

SICM SPOTLIGHT

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Please join us for SICM's 50th Anniversary Celebration Glen Sanders Mansion

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Cocktails at 5:00pm

Music provided by

Mike Lawrence Jazz Trio

Dinner at 6:00pm

Program: SICM Through the Years!

Reservation Cost \$75.00/person

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Remarks by founding members of SICM

Remarks by Rev. Phillip Grigsby

Surprises for the Future - Changes are Coming!

To ensure an invitation, please contact Laurie Bacheldor,
518-374-2683, X103; email: LaurieB@sicm.us

If you would like to join the Honorary Committee for SICM's 50th Anniversary Celebration, please contact Laurie Bacheldor, Development Director, at LaurieB@sicm.us or 518-374-2683, X103.

Meet 'n Greet

The Jubilee Celebration will also include appearances by leaders from SICM's early years: Rev. Jim Miller and Rev. Bob Pierce. The Meet 'n Greet reception will be held from 4 — 5 pm. (prior to the main celebration) in the Wine Room at The Glen Sanders Mansion. Reservations for this special Meet 'n Greet event are limited and on a first-come, first served basis. Contact Laurie Bacheldor at SICM for reservations: 518.374.2683 x 103; LaurieB@SICM.us.

Cost: \$15.00/person

Featured Speakers at the 50th

Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) celebrates the partnership of 51 member congregations "relating the resources of the congregations to the human needs of the city." The SICM newsletters, financial and program information are available from SICM at 1055 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12308

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SICM's finances are audited annually by an independent auditing firm.

Rev. James C. Miller

Jim was born and raised in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia, and a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York. After being ordained to the Christian ministry in September of 1963, Jim served as minister at First Baptist Church in Cooperstown, Emmanuel Baptist Church (now Emmanuel Friedens) in Schenectady, Lake Avenue Baptist Church and others, and spent time as a part-time Protestant Chaplain at Union College. Currently he serves as pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island.



Jim's ministry career has centered on racial justice and equality, international peace-making and peace-keeping, revitalization of cities, development of affordable housing projects, youth ministry and college chaplaincy, worship and pastoral counseling, ethics reform in government, environmental stewardship, and empowerment of the laity in their workplaces and through their vocations.

Among Jim's recognitions are the Walter Cronkite Faith & Freedom Award, the National Church of Christ's Ecumenical & Interfaith Service Award (for the Rhode Island State Council of Churches), the Rhode Island State Council of Churches' Life Achievement Award. He also received honorary doctorate degrees from Keuka College and from his alma mater, Alderson-Broaddus College.

Jim was a member of the founding board of SICM in 1968.

Rev. Robert Pierce

Bob was born in Northeast, Pennsylvania, attended Penn State University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Franklin College of Indiana and a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. After being ordained in 1962 at the First Baptist Church in Erie, Pennsylvania, Bob served as Youth Director at First Baptist Church in Anderson, Indiana, and as Assistant Pastor at both First Baptist Church in Erie and at Pilgrim Congregational Church in Nashua, New Hampshire. In addition, Bob has been on staff at the Department of Youth Ministry, National Council of Churches of Christ, Nyack Community Center, the Long Island Council of Churches, and served as the first Director/Urban Agent of Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) from 1969-1985.



Bob's professional assignments have included the national staff, American Baptist Churches, USA; National Council of Churches of Christ; Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM); and most recently The Long Island Council of Churches. Mr. Pierce is an ordained pastor with standing in both the American Baptist and United Church of Christ Churches, and currently maintains a consulting practice.

Awards bestowed upon Bob include the Patroon Award and Key to the City from the City of Schenectady, New York, representing the highest commendation given to a citizen in the private sector for meritorious service. Mr. Pierce is the proud recipient of the 1995 Dr. Martin Luther King award from the First Baptist Church in Riverhead, the 1998 David Kadane award for outstanding advocacy from the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, and the 1994 Kairos award for humanitarian leadership from the Long Island Coalition for Peaceful Alternatives.

SICM Gives Community Service Awards



At the December Assembly, SICM awarded the 2017 Community Service Award to individuals and groups who are part of the SICM network and who have gone “the extra mile” in areas of ministry.

Richard Farmer was honored with the SICM Community Service Award for the ways he has gone “above and beyond” with many aspects of the SICM Food Program. Dick has been picking up and delivering food that Lisha’s Kill members donate to SICM for many years. He also has worked at the Regional Food Bank for more than 17 years, helping to load trucks for delivery to SICM. He continues to deliver food from LKRC to SICM weekly. Richard is always available to assist in whatever jobs he can do. He works quietly and without fanfare, and is a member of Lisha’s Kill Reformed Church.

Jill and Judy Becker were recognized for their many years of service as SICM Assembly delegates. In this role, they have organized support from Messiah Lutheran for many SICM ministries and events, such as SICM Summer Lunch, the CROP Walk, the Souper Bowl for Caring and more. They have provided a strong foundation for the recent rapid growth in social ministries at Messiah, and even though they have passed the baton as delegates to new folks, they continue to organize participation in many SICM events and are leading voices in discerning how faith communities, nonprofit organizations like SICM and other partners can better coordinate our efforts to address rising levels of food insecurity in the Bellevue/Rotterdam are of Schenectady County.

SICM was pleased to acknowledge the large number of Schenectady ARC consumers and their team leaders who volunteered at our 2017 Summer Meals Program, including Marina Boldeau, David Merriman, and Kirk Lewis. They had groups of volunteers who served at both Steinmetz homes (6 different weeks) and Yates Village (1 week.) Schenectady ARC clocked 59 different individuals at Steinmetz Homes with an average of 2 hours/person = 118 volunteer hours @ \$28.08/hour = an in-kind value of \$3,313. SARC clocked 27 different individuals at Yates Village with an average of 2 hours/person = 54 volunteer hours @ \$28.08/hour = an in-kind value of \$1,517. Total: 86 different individuals for a total 172 volunteer hours = \$4,830.

SICM honored GE Global Research employees, including Susan Corah, who have volunteered in teams to serve summer lunches over the years and at nearly every site. G.E. had 92 volunteers who clocked 184 volunteers hours = \$5,167.



Richard Farmer of Lisha’s Kill Reformed Church and his family.

Thank you to all our award winners!



Pastor Dustin Wright with Judy Becker and Jill Becker, all of Messiah Lutheran



Schenectady ARC Executive Director Kirk Lewis (far right) with ARC volunteers for SICM Summer Meals.



SICM 2018 Community Service Award Recipients, L to R: Kirk Lewis (SARC), Richard Farmer (Lisha’s Kill RC), Jill Becker, Judy Becker (Messiah Lutheran Church), Susan Corah (GE Global Research).

*Thank you to all those who go
above and beyond to
support SICM’s ministries!*

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SAVE THE DATES:

March 6	Assembly, Emmanuel Friedens
March 13	CROP Recruiters Meeting at 5:30 pm Emmanuel Friedens
March 20	50th Anniversary Celebration

SICM has been involved or started 52 programs over the past 50 years!
SICM's important work continues today.

The Four Parish Fellowship was the foundation for SICM (1966-1968):
Duryee Memorial AME Zion, Emmanuel Baptist (now Emmanuel Friedens), First United Methodist, and Friendship Baptist. SICM currently partners with over 60+ congregations.

We hope you'll join us on March 20th — Space is Limited.
Please reserve a spot early.

50 Years
1967-2018