



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Apr. 14** – Presbytery staff meeting, 10 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **Apr. 15** – Lunch & Learn Series, Noon-1 p.m., Presbytery Office. *****CHANGE OF DATE & TOPIC***** Recap of Religious Communicators Congress: *Embracing Change: Communicating Faith in Today's World*. **Presbytery Director of Communications Kim Coulter** attended this 4-day conference in Chicago (April 7-10). Come listen to what she learned from religious communicators from all over the nation. (The originally scheduled date was April 22—discussion was to recap the *Plugging In* conference which is postponed to fall.)
- **Apr. 15** – **South Central Regional Partnership Dinner**, 6:30 p.m., **First Presbyterian Church, Centerville**. Dinner and tour of the Appanoose County Historical and Coal Mining Museum. Cost is \$12. RSVP to Rev. Dave Endriss at revendriss@dwx.com, 515-961-6231.
- **Apr. 16-18** – **POSTPONED** *Plugging In without Shorting Out* Conference, sponsored by the Transformation Team.
- **Apr. 18** – *Health Awareness Day*
- **Apr. 18-19** – Dr. Donald K. McKim, "theologian in residence", will be at **Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines**. McKim is executive editor of *Theology for Westminster*, John Knox Press. He taught at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and is married to Linda Jo who was editor of both the *Presbyterian Hymnal* and *The Companion*. All events are free, but they need registrations (to help with catering counts). RSVP to 515-279-3658 or office@dmcpc.org. On Sunday, April 18, 9 a.m. school hour—*A Romp Through Presbyterian Beliefs*. Worship service at 10:15 a.m.—*Confessing Our Reformed Faith Today*. Then a catered brunch at Noon with a keynote address—*Roots That Refresh: Piety for Presbyterians*. And on Monday, April 19, a catered lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.—*A Theological Conversation with Dr. McKim*. Presbytery clergy and church members of the Des Moines Presbytery are invited to attend!
- **Apr. 20** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Apr. 22** – *Earth Day*
- **Apr. 22** – **MOVED TO APRIL 15** Lunch & Learn on Recap of Transformation Conference (April 16-17): *Plugging in Without Shorting Out*. (Conference has been postponed until fall.)

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Joys and Concerns

Rev. Nathan and Leanne Williams, of Hope Community Presbyterian Church in Virginia, Minn., arrived back in the United States from Korea on Maundy Thursday, April 1, with their new son, Ian Williams who was 1 year old on April 2. Congratulations to grandparents the **Rev. Lynn and Lois Williams** of the **First Presbyterian Church in Grimes!**

The **Monroe Presbyterian Church** sent a check to the Des Moines Presbytery for the *One Great Hour of Sharing* last week. During the Lenten season they passed out the fish banks for the kids to take home and during each service they had a "Noisy Offering". The kids went around with cans during the regular offering and collected loose change from members. On Easter Sunday, the fish were brought up during the children's time and added to the large vase we had been accumulating the money in. The kids seemed to really enjoy being part of the collecting. "We were all excited that we had gotten almost \$400 in change and bills. We just wanted to pass on this special way to bring our tithes, that we had never done before."
—Judy Brodersen Treas, Monroe Church member

Liszt's *Missa Choralis* and Fauré's *Requiem* featured in Chorale Concert

The **Des Moines Westminster Presbyterian Church** Fine Arts Series will present the Westminster Chorale in concert on Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. The performance will feature two deeply emotive works: Franz Liszt's *Missa Choralis* and Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*, both directed by Dr. David Friddle, Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster. The concert is free of charge, and childcare will be provided. Based on Gregorian chant, Liszt's reverent *Missa Choralis* is subtle, melodic and filled with rich, chromatic harmonies. The mass will be complemented by Fauré's meditative *Requiem*, which is thought of as one of the most beautiful choral works of the 19th century. The Westminster Orchestra will join the Chorale to perform the requiem.



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Don't Miss *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, April 23

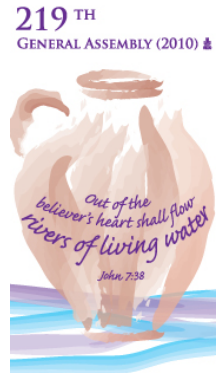
The Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center is sponsoring a full-day workshop on Friday, April 23 at **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines**. The event is open to pastors, other church staff, chaplains, spiritual directors, Stephen Ministers, mental health and other health care professionals as well as interested laypersons.

