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“Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.”

- Psalm 32:6 & 7

“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

- Acts 2:44-47

This weekly update provides timely information about the Presbytery of Charlotte for the coming week and advance notice of deadlines and upcoming events. Visit us online at www.presbyofcharlotte.org for detailed information and resources for ministry.

Updates...

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE:

❖ **Program Packets** are still available [online](#). Shortly after each Presbytery meeting, these program packets are distributed. They contain programming information such as event flyers, brochures, newsletters and other publicity type items. This third packet also contains highlights of the Presbytery Meeting that just took place.

If you haven't already, please review the materials in the program packet. Post items on your church bulletin boards, distribute them to appropriate committee leaders, include announcements in your bulletins or from the pulpit, etc. **Let your church members know about the numerous opportunities that are available for training and service!**

❖ **Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Canada**, pastor of the McClintock Presbyterian Church within the Presbytery of Charlotte, who was elected Treasurer of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus during their annual convention held recently at Stillman College. [More information regarding the gathering](#) can be found under the Presbyterian News Service on the PC(USA) website.

❖ **Congratulations to the Rev. Max Polley** on his being honored with the **Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award** from the American Association of Community Theatre. This award is presented to individuals older than 65 who have faithfully served community theatre on an unpaid basis for more than 25 years. Max, an honorably retired member of Presbytery of Charlotte and professor emeritus of Davidson College, is still active, along with his wife, Jackie, as a volunteer with and donor to DCP theatre productions. In addition to this information, [a recent article in the Charlotte Observer](#) noted that Max has spent more than 30 years managing the box office, raising money, building sets, and serving on the board of directors for DCP. Well done, good and faithful servant!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS:

❖ **Prepare for Theological Education /Seminary Sunday: September 20** is Theological Education/Seminary Sunday – a great time to undergird the dynamic work of our PC(USA) seminaries with prayers and support through the [Theological Education Fund](#). Invite a student, administrator, faculty member or graduate of a PC(USA) seminary to participate in worship and use these [online resources](#) to help plan. You may also wish to use the [liturgy prepared for Theological Education/Seminary Sunday](#).

For a more detailed explanation of the Theological Education Fund, [click here](#). To see how these funds are used in the seminaries, [click here](#). For more information, contact the POC's theological fund representative, Rev.Ed Newberry, 704-392-4752 enewberry@infionline.net.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

❖ **Property Available for Ministry:** The CDC is currently accepting proposals for the Eastfield property located at 11800 Eastfield Rd in Huntersville. Those interested must **submit a business plan by September 1, 2009**, and include an explanation of how the monthly mortgage payments will be met. For further details, [click here](#).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

❖ **Teacher Training Workshops** are accessible to your teachers in both location and content. We will look at what are the unique challenges of teaching in smaller congregation. Participants have the choice of attending training for teaching children or youth or adults at each location. Call Nancy Youmans to reserve your spot today, 704-535-9999, ext. 205. For details, [see the flyer](#). *Don't forget to share it with all the Sunday school teachers in your congregation!*



MISSION AND JUSTICE NEWS:

❖ **World Mission Celebration:** Hundreds of Presbyterians passionate about mission will gather in Cincinnati **October 22-24** for the **World Mission Celebration '09**. Meeting under the theme "Branches of the Same Vine," the conference will seek to connect Presbyterians with others who have similar mission interests, enable mission learning through presentations and mutual sharing among attendees, and send participants forth to embrace their calling to mission service and support, says Lis Valle, Presbyterian World Mission's associate for equipping the church for mission involvement. [Registration for the event is available online.](#)

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❖ **Anti-Human Trafficking Training: *Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery: Practical Tools for an Effective Response*** is a comprehensive training designed for people on the front-lines of meeting potentially trafficked or enslaved people. If you are a service provider, medical professional, religious leader, translator, law enforcement, immigrant advocate, Department of Labor employee or a person concerned with the growing problem of human trafficking, slavery and exploitation, this training will equip you to become a community partner in assisting victims and addressing these terrible crimes. This all-day training will take place at Mulberry Presbyterian Church on **Thursday, September 3, 2009**. [Find out more.](#)

❖ **CMS Parent University Re-launching & Seeking More Partners:** Parent University began last year, as a free opportunity for parents to hone their skills and knowledge through a plethora of parent-oriented classes. According to Executive Director, Jerri Haigler, community partnerships were the underlying impetus for last year's successful program. Yet more help is needed from local businesses, houses of worship and nonprofits willing to donate space for classes. "To make it as convenient for parents as possible," Haigler said, is the goal and requires community support. "Instead of saying we want you to come to us, we tried to go where parents already are," she added, noting the convenience of area worship centers. [Read more from the Carolina Weekly.](#)

❖ **2009 CROP Walk News:** The 2009 CROP Hunger Walk is taking place on **Sunday, October 4th at 2:30 from the Grady Cole Center.** Information about walking is available online at www.cropwalk.com. Alternatively, the CROP office is only a phone call away at 704-333-9255 or e-mail admin@cropwalk.com.

*There will be a **recruiter rally** where a representative can learn how to sign-up volunteers on **August 23 at 2:30pm** at the CROP office located at St. John's Baptist Church. This year, more than ever, we need to have a strong turn-out to benefit those who are hungry in our community and around the world.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN NEWS:

❖ **The Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic** announced the appointment of two locals to fill vacant posts during its annual conference, July 17-19, 2009. The conference is hosted by the Massanetta Springs Conference Harrisburg, VA. The theme for this year's conference was "Passing It On." Wendell Hill, a long time active participant at local, synod, and national levels will serve as conference leader 2011 and shall have full responsibility for the planning and execution of the annual event. Larry U. Anderson will serve Charlotte Presbyterian Men organizations at the local, Synod, and national levels. If we strive to be viable, visible, and enthusiastic spokesmen and advocates for men's ministry, we need to develop and organize an effective local council. To do these things we need energetic and enthusiastic men to implement Christ-centered, men-oriented programs. **All men of the Presbytery of Charlotte are asked to step forward, evaluate the possibilities, ask questions, and commit to developing and promoting Presbyterian Men organizations at all levels.** You may contact, Larry U. Anderson at 704-449-1360 or memorial@infionline.net if interested.

