



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Nov. 18** – Personnel Committee, 4 p.m. at the Presbytery Office
- **Nov. 19** – Lunch & Learn Series, *Annual & Statistical Reports* (bring samples of your annual reports), Noon-1 p.m., Presbytery Office. Session Clerks and church secretaries and office assistants should attend this session on Thursday. You can also participate via Webconference by contacting Kim Coulter at: pbycommunication@presbyteryofdesmoines.org. You will receive instructions for the class that morning. You will then need to download an Active X control to your computer prior to participation at Noon. At 11:45 a.m. you'll receive the code and phone number to access the web site and conference call.
- **Nov. 22** – *Christ the King/Reign of Christ*
- **Nov. 26-27** – Thanksgiving Holiday, Presbytery Office is closed.
- **Nov. 29** – *1st Sunday of Advent*

Joys and Concerns

The Rev. **Dave Kincaide** pastor of the First Presbyterian churches in Dexter and Greenfield and his wife, **Pamela**, are very proud parents! Their two daughters, **Kristin and Robyn** run for the Nodaway Valley girls cross country team. This year their team won the Class 1-A State Championship title at the Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge, Ia., by one point over Dike-New Hartford, 127-126. See meet details at: www.omaha.com/article/20091031/HIGHSCHOOLS/710319769.

Local Senior Highs Connect with El Salvador Youth

Recently, **Michael Sinklier**, PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer to Peru, went to El Salvador with the **Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines'** delegation. Here he describes his visit and the new mission with the youth there.

"I had the opportunity to meet with a young man from the community where our sister parish is located in San Francisco, El Salvador. He and a group of young members had come to a meeting being held in the newly constructed church and were there to make a request of the team from Westminster. He introduced himself as Niwman Oswaldo Cruz Hernandez and told the gathering that one year ago he and 12 other adolescents came together to create an official youth group of the church of San Francisco and that today, one year later, that group had doubled in size to 26 members. Niwman went on to tell us that while the group has no formal budget, this year they would like to host two events at the church, inviting youth from neighboring churches to come to San Francisco in order to build relationships and network with other youth groups in the area. The request was made for \$350 that would last them one year and allow them to host two events. In response to the need, the Westminster Senior Highs have agreed to donate \$350 of the funds raised from their 2009 Christmas Wreath sales to the San Francisco youth group. A letter and photograph of the Senior Highs will be sent to the youth group in El Salvador along with the funds. Because of the continuous support the Westminster congregation has shown their youth, they too are able to do mission for other youth groups, even across the world."

Employment Opportunities

Director of Music and Arts – United Presbyterian Church, Washington, Ia. Full-time position in a 450-member PC(USA) church with an adult choir, adult bell choir, and a children's choir. Music degree and experience in choral directing (non-ordained) is needed. For a complete list of job skills and responsibilities, go to: www.upcwash.org. Candidates are encouraged to send recordings. Send cover letter and resume to: Rev. Bob Wollenberg, P.O. Box 32, Washington, IA 52353, upchurch@cloudburst9.net.

Executive Director – Presbyterian Camp on Lake Okoboji, Milford, Ia. This 50-acre retreat/camp site operates 365 days a year and serves 500 children and youth during summer ministry with 4-24 employees as needed. The position is accountable to the Board of Directors from the presbyteries of Prospect Hill Iowa, North Central Iowa and Minnesota Valleys. For job description go to: www.presbycamp.org. Send resume and references by Dec. 1, to Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji, Attn. Dorman Leader, Interim Director, 1864 Hwy. 86, Milford, IA 51351 or dorman.leader@presbycamp.org.

Keyboard Player for Spanish Worship Service – Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Ia. Accompanist for Grace Lutheran Church Esperanza Ministry's 10:45 a.m. Sunday service. Knowledge of Spanish helpful but not necessary. A flair for Latin music a plus. Pay is \$25/per service. Contact Director of Music Rich Dewein, rdewein@msn.com, 515-276-6873.

Secretarial Position – Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, Ia. Sixteen hours per week at \$9/hour Proficiency in Word, Excel and Publisher necessary. Send Resume to: Pastor Candice K. Brown, Capitol Hill Christian Church, 3822 E. 25th St., Des Moines, IA 50317 or e-mail to chcc25@msn.com or fax to 515-266-8226.

