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“Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.”

- 1 John 2:15-17

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. The clever see danger and hide; but the simple go on, and suffer for it. The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life. Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; the cautious will keep far from them. Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.”

- Proverbs 22:1-6

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:

❖ **Installation & Ordination Services:**

- Jane Fobel – Installation Service @ Sardis PC – **Sunday, August 30, 11am**
- Hansen Wendlandt – Ordination & Installation Service @ Providence PC – **Sunday, August 30, 4:30pm**

May God bless these individuals in their new steps in ministry!

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT NEWS:

- ❖ **Proposals Due for Available Ministry Property:** 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](#).

MISSION AND JUSTICE NEWS:

- ❖ **The NCCC Urges Citizens to Act Now with regard to Health Care Reform:** Encourage your congregation, family and friends to become, or stay involved in, the conversations around health care reform in this country. To assist with health care reform advocacy, the NC Council of Churches now has provided a list of contacts for NC senators and representatives which can be accessed on their site, or by [clicking here](#). Call or write your members of Congress and encourage your family of faith to do so today.
- ❖ **One Year Later...What Do We See Now?** Many of us are beginning to feel the world stabilize...But for others in our community who face the daily uncertainties of hunger, being padlocked out of their homes, becoming homeless...becoming desperate...there is another reality. **And the numbers are growing...not stabilizing.** What is the role of the faith community? What is it that we need to hear to understand...so we know what our response must be? Come hear panelists Carol Hardison (Crisis), Karen Montaperto (Charlotte Emergency Housing), Dale Mullenix (Urban Ministry Center), Beverly Howard (Loaves and Fishes), and Carson Dean (Uptown Shelter) on **September 1, 2009, 7:00 pm** at the Covenant Presbyterian Church chapel. For more information, contact Carla Leaf, Director of Missions and Outreach at Covenant PC, 704-804-7578.
- ❖ **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 crimes. This all-day training will be at Mulberry Presbyterian on **Thursday, September 3, 2009. Find out more.** To read more about human trafficking, visit <http://www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking>.
- ❖ **World Mission Celebration:** Hundreds of Presbyterians passionate about mission will be 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. **Registration for the event is available online.**
- ❖ **Join in the Fight to Stop Hunger! Charlotte will step out on Sunday, October 4, 2009** at 2:30pm at the Grady Cole Center next to Memorial Stadium for the 31st CROP Hunger Walk. **Recruiter Rally and education** takes place at St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne La. Charlotte NC on **Sunday August 23rd at 2:30pm**. All the information and inspiration you need to get your walk team going will be available then! To register or for more information call 704-333-9255 or go to www.cropwalk.com. **Churches in Cabarrus County will be walking on October 4th!** Education and rally will be at Calvary Lutheran church on **August 27 from 5-7pm**. For more information call CCM at 704-786-4709. To find out where the closest walk is to your church and community go to www.cropwalkonline.org, or call 704-333-9255. Throughout the presbytery churches are coming together to fight hunger one step at a time, 'around the walk and around the block'!

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WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, & LOCAL EVENTS:

❖ **The Charlotte Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)** is sponsoring a free **Mental Illness Family Education Class** which is open to the families of persons with mental disorders. The class will meet once a week at Sharon Presbyterian Church at **6:30pm** on **Thursday evenings**, and **beginning September 3, 2009**. To register or learn more, please call Betty Cobb at 704-583-0845.

❖ **Do You Need Help Understanding Your Teenager?** Stonebridge Community Church will be hosting an **"Understanding Your Teenager"** conference led by Rev. Mark DeVries from First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN where he has been Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families for over 18 years. Join him for a lively, informative presentation of some of the best parenting advice you'll ever get on raising capable, emotionally-healthy teenagers. This is not a seminar just for parents who are having difficulty with their kids. Instead, it's for every parent who wants to stay close to their kids during their teen years and also wants to influence them to become the kind of young men and women God created them to be. The conference will be on **Saturday, September 19th** from **9am until noon**. Stonebridge is located at 3700 Prosperity Church Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269. You can register here: <http://www.x-ing.org/news/news/UYT.html>.



❖ **Immigration 101 Coming to Charlotte:** The NC Council of Churches, with generous support from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, is sponsoring a statewide series of "Immigration 101" mini-conferences. These free events are designed to teach people some of the basics about immigration, and to offer a framework for taking action to help improve the lives of North Carolina's newest residents. They are coming to the Charlotte area on **Saturday, September 26, 9:30am-12:00pm** at the Harrison United Methodist Church, located at 15008 Lancaster Hwy, Pineville, NC 28134. For a flyer, or to RSVP, [click here](#).

