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with the tools to carry on God's awesome love.*

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A Message to Presbyterians from the GA Moderator



THE FRUIT-BEARING BUSINESS
August 16, 2006

From Rev. Joan S. Gray,
Moderator of the 217th
General Assembly

As I move into my term as
moderator of the 217th
General Assembly, I want to

put before the church a
passage of scripture that
has been a foundation of
my ministry. In his
farewell address to his
disciples, Jesus said, "I
am the vine, you are the
branches. Those who
abide in me and I in
them bear much fruit,
because apart from me
you can do nothing"
(John 15:5).

The church is in the fruit-
bearing business.

The fruit we are to bear is
both internal and external.
The internal fruit is the quality
of life of the community of
faith: our worship, our growth
in grace, our relationships
within the body of Christ. The
external fruit is our witness to
God's reign and our living
toward the day

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Phil's Corner



Dear
Friends,

During the
fall season,
many

churches are again
considering how they can
reach out and attract
people into their fellowship.
For Presbyterians (and most
other Christian
denominations), this is a
regular conversation as we
face shifts in generations
and their faith patterns.

A basic question often is:
How do we do this? One
answer is to catch the

vision of and need for
transformation. As you all
know by now, a **Regional
Transformation
Conference** will be held
in Des Moines from
October 6-8. Here is an
event in our own back
yard that can help us get
started. There is still time
to register. If you haven't
done so already, I
encourage churches to get
a team of 3-4 people
together and attend.

While digging through one
of the boxes in my office
(yes, I'm still unpacking),
I came across an article

from the June 1997 edition
of *Monday Morning*. This is
a magazine formerly
published by our
denomination. Under the
pseudonym of "Possum
Valley Parson," the writer
shares some thoughts on
*Reaching the Next
Generation*. I found helpful
and challenging ideas here,
so I thought I'd share them
with you.

"I would like to suggest a
way to reach the next
generation for our
denomination: *Do what
they want to do!*

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Sept. 21



The United Nations General Assembly has designated Sept. 21 as International Day of Peace—a day of global ceasefire and nonviolence. So, the World Council of Churches (WCC) is inviting congregations worldwide to pray for peace at Noon on the day or the closest Sunday, and to act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of all people.

Suggestions for nurturing events include: a parade, a teaching, a vigil, a concert, a shared meal, planting a peace pole, folding peace cranes and hanging them in appropriate locations, ringing bells, lighting candles, and holding worship services. Visit www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/worship/worship.htm#dayofpeace for worship resources.

Events Calendar

2006

Sept. 20-22 – *2006 Annual Tentmaking Conference*, at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, Colo. Visit online: www.nassam.org/events.html. (See article on page 8 of *The Wider Circle*.)

Sept. 21-24 – *2006 Rocky Mountain APA Regional Conference*, Kearney, Neb., The Administrative Personnel Association is for staff of churches, governing bodies, agencies and institutions of the PC(USA). Registration, food and hotel fees total \$285; deadline is Aug. 1. Scholarships are available, contact Angie Palmer, Presbytery of Central Nebraska, 411 4th Ave., Ste. #28, Kearney, Neb., 68845 at 308-236-6996 or office@centralnepresby.org. To make hotel reservations, call: 308-236-7500.

Sept. 23 – *Peace Fair* in observance of International Day of Peace, at Gateway West Park in Des Moines, at 13th and Locust streets from Noon to 5 p.m. Activities include: cooperative games for children, face painting, art—an international language, and a peace labyrinth. Entertainment includes: Brian Joens – acoustic guitar, Margy Sudbrock – story teller, Ruthanne Gaines – theatre, and Sol Varisco – acoustic guitar. Co-sponsors are:

American Friends Service Committee, Catholic Peace Ministry, Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting, First Friends Church, Iowa Peace Network, Iowa Veterans for Peace, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Progressive Coalition of Central Iowa, **Social Ministries Task Force of the Presbytery of Des Moines**, United Nations Association. For more information, call: 515-274-4851, ext. 22.

Sept. 25-28 – Presbytery Pastoral Care Network (PPCN) 7th Annual National Gathering, *Hurricanes, Earthquakes and Traumas in the Pastorate: Caring for Clergy in Times of Crisis*, at the Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga. Go to: www.pastoralcarenetwork.org.

Sept. 30 – *Spendable Prayer*, a workshop for the spiritual leaders of congregations and Stewardship Committees. Saturday at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1285 3rd Ave., Cedar Rapids, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., \$45 per person, or \$35 per person for groups of 3 or more. Presenter Dick Craft, Associate for Stewardship Education for the PC(USA), has created this workshop for congregational leaders to help them understand that spirituality is at the heart of

stewardship. Registration and workshop information is available at www.pbyeastia.org/events/pres_events.html.

Oct. 1-3 – Synod of Lakes and Prairies meeting at the Mount Olivet Conference Center in the Twin Cities.

Oct. 2 – Deadline to register for the *2006 Eastern Iowa Children's Handbell & Handchime Festival*, Nov. 17-18, at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. This is a unique opportunity for youth choirs to ring in a mass ensemble setting. Ringers will benefit from working with an expert clinician, performing for each other, learning new skills, plus meeting other young ringers. Registration is due by Oct. 2, and space is limited. For more information, contact Matthew Penning, Festival Coordinator at 319-338-7523 or e-mail matthewp@saintandrew-ic.org

Oct. 4-6 – *Western National Leadership Training Event (WNLT)*, held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Jackson, Wyo. Through education and worship experience, WNLT seeks to develop the leadership skills of both laity and clergy in our denomination so they can prepare the local church and the presbytery to meet the challenges of a changing

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world. Rev. Dr. Philip Butin, President and Professor of Theology at the San Francisco Theological Seminary will be the plenary speaker. Go to: www.synodrm.org/wnlit.html for more information about this event and how to register. Or call: 801-495-1691, or e-mail agroote@utahweb.com.

