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TO: Men of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
FROM: The Office of Disciples Men
DATE: November 2010
RE: Disciples Men Cookin' for Mission

For years, the International Day of Pancakes has been a successful vehicle to pair up Disciples Men's groups from across the country to projects that will directly impact the lives of children across our denomination. Disciples Men have answered the call to get involved in children's lives to make a difference.

Now the Disciples Men are responding to another much needed call. Due to financial limitations, Disciples Home Missions has been forced to eliminate the funding that partially supported the budgets of four missions centers. The centers that have been greatly affected by this cutback are: Yakama Christian Mission center in White Swan, Washington; Inman Christian Mission Center in San Antonio, Texas; All Peoples Christian Center in Los Angeles and the Kentucky Appalachian Ministry.

The Executive Committee of the General Conference of Disciples Men, in February of 2008, voted to approve a transformation of this vital program and the distribution of funds.

Beginning in 2009 all funds collected from the International Day of Pancakes will be distributed to all four of the mission centers previously mentioned. Since all four mission centers directly affect the children who live in these areas, the basic purpose of the program will not change, only how the funds are distributed. Pancake breakfasts are recommended, but not essential. Your local men's group can choose to have a fish fry, pig roast, yard sale or even a ham and yam dinner. Be creative in how your group raises money.

All monies received January 1 through December 31 will be distributed the following year.

P. O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986
(888) 346-2631
www.discipleshomemissions.org



Cookin' for Mission Promotional Kit

Suggested Date of Event:

March 19, 2011



**PLEASE COME TO OUR PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

WHEN: _____

WHERE: _____

TIME: _____



Suggestions for a Successful Disciples Men Cookin' for Mission Experience

1. Publicize, Publicize, Publicize! Get the word out about your event through your church's bulletin, web site and other ways. Consider giving an announcement in your church's worship service. Set up a table in your fellowship hall. Go to your youth groups and ask them to attend. Don't overlook anyone in getting the word out. Consider asking the people who live in the same neighborhood as your church to come and attend.
2. Involve the whole church! Ask the women's group to provide centerpieces for the tables. Ask your youth group to help serve or clean up. Ask the "Golden Years" group to serve as hosts. Don't be afraid to ask someone to get involved!
3. Give information about each one of the mission centers. All proceeds from Disciples Men Cookin' for Mission go to All People's Christian in Los Angeles, Inman Christian Center in San Antonio, Yakama Christian Center in Yakama, Washington and Kentucky Appalachian Ministries all have powerful stories to tell. You can help them tell their stories. Put up a poster or put the information on your church's web site. The DHM web site has all the information about each one of the mission centers.
4. Follow Up after the event! Compile an e-mail list or a list of phone numbers so you can follow up with the people who came to thank them for coming and let them know how much the event raised. It will also be a good way to thank them for coming and encourage them to come again next year.
5. Have fun! If your group is seen having fun it will attract more people and it will attract more men to become active your church's men's group. If men see other men getting involved in a cause bigger than them and they're having fun while they're doing it, you'll see an increase in your men's group.
6. Personal Invitation. When people are personally invited to attend a church's function, they will be more likely to attend. Don't be afraid to go up to a person you've never spoken to before and extend your hand and tell them how much you would love to see them at your event. Nothing can be substituted for personal invitations!
7. Make it easy for them to give more money. Put out a bowl or box where they can drop an extra amount of money after they have gone through the serving line. The purpose of the event is to raise money for those mission centers that directly influence children's lives. We need as much money as we can possibly get in order to do that. Don't be afraid to ask for more money to accomplish our goal.
8. Take pictures of the event. While the event is going on, take lots of pictures you can put on your church's web site or have one of the youth be in charge of taking pictures and then have them make a poster and display it in your fellowship hall.

The more publicity your event has the better it will be in the future!



Disciples Men Cookin' for Mission

Please return this form to:
Office of Disciples Men
Disciples Home Missions
P O Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Make Checks Payable to:
Disciples Men Project

Local Coordinator's Name: _____

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Donated Amount: _____ Check Number: _____

Type of Event to Raise Funds: _____

Number of Volunteers: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

Comments: (to be shared with next year's GCDM Pancake Coordinator)



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