

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

July always feels like the 'perfect storm'. This year was no exception. A voluntary FCC inspection, property taxes, quarterly insurance, medical insurance, dozens of work team members...all hit in the month of July. Thanks to all who don't allow their financial support of



Dennis Weidler

KICY to take a vacation in July!

This summer we were also hit with a major transmitter failure. After diagnosing every

piece of the system from the towers back through the antenna tuners, through the phasor, the transmission line, and into the tuning capacitors in the RF tuning portion of the transmitter, we were still unable to satisfactorily diagnose the problem. It was isolated to three circuit boards in the transmitter.

Ah, the challenges of living in the arctic, 550 miles from the nearest road. We thank God for the technology we enjoy and the fact that there are 4 cargo flights a day serving our tiny community and the surrounding villages.

Summers are short and extremely precious to us. This year, the salmon have been abundant and our neighbors have been sharing their catch of Pilgrim River Reds with us. We are extremely grateful.

Now, we gear up for the fall and approaching winter. ■



*The certificates signifying the passing of our exam.*

## KICY AM & FM Pass Voluntary FCC Inspection.

Every three years, our state wide broadcasting association offers an alternative FCC inspection program to its members. It's a little like an insurance policy. As long as you are inspected and pass, the chances of a random FCC inspection are greatly reduced. In fact, the FCC field office in Anchorage is on the list to close in about a year. That will put the nearest office in either Seattle or Denver.

This program is gaining popularity and many state broadcasting organizations are signing-on. It reduces the size of FCC staff and allows remaining staff to concentrate on more serious issues. However, if there are citizen reports of ongoing violations by broadcasters, you can expect a visit.

This will mark the sixth inspection in which Arctic Broadcasting has participated. We passed and were certified each time.

Our inspection day was July 21st and we dropped by the Aurora Inn and picked up our inspector, Ed Sutton,

who is covering the state this summer from his home in Phoenix.

The inspection is a day-long education and information sharing event as well as facilities inspection. Record keeping is scrutinized, logs are reviewed, EAS transmissions and receptions are reviewed and the Public File takes considerable time and effort.

There is also a visit to the transmitter site and antenna system. This year, KICY was off the air due to a circuit board failure but we were able to substantiate that we were operating within parameters by our record keeping and logging.

Tower paint color, lighting and flashing times are all reviewed.

By the end of the day, Mr. Sutton awarded us our certificates which are good for another three years.

This is a great program and extremely valuable. ■

## Tower Replacement Project.

For the past 16 years, we have been using towers which are not exactly ideal for service in the arctic.

These were gifted to KICY through a Voice of America transmitter

site in the Lower 48 and served our purposes for a long time.

However, a tower crew came to Nome last summer for a routine plumb and tension of all three towers. What they discovered is that dozens of the support braces had filled with water, expanded in the extreme cold and cracked under the pressure created by expanding ice.



*Damaged brackets were discovered on both the East and Center Towers.*

They replaced as many as they could, salvaged from tower sections we had which were lying on the ground. But the only solution to fix this problem long term is to replace two of the three towers with a solid steel tower, like we currently have in

service at the West Tower.

We have received estimates and the cost for replacing both the Center and East Towers is \$240,000. This is a complete turn-key estimate for two towers, shipping and installation.

This is a project which is critical to the continued service of KICY to all of western Alaska and into the Russian Far East. Please keep this project in prayer. ■

## Welcome Back, Bertha Koweluk!

After a few years absence, we are all delighted to have Bertha Koweluk return to Nome. She is working at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center as an education coordinator. She has also returned to KICY and is volunteering her time hosting SingSpiration each weekday evening.

Bertha left for Anchorage to work for the Wellness Warriors Initiative through the Southcentral Foundation.



*Bertha Koweluk returns to SingSpiration on KICY.*

Her work had brought her to Nome many times over the last several years and Bertha always made a point to visit us at the studios and was even guest host for SingSpiration on those return trips.

So welcome back, Bertha. She has such a joyful spirit and loves her time on the air. Her joy is infectious. If you get a chance, go to our web site and click on LISTEN LIVE on the right-hand side, then select the AM station and you can hear Bertha each weekday evening from 7 to 10. Her listeners appreciate her service. ■

## A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

**George Bard**

**Ian Cogan**

**Luda Kinok**

**Bertha Koweluk**

**Lon Swanson**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**



Celebrating 55 Years of Service  
to Western Alaska & The Russian  
Far East.

It is hard to believe it has been  
5 years since the big 50th  
Anniversary Dinner here in Nome.  
How time flies!

# KICY Will Cook Wild Alaskan Salmon For You.

It's time again to share the idea of your church hosting a KICY wild Alaska Salmon Fundraising Dinner.

As you can see on the chart to the right, there are now five dinners already scheduled.

We are also scheduling around the Midwinter Conference in 2016. There is a dinner scheduled for New Hope Covenant in Richland before the conference and at North Park Covenant on the Wednesday evening of the conference. Dates before and after are still open.

For full details and an updated schedule be sure to check out our home page at [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org).

Feel free to talk with any of the pastors where we have had the honor of preparing a wild Alaskan Salmon dinner. The salmon is free but the memories are priceless. We love to ship in Nome-caught salmon, cook it up and share the vision of KICY. Can we count on your church to host **salmon-chanted evening?** ■

## Memorials

In June and July we received memorials in the name of:

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**

**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**

**Sarah Ann Lewis**

**Margaret L. Anderson**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.



### Upcoming Dinners Calendar

#### October 3

*Kalamazoo Covenant Church  
Kalamazoo, Michigan*

#### October 4

*Northbrook Covenant  
Northbrook, Illinois*

#### October 10

*Trinity Covenant Church  
Livingston, New Jersey*

#### October 11

*Willow Street U.C.C.  
Willow Street, Pennsylvania*

#### October 18

*Community Covenant Church  
Eagle River, Alaska*

## PLEASE NOTE!

-July Income-

**\$32,569.27**

-July Budget-

**\$43,143.58**

-July Expenses-

**\$33,580.84**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*



Arctic Broadcasting  
Association is an  
affiliated corporation  
of the Evangelical  
Covenant Church.

## Help Wanted.

If you can help us with a donation for our tower replacement project, we all would very much appreciate it. As you can see, this is an ambitious project, but a critical one to the longterm success of this unique broadcast ministry. See the story on Page 2 for details.



\$240,000.00

\$120,000.00



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## We're Now The Alaska Conference.

So many have tried to change the name of our Covenant ministry in Alaska. ECCAK just seemed a little cumbersome. Now, it is officially gone. At the most recent Covenant Church annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri this past June, Alaska became its own Conference and Curtis Ivanoff became our first-ever Conference Superintendent. We are now known as the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

It has been a long road since Axel Karlson came ashore in Alaska in 1887. He had just been turned away

from Russia, his original destination and came ashore in Saint Michael. He went on to establish a mission church in the village of Unalakleet. It is no coincidence

that Curtis Ivanoff was born and raised in Unalakleet, known as the epicenter of the Covenant Church in Alaska. Today, the state of Alaska is its own conference.

We are very proud to have reached this milestone and particularly to have Curtis continue in this critical leadership position.

The challenges are formidable. Alaska is a widely far-flung land area including a variety of cultures and tribes. KICY is poised to partner with Covenanters and the greater body of Christ throughout western Alaska. This is an exciting time. ■



*Curtis Ivanoff and wife, Kristi as he is officially appointed as Conference Superintendent.*