



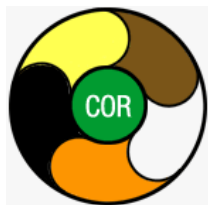
The Presbyterian Elizabeth Presbytery's Newsletter



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Committee on Representation "COR Corner"



"We are Motivated by Gospel, Not by Law!"

"The Committee on Representation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is called to seek representation for everyone equally in God's image. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is committed to giving full expression to the rich diversity within its membership and to provide means to assure a greater inclusiveness leading to wholeness in its emerging life."

Sunday Morning Worship is focal point of our Presbyterian tradition. We all love the unique ways that our individual congregations celebrate our love and faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of our members and those that visit us, there are many challenges that they must overcome, not only to get to worship services, but also to enjoy the music, the prayers and the message that mean so much to all of us.

"Are We Meeting Their Needs"

There are a number of questions we all must ask ourselves – First – Is Your Sanctuary Handicap Accessible? Are the Ushers and Greeters able to assist when necessary? Second – Are hearing devices available for those who need assistance in enjoying the beauty of the worship experience? – Third – Many churches have designated areas set aside for members and friends who worship in wheelchairs – Fourth – Are there ample Handicap Accessible parking spaces available close to your building and do you provide a "valet parking" service for those that may need such assistance?

Please take time to discuss in your Session, Deacon and Trustee Boards how we all can become more aware of the needs of those in our Congregations that need our special loving care to enjoy the richness of worship that we all love.

(Skip Winter, Cranford, OSCU Chair)

List of Presenters on Amendment 10-A at the January 22, 2011 Presbytery Meeting

A total of 10 Nomination Forms were received, 7 Ministers and 3 Elders. Here is the list that resulted after the draw:

Elder Pro - James Breeding, Christ PC, Martinsville

Elder Pro Alternate - Kay Hurd, Trinity United PC, Warren

Minister Pro - Doug Grote, First PC, Rahway

Minister Pro Alternate - Susan Rack, Christ PC, Martinsville

Elder Con - Edward Halteman, First PC, Dunellen

Elder Con Alternate - None - Only 1 request

Minister Con - Jason Tucker, First PC, Avenel

Minister Con Alternate - Rachel Stahle, First PC, Carteret

Thank you for your participation.

(Susie Krivenko, Rahway First, Moderator)

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PC(USA) Events

2011 POINT event - Feasting on God's Abundance

February 1-2, 2011

Albuquerque, New Mexico

The purpose of the event will be to share the bounty of ideas and ministries that are available to support faith formation in congregations. Think of it as a resource café.

Walking in Balance: APCE 2011 Annual Event

February 2-5, 2011

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Calling all educators, Christian Education committees, teachers and ministers.

Presbyterian Camps and Conference Centers Events

Family Camp Winter Weekend at Johnsonburg

February 18-20, 2011

Bring the whole clan and experience this beautiful place during the quiet beauty of winter.

Cultivating Quiet Retreats at Stony Point

February 20-22, 2011

In an environment of mutual support, participants are encouraged to empty themselves of agendas, obligations, and goals, and allow themselves to just "be" for a day, to become comfortable with the quiet, and experience what happens



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Christmas Message from Rev. Arthur Pace (Military Chaplain)

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you again for your prayerful support of my military ministry, as well as the support you give to all the military that you have allowed to go forth with the gospel.

Things are tense here in Korea, and I would covet your continued prayers over the next few weeks. I assure you that the Lord is answering your prayers in big ways.

I know this is a busy time for each of you. I pray that in this glorious season rejoicing in the birth of our Savior and his coming again, that you will be able to take a Sabbath, and refresh your spirits.

I also offer each of you a small devotional thought. I have been drawn this year to the hymn, "I heard the bells on Christmas day." Longfellow wrote it during the height of the civil war, which seemed to all the nation to have no end. He had also just experienced the death of his wife and his son. In such circumstances, it would have been easy and even understandable for even those of strong faith to face discouragement. To that, Longfellow reflected both the possible despair of this season, as well as the victorious hope it offers.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Not ever. God Bless each of you. I do not have enough words to again thank you for all of your support.

Merry Christmas!
Art

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And mild and sweet the words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had roll'd along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bow'd my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."



Presbyterian Seminaries Events

Princeton Seminars February 9-11, 2011

Princeton Seminars are designed to assist in the discernment process by providing prospective students an opportunity to attend classes, meet with faculty and students, and interview with an Admissions Committee member.

PNEUMA at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Pneuma is a two-year Certificate Program in Spiritual Direction and Spiritual Leadership.

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We send a weekly list of events happening in our congregations.
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Let us know what is happening in your church....
we'll help spread the word.