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HIH TEC Newsletter Winter 2009

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Hand in Hand Teens Encounter Christ will be held at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Weddington, NC at 9:00PM on February 7th, 2009. This will be in conjunction with the community event that will be held from 8:00PM Feb. 7th through 9:30PM Feb. 8th, 2009.

Everyone who has attended a Hand in Hand TEC weekend is a voting member of the community.

Regarding Nominations and Elections:

If you would like to nominate anyone, including yourself, for one of the positions up for election, please send your nomination to Sharon by email: SEichler@carolina.rr.com or by mail to: 101 Plymouth Drive, Weddington, NC 28104. You must have consent of the person you are nominating prior to submitting his or her name.

The following positions will be elected:

Officers:

Assistant Executive Director – 2 year term

Treasurer - 2 year term

Standing Committees:

One Youth and One Adult for the following (all one year terms) to run from June 1st – May 31st of each year

- Communications: (maintaining database, email list, annual newsletter, web site)
- Applications (handling all registrations for TEC weekends)
- Operations (responsible for the facilities and physical assets)
- Leadership Development (maintaining the manuals and training new Lay Leaders & Wheat Team Leaders)
- Beyond TEC (Community events and other continued contact with TECites)
- Music (selecting music, maintaining music books & sound systems, training musicians, copyright compliance)
- Outreach (Coordinate with other movements, promote TEC to area clergy and churches)

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Just a reminder – anyone who has ever made a TEC weekend is welcome to attend any and all council meetings. They are generally held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00PM, alternating between Ascension Lutheran Church in Charlotte and Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Bethlehem (in the Hickory area). Location and dates do change from time to time, so please check with an officer or committee member to verify the date and location.

Please come and make your voice heard!

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From the Executive Director – January 2009

Another year has passed and I am delighted to be serving in this ministry and am excited and overjoyed at the impact that TEC has had in so many young adults' lives. GOD IS GOOD! In 2008 we held HIH TEC weekends in January (MLK) and September (Labor Day). In 2009 we will have two HIH TEC weekends: MLK in January (which was lead by Jay Thomas and Lissa Roseman) and Labor Day. All HIH TEC weekends are being held at Camp Loy White.

We encourage you all to continue to apply to work the upcoming weekends, but please remember that there are many other ways that you can stay involved in TEC. Coming to the HOOTS is a great way to show your support and connect with TEC friends, we also have several TEC community events planned throughout the year. For consistency, community events will always be held during the months of February and October each year. Emails will go out to the TEC community, but you can always check the temporary website (www.hihtec.com) for details of upcoming community events. Keep an eye on the .org site – we are working hard on getting this site reorganized and re-done!

HIH TEC council exists solely to serve this movement. Everyone serving on this council volunteers their time and talents to help better this movement in an effort to change lives for Christ. But we cannot do it without you! Please prayerfully consider how you might help by being a leader in this movement. We strive to make this a YOUTH lead organization, and the best way to make that happen is for more youth to become active in TEC council and the decisions that are made. Even if you cannot serve on council please come to a meeting and let *your* voice be heard. Nominations are currently being taken for anyone who would like to serve on TEC council. If you would like to serve, email me at SEichler@carolina.rr.com with your name and the area in which you would like to serve.

I look forward to serving you and with you in the coming year. If you have ideas/suggestions/concerns, email me! I would LOVE to hear from you and hear your input.

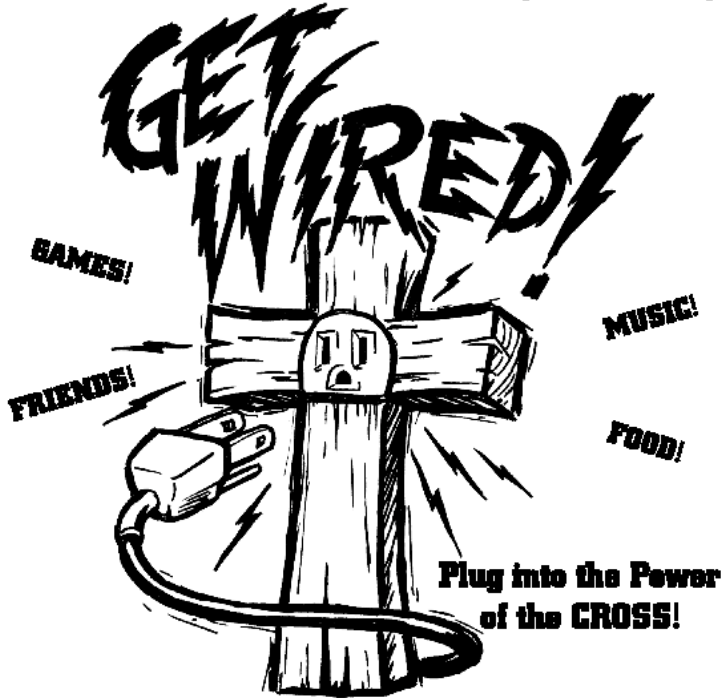
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Sharon Eichler

ANNOUNCING THE NEXT COMMUNITY EVENT!

Be sure to attend the next Community Event on Feb. 7th at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Weddington. We will also hold the Annual Meeting at this event.

TEC COMMUNITY EVENT! (4TH DAY!)



**6pm Sat. Feb 7th - Worship, Sun. Feb 8th
at Spirit Of Joy Lutheran Church
8800 Potter Road, Weddington, NC 704-821-8494
Sign Up! Only \$10 per person, and a box of cereal!**

Contact Joel Merritt 704-302-5252 (cell) joel@merrittdesigns.net

APPLICATIONS:

A guest application is inserted with this newsletter. If you would like to be considered for service on a team for one of these weekends, you can find a team application insert in this newsletter as well.

Once the .org site is completed, you will also be able to download applications from there as well.

TEC COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you need assistance or have other questions, including how to reach other council members, you can call Sharon at 704-821-2088 or email at SEichler@carolina.rr.com

Current TEC council members are as follows:

- Executive Director - Sharon Eichler
- Asst. Exec. Director – Phyllis Voss
- Secretary - Nancy Ries
- Treasurer - Conda Lashley
- Spiritual Leaders - Pastor Ed Thomas Pastor Mike Stone
Larry Leatherwood
- Applications- Susan Creech Courtney Copeland
- Beyond TEC- Vickie Cecil Micah Cecil
- Communications- Dwayne Whitmore Taylor Hollern
- Leadership Development - Matt Voss Lindsey Gallagher
- Music- John Woods Josh Carter Patrick Tenny
- Operations – Robert Bajorek.

INFORMATION AND WEBSITE:

Our website – www.hihtec.org will be updated within the next month or so! Until then, check out our temporary website at www.hihtec.com.

Once our website is complete, you will receive an email announcement. Once complete, you'll be able to:

- check the website at any time
- look up contact information for Council members and everyone in the TEC community
- you'll be able to complete an application to serve on a TEC team and submit it online
- or download a guest application for a friend!

Plus, we'll have pictures from previous TEC weekends and community nights and lots of other stuff!!

To be added to the email list (and receive news as it happens!), please send your email address to:
Susan Creech at smcreech@comporium.net
