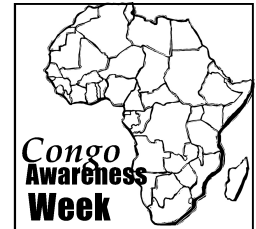




First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
220 N. College Ave., Fayetteville
invites you to participate in
Congo Awareness Week
October 18– 24, 2009



This is a global initiative led by students, churches and grassroots activists to educate the world community about the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to help support the people of the Congo in their quest for control of their land and their country. It is an effort to help bring about peace, stability and human dignity. In 2008, Congo Awareness efforts included 35 countries, 150 campuses, and communities around the world.

Schedule of Events:

- **Sunday, October 18, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**
Rev. LaMarco Cable, Associate for Advocacy and Education from the Disciples of Christ Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries will be the guest preacher speaking about the Congo.
- **Monday, October 19, 6 p.m.**
“All Mine,” a CBS documentary about exploitation of Congolese resources.
- **Tuesday, October 20, 5- 7 p.m.**
Drop-in Prayer Vigil.
- **Wednesday, October 21, Noon-1 p.m.**
“Cell Out.” Individuals are encouraged to refrain from using their cell phones in recognition that the mineral coltan, used to power them, comes from the Congo.
- **Thursday, October 22, 6-7:30 p.m.**
Celebratory Meal and Fundraiser with traditional homemade Congolese food. Please RSVP to 442-4674. Proceeds to help the Congolese.

Facts about the DRC:

- The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is entangled in war over control of natural resources: coltan (used in cell phones, computers, and other electronic devices), diamonds, gold and other minerals coveted by the world market.
- Since 1996, nearly 6 million people have died as a result of this war (more than 5 times the numbers in Darfur) described as the deadliest since Adolf Hitler’s armies marched across Europe.
- In addition to high death rates, the war has led to use of child soldiers, child slavery in mines, a rise in HIV/AIDS, mass displacement of peoples, and the spread of rape as a weapon of war.
- In spite of trillions of dollars worth of wealth in Congo’s soil, the average Congolese lives on \$100 per year, and 75% of the population is undernourished according to the United Nations.

For more information, contact First Christian Church 479-442-4674
To learn more about the Democratic Republic of Congo and
Congo Awareness Week, check out
www.congoweeek.org or www.friendsofthecongo.org