

**Register Now for the 2014 Annual
CBF West Meeting, May 7-9**



You are invited to come to West Yellowstone, Montana, located at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park, for the 2014 annual meeting of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship West. First Baptist Church, West Yellowstone,

pastored by **Benny McCracken**, will be our host. Our theme will be “Reaching Millennials: A Challenge for the 21st Century Church.” Rick McClatchy, field coordinator for CBF of Texas, will be our guest facilitator during a time of conversation, discussion and panel presentations. A tour of Yellowstone National Park is optional. For more information, including **registration and hotel information**, go online to cbfwest.org. For more information about Yellowstone Park, visit yellowstone.net.

“Millennials”: More Information

A good place to read more is online at www.pewresearch.org/topics/millennials/. Find out how much you identify with millennials by taking the quiz at www.pewresearch.org/quiz/how-millennial-are-you/.

**Welcome Bay Area Karen
Baptist Church!**

By Rick Sample

The Bay Area Karen Baptist Church of Oakland, CA, recently formalized its affiliation with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF West. The Karen people group is a marginalized ethnic group from mountain regions along the border of Thailand and Burma, also known as Myanmar. For decades, the Karen have been forced to live in refugee camps and now thousands of Karen have immigrated to the United States in the last ten years; many of them are Baptist Christians. Several hundred Karen now live in the San Francisco Bay Area and, in 2009, a group of Karen Baptists launched the Bay Area Karen Baptist Church which now has well over 100 in attendance at its Oakland location. Lita and Rick Sample, CBF field personnel, are engaged with the church in various children, music, social, and church leadership ministries. The church gives a monthly contribution to CBF, CBF West, and CBF’s Offering for Global Missions.

CBF West Annual Meeting Program

FBC West Yellowstone, Montana

May 7-9, 2014

Arrive on May 7 and take a look around town.

Thursday, May 8

- 9:00 AM -- Devotional by host pastor Benny McCracken
- 9:10 AM -- Report from the CBF West Coordinator and the Coordinating Council
- 10:00 AM -- Break
- 10:30 AM -- Session 1: An Introduction to Millennials (led by Rick McClatchy)
- 12:00 Noon -- Lunch
- 1:00 PM -- Afternoon in Yellowstone National Park (led by Bruce Gourley)
- 6:00 PM -- Dinner with members of First Baptist Church
- 7:00 PM -- Session 2: Why Does Your Church Struggle to Reach Millennials? (led by Rick McClatchy)
- 8:30 PM -- Break for the evening

Friday, May 9

- 9:00 AM -- Devotional by Diann Whisnand
- 9:10 AM -- Session 3: A Conversation About What We’ve Heard and Learned About Millennials and the Church (led by Exter Hardy)
- 10:00 AM -- Break
- 10:15 AM -- Final words for us from Rick McClatchy
- 10:30 AM -- A Conversation about what we envision CBF West looking like in 5 Years (led by Bruce Gourley)
- 11:15 AM -- Sharing of prayer requests and prayer
- 11:45 AM -- Lunch
- Afternoon / Evening in Yellowstone National Park

The cost of the conference is \$25, which includes meals from Thursday breakfast through Friday lunch, but does not include lodging. Registration and lodging information: www.cbfwest.org.

Ministry to Immigrants: Diann Whisnand featured in CBF national publication



Diann Whisnand, CBF Field Personnel serving along the U.S./Mexico border, is pictured on the far left in this photo from the current edition of *fellowship magazine*. Diann ministers among immigrants through English instruction and legal advice, in addition to meeting other needs. To read the article online, go to <http://issuu.com/fellowship/docs/2014february.march>

CBF West Officers:

Coordinator: Glen Foster (Tucson, AZ); **Moderator:** Bruce Gourley (Bozeman, MT); **Past Moderator:** Joy Yee (San Francisco, CA); **Moderator Elect:** Exter Hardy (Davis, CA); **Secretary:** Rick Sample (Fremont, California)

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Mission Opportunity: Macau, China – April 2015

CBF West moderator-elect Exter Hardy (pictured right) is coordinating an international missions opportunity for the CBF West family. Larry & Sarah Ballew, missionaries in Macau, China, have invited CBF West to send a team to their field of service.



The team will assist in the teaching of English as a second language, share personal testimonies, Learn about Macau Baptist Church and other ministries in Macau and participate in a worship service.

The trip is scheduled for the second half of April 2015 and will be about ten days in its entirety. Contact Exter at exter3of4@gmail.com for more information.

CBF National General Assembly June 23-27, Atlanta, GA

You are invited!

**More information online at
www.thefellowship.info/General-Assembly**

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