Loretta Ross, an ordained Presbyterian pastor, spiritual director, and founder of The Sanctuary Foundation for Prayer in Topeka, Kan. will present *Between a Rock and a Hard place: Obstacles, Resistance, and Pitfalls to Spiritual Growth*. Loretta was a guest speaker at *PrairieFire* a 2- to 3-year program in spiritual renewal and formation last November. Cost is: \$50 (includes lunch) and the event is from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Register by contacting the Center 515-274-4006 or info@dmpcc.org, or by completing the registration form (copies are available at the Presbytery Office) and mailing to: DMPCC, 2929 Westown Pkwy, Ste. 110, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Additional information can be found on our website: www.dmpcc.org under the Special Events tab. Questions about this workshop, the center's Pastoral Care Specialist program, or *PrairieFire* can be directed to: Kathy Reardon, RN, MS, Spiritual Director at kreardon@dmpcc.org or 515-274-4006.

Register or Volunteer for GA in Minneapolis, July 3-10

You've heard about it for weeks and months; the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is meeting this summer in Minneapolis. With a little over three months until the event, people who are interested in attending the *Great Presbyterian Get-Together* can now register online for July 3-10 event and pay the \$60 registration fee.

Who can register? Well, Elder and Minister commissioners have to attend, but so can visitors! This is a chance to meet fellow Presbyterians from across the United States and also to see the church government in action. Best of all, it's happening in the Midwest! To register, go to the 219th General Assembly website at www.pcusa.org/ga219. If you are a commissioner, click on the button that says "Commissioner and Advisory Delegates." If you are a visitor, click on "Observer." Register today!



Have you considered volunteering for General Assembly? In the run-up to the event and during GA, we will need hundreds of people to make sure that the thousands who will attend receive a warm Minnesota welcome. Our goal is to provide an avenue of involvement for every interested Presbyterian in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. If you register to volunteer, you get to observe General Assembly business without paying the registration. So, if you have some time to donate, please consider signing up at the Committee on Local Arrangements Web site at www.cola2010.com and click on the icon that reads "volunteer." Or call the COLA office to sign up at: 612-871-2617. Don't forget, if you sign up to volunteer, you get to go to General Assembly FREE!

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities holds Convocation 2010

The Seminary's Spring Convocation is scheduled April 28-29, in New Brighton, Minn. *Religious Themes in Contemporary Culture: Insights for Today's Church* features Emmy-nominated television writer and producer, United alum Craig Wright (*Six Feet Under*, *LOST*, *Brothers & Sisters*). How do we tell the Christian story in a changing landscape? What forms of media can we use with integrity and how? What can we learn from those who tell compelling stories in media and film and on YouTube? You will explore what the church can learn from today's culture as the church seeks to remain vital and relevant while remaining faithful to its core principles and beliefs. Space is limited; register early at: www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/convocation.asp. Cost is: \$150, register by calling 800-937-1316 and mention this message. For more information, including additional class information, schedule and bios of the class leaders, see our Web site at: www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp. The United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, 3000 Fifth St. NW - New Brighton, MN 55112-2598

PC(USA) is Celebrating 30 Years of Peacemaking

[Register now for *Re-membering Peace: Still the Believers' Calling*](#). Sponsored by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, the 2010 Peacemaking Seminar will take place on August 25-28 (depart on August 29) at Ghost Ranch Conference Center in Abiquiu, NM. As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, participants will gather to re-member—to bring together those concerned for the things that make for peace. [Download a seminar information brochure](#) [PDF].



The Seminar is designed for young adult and adult participants and will include a variety of plenary and small group gatherings for learning, praxis, and process. Due to the nature of the event, the seminar will not include childcare nor will programs for children or youth be provided. The seminar will begin with dinner on Wednesday, Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. Participants should arrange their departures from the ranch no later than 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29. [Download a first time participant scholarship application](#) [Word doc]

You can [register online](#). Cost: \$125.00 early registration by June 23 or \$175.00 (by August 2) and . This is per person and includes four nights lodging and meals beginning with dinner on August 25 and ending with dinner on August 28. Single room rate: \$515 to \$620. Double room rate: \$315 to \$420. Registration is limited. If you are unable to attend the seminar, [your gift to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program](#) will help others participate.

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