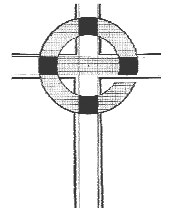




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“For Such a Time As This” (Purdue University, July 20-24, 2010)

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is an event sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches (CPC and CPCA) for the purpose of gathering Presbyterian and Reformed young people from all over the United States and the world together for worship, prayer, play and community.

At the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, through presentations, studies, recreational events and mission experiences youth and adult advisors are connected with activities that inspire them to be alert, be active and seek ways to connect their lives with their growing faith. Triennium is the perfect place to generate substantial energy and action on behalf of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

We are please to let you know that eight congregations make up this wonderful representation:

- Brooke Binder, Cranford
- Mary Beckhusen, Cranford (Adult Advisor)
- Matthew Beckhusen, Cranford
- Patrick Cassidy, Cranford
- Valencia Norman, Cranford (Adult Advisor)
- Derek Reilly, Lamington
- Emily Falk, Lamington
- Matthew Davis, Lamington (Adult Advisor)
- Curtis Paul, Metuchen (Adult Advisor)
- Hayley Leiva, Metuchen
- Kim Krauszer, Metuchen
- Lindsey Leardi, Metuchen
- Matthew Walters, Metuchen
- William Salmon, Metuchen
- Bianca Banegas, Nuevas Fronteras—Plainfield
- Maricielo Gallardo, Nuevas Fronteras—Plainfield
- Sarai Mendez, Nuevas Fronteras—Plainfield
- Sira Semambya, United—Plainfield
- Richard Whitted-Leggett, Siloam-Hope—Elizabeth
- Cassandra Segulin, Willow Grove-Scotch Plains
- Natasha Segulin, Willow Grove Scotch Plains
- Jackson Cochran-Carney, Willow Grove-Scotch Plains

They will be commissioned during our Presbytery meeting at Rahway First on Tuesday, June 22. Please join us in praying for them.



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2010

*May the God of ages
past, of all time, be with
you now, continually
loving, teaching, and
calling you to such a
time as this.*

We Need Your Church Van!



We need Vans and /or drivers to transport our Triennium Group to and from La Guardia airport.

If your church has a van and would like to help us , please contact Rev. Curtis Paul at: (732) 491-2260

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Summer of Listening



Listening to constituents always matters, but two times of year are especially critical.

One, of course, is the emotional season from Christmas through New Year, when critical issues of life-purpose, finance, family and career come into focus.

The other, interestingly, is right now, this relatively languorous time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. It isn't as gloomy or fraught as the Christmas holidays can be. It's more a time for dreaming, for imagining what could be, and what it would take to make the next season of productivity (school, work, family, church) a better one.

Many families move during this out-of-school season. Many look for new houses or apartments. High school graduates are saying goodbyes and dreaming of next stages. College graduates are looking for jobs. Nests are emptying.

In this strange moment when the recession is technically over but jobs and financial security haven't returned, many people are skipping vacations.

Listening to these rhythms, rumbles, musings and questions isn't easy. People tend to drift away from church during the summer. Many pull back on reading non-critical mail. The best way to listen is person-to-person.

This is a season for church leaders to take parishioners out for lunch, to host backyard parties, and to check in with small groups. Be there just to listen, knowing that in listening closely to 20 or 50, you are hearing far more.

I can't predict what you will hear. Every region seems to be handling the post-recession doldrums differently. Age cohorts are always different. But you can anticipate some stresses having to do with transition, whether positive transitions like a family wedding or painful transitions like a summer with no paycheck.

What you hear can be filed away for action in the fall, when church life picks up. You might hear clues for education offerings, new small groups, or a preaching series. Signs of burnout among leaders might signal time for cultivating new leaders.

I encourage clergy to take a lead role in the summer listening, but not to do it alone. It takes diversity of ears to hear diversity of stories. A small team of intentional listeners seems the most promising approach, especially when they pool their discoveries late in the summer.

(The above article was written by the Rev. Tom Ehrich, founder of the Church Wellness Project.)

**641st STATED MEETING
The Presbytery of Elizabeth
Tuesday, June 22, 2010
5:30 PM - 9:45 PM**

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Examination of Rev. A. Coile Estes (Northeast Georgia) for membership; approve call as Pastor at Pluckemin
- Examination of Rev. Emily Wilmarth (Greater Atlanta) for membership; approve call as Associate Pastor at Westfield

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

- Approval of Inquirer Edward (Ted) Thode (Westfield) to enroll in military chaplaincy program

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

- Advance *Nuevas Fronteras* to New Church Development status

COMMISSIONING

- Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (2010) (clergy, elders & youth advisory delegate + alternates)
- 2010 Youth Triennium delegation (youth and leaders)

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