

LOUISIANA INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE (LIC)

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Executive Director: The Rev. C. Dana Krutz

To Live the Faith We Hold in Common

Originally formed in 1970, and today with a membership of 16 Christian Churches, and an Associate Member – The Order of St. Lazarus, and including representation from Church Women United, the LIC seeks greater Christian Unity through sharing a common faith in witness, worship, study, and service. The LIC Board met September 26-27, 2016, in New Orleans, LA, and addressed the theme: ***“Civility in Public Discourse.”*** Keynote speaker, **Rev. Lindy Broderick, CCE**, presented on “Speak your Peace” based upon the publication ‘Choosing Civility’ by author P. M. Forni. On Tuesday, **Fr. Fred Kammer** offered a presentation titled ***“On Racial Reconciliation and Solidarity”***. We invite you to visit our website at www.lainterchurch.org for information on these and all Board Meeting presentations. The Diocese was represented at the Fall Board Meeting by EDOLA Ecumenical Commission member, **Mr. Hugh Straub**, who serves as a delegate and a Judicatory Leader for the Order of St. Lazarus, and **Mrs. Ann Ball** who serves as a Board Member at Large. **Bishop Morris Thompson** serves as a Board Member.

The 46th Annual Assembly of the LIC was held on March 7-8, 2016, at Peaceful Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Shreveport, LA with the theme: ***“The Church, Social Justice and Racial Reconciliation”***. **Dr. Melva Turner-Williams**, Executive Associate to the Chancellor, Southern University of Shreveport, LA and **Dr. David Otto**, Professor of Religious Studies, and the Arthur & Emily Webb Chair of International Studies, Centenary College of LA, were the keynote speakers. The Rev. Dr. C. S. Gordon, Jr., President of the LA Missionary Baptist State Convention, was installed as President during the ecumenical evening worship service held at Peaceful Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

We encourage all to celebrate the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25th, 2017) ***“Reconciliation-the Love of Christ Compels Us”*** (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). The Catholic Dioceses have been asked to take leadership for 2017 in coordinating events around the state. The LIC task force on Social Justice and Public Policy continues with its Bread or Stones campaign to equip member churches with practical avenues of reducing child poverty in LA -- please contact our coordinator, Samuel Rottman to schedule a Listening Post in your area! The Stewardship of the Environment Commission continues to advocate for coastal restoration. The Criminal Justice Commission continues to focus on justice reform implementation and ending capital punishment. The third ‘Welcome Home Sunday’ event is set for Baton Rouge on October 9th; WHS involves reentry programs for those leaving correctional facilities. Farmer’s Advocate, Mrs. Betty Puckett, continues to work as a contract employee, ready to assist farm families on an as-needed basis. The LIC continues to partner with the Louisiana Prison Chapel Foundation, with one chapel still needing funds to be completed among those on the grounds of State correctional centers.

Largely funded by the member churches we are grateful for the support of the Diocese of Louisiana and its commitment to ecumenical relationships that keep before the churches Christ’s vision of unity in mission, service and witness.

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