

## Attention Web Surfers! EGC's New, Improved Website

### www.egc.org

**I**s it glitzy? Well, no. It's rather plain in appearance. **But is it full of cutting edge information on urban ministry?** Yes! Rather like EGC itself... our plain appearance and down-home staff belie a dynamic ministry led by gifted urban ministers.

#### How to get around

Start at our home page at [www.egc.org](http://www.egc.org). You'll see 8 navigation menu items on the left side of the screen, and 5 on the bottom. On the left...



**About EGC:** Your guide to our mission, purpose, ministries, principles, history, collaborations, staff, and board.

**News:** Articles from *Inside EGC* and other program newsletters, updated regularly. Check back often to find out what's happening at EGC.

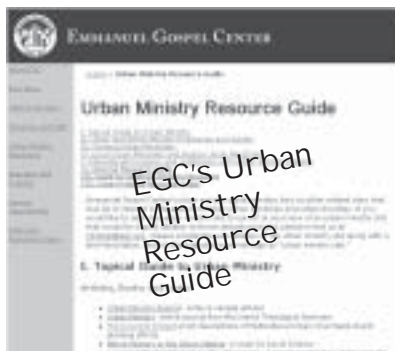
**Church Directory:** Finally you can search our database of 600 churches in Boston and Cambridge online. Search by any word or word combination. Entering the words "Allston Creole" yields three churches in



Allston using Haitian Creole in their services. The word "radio" shows 27 churches that have radio broadcasts. The words "Roxbury Presbyterian" point to one church in Roxbury of the Presbyterian denomination — appropriately named Roxbury Presbyterian Church. Click on any church name and view a profile of information on the church, plus a link that places that church on a map.

**Ministries and Staff:** Learn all about our ministry programs and the men and women who lead them. You can also use our staff roster to send an email to any one of us.

**Urban Ministry Resources:** Tap into a wealth of information on urban ministry in Boston and worldwide.



*"People call me the worldwide Web."*



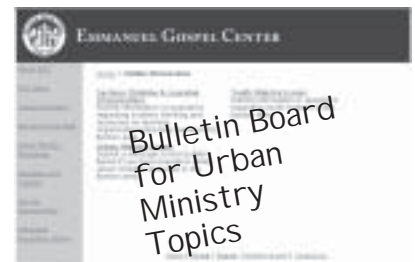
You'll find hundreds, maybe thousands, of links, articles, resources, services, and ministries. It's both a great starting place for the novice urban ministry researcher and a well-organized catalog for the more experienced user.

**Education and Training:** Highlights several urban ministry training institutions in Boston.

**Service Opportunities:** Shows EGC's staff openings, volunteer opportunities, and current prayer needs.

**Fellowship Bookstore Online:** EGC recently sold the Fellowship-Emanuel Bookstore after 32 years of fruitful ministry. Now owned by former staff member Robbie Halstead and his wife, Angel, the store, at 354 Tremont St., is ready to serve you online as well. Search here for those hard-to-find urban ministry resources, for books and Bibles in many languages, for good Christian music, books, Bibles, gifts, and much more.

*Across the bottom: Home, Giving, Search, Bulletin Board, Contact Us*



Got an idea or a question about urban ministry? Check out our bulletin board. Join the discussion, or start a new topic. We'd love to hear from you!

## Stewardship Update

Thanks to the faithful giving of folks like you, we are hanging in there financially, despite a lagging economy. We thank God, and we thank you, too, that we not only ended the last fiscal year in the black, but also made it through the summer months which tend to be slow. Our 2001-2002 audit was completed in record time, a direct result of the careful management, tireless work, and long hours invested by our Assistant Director, **Crystal Dixon**, and our Business Manager, **Joyce Lawson**.

We are also grateful for the progress made on the Capital Campaign so far. We have raised nearly half our goal of \$2.2 million. Please pray that we will be able to complete the campaign and move into our new building without a large mortgage.

## A Time to Build

Praise God that we have obtained the building permit and can now begin renovation! EGC is looking for a skilled carpenter or cabinetmaker to help with various tasks not covered by our main contractor. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact **Jeff Bass** at (617) 262-4567.

## Multi-Cultural Consultation

EGC is sponsoring a Multi-Cultural Leadership Consultation on November 9th, where representatives from about a dozen distinct ethnic groups will gather to share what God is doing among their people and their churches in the Boston Metropolitan Statistical Area. We are inviting urban leaders and missions directors from area churches, as well as representatives from other urban centers, to come to learn more about the spiritual vitality that exists among the diverse churches in our city. Together we hope to gain insights as to what God is doing today in the churches and how networking of various resources can encourage even more growth.



*Congratulations to the 80 recent graduates of the housing IDA program who saved \$30/week for 50 weeks while attending weekly trainings on budgeting, credit repair and homeownership. Left photo: Brian Gearin (left), director of the IDA program, gives Angela Davis her graduation certificate on July 31, 2002.*



## Steve's Back!

After a three-month leave of absence, **Steve Daman** has returned to EGC to his role of Publication Director, working closely with development director **Dana Wade**. During the summer, Steve's wife, Debby, was diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing tests at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute here in Boston in preparation for surgery sometime soon. Please join us as we pray for Debby, Steve and their children.

## New City Scholars

The College Success Initiative is recruiting 8-10 diverse urban students to attend college together as a team as part of the New City Scholars Program. Each student receives a 4-year, full tuition leadership scholarship to attend the first partner college, Gordon College, a Christian liberal arts college on Boston's North Shore. Through peer support and mentor relationships, along with leadership training, students are equipped to succeed in all areas of their college experience, while nurturing their vision for service in the city.

Please pray for a pool of at least 50 strong candidates to apply. Pray also for needed funding to hire project staff and further develop this exciting new initiative. If you would like further information on the project, contact **Martha Védrine** at (617) 262-4567.



## Serving on the Streets

Starlight Ministries serves the homeless men and women of Boston on the streets every Wednesday and Thursday night. Recently three of Starlight's missionaries have moved on to other work or to further their education. Please pray for Starlight Director **Paul Daigle** as he leads this ministry into its second decade.

Starlight is having a training on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm at Park Street Church in Boston. This training is required for all those interested in volunteering for outreach with Starlight and is helpful for anyone interested in knowing how they can better serve individuals who are homeless. Please RSVP to Paul Daigle at 617-262-4567 or email [pdaigle@egc.org](mailto:pdaigle@egc.org). Paul is also available to speak to your church or group about the needs of people who are homeless in Boston.

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