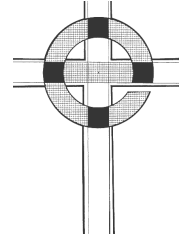


THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH



636th STATED MEETING ***First Presbyterian Church*** ***218 Dunellen Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812*** ***Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – 4:00 PM***



REGISTRATION IN CHURCH NARTHEX BEGINS AT 3:30 PM.
Elder Commissioners, Minister & Council Elders must check in to be marked PRESENT before proceeding to Gathering Time. All others are encouraged to sign in.

HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM – Sanctuary

CONSULTATION HOUR 5:00 PM – Sanctuary
Vince Patton, Executive Director for Church Relations & Communication
The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
Christian Educators / Teachers / Superintendents are encouraged to attend

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Examination of Candidate for Elizabeth, Korean
2010 Minimum Terms of Call **FIRST READING** – Minister Transitions

WORSHIP which offers a time for prayers of thanksgiving to God
Begins at 7:45 PM – The Reverend Robert E. Martin (Crescent Avenue), preaching

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DINNER RESERVATIONS: MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE!! COST: \$7.00

Please call the Presbytery office at **908-755-3776**

DEADLINE: Noon, Friday, September 18, 2009

to help the host church PLEASE **DO NOT** CALL AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS!!

Dinner at 6:00 PM - Menu: A Colombian Feast! with assorted desserts, coffee & tea

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CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Please call the Presbytery office at 908-755-3776 by **noon on Friday, September 18, 2009** indicating the number and ages of children, and anticipated arrival/departure time.

ALSO, please be sure to bring a child "brown bag" meal.

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PARKING

Parking available in parking lot on Dunellen Avenue, Park Place, and on other area streets.

PLAN TO CARPOOL AND ARRIVE EARLY

Call the Presbytery office 908-755-3776 for map/directions (next page)



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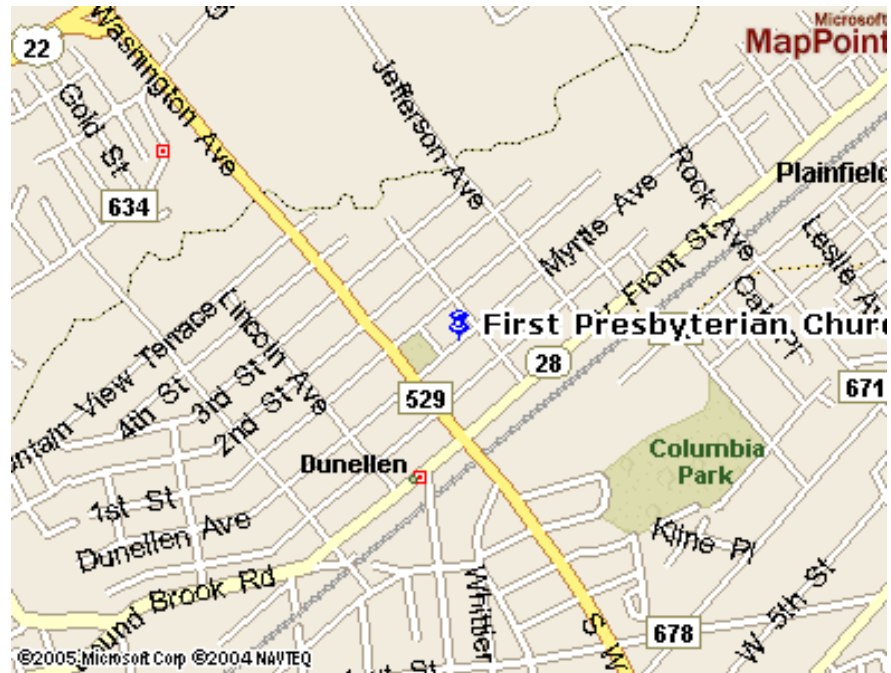


**Sanctuary, Registration (Narthex) and Voorhees Hall (dining) are accessible.
Facilities are accessible.**

NOTES: During presbytery meetings, please **use inclusive language**. During presbytery meetings, **please address the Moderator**, not each other. When you rise to speak, please **identify yourself by name and church** or membership status in presbytery. You may speak to a motion on the floor, or raise a question; or you may make a motion and, if seconded, speak to it. It is, however, contrary to good order to speak first and *then* make a motion. Vouchers for costs incurred by members-at-large for attendance at presbytery meetings are at registration.

First Presbyterian Church

218 Dunellen Avenue
Dunellen, New Jersey 08812
732-968-3844
www.dunellenpres.org



From 22 Westbound/Eastbound: Turn (u-turn) onto CR-529 (Washington Ave.). Continue to Dunellen Ave. Turn left. Church is past Washington Park at the corner of Dunellen and Park Pl.

From Plainfield/Scotch Plains on SR-28 [North Ave.] Westbound: West Front Street in Plainfield turns into SR28 (North Ave). Continue until the intersection of North Ave and Jackson. Turn right. Continue to Dunellen Ave. Turn left, church is on the right at the corner of Dunellen Ave. and Park Pl.

From I-287: Take Exit 5 to Northbound CR-529 (Stelton Rd). Continue approximately 3.14 miles to Dunellen Ave. Turn right onto Dunellen Ave (at Washington Park). Church is at the corner of Dunellen Ave. and Park Pl.

