

Churches United's *Awards Dinner 2010*

September 15, 2010

Giando on the Water, 400 Kent Ave.
Williamsburg, Brooklyn



CHURCHES UNITED CORP.

To discover new possibilities for housing,
especially for those most in need.



Churches United is a faith-based nonprofit community organization. Our membership consists of a collaboration of Catholic parishes responsive to the affordable housing needs of north Brooklyn. Among our



activities, we provide advisory services to low income families and households facing displacement and other housing problems. We maintain and train a leadership group of

volunteers with the overall objective of beginning a lifetime of public involvement in community issues. We publish *Churches United News*, a lively newsletter designed to raise awareness, inform, and inspire low income tenants about affordable housing issues and opportunities.



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| 6:00 PM | Doors open (Reception Desk Mary Rivera, Marilyn Pabon) |
| 6:00-6:30 | Table Seating / Cocktail (Greeters Diana Rodriguez, Sylvia Hernandez, Connie Cardona) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Welcome (Paul Cogley) |
| 6:40 p.m. | Remarks/Benediction (Bishop Joseph Sullivan) |
| 6:50 pm | Leaders Presentation/Raffle/Invitation to Buffet (Rosa Espinal, Miguel Hernandez) |
| 7:00 | Buffet Dinner |
| 7:15pm | Proclamations (Public officials) |
| 7:30pm | Introduction Msgr. Anthony Hernandez (Mary Rivera)
Presentation of Msgr. Bryan J. Karvelis Award (Msgr. Anthony Hernandez)
Father Richard Beuther, honoree |
| 7:45pm | Introduction of Marty Markowitz (Bishop Sullivan)
Presentation of Churches United Humanitarian Award (B.P. Marty Markowitz)
Michael Lappin, honoree |
| 8:00pm | Raffle Drawing/ Coffee & Dessert (Rosa Espinal, Miguel Hernandez) |
| 8:15 PM | Closing Prayer |

Churches United Corp.
247 Hewes St., Brooklyn, NY 11211

Our Parish Members

All Saints
Holy Family
Mary of Nazareth
Most Holy Trinity-St. Mary
Our Lady of Consolation
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii
St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus
St. Cecilia
St. John the Baptist
St. Lucy-St. Patrick
Sts. Cyril and Methodius
Sts. Peter and Paul
Transfiguration

Our Board of Directors

Bishop Joseph Sullivan, chair
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Richard Slizeski

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Paul Cogley, AICP, executive director
Mary Rivera, project director



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Washington, D.C. 20515
NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ
12TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

September 15, 2010

Dear Friends,

Felicidades! I am delighted to extend greetings to Churches United Corp. (CUC), friends and honorees on your Annual Awards Dinner celebration. This event is an opportunity to applaud the vital services the organization provides the North Brooklyn community and the dedication of the staff, volunteer and board members.

Since its inception, Churches United Corporation has grown into an organization that advocates for and works to improve the quality of life of the underserved community it serves. This year you have continued the fight to ensure Latino participation in the political process, promoting awareness of the 2010 Census and the importance of being counted. In addition, you engaged in the fight for the inclusion and development of affordable housing within the waterfront community. Your activism along with the support of other housing advocates will enable lifetime residents to also enjoy and have access to the waterfront in Williamsburg.

As a member of the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee of the Financial Services Committee in Congress, we have made the creation and funding of programs to build additional affordable housing a top priority. In the months and year ahead, I will continue to advocate for more resources for human services and the development and preservation of affordable housing. In addition, I will continue to oppose the repeal of funding for much needed programs in my district and across this nation.

In closing, I congratulate this year's distinguished honorees: Father Richard Beuther, recipient of our esteemed Rev. Bryan J. Karvelis "*Sigue en la Lucha*" award, and Michael Lappin, CEO of Community Preservation Corp., recipient of the Humanitarian award for his vision, leadership, and firm commitment to affordable housing and economic development in our community.

Best wishes for a most enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

Nydia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress

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Dear friends of Churches United,

Welcome and thank you for being a part of tonight's celebration. We have come together tonight as working families, senior citizens, pastors, affordable housing developers, and nonprofits to celebrate and honor two wonderful leaders in promoting affordable housing.

The Churches United Humanitarian Award 2010 will be presented to Michael Lappin of Community Preservation Corporation. We honor Mike in gratitude for his leadership and outreach to meet our communities' needs for affordable housing, jobs training programs, and open space. His vision provides new possibilities for families and persons to find homes in our neighborhood.

