



## The Wider Circle E-News

### Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Aug. 18** – Clergy Breakfast, Grandview Park Funeral Home on the eastside of Des Moines. For more information, contact Pat Oberbillig at: [patoberbillig@aol.com](mailto:patoberbillig@aol.com).
- **Aug. 19** – Lunch & Learn on *Involve Children and Adults in Mission Projects*, with Des Moines Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler **Nancy Lister-Settle** of **First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Center** and Restoring Creation Enabler **Susan Stroope** of **Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines** at the Presbytery office, 2400 86th St., Ste. #20, Urbandale, Ia. Bring your lunch, beverages are provided.
- **Aug. 19** – The South Central Regional Partnership meeting is Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at **First Presbyterian Church**, 304 Walnut, Lucas, Ia. **Maurice Dyer (Indianola, Trinity United)** will be speaking about his experience as a General Assembly Commissioner. Dinner will be provided. Reservations would be helpful, but not necessary! Call the church at 641-766-6738.
- **Aug. 20** – The Hartford Trio of **Community United Presbyterian Church** will be singing at the Iowa State Fair, Friday at 4 p.m. in Pioneer Hall.
- **Aug. 21** – Presbytery Stated Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, Leon
- **Aug. 22** – *Youth in the Church and World*
- **Aug. 25** – Nominating Committee meeting, Noon, Presbytery Office.
- **Aug. 25** – Presbytery staff meeting, 2 p.m., Presbytery Office
- **Aug. 29** – Compañeros Annual Dinner Fund Raiser, 3-7 p.m. at the Des Moines Social Club, [www.desmoinessocialclub.org](http://www.desmoinessocialclub.org). The fiesta afternoon includes a silent auction, tapas, and Latino music. All proceeds support Our Sister Parish and the El Salvador mission. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. To purchased in advance, contact Office Manager Betty Dyer, 515-276-4991 or [pbymesmoines@presbyteryofdesmoines.org](mailto:pbymesmoines@presbyteryofdesmoines.org). Visit [www.oursisterparish.com](http://www.oursisterparish.com).

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### Joys and Concerns

**The Rev. Ben Wilson**, pastor at the **United Church of Deep River** is leaving. The United Methodists operate by sending and removing pastors on a regular basis. They had a special celebration on June 27. After worship and communion, they 'roasted' the pastor. We are sad to see Ben go, but wish him well in his next call. New pastor at **United Church of Deep River** will be the **Rev. Michelle Williamson**. She comes to us from the Whitfield Methodist Church in Sioux City, Ia. She will be living in the North English parsonage and will be serving Deep River, North English, Barnes City and Millersburg churches. Welcome!

The multi-generational Pulliam family from **Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** needs our supportive prayers as **Jack Pulliam** passed away June 21. Jack's wife Colleen, daughter **Kim Pulliam Wilhelm**, a faithful leader in the Two Rivers partnership and great niece of Jack and Colleen, **Danielle Cross** (Des Moines, Clifton Heights), was part of the Presbytery's Presbyterian Youth Triennium delegation in Indiana when she got the news of her great uncle's death. Please lift up the Pulliam family in your prayers at this time.

Two Rivers Regional Partnership Facilitator **Ann McGowan** of **Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church**, recently lost her father. His service was held at **First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield** with the **Rev. David Kincaide** officiating. Also, Ann's husband, **Terry**, had knee replacement surgery on June 23. Please hold them in your prayers.

### Attend the Iowa State Fair to See Hartford's Church Trio Perform

The Hartford Trio will be singing at the Iowa State Fair on Friday, August 20 at 4 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. All are welcome to come out and cheer on this group as they sing favorites of the **Community United Presbyterian Church!**

### Organized Theft Ring Hitting Churches in Iowa

There seems to be a professional group of thieves that are targeting churches in Iowa. They have so far hit churches mostly in southern Iowa, but have recently hit in Jasper County, taking computers, cameras, and petty cash. They seem to know churches very well and have been very discrete in their entry. Sometimes locks have been broken and other times they have entered without damage. Generally the losses to these churches have been under \$1,000, so the church bears the whole financial burden of the loss. Be alert and take precautions such as making sure doors are locked, valuable items are locked up, and computers are secured.

