry empowers program residents to obtain permanent employment, to become self-sufficient, and to rebuild their lives and families.

Because of their experience with homelessness and systems already in place, government agencies called on IHC to handle intake and coordination with churches for many evacuees, when the Hurricane Katrina disaster brought literally thousands of people needing to “start over” to the Dallas area. The staff, volunteers and board members stepped in to work with churches to find apartments, furniture, clothing, jobs, etc.

Representatives from IHC will share with us how they worked with various faith groups to accomplish this unexpected task as well as their program’s goals.

Meeting cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Reservations are needed. Call or e-mail Deb Christian, 214.630.6495 x147, [dchristian@umr.org](mailto:dchristian@umr.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24 to reserve your place.

Mark your calendar now and join us for a presentation on this timely topic and important interfaith group.



## **2006 National Convention planning continues**

The Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of RCC will welcome communicators from around the USA and from different faith groups to North Texas at the annual meeting set for March 30-April 1, 2006. The theme is “*Where Art Intersects Faith: Communicating Faith through the Arts*”. Events and lodging are set for the city of Grapevine.

We need help in many areas including those who are willing to chair planning teams/sub-committees such as registration, hospitality, exhibitors, resources area, workshops, sponsorships, promotion. Several members at the September meeting have already volunteered to work in various areas. Where can you fit in?

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