



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Oct. 6** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Lectionary Study Group, **Presbytery Office, Urbandale.**
- **Oct. 6** – CCD Committee, 2 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **Oct. 6** – Compañeros Meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **Oct. 6** – Session Records Review, 7 p.m., **Monroe Presbyterian Church**
- **Oct. 7** – Retired Ministers Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., **Calvin Community**, the Rev. Jan Scott will speak on the Ministry of Aging.
- **Oct. 7** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, 2-7 p.m., discussion/worship, at **Community United Presbyterian Church, Hartford.**
- **Oct. 8** – *Mission Challenge '09* with Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta and the Men's morning Bible Study, **United Presbyterian Church, Allerton.**
- **Oct. 9** – Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta travels to Iowa City to begin next *Mission Challenge '09* visit with East Iowa Presbytery, Oct. 9-16.

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to **Jennifer Lamb**, wife of the **Rev. Nathan Lamb** at the **Hartford Community United Presbyterian Church**. She recently passed the Iowa BAR examination and has officially been sworn in as an attorney of law!

CROSS Ministries Benefit is a Murder – literally!

Enjoy *A Fistful of Hollers* Dinner Theater, October 29 at **Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** from 6-10 p.m. in Westminster Hall. This delightful, interactive production features the talented duo of **Carol Palmer and Dan**

Chase (Des Moines, Westminster) in the lead roles, but all who attend will have a small part in this mystery theater (come in costume if you wish!). Sponsored by Westminster's Church & Community Committee, the evening includes a delicious dinner and silent auction – a fundraiser for CROSS Ministries. Tickets are \$40/person, of which \$30 will go directly to CROSS to help homeless and near-homeless families in our community. Purchase tickets at the church office or by phone with credit card, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Hurry – seating is limited! Free childcare is available if reservations are made for children. *A Fistful of Hollers* is a production of Randy Manning's Jest Mysteries, 888-234-9984.

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Register for the 2009 Annual Tentmaking Conference

Doing Ministry With Muddy Feet will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 1, at the Center for Development in Ministry University of Saint Mary's of the Lake, 1000 East Maple Ave., Mundelein, Ill. Conference leaders include: Lea McCloud, MATS, President of Alternative Gifts International; Fr. Frantz Cole, Development Officer for the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti and Priest-in-Charge of multiple parishes; Rev. Dr. Linda

Wygant, Planter/Founder of Grace Seeds Ministry. Sponsored by the Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers (APT). A tentmaker-minister is one who divides the week's working hours between two or more positions, one in service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament and the other in a secular position where one also celebrates the presence of God and shares the Good News there. Registration costs start at \$75–\$375. For details, go to: www.pcusatentmakers.org.

Employment Opportunities

Office Manager, First Presbyterian Church, Grimes, Ia. – Duties include correspondence, phones, accounts payable, payroll. Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite and QuickBooks. Qualifications include organization, self-starter, people skills and ability to maintain confidential information. 20-24 hours per week. Send resume with cover letter by Nov. 1, 2009 to: Personnel Committee, First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 289, Grimes, IA 50111.

Part-time Field Staff, NNPCW General Assembly Mission Council, PC(USA) – A one-year contract position. Main responsibility will be recruitment and helping plan major events. Some travel is involved. An ideal position for someone who is at grad school or has a day job with a flexible schedule. The person would have to be available during major conferences and/or events but otherwise has a flexible schedule. *Since it is a deployed position, the person would not have to relocate.* Person should be at least post-college, able to understand young adult issues and can connect well with new faces. Understanding of the church organization is a plus. Job description is online at www.pcusa.org/nnpcw/index.htm. Contact: PC(USA)'s General Assembly Mission Council's Ministry Specialist for Women's Leadership and NNPCW & REYWT Lydia Kim, MA, 100 Witherspoon St. #3044, Louisville, KY 40202-1396, Toll free 888-728-7228 ext. 5848, Fax: 502-569-8600.

Clearwater 2010, Finding Our Way in the Wilderness

A conference for pastors and all church members interested in having a thriving church. An opportunity to be in dialogue with church leaders who are on the cutting edge of today's church. Keynote Speakers: Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the PC(USA); J. Andrew Dearman, has traveled extensively in the Middle East and is an experienced archaeological researcher; Carol Howard Merritt, author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*. Worship Leaders: Richard and Trish Bruxvoort Colligan, known throughout North America for their retreats and concerts which explore the depths of spiritual life through music, worship and theology. Registration Cost: \$75.00 (Limited to 125 participants) Place: Presbyterian Clearwater Forest, Deerwood, Minnesota. More information will be coming.

Grant Writing Class Opportunity

Southeast Polk Community Education is offering a Grant Writing class Oct. 8 to better equip nonprofit leaders for grant writing opportunities. Class instructor Denise Hotopp, vice president of operations for Visiting Nurse Services, has over 20 years of grant writing experience. [Register online](#) under Professional Development programming. Cost is \$79.



Attend the Iowa Hunger Summit

The 2009 Iowa Hunger Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 13, at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The "Hunger Luncheon" – with a keynote address by Vicki Escarra, president and CEO of Feeding America and remarks by other state and national leaders – will take place that day from noon to 1:30 p.m. The "Hunger Luncheon," like all of the Hunger Summit events, is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to register in advance at www.iowahungersummit.org. Additional sessions will include presentations organized and hosted by partners including the Harvest Initiative and the Community Food Security Coalition, as well as other organizations.

2010 GA: Minnesota Presbyterians Need Help!

The 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a gathering very much like a family reunion of Presbyterian brothers and sisters from across the country and around the world. On July 3-10, 2010 (next summer) the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, the Presbytery of Northern Waters and the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys will host this bi-annual event. Planning is underway and YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. Here's how:



- Volunteer to SERVE ON A COMMITTEE. If you're interested, sign up now! Contact: Paula Sanders, paula.sanders@pcusa.org or 612-839-7465; or Rallah Madison, rallah@hickorytech.net or 507-380-1488.
- Mark the dates and PLAN TO VOLUNTEER DURING THE ASSEMBLY. Ushers, singers for a mass choir, communion servers, information disseminators, greeters at the airport, hotels and convention center, tour leaders, and all sorts of other help is needed.
- Encourage attendance at the JULY 4, 2010 WORSHIP AT THE MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER to join 6,000-8,000 other Presbyterian in celebration of worship and the Lord's Supper.
- Plan to ATTEND AS MANY EVENTS AS POSSIBLE. See your denomination in worship and prayer both on Sunday and throughout the week; hear discussions of issues before the Assembly in committees and in plenary (all meetings are open); take advantage of special concerts and other events; learn about denominational organizations and agencies in Exhibit Hall; join us at the 4th of July picnic and fireworks on Nicollet Island, Minneapolis.
- PRAY for the work of the PCUSA, the Assembly and the Committee on Local Arrangements.

This is a VERY special opportunity to learn about your church and take advantage of an unbelievable number of resources gathered in one place and at one time. This is a HUGE undertaking and we need YOU. If you have ties to Minnesota, help us show a warm welcome as the family gathers at our house for its biennial reunion! Volunteer to serve on one of these committees for General Assembly 2010!

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