



# News for the Churches

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## Presbytery Meets at Gilgal Church

The Kiskiminetas Presbytery met in a stated meeting at the Gilgal Church on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. Worship was led by Gilgal's moderator Rev. Don Rising and Authorized Lay Preacher Fran Trusal. The congregation is celebrating its bicentennial, and the sanctuary was decorated with beautiful banners made for the occasion by Joyce Maclsaac.

### Budget Approved

Chair of Council Rev. Bruce Shannon presented the 2007 budget for a final reading, and the budget was approved as presented.

### Presbytery Heard Special Reports from:

*Rev. Jay Montgomery*, reporting for the Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwest PA. In addition to Kiski, CAPNWP is supported by Beaver-Butler, Lake Erie, and Shenango Presbyteries. Jay reported on the ministry conducted at Camp Lambec and Westminster Highlands, presented a financial picture, and invited the presbytery's advice and opinions on options to be pursued.

*Rev. Ernesto Badillo*, regional representative of the Board of Pensions, who summarized highlights of the board, encouraged questions about coverages, and thanked the presbytery for its support through the years.

*Carrie Anne LaSor*, coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program at Westminster College, who explained the program and encouraged congregations to search for possible applicants.

*Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes*, updating members on the status of the Acts 16:5 Initiative seminar, and promoting the CLP Training Program beginning in December at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

### Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men

*Sally Early*, PW Co-Moderator, reviewed highlights of the Churchwide Gathering in July, attended by over 3,000 women. She solicited prayers for those going on the Church World Service mission trip to New Windsor later in September, and reminded women of the Fall Gathering at Brookville on October 4.

*Tom Harris* spoke for Presbyterian Men, encouraging attendance at the Men's Breakfast on October 7 at the Worthington Church.

### International Peacemaker to Visit Kiski

Diaconal Ministries Committee Chair Kay Smith introduced *Rev. Jon Speck*, who is coordinating the schedule for Bishop Constante Claro, visiting our presbytery from the Philippines the week of September 29 through October 6. Kay reminded members of the 9-person team visiting Rwanda this month as a part of our International Partnership. She introduced *Dave Catalano*, chaplain at Clear Creek and Cooks Forest for the past 4 years. Dave and wife Cindy conducted a successful state parks ministry this summer, holding over 30 worship services with 1,208 campers attending. *Rev. David Salinger* invited the presbytery to once again support the prison ministry at SCI Pine Grove with chocolate candies and Little Debbies at Christmas.

### Pastoral Transitions

Rev. Terri Swails reported for the Committee on Ministry, and the presbytery approved:

- ❖ transfer of membership of Rev. Agnes Brady to Great Rivers Presbytery in Illinois. Members expressed best wishes and farewell to Agnes.
- ❖ change of status for Rev. Kirk Orr to Honorably Retired.
- ❖ appointment of Rev. Maynard Grunstra as Moderator of the Concord, Parker Church
- ❖ the call of Rev. David Hanna as installed minister at the Calvary, Indiana Church. Rev. Hanna read his statement of faith and was examined, then approved for membership in the presbytery.
- ❖ membership in the presbytery for Rev. Jean Martin, Interim Minister at the Beechwoods and Sugar Hill Churches, after hearing her statement of faith and examining her.

### Next Meeting

Rev. Marty Cartmell, Moderator, thanked the Gilgal congregation for their hospitality and delicious refreshments. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. after a closing prayer. The next stated Presbytery meeting will take place on November 11, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Blairsville Church.

## PRESBYTERY OF KISKIMINETAS MISSION STATEMENT

**Seeking to be faithful to the Great Commission of Christ and to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church, the mission of Kiskiminetas Presbytery is:**

- ▶ To be a partner in mission and ministry with the Sessions of the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly;
- ▶ To provide care and oversight for the congregations and minister members of the Presbytery;
- ▶ To serve as a judicial court of the church; and
- ▶ To affirm the connectional relationships of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

