

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
LIVING IN UNITY

April 28, 2010

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus. Accept one another...as Christ has accepted you.  
– Romans 15:5, 6

REGISTRATION:

Registrations received by Wednesday, April 23, are \$30. Registrations after that are \$35. Sorry, no refunds.

Registrations may be mailed to Christian Women's Conference, Lincoln Christian University, 100 Campus View Dr., Lincoln, IL 62656 or by phoning 217.732.3168; or by registering and paying online at <http://www.lincolnchristian.edu/cwc>.

KEY MESSENGERS:



**Thelma Wells** – As a child often confined to a dark smelly closet where she would sing herself to sleep, the Lord received this little girl's innocent praise and rewarded it with an abundant life devoted to ministering to women as a prominent international speaker and author. Her natural talent for public speaking attracted the attention of the Women of Faith Tour, and in 1996 she became the first black core speaker for the organization. She was named Extraordinary Woman of the Year in 2008 and was awarded the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award by the Advanced Writers and Speakers Association. Thelma is founder of "A Woman of God Ministries" with the mission to lift up

Jesus Christ and to provide a "safe place" for those who have been wounded by the world so that they can be saved, healed, set free, and matured in Christ Jesus. Thelma, otherwise known as "Mama T," will be addressing our theme with two life-changing messages that will call us to mutual respect, fairness, compassion, and support. Many of Thelma's books will be featured during the conference, including her most recent, *God Is Not Through With Me Yet*.



**Renée Bondi** - At age 29, Renée's future was incredibly bright. She was engaged and had a beautiful singing voice, a thriving career as a music teacher, and a loving family. But one night a bizarre accident left her a quadriplegic. Renée lost not only all use of her arms and legs, but also her singing voice, barely able to speak above a whisper. Her unbroken spirit and amazing physical progress proved to baffle friends, family, and the medical field. She miraculously began to sing again and went on to live more fully than she ever dreamed. She will share her amazing story of how, in the face of tragedy, she addressed

the issues of quitting and giving up, the issues of not getting things her way, and how she came to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Her message will address our own responses as Christian women when we are called to use our gifts for Christ even in difficult circumstances. She will help us see beyond ourselves and direct us to a purer calling of unselfish service, working for the good of others and Christ's church. Renée is the author of *The Last Dance But Not the Last Song*.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration in Chapel Foyer
9:00 – 10:30 am	Thelma Wells – <i>Session I: Unity in the Church, A Formula for Success</i> – Chapel Auditorium
10:45 – 11:45 am	Renée Bondi – <i>Back on My Feet Again</i> – Chapel Auditorium
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Noon Hour Speaker, Julie Gariss – Laughlin Center
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Renée Bondi – <i>Pure and Unselfish Service: Giving with an Open Hand</i> – Chapel Auditorium
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Thelma Wells – <i>Session II: Unity in the Church, Don't Give In – God Wants You to Win</i> – Chapel Auditorium

SPECIAL OFFERING GOAL:

\$20,000 to assist in the funding of our 65th Anniversary Scholarship Program dedicated to students who are first-time applicants for the fall or spring semesters, 2010. Help us encourage and enable future Kingdom leaders by lessening their educational costs of tuition, room and board and fees. This offering will help reduce a total anticipated expense to the school that could exceed \$500,000.

LUNCH AND NOON HOUR SESSION



with Julie Garris – Laughlin Center

Take a break and a short walk to the Laughlin Center for lunch and laughs with Julie Garris, alias Gladys Frump, who comes from the creative nooks of Julie's mind. A minister's wife for thirty-three years, Julie Garris/Gladys Frump has a "close-up and personal" perspective of how we women "behave" and "respond" in the many roles we fill in the church. She'll bring humor to our lives and refreshment to our souls as she characterizes people that just might look a lot like "us."

For almost two decades, Julie has spoken around the United States at retreats, banquets, seminars, and conventions. She recently wrote a women's Bible study that will be published in the near future. Julie's husband Randy has been

the preaching minister for the College Heights Christian Church in Joplin, Missouri, for twenty-seven years. They have traveled extensively to mission points around the world, encouraging and counseling missionaries on the field.

Or:

Free Time:

**Bookstore** – Visit our campus bookstore that specializes in textbooks, popular Christian reading materials, Bibles, music, and clothing. Enjoy special discounts offered for this event.

**Warehouse Coffee Shop** – Check out the amazing treats at our Warehouse Coffee Shop where they brew Starbucks coffee located in the Student Center next to the Bookstore.

**Book Tables** – Our guest speakers will come with their own books and products. You may want to select a number of these items to take home.