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Conference

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“To live the faith we hold in common”

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Article from our Director

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22

In the film *Armed and Dangerous* (1986) two unlikely partners, an x-cop (Frank Dooley played by John Candy) and a disbarred lawyer (Norman Kane played by Eugene Levy), find themselves employed at Guard Dog security where they realize they're potentially working for a corrupt company. Their supervisor realizes the two have been nosy and penalizes them by sending them to an assignment definitely not good for their health. Over the next few days, Dooley and Kane find themselves assigned to work at a landfill and a toxic waste dump. One of the most hilarious scenes in the movie occurs when the two meet the pair at the toxic dump whose shift they are relieving. One of the men leaving, who looked like the chemicals had gotten the best of him with missing teeth and ghostly skin, says to Dooley and Kane, “Don't drink the water!” Moreover, they can barely see because the air they are breathing is mixed with smoke coming up from the surrounding chemical ponds. It was hard to breathe.

One could argue that throughout the world and especially in America today people live in a toxic climate that is manifested in every aspect of life. Recently, the divisions that have occurred in New Orleans and our State and the South around race and the

removal of monuments to Civil War leaders are striking examples. The poisonous atmosphere in our National politics has come home to roost in our State Capital. Legislators don't seem to have a moral compass that points toward loving your neighbor. Fear and a survivalist mentality have led to closing borders and cutting off funds and aid to the immigrant, the vulnerable and needy.

More than ever the peoples of the world need the pure, life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit that can transform all of God's creation. Just when hope seems to have vanished for the nascent Church, represented by those in the room behind locked doors and hearts filled with fear, the Risen Lord comes to them and breathes new life into them. May the Peace of Christ likewise come upon us all as we are sent into the world empowered by the breath of God, the Holy Spirit!

Rev. Dan Krutz

It's Twins for the new Grandparents!

We offer hearty congratulations to first-time grandparents, Rev. Dan & Mrs. Julie Krutz on the birth of twins born May 9th in Virginia.

Rev. Dan Krutz is the Executive Director of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference and has long awaited his chance to join the Grandparent's Club. ☺

Stella Mabry Krutz (on left) and Deacon Morgan Krutz (on right)>



Stella was born first at 6lbs & 14oz. Her brother Deacon was born a few minutes later at 8lbs & 4 oz. They were delivered via C-Section but Deacon was a little busy being tangled up in some ribs so the doctor had to coax him on out. Proud parents are Eric and Hope Krutz. Both children and their mother are doing very well.

Thank the Lord for these healthy children!

Prayer Request

Please keep in prayer the **LIC Administrative Assistant**, Lorraine Grout. Earlier this month she had surgery to remove a large abdominal tumor. Next week they will remove the cancer that had already spread to the lung from that original tumor. Please pray that all goes well and that she recovers from this quickly.

We have some 940 HP ink to give away

Recently the LIC office printer bit the dust & had to be replaced. This left us with some partially used HP ink cartridges that do not fit in the new printer, so we would like to give them away. The blue is almost full; the other 3 cartridges have small amounts of ink in

them. We have HP 940XL Black, 940XL Magenta, 940XL Yellow, and 940XL Cyan. Please call or email our office about picking them up if your printer can use them. ☺

Friends mailout – hope you can join in!

Approximately 90% of our operating income comes from Judicatories. Their faithfulness in prayer and financial support is always appreciated. Twice per year, we also send out a ‘Friends of the L.I.C.’ support request. For all of those on our postal mailing list, you should be receiving a letter in early June. *(For those who gave in the last six months, we will not send you a new request at this time. Thank you!)*

Please respond as generously as you are able to, as your support helps with our on-going **operational expenses**. Our budgeted goal for 2017 is \$3,990. We have already received \$350. towards this year’s goal before even sending out this appeal. Thank you! Every gift counts and your help in meeting this need would certainly be appreciated! We will send a couple of 2017 wallet calendar cards as a small thank you to each person who contributes. Please keep the L.I.C. in prayer as well.

If you are not currently on our mailing list, and would like to contribute, please mail contributions to: Louisiana Interchurch Conference, Friends Pledge Drive, 527 N. Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or contribute online via PayPal/credit card at <http://www.lainterchurch.org/contribute/index.htm>. Thank you!

12th Annual Day of Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes

Please set aside some time on **JUNE 1ST** for prayer for ongoing protection from the potential dangers of the upcoming Hurricane Season. We are very thankful to God for answering these prayers year after year! The LIC and Louisiana Interfaith Disaster Recovery Network (LIDRN) have sent a request to Governor Edwards to sign the **12th annual proclamation** to proclaim June 1st as a Day of Prayer for Protection from Hurricanes. We hope to have the proclamation soon and will then post it on the LIC website.



Bread or Stones Press Conference June 1st in Alexandria

A Bread or Stones Press Conference will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., in Alexandria, beginning at 11 a.m. for any who may wish to attend. Among the speakers for the conference will be: The Most Rev. David Talley, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Alexandria; Mr. David Britt, President of the United Way of Central Louisiana; and Rev. Deborah Heathcock, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church and representing the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana.

It is hoped that this press conference will spur new interest in the Bread or Stones Campaign as we seek to target new audiences.
Please pray for its success!

Bread or Stones – Calling for more Congregations

Has your church joined yet??

Our current grant that funds our Bread or Stones Program Coordinator has an **expected goal of reaching 50 churches before the end of June.** Please help us reach our goal! There are many ways that a church can participate and many of those have little or no monetary costs involved to the church itself. This is doable!



In an attempt to facilitate congregations joining the Bread or Stones Campaign we have created an online application for congregations and ministries to join. The link is below and is also available at website www.breadorstones.com on the "member" tab.

ONLINE APPLICATION:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQbVBcVnIQ-uycDFbhorModhShXremLBqJzYqqEiweF6cNaw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Application questions are simple:

Contact information

Fill in any programs that are currently available at your church/organization

Are there any particular ministries that your congregation is interested in becoming involved with?

Ministry ideas are available at: www.breadorstones.com

Bread or Stones is an anti-poverty initiative for children.

Offering thanks to our recent contributors

The majority of the LIC operating income is contributed through the leadership of our member Judicatories, whom we deeply appreciate and depend upon. Additionally, we offer our sincere thanks to our ministry partners who have contributed as listed below.

Contributions received from April 20, 2017 through May 25, 2017:

Bread or Stones Children's Anti-Poverty Campaign: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Women - for prenatal vitamins

Thank you!

Please pray for this ecumenical ministry. If you would like to help financially, please mail contributions to: Louisiana Interchurch Conference, 527 N. Blvd., 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or contribute online via PayPal at <http://www.lainterchurch.org/contribute/index.htm>.

Dates to calendar

Memorial Day, May 29th. We remember our heroes who sacrificed everything.

Day of Pentecost – June 4th. Celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

Annual Assembly meeting dates:

2018		March 5-6, Baton Rouge
2019		March 11-12, Lafayette

Fall Board meeting dates:

2017		Sept. 25-26, Alexandria
2018		Sept. 24-25, Lake Charles

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