### **MISSION/MINISTRY DIRECTIONS:**

- ▶ The Presbytery will model Christian community in worship, stewardship, fellowship and encouragement in its structure, staffing, programs, and meetings.
- ▶ The Presbytery will support and encourage Sessions as they lead the congregations in mission and ministry in a rapidly changing world.
- ▶ The Presbytery will respond to the reality that we are becoming an “entry level” presbytery by supporting and nurturing *first call* pastors and the congregation(s) they serve.
- ▶ The Presbytery will provide resources, training, and programming to assist Sessions to enhance congregational vitality and faithfulness in mission and ministry. Areas of focus will include:
  - Member recruitment, assimilation, and care
  - Stewardship
  - Revitalization or redevelopment
- ▶ The Presbytery will provide resources, training, and programming to assist Sessions in educational ministries. Areas of focus will include:
  - Church School Support and Teacher Development
  - Leadership Development for ministers, elders, deacons, and clerks of session
  - Worship and Spiritual Formation/Development
  - Youth Ministry
- ▶ The Presbytery will develop a strategic plan for sharing pastoral leadership, merging, and/or closing of congregations with severely limited ability to maintain a vital mission and ministry.
- ▶ The Presbytery will be a faithful partner with the Synod and General Assembly in mission interpretation and support.
- ▶ The Presbytery will support Sessions which are seeking to address pressing social and economic issues affecting the communities in which they minister.
- ▶ The Presbytery will seek to hear and to respond to God’s call for justice and social righteousness and to call the churches of the Presbytery to do the same.

***Watch for these forms, coming soon from the Presbytery Office.***

ITEM	SENT TO	WHEN	RETURN BY
Changes in Terms of Call Forms	Clerks and copies to moderators	September 2006	December 31, 2006
2007 Mission Remittance and 2007 Per Capita Payment Forms	Treasurers and cover letter copied to clerks and moderators	Late September 2006	For use with 2007 remittances
2007 Mission Pledge Cards	Treasurers and cover letter copied to clerks and moderators	Late September 2006	December 21, 2006

Questions? Contact Donna Douth at 724-783-7196 or via email at [dndouth@kiskipby.org](mailto:dndouth@kiskipby.org).

## Between Me and Thee

As we end Summer and move into Fall it is a time of transition. In several of our congregations it is a time of trying to get the church school for children, youth and adults geared up and running, again. For some members it is a time of renewing worship attendance. In some congregations it is time for focusing on programs to enhance financial support. In a very short time we will be preparing for Advent and Christmas. There are times when it feels we are caught in a whirlwind.

In the Presbytery, as we have moved into the transitional time between the seasons, a lot has been/is going on. Our Rwanda Partnership Team is in Rwanda building new relationships and learning how we can be of mutual support as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Just last Friday and Saturday approximately 100 ministers, elders and members gathered at Marion Center for an introduction to the Acts 16:5 Initiative by Stan Ott.

In the three district meetings of ministers consideration is being given to how to form better relationships and to study and pray together. In parts of the church there is great tension and anxiety. If we are to more effectively serve in this chaotic environment, it is critically important for the ministers of this presbytery to better understand one another and to strengthen our unity in Christ.

The development of our partnership with the Eglise Presbyterienne au Rwanda (the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda) and the developing of deeper conversations among our ministers are

very encouraging signs of growing health and mission for this presbytery. While there are many things which, if we allow them, could significantly divide us and weaken our witness. For the sake of Christ we must strive to overcome that which could divide us and seek that which unites us, the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The Moderator of the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Joan Gray, has call for us in our sessions, presbyteries, and synods to be in prayer seeking the will of God and lifting up one another. The Transformational Ministries Committee of the presbytery will lead us in enriching prayer as part of our November presbytery meeting. What would happen if we were to be engaged, daily, in prayer for our congregations and for our presbytery? What would happen if we were to be engaged, daily, for those with whom we disagree? What would happen if we were to be engaged in prayer, daily, for our brothers and sisters in Rwanda?

We are called to pray without ceasing. St. Benedict called for a life of *ord et labora* (prayer and labor). St. Augustine said we should pray for miracles, but work for results. As we engage in a prayer for one another we must also work to uphold and to build up one another. If we are praying for one another and for the strengthening our of congregations and our presbytery we will find a renewed strength and unity. We just might unleash a renewing of our hearts and minds by the power of Holy Spirit among us.