Oct. 5 – Seven Choices of Grief, to be held at tandem locations: A.J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, 2207 West Main St., Jefferson City, Mo., from 9-11:30 a.m. and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 903 Bernadette Dr., Columbia, Mo. from 1-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40, which includes a copy of Dr. Neeld's book *Seven Choices*. The event will include an in-depth explanation of the components of the complete active grieving process: Impact, Second Crisis, Observation, The Turn, Reconstruction, Working Through, and Integration. It will also include Do's and Don't's for successful support of grieving persons. Keynote speaker, Elizabeth Harper Neeld, Ph. D., is the author of 21 published works. The program is presented by the Mid-Missouri Partners in Continuing Education and underwritten by: Missouri Presbyterian churches. For a registration form, contact

Krystal Jacobs, Office Administrator at: 573-635-1187 or 800-626-5924 or by e-mail at: krystalMSR@earthlink.net. Go online to: www.msr-crm.org.



Oct. 6-8 – Regional Transformation Event for Congregational Teams, co-hosted by the Des Moines and Missouri River Valley presbyteries. *A Change of Heart* conference will be held in the Des Moines area. To learn more, go online to: www.trinityupc.org/transformation.htm or call the Presbytery office at 515-276-4991 to make your team's reservations.

Oct. 8 – "American Empire and the Kingdom of God", Spalding Lecture Series sponsored by the University of Iowa Department of Religious Studies and the Spalding Community Education Committee. Dr. Rosemary Radford Ruether, author of the classic *Sexism and God-Talk*, will present at 7 p.m. at Old Brick Church, 26 E. Market St. in Iowa City, Iowa. This event is free and open to the public. Contact: Dr. Darrell

Yeane, at: 319-354-7877, or sue-dy@avalon.net.

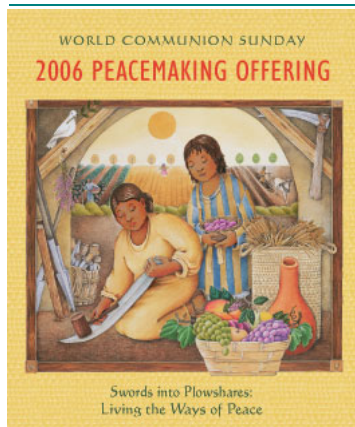
Oct. 13-15 – Are you called to camp and conference ministry? The Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA) *Focus Event* will be held near Tampa, Florida. Come for a weekend to explore this ministry and spend time exploring God's call for you at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia, Florida. This program is designed for people of all ages. For more information visit www.pccca.net/events.php?view=20. Or contact Mark Orendorf at program@cedarkirk.com or 813-685-4224, ext. 2.

Oct. 18-20 – *Discover Your Call: Dependable Strengths in Your Congregation Workshop*, at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington. The Dependable Strengths® process invites people to reflect on positive experiences from their lives, tell their stories and discern together what God is calling them to be. Co-sponsored by: Centered Life (Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota) and the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning (Whitworth College). Visit: www.whitworth.edu/FaithCenter/ClergyLay/DiscoverYourCall.htm.



PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, SEPT. 21

*God,
you are
the God of life.
Transform us
in the depths of
our hearts
into people through
whom your peace
is carried forth into
your world.
Send your Spirit
into the hearts
of those who
are captured in the
net of violence
be it as perpetrators
or as victims
and let us
never give up
the search
for the chance
to talk to them.
Amen.*



World Communion – Sunday, Oct. 1

This year's theme for the Peacemaking Offering, "Swords into Plowshares: Living the Ways of Peace," is taken from the great vision of peace found in Isaiah 2:2-4, when the peoples of the world stream to the mountain of the Lord and learn from God how to live in peace. What they learn from God leads them to action: they change swords and spears, instruments of war that are no longer needed, into plowshares and pruning hooks, implements used in the peaceful work of producing food for people.

Get worship resources at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/worship/worship.htm#communion.

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"It is time to wake up to what everyone from Willow Creek to the Baptist church around the corner has already figured out: *Attractive programs attract people*. We, too, can have updated programming without sacrificing content; we only have to change our style.

"We say we can't afford the cost of new or different programs, but that may be a problem not of money so much as priority and perception. Priority: Is anything more important than the children, youth, and young adults of the community? Perception: There are cheaper ways to reach more people locally than the ways we do that now. With the \$500 it costs you to send one teenager to Montreat for one week, I can buy enough soccer balls to supply 100 children for 10 hours of practice time for 50 weeks.

"Why soccer? First, because it reaches people. Last summer, 80,000 people filled a football stadium in the United States to watch a women's team win a world championship. Second, because soccer teaches creativity. Pele said that when you have the ball at

your feet, there are five right things you can do and you must make the best choice. When we walk into our offices on Monday morning, there are five right things we could do and we must make the best choice.

"There is nothing in our theology preventing the local Presbyterian church from offering activities in dance, art, drama, puppetry, story-telling, and computer that can all be done in ways that build fellowship, further the spiritual journey, and introduce and teach the Bible – and that few others in town will touch.

"Leadership can be found. First, there are hidden talents in every congregation and community. Second, there are also college students and single people available for hire. Musical ability commands top dollar, but a college sophomore in the P.E. department who needs job experience may not cost as much.

"People will show up at the church building when the church offers something no one else is offering and promotes the program through the media. Your fellowship hall could, be, for

instance, the only alcohol-free dance hall in town.

"There are catches. First, the minister and congregation must show some interest in the people who come to the programs, whoever they are, however they dress, however they talk, wherever they work. Second, the congregation must remain committed to these programs for a long time before they see new faces at worship and Bible study, and even then there will only be a few who find their way from program to worship. Third, those who do come will often want their Christianity expressed in a different form too: guitar instead of organ, etc. We are simply resurrecting church in different forms.

"The annual net loss in membership in our denomination is partly young families who shop around and join the church in town that has the best programs for their kids and the most up-to-date music, regardless of the theology."

May you be thoughtfully stimulated by what this Parson has to say.

