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Many highly effective men and women of God were single in the scriptures, so why do we often shudder at the idea of being single, or in the singles ministry, as if it's the black hole of God's kingdom? The largest demographic in our country has recently become those who are single, for the first time since the government started compiling such statistics in 1976. We recognize that the need to effectively reach this demographic with the (eternal) life transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to rise in our churches. We must be ready to engage both those inside and outside of our churches as we set our hope fully on the grace to be given to us when Christ Jesus is revealed (1 Peter 1:13).

We look forward to hearing more great news, as other regions of the country host their own singles leadership workshops this year to help train and equip the saints to spread the good news of Jesus Christ!



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- **Philadelphia Disciples Answer: "Why Do You Volunteer?"**

Jonathan Elwell, Philadelphia, PA  
— Tuesday, 03 February 2015

During the MLK Day of Service in Philadelphia, volunteers from HOPE worldwide and the Philadelphia Fire Department answer the question, "Why do you..."

- **Steps of Jesus and the Apostles Tour October 17-31, 2015**  
Sally Hooper, DT Travel — Wednesday, 17 December 2014

Update: As of February 2, 2015, there are only 15 cabins left for this tour. There is a need for one brother to share a cabin with another brother, and for one sister to share a cabin with another sister. We are excited...

- **2015 Western U.S. Elder's Conference in March**  
International Churches of Christ (ICOC) Co-operation Churches — Tuesday, February 03 2015

In 2006 a need was felt by the elders of the South West region of U.S. churches to meet together for training and fellowship for elders and their wives. As a result we began what we called the "South West Elder's Retreat." Through these annual retreats we realized...

- **First Teen Baptized in Edinburgh Church**

Ben Brady, Edinburgh, UK — Tuesday, 03 February 2015

Great news from the Edinburgh International Church of Christ in the UK! On Sunday, February 1, 2015, God gave us our first teen baptism. Shona Tootill, 15, daughter of Ian & Ruth Tootill was baptized into...

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## Single Leaders "Engage" at Southeast Leadership Weekend

### • UPCOMING EVENTS

**Shine! European Arts Gathering**  
Bracknell, Berkshire England  
May 2-3, 2015

**Festival de las Americas 2015**  
Los Angeles, CA, USA  
May 22-24, 2015

**2015 Southeast Conference**  
Greenville, South Carolina, USA  
September 4-6, 2015

**ICOC Delegates Meeting**  
Montego Bay, Jamaica  
October 13-16, 2015

**Steps of Jesus & the Apostles**  
Israel, Greece, Turkey, Italy  
October 17-31, 2015

**North American Discipleship Summit**  
St. Louis, Missouri, USA  
July 7-10, 2016

Written by Jon  
Sherwood —  
Columbia, SC

Single leaders and aspiring leaders from throughout the Southeastern United States, representing

close to a dozen churches, gathered to have a training workshop in Columbia, South Carolina entitled "Engage." We saw the Holy Spirit move as we sought to learn to better engage God in our walks with him, as well as how to engage one another for his glory.

With over 120 in attendance, the weekend was a great time not only to open the word together and learn from great singles leaders and ministers, but also to have timely panel discussions (a continuation of the Denver conference, "Elevate") about relevant single ministry issues and hot topics. The panels were trying to address the varied and diverse needs of a ministry that represents people in many life stages ages 18-80, often the only commonality being a shared current marital status. Along with the panels, some highlights were also how the singles ministry can be elevated and more prominent in our church culture, as well as becoming more effective at reaching and converting single men.



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