Yours in service to Christ and the Church,

Wayne Yost

# News You Can Use

## **PTS Offers Continuing Ed Events**

The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers a variety of continuing education events in the area of professional development for pastors, leadership training for laypersons, training for educators, and more. Some of the upcoming events include:

\* **Interim Ministry Basic Education** - Week One, October 2-6, 2006; Week Two, March 19-23, 2007

\* **Teacher Training Workshop:** "Family-Friendly Ministry and Christian Education," October 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\* **Church Educators' Certification Course:** "Religious Education Theory and Practice," October 23-27

\* **Semi-annual Retreat for Church Educators, Pastors, and C.E. Volunteers:** "Journey Inward, Journey Outward," October 26, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\* **"The Triune God: Confessing, Proclaiming, and Praising the God of Jesus Christ,"** Wednesdays in October, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

These and other courses and events are offered through the Office of Continuing Education at PTS. For more information, call 412-362-5610, ext. 2198, or visit [www.pts.edu](http://www.pts.edu).

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## **"Voices from the Gulf" Video Available**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has posted to the PDA website [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda) a 3-minute video of rebuilding in the Gulf Coast. Also included on the website are short interview vignettes that lift up the words of the volunteers, survivors, and Volunteer Village staff, who are part of the collective effort for long-term recovery and rehabilitation of the Gulf Coast. A DVD copy containing all of the videos can be requested from PDA by sending an email to [pda@pcusa.org](mailto:pda@pcusa.org) or by calling Jenny at 888-728-7228 ext 5805 or Pamela at 888-728-7228 ext 5839.

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## **Presbyterian Media Mission (PMM)**

### **Celebrates 25 Years of Service to our Lord**

Come Join Us on Saturday, October 7, 2006, Noon - 2:00 p.m. at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, 740 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville. Featured guest is David Bailey. Luncheon will be \$25.00/person and is payable in advance by calling Tina Hartung at 412-323-1400, ext. 310. Deadline for Reservations is September 28.

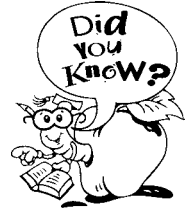
## **New Tax Law Signed**

Effective for 2006 and 2007 only, individuals who are 70 ½ or older may take tax-free withdrawals from their IRAs as long as that money goes directly to a charity. Under the new provision, an IRA withdrawal donated directly to charity is excluded from your income. And there's another benefit - the withdrawal counts against your required minimum distributions for the year.

To be clear, this is for IRAs, not 401(k)s. An individual would need to roll his/her 401(k) into an IRA first in order to qualify for this provision. Also, the IRA administrator will need to send the check directly to the charitable organization in order to qualify, rather than to the individual.

This is a significant opportunity, particularly for those who do not itemize on their tax returns, though there are benefits as well for those who do.

If you are over the age of 70 ½ or are close to someone who is, you may want to explore this opportunity further as a means of making a contribution to your church.



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## **2007 Summer Collegium Plans Event for Christian Education in the Small Church**

The Lifetime Theological Education department is preparing for the 2007 event. The theme will be Christian Education in the small church, scheduled for June 20-28, 2007.



The Summer Collegium is an intensive, nine-day residential program for clergy and their spouses or partners in small churches of all Christian denominations. Experts in the area of small church ministry lead workshops on relevant topics, such as change and conflict, technology, finances, and spiritual resources, and participants enjoy some time in the nation's capital. Included is a one-day Small Church Religious Arts Festival on the grounds of the seminary.

The Summer Collegium is fully funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., which allows us to offer the opportunity to 25 clergy each summer at no cost to them. This includes transportation, meals and lodging, books, pulpit supply and child care. In 2006 we welcomed 25 pastors from nine denominations in the United States and Canada. For more information, please visit our web site at [www.vts.edu/education/collegium](http://www.vts.edu/education/collegium). You may email your questions to [SummerCollegium@vts.edu](mailto:SummerCollegium@vts.edu), or call 703-461-1752.

# The Kiski Digest

## Highlighting Some of the Churches and People in our Presbytery

(If you have items of special interest about the programs and activities of your congregation to include in the newsletter, please call Lynn Rising at 724-783-7196, mail them to the Presbytery Office at PO Box 339, Yatesboro, 16263, or send them to Lynn via email at [lrising@kiskipby.org](mailto:lrising@kiskipby.org))

### W.V. Mission Trip Report

Members of the Kiski Presbytery participated in mission trips to Gilbert and Lenore, West Virginia in June to help people in need. A group of 11 followed by a group of 10 folks "worked, played, prayed, and supped together," as Kay Smith of the Indiana, Graystone Church reported. The trip was organized through the W.V. Mission of Advocacy and Work Camps. Nine churches in our presbytery were represented. Eight members of the Indiana, Bethel congregation worked at the Gilbert site. Their work involved repairs to a small plank house that had suffered water damage and neglect. The team prepared rooms for drywall and paint and tore out a sagging kitchen ceiling in preparation for the next work crew to come. Team member Nick Goossen writes "we tremendously hope that we can go on another mission trip next summer."