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GA Youth Task Force Seeks Your Input on "Model" Youth Programs

From General Assembly Moderator the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow's Blog, Posted: Sept. 29, 2009

Below is a letter from The Model Programs Team of the [General Assembly Task Force on Youth Ministry](#). They are seeking input about model programs that are being used in Youth Ministry throughout the Presbyterian Church. In addition to programs that are already in place, they are also interested in hearing ideas for programs that could be implemented in the future.



Wondering: What is a model program? While the definition is multi-faceted, a model program is usually something novel, whether simple or complex, that works in your church and from which other churches might learn and benefit. A model program might be fluid, adaptable, and/or organic. It facilitates faith formation, development, and experience, as well as fellowship and community. Keeping in mind that the following list is open to interpretation, we are especially interested in model programs for youth that address or fall under the following categories:

- Peace
- Environment
- Parents
- Mentoring
- Activism
- Mission
- Leadership development
- Hospitality
- Faith formation/development
- Faith enrichment

If you have a Model Program in mind, please provide us with a short description of the program, as well as contact information (website, e-mail address, a phone number, etc). You might also include ideas on how your program might be adapted to fit other churches (larger, smaller, etc). We are excited about learning more about what the youth of the PC(USA) are up to! And most of all, we recognize the value that this information might have for congregations across the U.S. E-mail your model programs to gamodelprograms@gmail.com.

Nominees Sought for Best Presbyterian Writer

LOUISVILLE – The [Presbyterian Writers Guild](#) (PWG) is accepting nominations for its 2010-2011 David Steele Distinguished Writer Award. The award is given biennially to recognize the cumulative work and influence – regardless of genre or subject matter – of a PC(USA) writer. The award will be presented at the PWG luncheon at next summer's 219th General Assembly in Minneapolis. The award is named for R. David Steele, a Presbyterian pastor best known for his whimsical books of poetry and thought-provoking column, "Tuesday Morning," in *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Nominations for the award should include the writer's PC(USA) affiliation, list of published work, and a 100-word essay describing why the nominee is deserving. Contact information for both the nominator and the nominee should be included.

Send nominations to Jerry Van Marter by e-mail, jerry.vanmarter@pcusa.org; by fax, 502-569-8073; or by mail, 100 Witherspoon St., Rm 5418, Louisville, KY 40202. Deadline is Jan. 15, 2010. The Presbyterian Writers Guild is a support network of and for Presbyterians who write as a form of Christian ministry. Any PC(USA) writer may belong to the Guild. Annual dues are \$25. www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2009/09939.htm.

National Council of Churches Offers Suggestions for Flu Precautions

Pastors and congregational leaders can play an important role as we move more fully into flu season. Health officials advise extra precautions with the prospect of both seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu virus upon us. This list was compiled by the Health Task Force of the National Council of Churches. Pastors and congregational leaders might take the time now to talk with custodial staff, secretarial staff, and governing boards about:

- Ordering and stocking extra hygiene supplies, including facial tissues, hand soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand sanitizers, antibacterial cleaning supplies, and additional waste receptacles with closed lids.
- Checking that hand washing facilities, either sinks with soap and water or hand sanitizer dispensers, are adequate and working properly.
- Cleaning frequently restrooms, handrails, doorknobs, bathroom sink taps, flush toilet handles, and all surface areas touched by many people.
- Removing candy dishes or filling candy dishes with individually wrapped candies.
- Contacting local public health officials to obtain local information regarding meeting cancellation, seasonal and H1N1 flu immunization availability, as well as treatment options and locations.
- Planning for cancellation of worship, nursery schools, daycare centers, senior centers, or other congregational activities when health officials call for a limitation of public gatherings.
- Posting church plan in the event of the need for worship service cancellation and including this information in worship bulletin, church newsletter, church email, and community newspapers.
- Setting up phone trees, email alerts, text messages, public television and radio announcements for effective communication about congregational cancellations and/or postponements of events and activities.
- Explaining in worship services and congregational events the new plans, precautions, and practices in response to the H1N1 flu virus and seasonal flu in a calm and reassuring manner.
- Meeting with child care staff and youth group leaders, including leaders of scouting groups, to review expectations about hygiene and meeting cancellation practices.

To learn more on other hygiene, worship and visitation practices, go online to:

www.health-ministries.org/article.php?story=20091014165130863.

To remove your name from our mailing list, e-mail Kim Coulter pbycommunication@presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Learn more at: www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Questions? Contact officeinfo@presbyteryofdesmoines.org or 515-276-4991.