❖ **The Fall Family Conference at Massanetta Springs**, taking place **October 9-11**, is a wonderful time for families to reconnect with one another, to engage in rich study, enlivening play and creative activities, and to be in community with other families of faith. This year will feature a powerful speaker for adults, as Wynn McGregor will come to help parents confirm their roles as faith formers. Young adult and collegiate staff will be with children and youth while parents are with Wynn, but for most of the weekend, families will be together. The opening *Faith Fair* kicks things off Friday evening and the weekend energetically unfolds from there. Don't miss this time of fellowship, faith building, and fun.....great food, making apple cider, and intergenerational worship wrap the weekend in joy. [For more information, click here](#).

❖ **SALT Conference to be held at Massanetta Springs is for all high school and young adult leaders** who are motivated to lead in the life of the church and the adults who join with them in this venture on **November 13-15**. This Synod-wide weekend event has been designed to encourage both the formational work of youth ministry and the informational, or hands-on, areas of youth ministry in which we are all engaged. Supported by Synod's Presbytery Initiative Funds, *the cost is only \$85 per person*. SALT is being planned and supported by youth and adults from five presbyteries. Shake a little SALT onto your youth ministry to enhance all that you do! [Click here for more](#).

RESOURCES:

❖ **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.

❖ **Sabbatical Grants Available:** Louisville Theological Seminary awarded 48 sabbatical grants to pastoral leaders in 2009. They are again offering the opportunity for those who are interested in obtaining assistance in taking sabbatical leaves. **Grant applications are due by September 1, 2009** and the sabbatical must be taken between March 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010. Information is available at www.louisville-institute.org. In addition, study grants are also available. **Those applications are due by September 15, 2009.**

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES AND MORE:

❖ **CN Jenkins Memorial PC News:**

- CN Jenkins is holding a **Prayer Vigil** this Friday, August 28, 5:30-8:00pm in the sanctuary. Join in praying for jobs, education, children, the healing of the land, and more.
- **Rev. Jerry Cannon will be the guest speaker** at the 10:00am worship service on October 18, 2009 for the **Carmel Presbyterian Church Anniversary in Cincinnati, OH**, where Rev. Clearance Wallace Sr. is pastor. **Departure is midnight Oct. 16 (that Thursday night). Return to Charlotte 11:00pm, Oct. 18, 2009.** C.N. Jenkins is chartering a bus. Hotel accommodations at Westin Hotel Downtown Cincinnati. Tour of Underground Railroad Museum Fellowship Activities with Carmel Church. Cost \$204 (double occupancy) includes hotel and transportation. For details, or to make your reservation, contact Mrs. Montrice Monroe at 704-451-8414 or monr8842@carolina.rr.com.

- ❖ **South Mecklenburg PC** will host a job seekers support group beginning **August 31 at 7pm**. Gwen Ferguson, a communication consultant, will lead the first meeting, "**Your Job Search A – Z.**" Monthly meetings will be held, as well as quarterly seminars. The support group is open to the public and there is no charge to participate. Participants will receive a resource manual and a spreadsheet with church members listed who are available for job networking. "One of the most important things that we have seen are the networking relationships that are formed - that is key," said Lynne Frech, SMPC Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

In conjunction with the support group, a **resume workshop** will be held on **September 12**, from **9am - 1pm**. The workshop is free and a light lunch will be provided, but reservations must be made ahead of time to make sure there is enough food.

Child care will be offered upon request for the meetings and workshop. The church is located at 8601 Bryant Farms Road in Charlotte, NC 28277. Meetings will be held at the church in Room #201. For more information on the support group or to make a reservation for the resume workshop, contact Reverend Lynne Frech at 704-544-0404 ext. 801 or lynne@smpchome.org. To learn more about the church, visit www.smpchome.org.

- ❖ **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](#).

- ❖ **Amity PC** invites you to hear **The Singing Men of America** at the church, located at 2831 N. Sharon Amity Rd, in Charlotte, on **Sunday, October 18th at 6:00pm**.

Joys & Prayer Concerns...

- ❖ Students, Parents, School Faculties, & the New School Year
- ❖ Our Military
- ❖ Debbie Wilkinson (Staff), recovering from knee surgery
- ❖ 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. 27 – Thurs.		Office Closed - Presbytery Staff Retreat
Aug. 28 – Fri.	11:00am	Key Church Communicators – S. Meck Cluster Churches @ Albemarle Road PC
Aug. 30 – Sun.	11:00am	Jane Fobel's Installation Service @ Sardis PC
	4:30pm	Hansen Wendlandt's Ordination & Installation Service @ Providence PC
Sept. 1 – Tues.	10:00am	Peacemaking Meeting @ Derita PC
	12:30pm	COM Lunch Meeting @ Derita PC
Sept. 3 – Thurs.	9:00am	Human Trafficking Training @ Mulberry PC
	6:00pm	Latino Steering Committee
Sept. 4 – Fri.	12:00pm	"Good News from the Poor"—Conversation w/ Noelle Damico