### Attention, All Presbyterian Men!

**Who:** All Men of the Kiski Presbytery  
**What:** Fall Breakfast (and special speaker)  
**When:** Saturday, October 7, 8:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Worthington Presbyterian Church  
**Why:** Food, Fellowship, and Spiritual Enrichment

All men are invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact the Worthington Church with your breakfast reservation at 724-297-3820. Contact Tom Harris at 724-349-1594 for more information.



### Love Camping? Need a Break?

Westminster Highlands is offering several upcoming opportunities to get away. Fall Float Down Days, Young at Heart Getaway, Women's Retreat, and Christmas at Camp are some of the events available in the next few months. For more information, call the Camping Association Office at 724-662-4481.

### Youth Group Leader Needed

A small Church Youth Group (ages 12-18) is seeking to hire a leader/co-leader. Responsibilities include coordinating activities, managing, a small budget, fundraising, teaching, and reaching out to the community. Currently, the group meets weekly on Sunday evenings, but future scheduling is open for discussion. Please send inquiries and/or resumes to: Sharon Arbuckle c/o Rural Valley Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Rural Valley, PA 16249. Any questions, you may also contact Sharon Arbuckle @ 724-783-7538 or Debbie Lundgren @ 724-783-7604.

### Free to a Good Home

- ◆ Cross Roads Community Church has a late 50's early 60's style baptismal font for the taking. It was formerly used at the Calvary Church in Leechburg. Interested parties should contact Rev. Gary or Lisa Lyon at 724-845-1901.
- ◆ Rev. Terri Swails has several books available for free. Contact her at 724-478-1523 or at [tsswails@yahoo.com](mailto:tsswails@yahoo.com) for more information.
  1. The Liberating Pulpit by Justo & Catherine Gonzalez - condition - almost new with some light highlighting inside
  2. Reluctant Witnesses: Jews and the Christian Imagination, Stephen R. Haynes - condition - new
  3. Introduction to Christian Worship, James F. White - condition - good with some highlighting on inside
  4. The Book of Virtues: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories, William J. Bennett - condition - Excellent
  5. The Road Less Traveled, M. Scott Peck, M.D. - Condition - good
  6. God's Call to Public Responsibility, George W. Forell & William H. Lazareth - condition - Good
  7. A Practical Companion to Ethics, Anthony Weston - Condition - Like New with some light interior highlighting
  8. The Splendor of Easter, Floyd Thatcher - Condition - good
  9. Jesus: A Life, A. N. Wilson - Condition - Good
  10. God - The World's Future, Ted Peters - Condition - Like New
  11. Restoring Hope, Cornel West - Condition - Like New

### Congratulations, Lloyd!

More than 2000 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies from 15 northeastern states gathered in Chicago in August for the conferral of Supreme's Thirty-third Degree upon 238 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor. Among those recipients was **Lloyd Riggle**, Commissioned Lay Pastor at the Allegheny Church in Leechburg. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others.

### Acts 16:5 Update



Representatives from 34 of our congregations enjoyed and were stimulated by 2 days with Stan Ott for the start-up Acts 16:5 Initiative event. The Transformational Ministries Committee will be following up with those in attendance. Those who could not be present, but would like more information should be in touch with Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes at [erinch@kiskipby.org](mailto:erinch@kiskipby.org).

## Adult Help Needed for 2007 Triennium

July, 2007 may seem far away, but Kiski Presbytery is already trying to identify candidates for the positions of adult advisors, including adult team leaders. If your congregation would like to nominate an adult, please contact Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes at [erinch@kiskipby.org](mailto:erinch@kiskipby.org) for further information about qualifications.



## International Peacemaker to Visit Kiski

Once again the congregations in our presbytery will have the opportunity to host an International Peacemaker for a presentation during the week of September 29th through October 6<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Constante Claro will be spending the week in our presbytery and will make himself available to lead worship or speak to groups in our churches. Rev. Claro is from the Philippines where he serves as a bishop in the Southeast Mindanao Jurisdiction. Churches interested in hosting him should note that he is diabetic and also prefers a diet of fish and vegetables. For more information or to arrange a visit, contact Rev. Jon Speck at the Worthington Church at 724-297-3820. You may learn more about the International Peacemaker by visiting this link: <http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/intl/philippines-claro.htm>.

