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## Native American Church being formed in the Triangle area as part of UMC ministries

A wonderful thing is happening in the Triangle for our Native American people. Discussions are taking place in an effort to establish a Native American worshipping congregation in the Triangle area. This issue has been addressed in the past but never really moved forward for various reasons. But God touched the hearts and minds of the Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry (RDNACM) and they have heeded the call in to feed our spiritual souls with our fellow Native American people.

With the assistance, direction, and enthusiasm a task force has been formed to interact with the RDNACM and the United Methodist Conference leadership in Raleigh to discussions how a church might be started and what resources might be available, along with time frames and necessary preliminary activities. A meeting was also held with Cynthia Kent, Native American Ministries Program Coordinator, who agreed to help us in our efforts. The RDNACM leadership Rev. Bob Mangum, Gary Locklear, and Matthew Locklear have been a positive driving force, looking and securing commitments in assisting us establish a Native American church. This includes church service sponsorships from Robeson

County. Our first church service was held January 11. Sandy Plains United Methodist Church sponsored the service. Members of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church and Branch Street United Methodist Church served a wonderful meal. A dialogue followed on establishing a task force to work with the division of local church development. Eighteen members were either nominated or volunteered to serve on the task force. After the business session, the group went into worship service which began with special singing by the awesome Sandy Plains Quartet. The message was given by Cynthia Kent who was dynamic. More than 100 thoroughly enjoyed the singing, the wonderful message, and fellowship.

The next church was held February 11 at the Methodist Home for Children. This service was sponsored by Prospect United Methodist Church. A southern meal of barbecue and fried chicken was served. There were approximately 100 in attendance with a bus load of folks from Robeson County! Also in attendance from the United Methodist Conference leadership were Dr. Kermit Braswell, District Superintendent, Dr. Jimmy Cummings, Director of Missions

and Multi-cultural Ministries, and Dr. Steve Compton. Special music was given by the Prospect Community Men. Rev. Bill James Locklear delivered a great message. Following the meal, the group was given a progress report on activities of the task force. Highlights of the report include: the need for a Native American minister; establishment of committees; adopting the tentative name of "Triangle Native American United Methodist Church"; developing a listing of pastoral needs; the establishment of a checking account; provision of copies of the "Book of Discipline of UMC" to task force members; the use of the United Methodist Home for Children rent-free as a worshipping and meeting site; and the financial commitments by the General Board of Global Ministries and from the Native American Comprehensive Plan for Programming. The task force formally requested to the United Methodist Conference leadership, Dr. Kermit Braswell, that the group be formed as a congregation under the United Methodist Church.

One of the difficult tasks has been to locate the Native American population and to extend an invitation in this venture. It is hoped that you will be supportive and share this information with family

and friends residing in the triangle and surrounding area about our endeavors.

We are excited, overwhelmed, and humbled about the love and support our kindred brother and sisters have given to us in our endeavors. From previous service meeting, people have traveled from Durham, Guilford, Johnston, Moore, Orange, and Robeson Counties to come and worship with us! That speaks to the belief and contention that "if we build a Native American Church, the people will come."

A special and heartfelt thanks goes to Rev. Bob Mangum, Gary Locklear, Matthew Locklear, Cynthia Kent, Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, our prayer warriors, and to those who have called to offer support and resources. God has truly blessed and enveloped the triangle community with the outpouring of love and support from our native community! Our next service is tentatively scheduled for March 11 at 4:30 P.M. at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh. For additional information, call Gary, Matt, or Rev. Mangum at (910) 521-8600 or Darlene Jacobs at (919) 779-5044 and Brian Waltman at (919) 553-8905.

## Democrats to meet

Precinct meetings will be held at the polling sites on March 13, 2001 at 7 P.M. The business to be conducted will be the election of Precinct Officers and other business of the Democratic Party. There must be 10 active Democrats present to conduct business. In the event of not having a quorum a makeup date of March 20, 2001 at 7 P.M. will be set.