Peace, Phil

Employment Opportunities

Interim Pastor or Full-time Pastor – LeRoy Presbyterian

Church. is searching for a Presbyterian pastor for the **United Trinity Parish**, a three denomination church, (Christian United, Methodist and **Presbyterian**). If you would like a job description, contact **Mary Ellen Stanley** at 641-446-6179 or e-mail at jdepond@grm.net. Or contact the **Parish Secretary, Amanda Wetterling** at 641-877-4641 or e-mail at: trinityparish@iowatelecom.net.

Chaplain – Iowa City Hospice needs a person to provide

pastoral support to patients, families and staff as requested. This may require direct pastoral assessment and counseling; coordination with involved clergy; networking with available clergy/counselors; and, serving as a resource for spirituality. Requirements are: ecclesiastical endorsement and certification in pastoral care, a master's degree in theology or pastoral ministry or equivalent, experience with care of the terminally ill or 24 units of Clinical Pastoral preferred. Contact Chris Humlicek, Human Resource Consultant, Iowa City

Hospice at 319-351-5665, ext. 143 or www.iowacityhospice.org/.

Job Developer – The Directors Council, a Des Moines Human Service Agency is hiring a Job Developer for its Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program. Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in a Human Service related field and a minimum of five years experience in Human Services, experience working in employment training and/or placement a plus. Submit your resume to Megan Milligan, Coordinator at mmilligan@orchardplace.org, or call 515-697-5742.



Raise AIDS Awareness in Your Church

Prepare now to celebrate HIV/AIDS Awareness Sunday, Oct. 8. Order your free packet containing posters, bulletin inserts, a "Minute for Mission" and pew envelopes designed to lift up this issue in your congregation.

Worship resources, including sermon ideas, are also available for free download. Go online to: www.pcusa.org/aids-international/.

Check out the Web site for *Presbyterians Today* to read: *How to speak Presbyterian, What is all this Presbyterian lingo?, and A Newcomers Guide to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*. Go to: <http://pcusa.org/today/believe/believe.htm>

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when God's will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. We do not exist for our own sake but rather for the sake of the world God loves so much.

Jesus tells us in this powerful verse that without him we can do nothing. Unless we are in a life-giving relationship with him, our work in the church is in vain – the fruit we bear will not be "fruit that will last" (John 15:16). As Moderator, I am interested in focusing some attention on the quality of

that relationship with the Lord – the Head of the Church that enables us to be fruitful congregations, fruitful individuals, fruitful presbyteries, and a fruitful denomination for God's sake in the world.

One way I want to do this is by hosting a series of prayer retreats around the country over the next two years. The purpose of these retreats is to create a space where people active in fruit-bearing work in the world and the church can be nurtured in the vital

relationship with the Vine.

The first one will be held at Zephyr Point Conference Center in Zephyr Cove, NV, Nov. 12-14. As plans develop, information will be posted online.

I am honored to serve as your moderator, and I look forward to meeting many of you in these next months. Please pray for me as I do my best to be fruitful and faithful.

This story is online at: www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2006/06410.htm.

Rising costs send BOP Medical Plan dues up .5%

With health care costs continuing to rise annually by nearly 10%, the Board of Pensions (BOP) of PC(USA) has voted to raise its Medical Plan dues by one-half percent, to 19.5% of "effective salary."

The increase, which brings total dues for medical plus pension benefits to 31.5%, is effective Jan. 1, 2007. The board approved the increase in July, along with subscription increases in related health care programs, such as the Affiliated Benefits Plan (an 8.8% increase) and medical coverage for seminary students (an increase commensurate with the Medical Plan dues increase).

Projections for the Medical Plan – which pays out about \$150 million in benefits annually – are based on an 11% annual increase in health care costs.

The BOP also approved a contract with CIGNA to provide medical benefits to PC(USA) missionaries serving overseas.

Details on this July 20 story are available online at: www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2006/06369.htm.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Update

A MESSAGE TO PRESBYTERIANS FROM THE GA STATED CLERK

Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick
PC(USA) General Assembly Stated Clerk

THE QUESTION BEFORE US

...Given all of the important matters that came before this General Assembly, it is no wonder that the assembly's actions have been a source of both hope and pain. Given our history and our polity as Presbyterians, both are familiar responses. We are called to embody what Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Cor. 12:26). The hope and prayer of many is that all of us will seek to do what we can to heal and strengthen relationships as we join together to respond to God's call to mission and ministry through that unique part of the body of Christ known as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In these post-assembly days, it seems the question before us is: What are the most positive ways we can respond to what God may be calling the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to do and be?

It is a good question for us in general in this changing

world of ours – and in particular following the General Assembly. It is also a very challenging question. It will involve, among other things, living faithfully together as a church in the midst of our differences. That is a tall order, especially in the deeply polarized context in which we find ourselves.

Making it happen will require active participation from all of us – congregations, presbyteries, synods, General Assembly agencies, seminaries, and myriad groupings that make up our church.

As it seems is the case with God's call, it will be difficult – but fulfilling – work!

The full story is available online at: www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2006/06421.htm.

PDA RESPONSE UPDATES THROUGH SEPT. 8

Designated financial support for any of the disasters PDA is responding to can be made online through the PDA Web site <http://pcusa.org/pda/donate/accounts.htm>, by calling PresbyTel at 800-872-3283, or by mailing a check payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Central Receiving Services, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-

1396. Specify the designated giving account number with your gift. See the following highlights of PDA Responses.

PAKISTAN FLOODING AND EARTHQUAKE – DR000038

PDA recently sent an additional \$20,000 for ongoing relief and recovery efforts in the NorthWest Frontier Province (NWFP) of Pakistan to assist families – many who are still reeling from the massive October 2005 earthquake – affected by severe flooding. The flooding has destroyed crops, and has contaminated water supplies leading to an increase in communicable diseases and gastrointestinal infections.

Funds are being used to provide flood-affected families with shelter and food assistance and for the continuing earthquake response. More than 250,000 people are being provided with access to safe water, and a Hygiene Promotion Team is conducting assessments and working to prevent the spread of disease through unsafe drinking water through trainings and provision of hygiene kits.

PHILIPPINES VOLCANO – DR000012

The Mayon Volcano in the Philippines began exploding

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sending lava flows down its' slopes July 14 through mid-August.