## Save Date for Local Church History Seminar, October 21-24

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Historical Society is pleased to announce that a Local Church History Seminar will be held **October 21-24, 2010 at [Heartland Center](#), Parkville, Missouri**. In celebration of the 150th anniversary of its founding, the Presbyterian Historical Society announced the creation of a scholarship to attend the seminar. During the Seminar, [workshops](#) will be taught on:

- Presbyterian History
- Oral History
- Writing a Congregation History
- Managing and Preserving Congregation Records
- Exhibit Planning
- Disaster Preparedness
- Celebrating a Congregation Anniversary

For additional information about the Seminar, contact Samantha Piccolo at: 215-928-3889, [spiccolo@history.pcusa.org](mailto:spiccolo@history.pcusa.org), or use the following links: [Details](#) | [Scholarships](#) | [Registration Form](#) | [Seminar Schedule](#) | [Housing Form](#).

### It's your story! It's our story!

We have an amazing opportunity to share through a national television broadcast the story of PC(USA)'s long-term response to hurricane Katrina and the thousands of volunteers who have walked alongside the people of the Gulf Coast. We need your help!



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[Coming Home: Hurricane Katrina 5 Years Later](#) explores the relationships between survivors and volunteers and stories of how they have touched

each other's lives. It is a documentary about what it means to survive a disaster and face the long-term recovery process. It's a story about how the Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance stayed with the survivors long after the news teams left. It's a story about how thousands of ordinary Presbyterians made an extraordinary difference in providing hope for the real people who lived through the hurricane and its destruction. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the ministry and faithful commitment to long-term recovery that Presbyterians have made!

*Coming Home: Hurricane Katrina 5 Years Later* was selected to be part of the "Horizons of the Spirit" religion series, a cooperative effort of NBC-TV and the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission for nationwide broadcast starting September 12, 2010, and will be available for broadcast for a period of six months on your local NBC affiliates. The documentary is available free to NBC affiliate stations – [BUT THEY MUST REQUEST THE PROGRAM](#). Here's how you can help:

Contact your local NBC affiliate and ask them to order and air "**2010 Horizons of the Spirit Series**" – *Coming Home: Katrina 5 Years Later*. It is available through the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission from September 12, 2010 through March 12, 2011. [Find your our local NBC affiliate](#). Tell them this would have a positive effect upon your community. If you or members of your church participated in a volunteer mission trip to the Gulf Coast, let them know. Encourage others in your congregation and community to spread the word and contact their local NBC stations today! Learn more and a download a bulletin insert on the PDA website, at: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/>.

## Post-Assembly Summaries Tell 219th General Assembly Story

By Jerry L. Van Marter (Reprinted from the GA210 Communication Center)

Presbyterian individuals and congregations will have several options available to them to learn about the actions of the 219th General Assembly in the days following the July 10 adjournment of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) national gathering. [Assembly in Brief](#)—a 16-page bulletin insert-sized summary of the Assembly in words and pictures produced by the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian News Service—will be available after the Assembly. Call 800-524-2612 and ask for the #OGA-10-030. Price is \$8 for a bundle of 25 copies. *Assembly in Brief* is also available online free of charge at [www.pcusa.org/resource/219th-general-assembly-brief/](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/219th-general-assembly-brief/).

A wrap-up of the Assembly with full-color photographs will appear in the August issue of the *Presbyterians Today*, the award-winning denominational magazine. For ordering/subscription information, e-mail *Presbyterians Today* at [today@pcusa.org](mailto:today@pcusa.org) or by regular mail at *Presbyterians Today*, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202.

All news and photos produced during the Assembly by the staff of the General Assembly Communications Center will remain available on the Assembly website at, <http://ga219.pcusa.org/>.

## SDOP Disburses more than \$260,000 to 14 Self-help Projects in the U.S.

The PC(USA)'s Committee on the Self-Development of People has approved grants totaling \$260,070 to 14 self-help projects in the United States. The money is from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Projects range from financial literacy education for newly arrived refugees in Maine to support for a group of residents in a low-income Puerto Rican neighborhood to create a landscaping service business. Grants were approved at SDOP's national committee meeting in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic May 19-22.

Among the projects is the [Sudanese Cultural and Community Development Association](#), Omaha, Neb.: \$20,000 — This group of Sudanese refugees was admitted to the U.S. with few resources and limited English skills. This grant will allow them to invest in their own training and prepare them for employment, thereby enabling them to become participants in the social and economic life of their new country. To read the complete story, [click here](#).

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