## ***The Road to Rwanda***

When the decision was made in 2005 to assemble a team to represent the Rwanda Partnership, the departure date of September 15, 2006 seemed as far away as Rwanda itself.

The group consisting of representation from far and wide in the Presbytery includes members from many churches. Chuck Bollinger and Kay Smith from Indiana/Graystone; Jack Loucks, United Presbyterian in Blairsville; Rev. Marty Cartmell, our Presbytery Moderator and pastor of St. Benedicts and St. Pauls; Betty Grunstra from the Brookville Church; Donna Doutt from the Presbytery office; Rev. Boyd Edmondson of Mt. Tabor and Marienville churches; and Sally and Fred Carrier, members of Shiloh Church in St. Marys.

Getting passports in order was the number one priority, followed by multiple injections listed by the Center for Infectious Disease as those required or recommended for travel to Central Africa. Among these were yellow fever, Hepatitis A & B, and for some travelers...typhoid, polio and tetanus boosters, followed by prescriptions to guard against malaria and also a standard antibiotic to take along on the trip.

In the beginning, communication was difficult between Kiskiminetas and the Rwanda Presbyteries, but once we linked up with the correct contact persons, our lines of correspondence flowed smoothly and with regularity.

In a series of three meetings, an itinerary began to take shape, and the team hammered out the details regarding everything from accommodations to the mundane things like taking toilet paper and mosquito netting. Every team member read books, reviewed movies, travel guides, and internet research. At each meeting they shared things learned, such as history, geography, some Kinyarwanda phrases and greetings, and appropriate handshakes. It was a tremendous learning experience for them, and they hadn't even left the states!

By the time you read this they will be in Rwanda, learning more. For the first time in Kiskiminetas Presbytery history, you are able to follow an international mission team on their travels. By going to the Rwanda Partnership and Mission Team page of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery website at [www.kiskipby.org/Rwanda/Itinerary/Rwanda\\_team\\_itinerary.htm](http://www.kiskipby.org/Rwanda/Itinerary/Rwanda_team_itinerary.htm), you can read their travelogue as it's published and click on links to provide further information about the sites they'll be visiting. Some of the high points are the Presbyterian Centre for Children, where approx. 120 street children are taught skills such as sewing, cooking, art, and barbering; the Imbabazi Orphanage (translated means "a place where you will receive all the love and care a mother would give"); a visit with Blairsville's Compassion International Child, Muvunyi; and a visit with Olivier Munyansango, our 2004 International Peacemaker, in addition to strengthening and building on our relationship with the Rwanda Presbytery and our Rwanda Partnership.



After their return, all members of the team are willing and anxious to speak and present to your church, Sunday School, or group the things they've learned. For more information, contact any team member or the Presbytery office at 724-783-7196. Please keep team members, the partnership, and the people of Rwanda in your prayers.

# Coming Soon: A New ALP/CLP Training Program

## NEW ALP/CLP CLASS FORMING FOR LATE FALL 2006

The Western Presbyteries' Cooperative Authorized Lay Preacher/ Commissioned Lay Pastor Training Program plans to offer a new training cohort beginning in December 2006. Enrollment deadline is November 10, 2006.

This Training Cohort will be the first group formed using a new coursework model. Approximately half of the courses will be taught online. The other courses will continue to be offered in the traditional face-to-face (F2F) seminar mode. The program will begin on December 8-9 with a Spiritual Formation Retreat and conclude in June 2008. Please see the full schedule on the attached announcement from Pittsburgh Seminary. The dates are also available on the presbytery website. Note that a computer and online access are necessary for this program.

The F2F Classes will be held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The F2F terms consist of three weekend sessions, beginning on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM and ending at 3:30 PM on Saturday. During F2F terms, the Bible classes will continue to be taught online. F2F courses will also have the advantage of an online board for assignment discussions and related conversations between class sessions.

Why this new venture? Online coursework, known as "distance learning," offers many advantages. Difficulties related to time commitments, scheduling and travel are less of a barrier to participation. Interaction with instructors and other students takes place through the discussion boards on the course web sites. The cohort will also have the advantage of two spiritual formation retreats to begin and cap off their training experience.

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas depends upon our corps of trained Authorized Lay Preachers to supply many of the pulpits in this presbytery. We average 110 pulpit supply requests per month, which are coordinated by the presbytery office. With declining membership and escalating costs, more congregations will not be served by a minister of Word and Sacrament. We have a need for more lay preachers, and a few more Commissioned Lay Pastors. Sessions are encouraged to identify leaders in their congregations who seem to be gifted and called by God to develop these skills.

### **How Are Authorized Lay Preachers and Commissioned Lay Pastors Deployed?**

Authorized Lay Preachers receive thorough training in preaching and worship. They are assigned by the Presbytery Office to preach in churches needing pulpit supply. Such needs include temporary supply due to the vacation/study leave or temporary disability of the pastor, churches temporarily or chronically without a pastor, and churches belonging to larger parishes with a pulpit rotation. Commissioned Lay Pastors receive more advanced training. In addition to preaching/worship leadership they may assume other duties, including pastoral oversight of a church, as assigned by the presbytery.

### **Who May Apply to Become a Supply Preacher/Commissioned Lay Pastor?**

The requirements are spelled out fully in the ALP/CLP Manual, which is available on the presbytery website, [www.kiskipby.org](http://www.kiskipby.org) or from the presbytery office. In brief, applicants must be Elders who have been active members for at least two years of the sponsoring congregation. They must be High School graduates and must be endorsed both by the pastor/moderator and the session of their church. The presbytery relies upon the local churches to identify those members with the skills and qualities which might indicate God is calling them to this form of ministry:

*When women and men, by God's providence and gracious gifts, are called by the church to undertake particular forms of ministry, the church shall help them to interpret their call and to be sensitive to the judgments and needs of others. As persons discover the forms of ministry to which they are called, and as they are called to new forms, they and the church shall pray for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit upon them and upon the mission of the Church. [G-6.0105]*

While those applying will need to be trained in biblical studies, preaching, and worship leadership, applicants should be identified by their churches as having the *potential* to become capable preachers in order to fulfill the mandate from the Directory for Worship:

*Preaching requires diligence and discernment in the study of events and issues affecting the lives of the people, and a consistent and personal obedience to Jesus Christ. The sermon should present the gospel with simplicity and clarity, in language which can be understood by the people. [W-2.2007]*

### **What are the costs of the program?**

The program consists of thirteen online or F2F courses. Each class costs \$240 for a total of \$3120. The cost for each retreat is \$150, bringing the total to \$3320 plus books and overnight costs for the F2F seminars. Sessions are urged to provide financial support to the applicants they endorse. Once students pass their first preaching class, they are eligible to begin preaching occasionally in the presbytery pulpit supply service. Preaching fees can contribute substantially to course training costs.

### **What is the Application Process?**

All application materials are available on the website or from the office. An application form must be filed by all applicants wishing to serve as ALPs/CLPs. Applicants are also required to file Session and Pastor/Moderator Endorsement Forms and 3 Personal Reference Forms. Application is to be made to the Presbytery's Committee On Preparation for Ministry. Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes, Associate General Presbyter, staffs this program, and can answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact her at [erinch@kiskipby.org](mailto:erinch@kiskipby.org) or 724-783-7196.

### **PTS Requirements to Enroll:**

Participants must be endorsed by their home Presbyteries to enroll in the program. Participants who enroll in the entire program of F2F and Distance Learning courses are ensured a place in all of the courses. Once cohort members have been registered, students from other presbyteries in the Synod of the Trinity may register for the Distance Learning courses, with the same requirement for judicatory endorsement. All classes employ a pass/fail grading system.

### **The Schedule:**

- November 10, 2006: **Enrollment Deadline**  
Introduction to Online Learning Course opens
- December 8-9: **SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT AND COHORT INTRODUCTION**
- January-March 2007: **TERM ONE (Online)**  
Bible 1, Reformed Theology, Christian Education
- April - June 2007: **TERM TWO (F2F and Online)**  
Bible 2 (Online), Preaching 1 (Exegesis)-F2F, Worship and Sacraments-F2F  
Dates: April 13-14, May 11-12, June 15-16
- September-November 2007: **TERM THREE (F2F and Online)**  
Bible 3 (Online), Preaching 2 (Homiletics)-F2F, Pastoral Care-F2F  
Dates: September 7-8, October 5-6, November 9-10
- January - March 2008: **TERM FOUR (Online)**  
Bible 4, Polity, and perhaps one additional course
- April-May 2008: **TERM FIVE (F2F)**  
Preaching Practicum (Dates: TBD)
- June 2008: **FINAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT AND GRADUATION**

*For more information, contact Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes at 724-783-7196 or via email at [erinch@kiskipby.org](mailto:erinch@kiskipby.org)*

The Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania  
(A partnership of the Presbyteries of Beaver/Butler, Kiskiminetas, Lake Erie & Shenango)

A special presentation was made at the September Presbytery meeting by Rev. Jay Montgomery concerning the ministries at

## **CAMP LAMBEC & WESTMINSTER HIGHLANDS**

Rev. Montgomery explained the present status of our camps and the challenges of keeping them vital and viable in today's world. He presented seven options for the future of Presbyterian camping in Northwestern Pennsylvania. You are encouraged to share your thoughts regarding the options listed below. **Please submit this form by mail within the next 10 days to: CAPNWP, 114 West Venango St, Mercer, PA 16137.**

1. Continue our programs as we always have:
2. Undertake a renewed focus on camping
3. Continue to own both camps but only operate camping programs at one of them after the summer of 2006
4. Operate only one location and promote camping in other Presbyterian camps in Pennsylvania

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5. Sell one camp
  
6. Sell both camps
  
7. Please use this space for any other option you may be able to suggest:

**TWO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THOSE WHOSE CONGREGATIONS DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS OF OUTDOOR MINISTRY AT CAMPS LAMBEC AND WESTMINSTER HIGHLANDS;**

1. If you do NOT encourage the members of your congregation to participate in programs of outdoor ministry at Camp Lambec or Westminster Highlands, can you tell us why you feel unable to promote these camping ministries?”
  
2. What would the Camping Association need to do (eliminate, change, add, etc.) to attract your support for the ministries at these camps?

*These are YOUR camps and your support and input are important as the Camping Association Board of Directors faces the challenges of keeping outdoor ministry a viable option for future generations of Northwestern Pennsylvania Presbyterians.*

***Please complete and send to either:***  
***CAPNWP, 114 West Venango St, Mercer, PA 16137***  
***or***  
***Rev. Jay Montgomery, PO Box 458, Knox, PA 16232***  
***Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.***

# CREATION! CELEBRATION!

*God's Word . . . Light for the Journey*



I had a wonderful first time experience at Churchwide gathering in July. There was such a feeling of community and diversity. The Holy Spirit truly was present in our music, worship and workshops. We had many very notable speakers. Some of my favorite were Ann Weems, author and peacemaker; Charlotte Johnstone, author of "Dispatch from Forbearance Presbyterian Church" for *Horizon's*; storyteller Lorriane Hartin-Gelardi and the gathering woman Dale Lindsay Morgan. More than 3000 women (and a few men) enjoyed the greatroom, heritage hall, bookstore and tours. There was time for shopping, fellowship and reflection of our PW purpose. Shoes and socks were collected for children in need in the Kentucky area. Offerings were given for Agricultural Missions, least coin and scholarships. Our own global exchange partner to Brazil, Nicole Johnson of Brookville church, was installed as one of the churchwide PW search committee members. We had 5 very full, rewarding days and I look forward to the next gathering. Hope you can join me!

The PW picnic on July 26 was a really fun day. We had time to relax, visit with others and of course EAT. Thanks to all who came, to Sharp's campground and to Nancy, Debbie, Pat and Connie for your help.

Please pray for a safe journey for those going on the mission trip to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland on September 26-28. We'll be glad to take your mission projects with us on the bus if you can't go. Just contact me or Kay Deasey.

## Your CT is looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Gathering,

Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at the Brookville church.  
(registration 9-10 a.m.).

We have lots to share with you:

Special guest speaker will be International Peacemaker Bishop  
Constante Claro.

Lunch will be provided - cost \$5.00 -

reservations can be made to Liz Riggle at 814-265-4185  
or Judy Leech at 814-371-8916 by September 29.



## Fall Gathering

Each church should bring a 3x5 card with the amount you have collected for camps and don't forget your hunger, least coin and Thank offerings. (Make checks payable to Kiskiminetas PW and **under memo, list which offering**). Bring a friend, CELEBRATE CREATION - see you there!

*Sally Early*