9,905 families (48,261 individuals) were evacuated from affected cities and put into 28 evacuation centers throughout the province. About 50 hectares of farmland has been destroyed and many coconut groves have been burned by the lava flow. The National Council of Churches in the Philippines in responding to this disaster through Andurog Mayon which is the Disaster Response Committee of the churches working in the affected Albay Province.

PDA has sent *One Great Hour of Sharing* funds aid in this response. Funds are being used for providing food and non food items to 4,000 families. Agricultural assistance in the form of seeds and tools is being provided to 1,000 families. An additional 1,000 families are receiving food-for-work assistance as they undertake activities of land preparation, and clearing roads and community facilities covered with mud or volcanic ash.

SUDAN VIDEOS

PDA continues to support the work of RECONCILE in

Southern Sudan. Two new video clips will be posted to the PDA Web site. One is a 90-second and the other is three minutes. You can access these online at: <http://media.pcusa.org/pda/sudan-reconcile-90sec.wvx> or <http://media.pcusa.org/pda/sudan-reconcile-3min.wvx>.

For more on the Sudan crisis, go to: www.pcusa.org/pda/response/africa/sudan/water052505.htm.

UNITED STATES COMMEMORATION OF SEPT. 11, 2001

On this fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, John Robinson, PDA Associate for Disaster Response, U.S., was one of the leaders in an Interfaith Memorial Service.

The PDA resource *Out of the Depths: Voices of the Presbyterian Faith Community At Work After September 11* is still available to order from Presbyterian Distribution Service #7434002012. This resource available at no charge is a collection of theological reflections and liturgical expressions exploring the nature of suffering, disaster, faith, and the presence of God in the aftermath of Sept. 11.

HURRICANE RESPONSE

PDA recently announced that fifteen Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) have arrived in the Gulf Coast to work with the Presbytery of Mississippi, and the Presbyterian Volunteer Villages, to assist with 2005 Hurricane recovery efforts. Members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team are helping to train the YAVs. This one-year project is a partnership between the National Volunteers Office, The Presbytery of Mississippi, and PDA.

While much of the focus has been on remembering the 2005 hurricanes, particularly Hurricane Katrina – we have posted a report from Port Charlotte, Florida about the ongoing response and rebuilding following 2004 Hurricane Charley:

<http://pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/hurricane-charley-2yearslater.htm>.

The report indicates there are still about 100 homes that need to be repaired and at least 30 or 40 that should be replaced.

PDA has also recently sent funds from the 2005 Hurricane to Peace River Presbytery to assist with ongoing needs related to Hurricane Wilma.

Geriatric Nurse is Waiting for Funds to Begin Mission Service

Denise England

(Audubon, First) is a geriatric nurse from Iowa who “has a real heart for serving in Egypt,” says Jan Opdyke, director of the Mission Initiative: Joining Hearts & Hands (MIJHH) campaign. And there is a place for England to serve a geriatric population in Egypt.

Denise has leased out her home in anticipation of going. She is ready-except for the funding.

The MIJHH campaign is specifically promoting England and others like her in the hope that a congregation will make a connection. This would-be missionary is visiting congregations herself so that people can match a human face to the appeal.

K.T. Ockels, coordinator of mission service and recruitment, says 10 people are in the pipeline for international mission service, but currently there is no money to send them.

Adapted from a Presbyterian News Service story by Toya Hill. Read more about MIJHH at: www.pcusa.org/joining/heartsandhands/.



Integrity: The Life and Special Gifts of Tentmakers

Those who answer the call to tentmaking must live with an extraordinary degree of integrity as they immerse in highly varied spheres of ministry. Join us in this complex calling!

The 2006 Annual Tentmaking Conference will be held 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, through 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22, at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark, Colo. This conference is co-sponsored by Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers (APT) and the National Association for the Self-Supporting Active Ministry (NASSAM). To register or for more information, go online to: www.pcusa.org/ministers/index.htm.

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HURRICANE KATRINA: ONE YEAR LATER

Volunteer Villages, a part of PDA's 8-year commitment to the Gulf Coast, create opportunities for volunteers, survivors, and local congregations to work in partnership and cultivate relationships that will enable a collective and long-term recovery in the Gulf. PDA hopes that you will continue to be a part of this ongoing story of hope and rehabilitation that continues to unfold.

Teams are needed to help in the clean-up, recovery, and rebuilding phases – please consider sending a team from your congregation, Rotary club, Elks club, garden club or other civic organization. The minimum age for volunteers in the Gulf Coast is 18. Other ways to help are as follows:

- Volunteer Village teams, 866-732-6121
- Other Gulf Coast opportunities: www.pcusa.org/pda/teams/sites.htm #hurricane
- Florida teams, 877-352-7326

“One year later the survivors of Hurricane Katrina continue to rebuild their lives and redefine their understanding of hope and community.”

PDA has posted to the Web site www.pcusa.org/pda a 3-minute video of rebuilding in the Gulf Coast. Also included on the Web site are short interview vignettes “Voices from the Gulf” that lift up the words of the volunteers, survivors, and Volunteer Village staff, who are part of the collective effort for long-term recovery and rehabilitation of the Gulf Coast.

A DVD copy containing all of the videos can be requested from PDA by sending an email to pda@pcusa.org or by calling Jenny at 888-728-7228, ext. 5805 or Pamela at 888-728-7228, ext. 5839.

If you are wondering if there is a mission trip in your future, listen to one victim's **story of her Iowa angels**. Wanda Elum from New Orleans tells about her needs and the help she's received through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Go online to: www.pcusa.org/katrina/ and click on “I call them my angels.”

MAKING PLANS FOR 2007 SUMMER WORK TRIPS?

