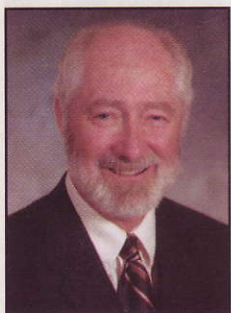


Northwestern College Readies Leadership Transition

Although an actual date is yet to be determined, Northwestern College (NWC) president Dr. Bruce Murphy has announced his intention to retire as the school's chief executive.



Bruce Murphy

The timing of his departure depends on when a search committee can secure and place a successor at the helm of the Orange City, Iowa, campus.

"I hope to enable the college to complete a search process without needing to appoint an interim president," said Murphy, who turns 65 next year.

Murphy has served as president since 2001 when he succeeded Dr. James Bultman, who left in 1999 to become president of Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

During Murphy's tenure, NWC enrollment has grown to an all-time high and several new facilities were completed.

Ontario Women Gather for 'Alive with Christ' Conference

"Alive with Christ" was the theme of the fall conference of Reformed Church Women Ontario, held October 4 at Camp Shalom in Cambridge, Ontario. Well over 100 women

Central RCA Scholarship Deadline Nears

Prospective students have until January 19, 2007, to apply for the new RCA Classis Scholarship at Central College in Pella, Iowa.

The new scholarship offers one \$5,000 renewable grant per classis for first-year students who are RCA members. Financial need must be demonstrated, and a pastor's written recommendation is required.

"Our goal is to attract RCA students from all over the country, thereby enriching the geographical diversity of Central's student body," said college president David Roe.

Although Central students aren't required to disclose their religious affiliation, 152 (9 percent) do list the RCA on student profiles.

Since there are forty-five classes within the denomination, forty-five scholarships could be awarded.

gathered for the one-day event, featuring guest speaker Monica Kim, a Canadian native who works with a Christian counseling and education foundation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Praise and worship was led by Kathy deWaard and Joy Keefer.

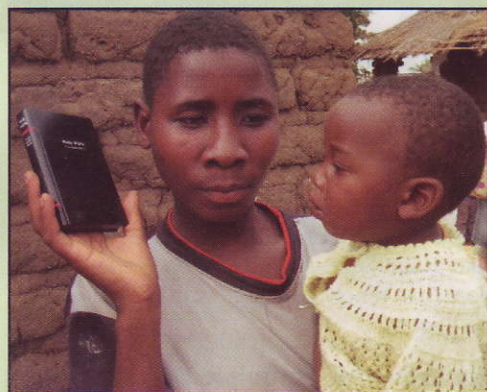
"Alive with Christ" is also the theme of the 2007 RCA Women's Conference, July 19-22 in Chicago, Illinois.



Keynoter Monica Kim speaks to more than 100 people at the fall conference of Reformed Church Women Ontario at Camp Shalom.

Digital Scriptures Reach Malawi

A woman and child in Blantyre, Malawi, listen to a Chichewa language digital talking Bible, developed through a program of Talking Bibles International (TBI) and introduced



to people on the African continent in September. "I still have vivid memories of the reaction of people when the talking Bible was

presented to them," said TBI president Paul Hoekstra, a member of Community Reformed Church in Escondido, California. Hoekstra was on hand for the initial African distribution of the digital technology Bibles, headed by the Bible Society of Malawi.

Churches

- Raritan Reformed Church in Raritan, Illinois, has begun its tenth year of leadership by pastor James Olsen, a minister under contract from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Olsen also serves Bethel Lutheran Church in the nearby community of Stronghurst. The congregations do some joint programming and have a combined newsletter. "Your cooperative ministry...is a good example to other churches of [Illinois] classis," wrote the Rev. Robert Hoffman of the classis pastoral relations committee to Raritan members.

- Calvary Community Church in New Berlin, Wisconsin, offered free car washes to anyone who had received one of hundreds of coupons distributed during a community Fourth of July parade. "We ended up washing about two dozen cars," reports pastor Joe Velt-