Milton R. Hunt  
Robeson County Democratic  
Chairman

Poetry Reading  
and Art Show  
Location: Public Schools of  
Robeson County  
Indian Education Resource  
Center  
Date: March 8, 2001  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Come to experience  
a spiritual enlightenment  
through poetry and art  
Sponsored by:  
Yvonne Dial  
Greg Sampson  
Delora Cummings  
Emily Crain  
featuring creativity and design  
of Purnell Swett High School  
students

## Emergency physician, Joe Deese, re-certified

Scotland Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce that Joseph E. Deese, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) and has been recertified as a diplomate of this Board.

The American Board of Emergency Medicine is one of 24 medical specialty boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Founded in 1976, ABEM develops and administers the Emergency Medicine certification and recertification examinations for physicians who have met the credential requirements of ABEM. The first certification examination was administered in 1980. ABEM has certified over 18,000 physicians since that time.

"An emergency physician must be recertified every ten years," said Dr. Deese. "Recertification consists of either a written or oral examination; the physician can choose either one. I chose to take the written exam, which was a very challenging exam." In addition to taking the recertification exam, a physician must maintain an unqualified medical license to renew diplomate status.

The recertification exam is a clinical exam which is based on case examples and the core content of emergency medicine. The exam requires physicians to answer 75 percent of the questions correctly. Most physicians study for months

prior to taking the recertification exam. Dr. Deese reported that he took a 40-hour review course prior to the exam.

A native of this area, Dr. Deese was born at Scotland Memorial Hospital. He still lives in the house he grew up in and loves to garden and travel. He attended undergraduate school at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine. A residency in Anesthesiology was completed at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

Dr. Deese has been an emergency room physician for almost 21 years. After working at several other North Carolina Hospitals, he came home to Scotland Memorial seven years ago. He has seen many changes in emergency medicine over the years. "Things in the Emergency Room are a lot more streamlined and computerized now."

Four full-time physicians provide service at Scotland Memorial Hospital's Emergency Center. In addition to Dr. Deese, patients may be seen by Dr. Sam Marrash, Dr. Marvin Williams, or Dr. Robert Zotti. The Scotland Memorial Hospital Emergency Center is open 24 hours a day and has a total of 13 beds, including a trauma room, gynecologic examination area, cardiac/critical care beds, and a cast room.

## Free Poetry Contest Open to Pembroke Residents

OWINGS MILLS, MD (USA) - The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Pembroke area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is April 30, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19910, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by April 30, 2001. You may also enter on-line at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com).

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

## Teen Court Comes to Robeson County

The juvenile justice system in Robeson County is about to receive a breath of new life Saturday, March 3, 2001 when over 200 students from the Public Schools of Robeson County are slated to attend a training at the Robeson County Courthouse to become volunteers for Robeson County Teen Court.

Robeson County Teen Court is an alternative system of justice, which offers first-time nonviolent offenders between the ages of 10 and 18 opportunity to be tried and sentenced by a jury of their peers. The program is a coordinated effort with Palmer Prevention, Inc. providing the program services, and Lumber River Council of Governments and Department of Juvenile Justice funding the project. Teen Court does not determine guilt or innocence, the defendant must agree to admit guilt before their case will be heard in Teen Court. Teen Court acts as a sentencing hearing, and the role of the court is to determine and impose a fair and just sentence.

Teen court also provides a hands-on educational experience for student volunteers in an effort to help them better understand our criminal justice system. Students take the roles of clerks, bailiffs, attorneys,

and jurors. District and Superior court attorneys and judges volunteer to serve as teen court judges. "We have had tremendous response from the students about volunteering," said Mark Schwarze, Coordinator for Robeson County Teen Court. "This is an opportunity for them to have a voice in what goes on in the criminal justice system in Robeson County."

The training on March 3, 2001 will prepare the volunteers to handle cases that will be referred from the court counselors from the Department of Juvenile Justice. The training will have attorneys and judges from Robeson County working side by side with the student volunteers to give them the skills, knowledge, and confidence to stand up and prosecute or defend one of their own. "This program works on so many different levels," said Schwarze. "This could be one of the most effective interventions for the youth of Robeson County that we have seen in a long time." Robeson County Teen Court sessions will be held once a month in Maxton, Fairmont, Red Springs, and Lumberton. Youth brought before Teen Court as offenders learn to accept responsibility for their actions, and they pay back the community through community service and Teen Court duties.