Volunteers of all ages are needed. The National Volunteers Office provides

this list of sites around the United States, as well as link to other opportunities internationally and in disaster response, which will accept groups for mission work. Group leaders simply contact sites to make arrangements. Please note that a listing on this Web page does not imply an endorsement of the organization by the PC(USA). No funding from the National Volunteers Office is available to sites in the listing or to groups planning a mission trip. As you consider planning a mission trip, a variety of online resource may provide some guidance for your experience. Go to: www.pcusa.org/nvo/resources.htm. They include reflection on the theology of service as well as cultural sensitivity, practical planning guidelines and procedures, and much more.

Mission Trips 2006-2007, is a booklet list programs and ministries that receive church groups for volunteer work. Check online regularly for daily changes marked “Updated for 2007.” Go to: www.pcusa.org/nvo/missiontrips/missiontrips.htm.

Congregational Connection

Presbytery congregations have a reason to celebrate:

Everyone is invited to a party! The **First Presbyterian Church in Des Moines**, 3100 Easton Blvd., is having a Neighborhood Lawn Party on Sept. 23, from 2–6:30 p.m., rain or shine! There will be games, food and

Sparky the Clown is bringing friends. Live music will be provided by *Banjoes and Blue Jeans* and the *Prairie Rivers Band*. For more information, call the church office at 515-262-5679 or e-mail: firstpresdsm@netzero.com.

The Annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar will be held on

Oct. 14 at **First Presbyterian Church**, 3100 Easton Blvd. Crafters are needed to sell handcrafted items. No manufactured items or home based, party-type businesses. Call or e-mail for details. Jeanne at 515-480-5820 or jlarrisonichol@hotmail.com or firstpresdsm@netzero.com.

Prayers and Concerns

Please keep in your prayers the following:

Rev. Bob Cook who recently retired as the Presbytery's Designated Missionary to El Salvador,

suffered a minor heart attack on Sept 5 in Berlin. He is now home and recuperating. To contact him, use his new address: Quintes de Bosques Colonia Planes de Rendo

Kilometer 7 Casa 43 San Salvador, C.A. or by phone at: 011-503-2280-5039 or by e-mail at: hermano_robert1@yahoo.com

Presbytery PW Workshops Scheduled



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PW CHURCHWIDE GATHERING IN LOUISVILLE

Last month, seven Presbytery attendees were left off the list. They were:

- **Lila Jean Jensen (Audubon, First)**
- **Rev. Linda O'Connell (Lucas, First)**
- **Sherry Templeman (Atlantic, First United)**
- **Sharon Falck (Oskaloosa, First)**
- **Margaret Welsh (Clive, Heartland)**
- **Beth and Hayley Hirst (DM, Westminster)**

- **Mary Lou Briles (DM, Park Avenue)**
- **Doris Stoner (DM, Park Avenue)**

FALL PW WORKSHOPS SET

Light for the Journey is the theme for the Presbytery's Fall PW Workshops. Each workshop will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. and closing prayer at 2:45 p.m. Mark your calendars with these dates and speakers:

September 30 – The Presbyterian Church in Egypt with **Margaret Magill**. For reservations call: **Nancy Lister-Settle**, 515-992-3639.

October 14 – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Katrina with **Chris and Melissa Schnucker**. For reservations call: **Leona Nielsen**, 641-774-8046.

October 27 – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Katrina with **Chris and Melissa Schnucker**. For reservations call: **Kate Dukelow**, 515-334-9441.

Each agenda includes: Bible Study of "In the Beginning: Genesis", New Mission Giving Design, Churchwide Gathering Reports and *HORIZONS: A Treasury of Programs*.

Website Grant Could Give an Internet Presence

The Iowa .NET User Group (IADNUG), a Des Moines based organization of local .NET computer programmers, is offering complementary Web services to selected Central Iowa non-profit organizations.

The offer, open to any non-profit in the Des Moines area, will provide the tools to help maintain a dynamic and interactive data-driven Web site. The IADNUG is offering to build the sites at no charge. Selected organizations will receive full implementation of their Web site including e-mail.

While the initial site set-up is free, there will be minimal charges for those organizations that don't already have a domain address and site host.

Applications are due Sept 30, and will be reviewed by the Iowa .NET User Group executive board members. Selected applicants will be notified via e-mail along with introductions to the applicant's implementation team.

Applications are available at www.iowadnug.org. For more information, contact Eric Jacobs at 515-557-2028 or go online.



LIFE LONG LINKS WEBSITE
Iowa's older adults and people with disabilities have easier access to statewide resources through one comprehensive Web site at www.LifeLongLinks.org that went live Sept. 1.

Service providers and consumers are invited to learn more about the Iowa older adult resources Web site by viewing a 45-minute Webcast, archived at www.extension.iastate.edu/webcast/.

Older Adults Ministry in Iowa

The following was compiled by Older Adult Ministry (OAM) Coordinator **Darlene Shepard (Oskaloosa, First)**.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF ELDERLY CITIZENS IN POLK COUNTY

The Polk County Coalition on Aging in collaboration with the Des Moines University's Geriatric Education Center conducted two rounds of surveys to assess the transportation needs and service awareness of elderly citizens. The first survey was conducted in

2004 and a follow up survey was completed February of this year. The survey reveals that a majority of the elderly citizens in Polk County count on the informal sector (families and friends) for transportation when and if they suffer the loss of transportation autonomy.

However, most of them are not sure that they can rely on their church to serve them in the event that they are unable to drive themselves, even under dire need (see the chart). The survey gathered data

from a total of 662 individuals who are either approaching retirement age or are already in retirement age.

Less than 5% of older Polk County residents felt they could turn to their church for help with transportation if they needed a ride. This was a finding of a survey conducted by The Polk County Coalition on Aging in collaboration with Des Moines University's Geriatric Education Center. For more information, contact Bob Boles at 515-255-1544.

Some Reasons for Building an Older Adult Ministry in Your Church*

INTERESTING STATISTICS

- There are 70,000 people in the U.S. age 100 or older. In 2028, that number will be approximately 417,000. In 2050, it will grow to 834,000.
- There are 4 million people in the U.S. with Alzheimers. In 2028, this number will be approximately 7 million, and in 2050, 14 million.
- The World Bank reports the number of people in the world over 60 years of age will **triple** in the next 3 decades. This is a percentage jump of 9% in 1990 to 16% in 2030.