The Churches United Monsignor Bryan J. Karvelis Award 2010 will be presented to Father Richard Beuther, pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul. We honor Father Rick in thanks for his steadfast devotion to the people and families of our communities. Father Rick's leadership has inspired and motivated those most in need in their quest for affordable housing and job opportunity.

Sincerely,

Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan
Chair of the Board

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Welcome, all:

Tonight we celebrate the communities of north Brooklyn, the parishes that have joined together as Churches United, and two unique individuals—Michael Lappin of CPC and Father Rick Beuther of Sts. Peter & Paul—who passionately work to expand the housing and jobs opportunities of struggling families and seniors.

Churches United is a collaboration of 14 parishes operating as a 501(c)(3). With so many people getting hit hard by this recessionary economy, the need for a faith-based, collaborative nonprofit like Churches United has never been greater.

At the heart of our organization is our parish leadership program which has proved to be a significant training ground for future community leaders and organizers.

And did you know that Churches United provides much needed tenant advisory services? Since 2008, we have assisted with about 700 affordable housing applications and about 1,200 personal contacts to assist those who are dealing with a housing problem.

Thank you all who made a donation, put in a journal ad, and/or showed up to dine at our fundraiser tonight in celebration. Your support is so very important!

Very Truly Yours,

Paul Cogley, AICP
Executive Director

Father Richard Beuther – Recipient of the Churches United Msgr. Bryan Karvelis Award 2010



Father Rick: “Church is where residents find community.”

(reprinted from Churches United News Issue 5 Fall 2008)

Father Richard Beuther arrived as the new pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Church and Epiphany Church in March 2001. Six months later he faced the upheaval caused by the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

“9/11 definitely affected us,” Father Rick recalls. “Beyond the human cost, it also took an economic toll and we had to close the Sts. Peter & Paul School,”

Since then, Father Rick has observed some troubling trends affecting the community. “As more people come to Williamsburg, rents have been going up and we have lost longtime residents,” he says. “I used to hear stories from parishioners about rising rents or troubles with their landlords. I hear less about that lately. The stories have died off because those tenants are gone.”

Nonetheless, attendance at Sts. Peter & Paul and Epiphany has grown. “I think that’s a result of these changes in the community. Longtime Hispanic residents are looking for the cultural and spiritual support they used to get on their street or in their apartment building. They are looking for community, a Hispanic community, and are finding it, more and more, in the Church.

Father Rick has noticed a tension between newcomers and longtime residents.

“Unfortunately,” Father Rick says. “dialogue with new residents hasn’t really started yet, but I do hope with time I’ll be able to see what their spiritual needs are and their temporal needs.”

Long a supporter of Churches United, earlier this year, Father Rick was chosen to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. (Since 2009, the board Chair is Bishop Sullivan—ed note)

“For me, this group represents churches coming together to advocate for people who aren’t strong, who need our voices. The goal is to stabilize living situations...and advocate for affordable housing.”

Michael Lappin – Recipient of the Churches United Humanitarian Award 2010



MIKE LAPPIN: Making the vision of affordable housing a reality

Michael D. Lappin is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), a consortium of 80 banks, thrifts, and major New York insurance companies. CPC is New York State's leading financier of affordable housing units representing public and private investments of over \$7 billion for the building and redevelopment of over 138,000 homes. Mr. Lappin has been President of CPC since 1980.

CPC was founded in 1974 out of the recognition that adequate and affordable housing is a crucial component for sustaining viable neighborhoods. The large-scale housing renewal undertaken by CPC over the past twenty-five years has resulted not only in the revival of individual buildings, but also in the restoration and stabilization of entire neighborhoods.

Mr. Lappin is also President and Chief Executive Officer of CPC Resources, Inc. (CPCR), a wholly-owned for profit subsidiary of CPC. CPCR is a leading developer of affordable housing in New York State.

In 2010, the City Council approved New Domino, a mixed-use development project by CPC that includes 660 affordable housing units.

Born in Buffalo, Mr. Lappin graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He received a master's degree in inter-national relations from the School of International Services at the American University in Washington, D.C. He then studied at the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research and at New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

The Churches United Awards Roster

Father Richard Beuther

Churches United Msgr. Bryan Karvelis Award 2010

Michael Lappin

Churches United Humanitarian Award 2010

Daisy Lopez

Churches United Bishop Sullivan Leadership Award 2008

Martin Dunn

Churches United Solidarity Award 2008

John Mulhern

Churches United Msgr. Bryan Karvelis Award 2008

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

Churches United Msgr. Bryan Karvelis Award 2007

Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan

Churches United Msgr. Bryan Karvelis Award 2005

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**AKRF is proud to support Churches United,
and its valuable services to the community.
We applaud Father Rick and Michael Lappin
for their dedication to providing safe and
affordable housing in Brooklyn.**



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Congratulations to Mike Lappin and Father Rick for their incredibly hard work in championing critically-needed affordable housing for the people of Williamsburg.

