

RP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2004
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Theme: Our Calling in Christ

Speaker: Pastor Ted Donnelly from Northern Ireland

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Recreation will include: swimming, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, track meet, softball, volleyball and tennis. Bring the equipment you will need to participate.

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- Children must be signed in and out each day.
- Parents with children in the nursery are expected to volunteer during the week.
 - We suggest each child have a daily bag with necessary personal items (diapers, wipes, bottles, teethingers, etc.).
 - All personal items should be clearly labeled with your child's name.
 - If your child has any special needs for the day, please be sure to communicate with the nursery staff at dropoff or pickup time.
 - We have a great need for cribs, bouncy seats, etc. which can be used daily. Presently we have five cribs.
 - We encourage each family that is able to bring a new or gently used toy to leave in the nursery. These will be donated to a worthy agency at the conclusion of the conference.

We look forward to meeting you and your children during this special week. More information will be provided to you in the coming weeks. If you are certain you will volunteer, please contact us. Questions or concerns can be directed to Rob and Barbara Baumgartner at ***reb279@ccia.com***.

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Are you part of a church plant, RP mission field, or revitalization ministry? Is your congregation or mission station looking for energetic young adults to join your work?

College students and young adults—many of whom are choosing careers and relocating—will be gathering at the RP International Conference in a few months. We would like to invite your congregation to prepare a display promoting your congregation and community.

Suggested information for the display would include: jobs in your area, major employers, a short congregational biography, local demographics, congregational ministries, opportunities to serve in your congregation (i.e., assistance in youth ministries, psalm presenting, jail ministry, sabbath school teachers, etc.).

These displays will be up during the international conference in the college/young adult classroom, and we plan to have a designated time during which the tables would be staffed by someone from your congregation or mission field, if possible.

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