The Baby Boomer generation, declining birth rates, and problems of aging as more people live longer will impact the world, our nation and certainly our churches. The Age Wave is not just a local problem, but rather is a world-wide phenomenon. From this information we can easily determine the need to be planning ahead.

Look at how your budget for next year balances between the numbers in your youth and younger church population as opposed to church members 55 and older. (*Note: this is not intended to indicate we should reduce our focus on the young people.*) Our teen-age members of today will most likely be in another town, state or country in 10 years. Our 45- and 50-year-old and older members will, for the most part, still be showing up for church services. How can our churches prepare to serve them, and indeed, ourselves?

Demographics also seem to indicate that if our new members are all under the age of 40, we will only maintain our mainline church membership totals. Should we accept only new members who are 40 and older, our mainline churches will grow every year. We begin to age at the time of conception. But regardless of age, each of Christ's disciples is called to minister to others in and through the church.

The needs of the spirit drive us to seek meaning at any age. If we as a family and as a church do not show an interest and concern in our elderly... who will?

* Information from Older Adult Ministry Conference at Presbyterian Conference Center, Stoney Point, New York, April 2006

Presbytery Happenings

INTERIM DESIGNATED MISSIONARY TO EL SALVADOR

Our Sister Parish Mission (OSPM) and its work with the Parish Team of Berlin, El Salvador will be directed for an interim time by **Bill Fischer**, a member of **Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive**. Bill recently retired from Xerox Corporation and has visited El Salvador and Heartland's Sister Canton, El Tablon at least 15 times. He is not only knowledgeable about the mission, but capable of providing the administrative team support needed while the *Compañeros* search committee looks for a permanent replacement.

Bill is assuming responsibilities at an important transition time for OSPM. The relationships between the nine sister churches and their cantons are strong and functioning well. Some Iowa churches have scheduled delegations in the coming months. Other cantons are interested in sister churches as well. These relationships and new projects will require some vigilant administration and organization.

In addition there is a new project that will require even more vigilance on Bill's part. A couple months ago Fr. Ernie at Sacred

Heart Parish in Newton developed a Just Choice boxer shorts business, using the Casa Pastoral as the source of labor for sewing them. In the process he is providing some well paying jobs. Jobs not only for the Casa Pastoral, but also for the pueblo as a whole. The number of women working has gone from 4 to 10. The potential is for double that number. Please extend Bill your continued support in the coming months as he guides the Mission through some very important growth and development.

— Rev. Bob Cook,
Honorably Retired

The new e-mail address for Bill Fischer and Our Sister Parish is oursisterparish@yahoo.com.

GULF COAST MISSION TRIPS UPDATE

The **United Christian Presbyterian Church in Bedford** is organizing a construction team mission trip to Louisiana, Oct. 7-14. They have expanded to 18 slots and have 16 committed to go, five of whom are skilled in a construction specialty. They have received \$2,100 in contributions so far, and the Southwest Regional Partnership will be providing \$600. If interested, contact **Rev.**

Randy Allman at 712-523-3634 or by e-mail at: dianeware@gmail.com.

The **First Presbyterian Church in Creston** is organizing a mission trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi where they have established a sister church relationship. They are inviting Presbytery members to consider signing up for one of these trips scheduled to go to Pascagoula, Miss., Oct. 14-21, and Oct. 21-28. The SW Regional Partners will also be contributing to the costs of this trip. If you are interested in joining the mission teams, contact

Marion Hargin at 641-782-7265 or by e-mail at: bphargin@iowatelecom.net.

These work teams are opened to anyone 16 or older, and are not limited to the Creston congregation. However, there is room for only 15 persons per team.

EL SALVADOR DELEGATIONS PLANNED

Two delegations from the Ankeny Presbyterian Church are being organized. One will be in mid-November 2006, and another for Spring Break 2007. For more information, contact Marcia Justice at 515-964-5244, or e-mail at: justicebern@mchsi.com. Don't wait too long to express your interest — space is limited. Check out the mission's Web site: www.oursisterparish.org.



Blues Concert Tickets on Sale

The Homeless Blues Benefit

Concert for CROSS Ministries, will be held Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 p.m. to Midnight at the 7 Flags Event Center, 2100 N.W. 100th St. in Clive. If you'd like to see who is playing at the event, go online to:

www.homelessblues.com/.

Tickets are on sale in the Presbytery Office. Contact Office Manager Betty Dyer, at 515-276-4991 or pbydesmoines@qwest.net

to purchase tickets. For your \$15 you will receive an actual working souvenir Hohner harmonica, a fantastic concert (thanks to the generosity of the bands), and the joy of knowing that the \$15 will be used to help pay the rent and utilities for low- and no-income families.



Calling all participants, chaperones, and work crew members!

Don't miss a great opportunity for the youth in your church to network with other youth! The

2007 Presbyterian Youth

Triennium will be held at

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, July 17-22.

This exciting life-changing

Presbyterian youth event is held every three years.

Triennium is geared toward high school age youth with a special emphasis on worship, spiritual formation and discipleship.

Posters and applications are available online or contact the

Presbytery office at 515-276-4991, for a hard copy of the materials. For details, check out the Web site: www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

Youth Triennium 2007 Plans are Underway!

The Presbytery of Des Moines is gearing up for an exciting **Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2007!**

Hope Is In Our Midst is the theme for the July 17-22, 2007 triennial gathering at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Registration for the event is \$399 and includes an on-campus room (double), meals, T-shirt and a week of excellent programs for our youth.

Our Camping/Youth Ministry Task Force members are hopeful that you are already publicizing this awesome youth event. We are looking forward to sending a top-notch delegation of youth leaders and adult advisors that represents our presbytery by: gender, race, ethnicity, geography, age, church size, etc. (this includes individuals with special needs). For more information, the national website is:

www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

There are several ways to participate in Triennium 2007. Age requirements are:

- **Youth participant** – 15 years old by July 17, 2007, to 19 years old.
- **Work crew** – at least 19 years old and no older than 22 years old on July 22, 2007.
- **Adult advisor** – over 21 years of age by July 17, 2007.
- **Small group leader** – 25 years of age on the date they apply (Sexual Misconduct Disclosure and Certification and Background Release Form and Agreement forms are required to be signed and submitted for this category).