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, & LOCAL EVENTS:

❖ **The Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau** (sponsored by United Family Services & Women's Commission) is featuring a special workshop on **August 12, 6:00-7:30pm**, on "Working with Muslim Victims." The event will take place in room 376 of the Child & Family Services Center at 601 East Fifth Street in Charlotte, NC. [View the flyer.](#)

❖ **Immigration Conference:** Come **August 18, 8:30am-12:30pm** for this Immigration Conference, sponsored by the Presbytery of Charlotte, with the support of HELP (Helping Empower Local People). All pastors, church leaders, other leaders within the faith community are invited. A continental breakfast will be served. Spanish translation will be provided. To find out more about this event and the presentations, [click here.](#)



❖ **Rural Ministry Conference:** Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA will host "Rural Ministry Today: Retooling the Toolbox" on the seminary campus **September 22-24**. Program registration is \$165 and includes two lunches. Limited housing is available on campus. The conference will feature keynote speaker Betty Grit, program manager of the Worship Renewal Grants for the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, MI., and a lecture by Rodger Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia. Workshop leaders include Kimberly Bracken Long, assistant professor of worship and coordinator of worship resources for congregations, Columbia Theological Seminary; Trace Haythorn, president, The Fund for Theological Education; Bonnie Orth, 2009 Rural Ministry Fellow; and Tom Tewell, executive director, Macedonian Ministries. **Registration is due by August 22. Find more information online.**

NEWS FROM MONTREAT:

- ❖ **Montreat's latest Quarterly Update** is available [online](#). Read about the recent youth conference held at Montreat, development and financial reports, a story of Philadelphia Presbyterian's multi-generational retreat, and more.
- ❖ **Conference for CLPs:** Join other Clergy Lay Pastors for a time of renewal and refreshment as you build your skills and knowledge in the area of prayer and worship at a continuing education event at Montreat just for CLPs. *"The Place of Prayer in Reformed Worship"* will be held **October 21-23** at Montreat Conference Center. For more information, [click here](#).

RESOURCES:

- ❖ **Free Worship Resources from the North Carolina Council of Churches** are available for **August 30, 2009**, with the theme, "Support for Workers." [Click here](#) for "***But Be Doers of the Word and Not Merely Hearers.***" The focus text is James 1:17-27. This material includes scripture commentary and a pastoral reflection by The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. Additional resources include responsive readings, prayers, personal stories, suggested hymns, key facts, and contact information for a variety of organizations working on issues related to workers and union organizing.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES AND MORE:

- ❖ **Cornelius PC** (corner of Catawba and Church St., Cornelius, NC) announces the Second Annual "**August Bluegrass Saturdays.**" Admission is free. Visit www.corneliuspcusa.org for pictures, information about the bands, and directions to the church. The **August Saturdays** are: (Times each Saturday are 11:30am - 1:00pm)
 - 15th** - Rusty Knox
 - 22nd** - Davidson Express
 - 29th** - Dixie PharoahsBring family and friends to enjoy North Carolina Bluegrass at its finest. Refreshments will be for sale and all proceeds go toward mission endeavors in the community.
- ❖ **Clanton PC** will be holding a **Back To School Concert** on **August 15, 2009** at **4:00pm**, featuring the K. B. Waymer Mass Choir. This concert is free! For details, see the [flyer](#).
- ❖ **CN Jenkins Memorial PC** has a **Community Fine Arts & Education ministry**, and welcomes everyone in the community who is interested to participate in the program, which includes drama, dance, steel drum band, Spanish, and SAT prep. For details, click [here](#).

Joys & Prayer Concerns...

- ❖ **Congratulations to Rev. Wes Barry & his wife Lindsay**, on the birth of their triplet sons, Thomas, James, and Jack Barry!
- ❖ **Bethpage Kannapolis Mission Work Team**, serving on the Gulf Coast August 9-15, working with the Presbytery of Mississippi Disaster Recovery
- ❖ **Rev. Edward Newberry & Family**, after the passing of his sister, **Beucenia Newberry Dodd** (member, Memorial PC)
- ❖ **Bettye Cannon** (member, Covenant PC-Kannapolis), health concerns
- ❖ **Rev. Gregory Green (Army Chaplain)**, serving in a Taliban stronghold by the Southern Afghanistan/Pakistan border
- ❖ **Rev. Ivan Lowery**, health concerns

All prayer requests will be listed for a maximum of three weeks. If you would like to add to the list, change a listing, or keep any requests on for a longer period of time, please call 704-535-9999, ext. 200, or send an e-mail to jennifer.kroitor@presbyofcharlotte.org.

Presbytery Calendar...

Aug. 13 – Thurs.	2:00pm	Alzheimer's Care Group Meeting
	4:00pm	CPM Meeting
Aug. 16 – Sun.		Higher Education Sunday
Aug. 18 – Tues.	8:30am-12:30pm	Immigration Conference @ Hickory Grove PC
	1:30pm	Council Meeting
Aug. 19 – Wed.	10:30am-12:00pm	Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee Meeting
	3:00pm	Committee on Representation Meeting
Aug. 20 – Thurs.	2:00-4:00pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting