

“I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another.” (Romans 15:14)

Your participation in CIC is integral and valuable! You have helped build a foundation for this ministry that can influence generations to come.

For 35 years, Christians in Commerce (CIC) has been working to encourage good work. In Christ, we have listened and learned together, brought positive solutions to challenges in today’s workplace culture. We have united to build strong relationships together.

We have encouraged you with compelling resources that help bring Christ to the marketplace. CIC is a huge blessing to many! I’ve had the blessing traveling throughout the country and hearing many first-hand stories.

Entering our 36th year we champion those whose faithfulness has helped them reach retirement. CIC now supports older brothers and sisters to continue the work on new fronts, in small home businesses, service, and supporting others in living their faith. *(Click below to read the full letter and you’ll find a link at the end to one inspiring story.)*

Many of us have experienced the benefits of **Challenge Groups** and **Chapters**. Young Christian men and women in their prime working years are hungry for support and encouragement. They want to know they are not alone and listen for a seasoned voice to walk alongside them through the challenges of modern work life. They hunger for accountability, formation, and mature, understanding insights. They are eager for good, strong, relationships in Christ. This is what we want to pass on to the next generation.

For these young men and women, they have their whole life ahead of them. We can be a support to them in several ways. *(Read more to learn ways you can be involved).*

SPARK A MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our **Working for Our Father** series offers powerful witness to Christian life and work. Shared with coworkers, corporations, offices, churches, neighbors, and ministries throughout the country, it is a marvelous tool to countering workplace challenges. Catching the vision is key! As our Chairman, Rich Preuss said in a previous email to you regarding this powerful series, *“For my part, I have personally witnessed many lives changed here in South Bend over the last couple of years. Seeing the lives change has been inspiring and it has been a catalyst for growth.”*

In the past year, contacts have been made at corporations (Google, ExxonMobil, Ameriprise, etc.), churches, and with other workplace ministries. Members and non-members are taking our video series, our Challenge Newsletters, and our workday reflections into their churches, their businesses, and their neighborhoods. There’s new energy at many of the Chapters. Men and women are finding us on the Internet and through social media and using our materials.

Our updated **Challenge Weekend** transforms lives for God, so that we can partner with him in transforming the world around us—*particularly the workplace*. Within the next ten years, we hope to bring the baptism in the Holy Spirit to 15,000 men and women who are hungry for God. That is good news!

Jesus changed the world as a storyteller. Today, we share stories through our podcasts, newsletter, blogs, reflections and much more. Stories told well, change lives. As we expand our outreach through **social media**, we are looking for good stories from good workers. The expanded **Challenge Newsletter** focuses on a single theme with an added **monthly insert** for you to pull out and share with others. This year we wish to create an app that this generation

can use on their devices to access our materials. In addition, we hope to revamp and upgrade our outdated website.

Our support has even been yielding amazing results internationally. Under the banner of Christians in Commerce, we are spiritually and physically feeding thousands in **Uganda**. This work in Uganda continues to bear abundant fruit. Our men's and women's chapter continue to host Challenge Weekends, Days of Renewal, Hope for the Workplace Seminars, Annual Youth Conferences, Couples Weekends, Annual Couples Conferences, a weekly radio broadcast, distribute Bibles and install water wells and latrines. Our work in Uganda continues to bear abundant fruit. *(There's a link below to postings from our Uganda effort.)*

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

No matter how brilliant our strategy, if we are playing a solo game, you'll always lose to the opposing team. We need you as a team player. A team aligned behind a vision will move mountains. Without your support, our work is not sustainable. Will you invest in reaching the next generation in new ways?

"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us— see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

We know there is the need for what we're offering. We also know from our growth this past year that our approach is succeeding. However, we have limited resources. We are working to be good stewards of our resources and looking for ways to reconfigure our operations for the expanding opportunities. But we need your financial help.

Together we can impact lives through CIC. Will you please consider making a new pledge or increasing your pledge for this work of CIC? Will you invest in young Christian men and women and in the work in Christ that they long to do?

Attached is a 2019 Annual Gift Campaign link to our website: www.cicintl.org/AGC19

Help us to **Shine Bright! Light the Darkness!**

In Christ,

Terry Cassell

President

Story links to inspire and encourage:

[New Focus Inspires Good Work by Bill Blauvelt](#)

[Recent Postings from the Uganda Effort](#)