## Blue Chip Girls Basketball Shoot-out coming to NC State

Blue Chip Girls Basketball Shoot-out is coming to NC State in Raleigh on Sunday, March 18, 2001. Registration is between 8:00 and 8:30 am. The games will begin at 9:00 am.

This one-day Shoot-out is a high exposure event designed for the student athlete who aspires to play at the college level. Each athlete will have the opportunity to compete against quality competition during the NCAA "live" period for college recruiters. The athletes will play three games on teams that are coached by area basketball coaches. For additional information or an application, please call our site director, Brian Robinson at (336) 659-1196 or Sport Camps, Inc. at (610) 446-3636

## THE INDIAN EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER AND THE NORTH CAROLINA INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER PRESENT

THE  
1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
ART SHOW AND SALE  
MARCH 6, 2001 THRU APRIL 6, 2001

RECEPTION MARCH 30, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.  
AT THE INDIAN EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER  
ART GALLERY  
(OLD PEMBROKE INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL,  
NEXT DOOR TO UNC-P CHANCELLOR'S RESIDENCE)

### CATEGORIES:

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)  
COLLEGE AND POST-GRADUATE  
ADULT (NON-PROFESSIONAL)

This Art Show and Sale is being held in conjunction with The Gathering of the Eastern Nations at Sunrise Festival

Co-sponsored by NCICC and Southeastern NC Agricultural Center and Farmer's Market

## Anesthesiologist joins Scotland Memorial Hospital medical staff

Dr. Aikya S. Fisher, an anesthesiologist, has joined Laurinburg Anesthesia Associates and the Scotland Memorial Hospital medical staff.

Scotland Memorial's Director of Anesthesiology Services, Dr. James Skeen commented on the addition of Dr. Fisher, "I'm very pleased Dr. Fisher has decided to join our medical staff and the anesthesiology department. She started with us as a locum tenens physician in January but soon found the environment here and the hospital a great place to work. She is a very smart, very well trained anesthesiologist and I, as well as the department members and the hospital staff, feel very fortunate she has joined us as a full-time physician."

The primary function of the specialty of anesthesiology is to provide anesthesia and patient monitoring in the operating room. To provide safe anesthesia, it is necessary to know a patient's medical history and how all the drugs they will receive during surgery will interact with the drugs they are already taking. In order to provide a

safe anesthetic and a stable post-operative course the anesthesiologist needs to know the patient's current medical problems such as heart disease, hypertension, lung problems, glandular disorders, and diabetes.

"Patients who have regional anesthesia or deep general anesthesia for surgery do much better, are discharged from the hospital sooner, have less complications, fewer infections, and fewer heart problems," continued Skeen. "There is a big push in the anesthesiology community now for pain-free patients. I foresee a time in the near future when patients will come to Scotland Memorial Hospital for major surgery with the expectation of not ever having pain."

Dr. Fisher was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and grew up in northern Virginia. "I always liked science and math and went to a magnet high school for those subjects," Fisher said. "I knew I wanted to be some sort of health care professional, but not exactly what." She attended undergraduate school at the University of Miami and received a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Miami

School of Medicine. "When applying for college at the University of Miami, I came across a special education program that granted acceptance into the medical school at the same time acceptance was granted into the undergraduate program. During my third year at the University of Miami I decided on entering the field of medicine and chose anesthesiology as my specialty." Upon completion of a four-year internship and residency in anesthesiology at the Medical College of Virginia, Dr. Fisher worked at hospitals in New Mexico and North Carolina as a Locum tenens. "The people here make me feel very welcome and comfortable," she said. "I turned down several other job offers and chose Scotland Memorial Hospital because of the pleasant environment here."

Dr. Fisher has a special interest in obstetrics, having done a subclinical tract in obstetrics during her fourth year of residency. Dr. Fisher is engaged to Bryan Waldo, a District Sales Manager for a California winery. The couple plan to be married April 5, 2002 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and will live in Raleigh.