National registration begins in January 2007 and our Presbytery delegation will register as a unit through Presbytery Registrar **Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson (DM Park Avenue)**. Our presbytery has spots for 40 participants.



In past years, the task force has provided the transportation costs to Purdue University. It is the task force's intention to do so again. **Please be aware:** at this time there are no scholarships available for this event either through the PC(USA) national office or the Presbytery of Des Moines Camping/Youth Ministry Task Force. Funds can be obtained from the youth's family, local churches,

regional partnerships and local fundraising projects.

Registration materials are posted on the Presbytery Web site at: www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Look under *Resources* and the heading **Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2007**. The first item you will find is the *Presbytery Youth Delegation Application form*. If you need hard copies mailed, contact the Presbytery office at 515-276-4991.

As Triennium is a Christ-centered gathering, the Triennium 2007 Design Team assumes "some commitment to Jesus Christ has already taken place." Every youth

desiring consideration will need to complete this form and mail it to the Presbytery of Des Moines registrar. *Originals only*: no copies, faxes or e-mails, please.

Time moves quickly for youth, so encourage them to attend Triennium 2007 beginning **now!**

Registrar **Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson** is delighted to answer questions or help you through the application process. Contact Lisa at: Lefty-Lizard@juno.com [Subject Line: Triennium 2007], or 7207 SW 16th St., Des Moines, IA 50315-6030, or 515-287-1288.

Presbytery Awards Given at August Meeting

2006 INITIATIVE GRANTS

At the August Presbytery meeting, the **Congregational Care and Development (CCD) Committee** celebrated the awarding of six Initiative Grants to the following churches:

- **First Presbyterian Church in Chariton** has been awarded \$1,000 to help establish in the local library an historical display and newspaper article highlighting their 150th Anniversary.
- A second Initiative Grant of \$2,500 goes to **Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** to assist with their growing ministry to Sudanese members and the community.
- **Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** is receiving a \$1,500 grant.
- **Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola** will use the \$2,000 grant to purchase a computer for the *WeLIFT* program (see the article on page 15).
- **First United Presbyterian Church in Monroe** was awarded \$1,500 to fund part of the salary of a Youth Worker for their growing Middle and High School programs.

- Finally, the **United Presbyterian Church in Newton** will use their grant of \$1,500 to add more contemporary elements to their churches worship and fellowship through purchase of a video projection equipment and a digital piano.

Applications may be submitted to CCD through the Presbytery Office. Please mark your application ATTN: Initiative Grants. The next deadline for grants is June 2007. If you have questions, contact **Rev. David Endriss (Indianola, Trinity United)**, 515-961-6231 or revendriss@dwx.com.

JUST NEIGHBORS AWARD GOES TO WESTMINSTER

This spring, the **Social Justice Ministries Task Force** began a new recognition program for congregations with strong commitments to social justice ministries in the Presbytery of Des Moines.

First Presbyterian Church of Newton, the first recipient of the *Just Neighbors Award*, has been displaying the Just Neighbors banner presented to them at the May Presbytery meeting in Chariton, because of their work in the social justice arena.

In August, the banner was passed to the **Westminster**

Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, which is the largest membership church in the Des Moines Presbytery, and is involved in a number of social justice ministries.

The churches' Social Justice Committee regularly holds discussions on various social justice topics including: *Our Faithful Response to Terrorism*, *The Politics of Food*, *Mental Illness Awareness*, *What Is Justice?*, *Hate Groups in the Midwest*, and *Genocide: Rwanda*. Sponsored events include: an art show with proceeds to Green Days; support for Bread for the World, DMARC, and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The church has sent delegations to Hungary and El Salvador and has helped Habitat for Humanity and the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

The church building is accessible to persons with disabilities, and large print and Braille bulletins are available. Space in the building is available to many groups, the newest being *Everybody Wins Iowa*, a children's literacy program, a Tuesday seniors club, a weekly preschool and playschool program.



Westminster sponsors summer interns by subsidizing their work for local non-profit agencies. Each student receives a \$2,000 grant for college after this life-changing experience.

The Gay Lesbian Straight Affirmation Group is a self supporting small group that focuses on providing a safe environment for all people regardless of differences.

Westminster's inclusivity statement is as follows: "We welcome persons as participants in our congregation, regardless of age, gender, marital status, physical condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic background, economic status, or any other human condition."

A different congregation will be honored at the November 14 meeting. Contact **Nancy Lister-Settle**, 515-992-3639 or neitherthecat@aol.com, with your nominations.



CAMP AMANDA is a weekend camp for children ages 6-17 and adults who are grieving the death of a loved one through accident, illness, suicide or homicide.

Two camps are held simultaneously, one for adults and the other for children and teens. The next camp date is Sept. 23-24, 2006.

At Camp Amanda, children and adults find others who have had a similar experience. They can validate each other's feelings and lessen their sense of isolation. They can help heal each other and know that it is ok to laugh again.

To register visit our website at www.amandathepanda.org or call 515-223-HUGS (4847).

Pascagoula Fundraiser is a Success

The **First Presbyterian Church in Creston** held a Variety Show to raise funds for their Pascagoula Mission trip Oct. 21-28. **Norma Crawford** coordinated the 2-hour event and **Marion Hargin**, chair of the commission gave details on the trip and showed the PDA video. The *Hwy 49+2 Performers*, of **Lenox United and Sharpsburg Presbyterian churches** entertained by playing music. Members of the band are



Dennis Brown of (Lenox United), sang Josh Turner's song "Long Black Train." Photo taken by Beverly Hargin.

Linda Spring, Carol

Brown, Dean Breach

(Methodist) and **Dennis**

Brown. Everyone had a

good time and over \$850

was donated to the cause!

Transformational Moments

Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines – Because the month of August can sometimes seem slow during summer, the churches Mission Committee decided to pep up Sundays by bringing in guests to interpret where gifts go and to involve members in “hands on” experiences. The push was for members to “Come Early, Stay Late.” A gathering time in the fellowship hall before the worship allowed time for the speaker discussion. The interpreter was then invited to offer a Minute for Mission during the service. After the service, following coffee time, activities were planned whereby members could themselves actively “do mission.” These included:

- **LuAnn Smith** of **Victim Impact** brought a client who was entering society after incarceration. Also, Mario Hayslett, from Hansen House spoke of his experiences. Cookies were baked and cards were made saying “God loves you, and we do too!” These were delivered to Hansen House members.
- World mission was emphasized with **Rev. Goanar Chol, of the Des Moines Presbytery**. He presented the plight of the Sudanese. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Kits were assembled and sent.
- **Roberta Victor** brought personal experiences of the needy who tap the **CROSS Ministries’ program**. Offering of Letters (through Bread for the World) was the activity. Members were encouraged to write to their Senators and Representatives to combat hunger around the world. These letters were brought to worship the following Sunday for dedication.
- **Pioneer Baseball League**, a league for physically challenged youth ages 8-21, was interpreted by **Director Jim Sanders**. He brought equipment and a video to demonstrate how this organization has impacted the lives of youth, their families, and those who volunteer for the league for the past 29 years. Thank-you cards were made and distributed to the league’s coaches and volunteers.

Many seeds were planted in August. We pray that God will bring forth the harvest!

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TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14**Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola –**

This church has had a long tradition of using a portion of any capital campaign project to support mission. Recently, Trinity has begun another capital campaign to update and expand its current facility. In 2004, they purchased a building next door to the current structure and have spent thousands of hours updating and renovating the structure to create new office and Christian Education space.



A portion of this new space has been dedicated to a new mission project that Trinity is spear-heading. It is called **WeLIFT (We Learn Independence For Tomorrow)**. The purpose of this ministry is to provide much needed assistance for the unemployed needy of Warren County. By providing education, referrals and training WeLIFT will assist individuals in finding and retaining meaningful employment.

From the very beginning one of the goals of WeLIFT was to make this an ecumenical and community wide partnership. Although it is currently under the auspices of **Trinity United Presbyterian Church**, they have sought and received wide support from a number of other churches, community organizations and service providers. Their enthusiasm and support of this mission has confirmed the congregation's belief that there is a deep need for this kind of service in the Indianola area.

Funding for this project has come from several different sources. We have received a grant from the State of Iowa to help with the salary of a part-time staff person. Other monies have come from local churches and individuals. Several other grants are pending. It is our hope to "open the doors" of this new ministry in the fall. If you have any questions about this ministry or would like to offer your support, please call the church office.

Ankeny Presbyterian Church – The senior high members needed to raise funds for their annual mission trip to Winnipeg, Canada. They held an evening dinner show called, **Uncle Phil's Diner**. This musical, interactive dinner theatre was originally created by a man in Fullerton, Calif. as an outreach program. The atmosphere resembles a 50's style restaurant with a hostess seating guests and a waiter/waitress for each table – the "cast" is decked out 50's style. During the meal there is dialogue between Uncle Phil, the owner, and the various youth he hires to work for him. Basically, when Phil was younger, a restaurant owner took him in and mentored him and he wanted to do the same for others.

His nephew, P.J., wants to help out by drawing in more business, so he rigs up a band to perform. Through the course of the evening the band keeps calling saying they're lost. So, to fill in, P.J. comes up with audience participation contests like: blowing bubbles, hula hoops, and lip sync groups. Uncle Phil's Mom, who is there all evening, keeps nagging to play Bingo and finally gets her chance when everyone plays. At the end, a group in the kitchen who has been trying to get a band together comes out and they play a few 50's songs as the closing entertainment.

The Ankeny kids performed the event Saturday and Sunday night, serving nearly 250 people. They charged \$6 per person, but also accepted "tips" (And did they ever!). The senior highs made \$2,500 for their mission trip allowing them to take 30 youth and 8 adults to help at various homeless shelters in Winnipeg.

Hy-Vee Colossal Cookie Sale to Benefit DMARC

During Sept. 12-25, your 15 Des Moines Area Hy-Vee Stores will be promoting their *4th Annual Colossal Cookie Sale* by selling delicious Bakery Fresh cookies for just \$.15 each. For each cookie sold, Hy-Vee will donate one penny to the Red Barrel Program which helps feed the hungry.

Over the past three years, Hy-Vee with the help of its customers, has been able to donate more than \$15,000 to the Red Barrel Program. The program accepts monetary and food donations which in turn go to support the Emergency Food Pantry. Food is distributed to families in need on an emergency basis from 8 pantry sites located throughout Des Moines.

Place your order with any of your 15 Des Moines Area Hy-Vee Stores. Order ahead and save - 100 cookies for \$13.99. Enjoy bakery fresh chocolate chip, peanut butter or sugar cookies for just \$.15 each and do your part to help feed the hungry by supporting the DMARC's Red Barrel Program.

If you would like to receive a copy of the poster for your church, contact DMARC at 515-277-6969 or info@dmreligious.org.

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2006-07 Pastoral Care Specialist Program

The Ministry Resource Center of the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center will again offer this two-year program of professional development and renewal. *The Pastoral Care Specialist Program* is designed for pastors, chaplains, and lay persons involved in ministries of pastoral care.

Participants meet monthly to learn about areas critical to effective pastoral

care, and to receive support, encouragement, and consultation on their work. Participants can solidify what they already do well and integrate new knowledge and skills into their ministries. Seminar topics vary each year.

The program started Tuesday, Sept. 12, and runs through Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Participants meet monthly on the second Tuesday,

from 8:45 a.m. to Noon.

Tuition is \$500 for each of the two years. Registration is limited.

For more information or to register, contact Des Moines Presbytery member **Rev. J. Jeffrey Means, Ph.D.**, Director of Professional Education, at 515-274-4006 or jmeans@dmpcc.org. Or check the Center's website, www.dmpcc.org/classes/classes.html.

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