

October 2009

Making resources go further in hard times – topic for October chapter meeting

The Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of RCC will focus on a timely topic for the October chapter meeting. . **Colleen Townsley Brinkmann**, Chief Philanthropy Officer for the **North Texas Food Bank**, (NTFB) will present a program on how this non-profit hunger relief organization is **finding ways to meet the increased needs in these tough economic times**.

The lunch meeting will be Thursday, October 29 (**please note this is one week later than usual**) from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The NTFB will host us at their facility 4500 S. Cockrell Hill Rd, Dallas. Cost is \$15 and payable at the event. To show RCC's support for NTFB's mission to pursue a hunger-free community, the chapter will cover the lunch cost for the event and donate the \$15 each attendee pays to the NTFB. (Each dollar donated will furnish 4 meals.)

The organizations each of us represents are also struggling with how to accomplish their mission with limited resources as struggles continue for the American economy. Colleen is responsible for strategic development and implementation of the marketing, philanthropy, public relations efforts for NTFB. She also brings experience as Director of Communications for Leadership Network, the Greater Dallas Community of Churches and as a producer for "Faith Focus" on KXAS-TV.



A link to directions and a map to the NTFB follows:

http://www.ntfb.org/au_map.cfm

Email or call Deb Christian, dchristian@umr.org (214.630.6495 x147) to make reservations

Looking Ahead:

- November Meeting – Thursday, Nov. 19 Elaine Morris “Taking a national program into a local arena” – Christ UMC, Farmers Branch (location tentative)
- December Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 17 “Show & Tell’ (best/worst project for the year, what you may want to enter in DeRose Hinkhouse) – Presbyterian Mission Center (location tentative)
- Renew RCC membership for 2010. (Special deal available for those who have not paid 2009 dues – get 2009 & 2010 for same price)
- Wilbur Watch – start noting TV programs, books, cartoons, photos, etc. in the secular media that promote faith values so the makers can be invited to enter the Wilbur Award competition.
- Slater Awards – begin to consider who’s work in 2009 might be worthy of a Norvell Slater Communication Award.
- RC Congress 2010 – Plan to attend April 7-10, 2010. There’s time to either earmark funds from 2009 or put money into the 2010 budget to attend this once-a-decade event.