Under Mike Lappin's leadership the Community Preservation Corporation has grown into the largest financier of both new and renovated housing that is truly affordable to low-income families. Mike believes that quality housing for all people is a fundamental underpinning of a democratic society and has devoted his life to achieving economic and social justice. V

Father Rick is a fighter for his parishioners who never gives up. His commitment to strengthening the social fabric of the Williamsburg community and keeping it livable for people of all incomes has made him widely revered. He is strategic and effective as well as compassionate and nurturing. Three cheers for Churches United!!!

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Rev. Robert Czok, pastor

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PASTOR, OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH
ADMINISTER, ANNUNCIATION PARISH
WILLIAMSBURG, BROOKLYN

We congratulate Mike Lappin and Father
Rick – two determined leaders in the
quest for quality affordable housing and
a better community for all.

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&

CHURCHES UNITED

REV. MSGR. ANTHONY HERNANDEZ, PASTOR

H E R R I C K

Herrick, Feinstein LLP is proud to join in honoring Mike Lappin and Father Rick on their steadfast commitment to local affordable housing needs.

Mike -- your development of affordable housing is evident in neighborhood after neighborhood. Brooklyn, the greater Williamsburg community and the hundreds of congregants of Churches United will benefit greatly due to your tireless efforts.

Sincerely,

Your friends at Herrick



Salutes

Michael Lappin
And
Father Richard Beuther

Board of Directors

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Congratulations

**Father Richard Beuther, recipient of the Churches
United Msgr. Bryan Karvelis Award**

and

**Michael Lappin, recipient of the Churches United
Humanitarian Award.**

**Your awards are well-deserved for your lifetimes
of dedication and service to our north Brooklyn
community**

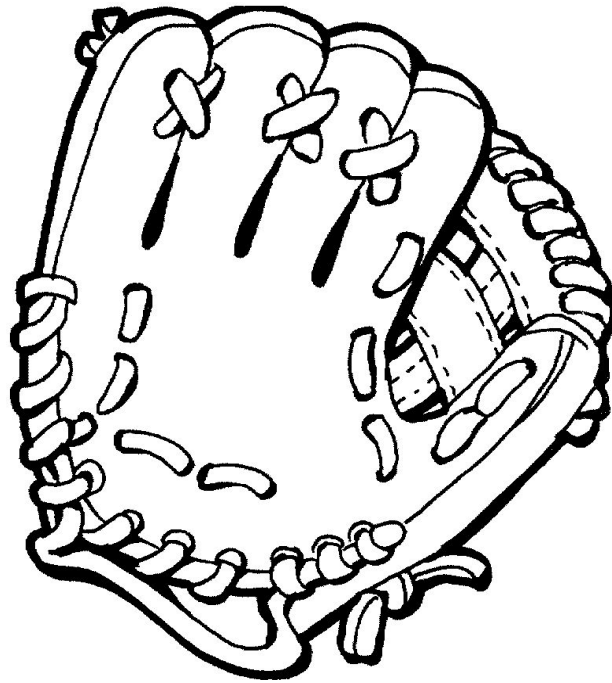
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Congratulations, Father Rick!
Congratulations, Mike Lappin!

Mary Rivera, Chair



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in honoring

Michael Lappin

and

Father Richard Beuther

*for their leadership and dedication in the name of social justice,
and for bringing the community together to effect positive change in our society*

Robert Siebel
Chief Executive Officer

Rev. Msgr. Alfred LoPinto
Vicar for Human Services

We congratulate the magnificent work of the Board of Directors of Churches United and their commitment to provide affordable housing to the families of Williamsburg.

Thank you Michael Lappin for the vision to provide new opportunities for housing and jobs.

Thank you Father Rick for your continued hard work for the families and children of the Southside.

And to the staff and parish leaders of Churches United: we applaud your tireless commitment to the community!

Community and Parents Day Care
243 S. Second St.
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Churches United staff and parish leaders join together in thanking Sister Peggy and Sister Marcellus for their inspirational dedication and service to our community.



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Housing workshop - street fair information table – Christmas toy giveaway - social justice seminar program – Puerto Rican day parade - affordable housing petition drive - presentation to community board - presentation to Brooklyn Borough president - Spring shelter dinner and raffle - presentation to Planning Commission - affordable housing toolkit seminar – presentation to city council committee – Mother Teresa 100th anniversary event

These are some of the activities of our parish leadership program during the past 12 months. This year we want to do even more. Thank you for your support of Churches United.

