



## 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.

October 6, 2009

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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily

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- Grant Writing Class Opportunity
- Attend the Iowa Hunger Summit
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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](http://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](http://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 218<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 219<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paula.sanders@pcusa.org) or 612-839-7465; or Rallah Madison, [rallah@hickorytech.net](mailto: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!

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Opening Worship  
Daily Worship  
Liturgical Space  
Prayer Chapel  
Special Logistics

### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Moderator's Reception  
YAAD Event  
Mission & Cultural Tours  
Gift Project

### VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Recruitment  
Training & Management  
Volunteer Hospitality  
Congregational Contracts

### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Airport Welcome  
Hotel Welcome  
Convention Center  
Special Guests  
Special Needs  
Departure Arrangements

### MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

GA Welcome Presentation  
Press Relations  
Media and Communications  
Church Communications  
Website  
Information Center