RECOMMENDED: **Google** or **Mapquest** from your location.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth

Presbyterian Church (USA)

636th Stated Meeting

First Presbyterian Church

Dunellen, NJ

September 22 MMIX

Docket.

- 4:00 Call to Order** **Howard Bryant (HR), Moderator of Presbytery**
Jeffrey Wildrick and Silvio Del Campo (Dunellen)
1. Host Pastors
 2. First Time Commissioners
 3. Corresponding and Temporary Members
 4. Moderator's Report
- 4:05 Stated Clerk** Paul F. Rack (Bethlehem)
- Consent Agenda
1. Docket
 2. Minutes of the 635th Stated Meeting
 3. Excuses
 4. Council Minutes, September 2009
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Elizabeth First Administrative Commission
Status Report
 7. Ratify Moderatorial Appointment of Rev. Jeffrey Cochran-Carney (Westminster)
to serve on the New Church Development Commission.
 8. Trustees Gerard Nelson (Liberty Corner), president
Loan approval for Cranford church
Lease of Linden church
 9. Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
- 4:10 Nominating Committee** Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), chair
- 4:15 Announcement Cluster**
- 4:20 Financial Development Committee** Peter Hofstra (Perth Amboy), chair
- 4:35 Committee on Ministry** Robert Martin (Crescent Avenue), chair
New Pastor @ Elizabeth Korean, Jaeshin Soh (Eastern Korean Presbytery)
- 4:55 Memorial Moment for William Ross Forbes** Elder Kent Lorentzen (Westfield)
- 5:00 Consultation Hour** **Elder Vince Patton (Central P. C., Louisville, KY)**
The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
- 6:00 Dinner**
- 7:00 Global Mission and Peacemaking** Bebb Wheeler Stone (Calvin)
Big Tent Scholarship Recipients
- 7:20 Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee** Karen C Chamis (Roselle) &
Status Report Cynthia Cochran-Carney (Willow Grove), co-chairs
- 7:25 Asset Sharing Time** Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Ave), CCE
Christian Education Initiatives
- 7:40 Amendment to Warrant for New Church Development Commission** Stated Clerk
- 7:45 The Presbytery at Worship**
Robert Martin (Crescent Avenue), preaches.
- 8:30 Adjourn** **The Moderator of Presbytery**

The next Stated Meeting of presbytery will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2009,
at a church to be announced, at 5:30 pm

The Trustees of the Presbytery of Elizabeth

Trustees Motion, for consideration by the Presbytery of Elizabeth at its Stated Meeting on 22 September 2009, approving a plan for short-term borrowing to fund capital improvements by the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford.

Questions may be directed to Elder Gerard Nelson, President, Presbytery Trustees, at 908.542.9494 or gerardnelson10@aol.com.

WHEREAS, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford (“FPCC”) has determined that it is necessary, at the present time, to replace the roof on the FPCC church building, and

WHEREAS, the FPCC Session has concluded that the roof replacement project is most reasonably funded by short-term borrowing from both internal and external funding sources followed by a capital campaign, the proceeds of which would, among other things, repay the borrowed funds, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Presbytery of Elizabeth have reviewed recent financial statements of FPCC and concluded that the proposed short-term borrowing does not pose any substantial financial risk to FPCC,

THEREFORE, the Trustees of the Presbytery of Elizabeth move that the Presbytery, at its Stated Meeting on Tuesday, 22 September 2009, approve FPCC’s plan to borrow up to \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars) for a term of up to 18 (eighteen) months from individuals or financial institutions at commercially reasonable finance charges and other terms and conditions.

The Trustees of the Presbytery of Elizabeth

Trustees Motion, for consideration by the Presbytery of Elizabeth at its Stated Meeting on 22 September 2009, approving a lease for the use of the property of the Linden Presbyterian Church by the Iglesia Comunidad Misionera Bethel Del Nazareno, Inc.

Questions may be directed to Elder Gerard Nelson, President, Presbytery Trustees, at 908.542.9494 or gerardnelson10@aol.com.

WHEREAS, the Iglesia Comunidad Misionera Bethel Del Nazareno, Inc., a Spanish language congregation associated with the Church of the Nazarene, desires to use the property of the Linden Presbyterian Church for worship services and other church-related activities, and

WHEREAS, the Linden Presbyterian Church (“LPC”) desires to make certain of its facilities available to the Iglesia Comunidad Misionera Bethel Del Nazareno (“Comunidad Misionera Bethel”) for worship services and other church-related activities, and

WHEREAS, the Book of Order requires that the lease of church worship space be approved by the Presbytery, and

WHEREAS, LPC and the Comunidad Misionera Bethel have agreed to a detailed description of the portions of the LPC facilities that would be available for use, the restrictions (including days and hours of use) on such use, and the contribution that Comunidad Misionera Bethel would make to partially defray the operating expense associated with the LPC facilities, and

WHEREAS, LPC and Comunidad Misionera Bethel have caused an Agreement for LPC facility use to be prepared, and

WHEREAS, the Session of LPC has concurred with the Agreement so prepared, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Presbytery of Elizabeth have reviewed such Agreement and concluded that it describes a practical and workable arrangement and provides an adequate degree of protection of the interests of LPC, including a requirement for liability insurance naming LPC as an additional insured,

THEREFORE, the Trustees of the Presbytery of Elizabeth move that the Presbytery, at its Stated Meeting on Tuesday 22 September 2009, approve the lease agreement between the Linden Presbyterian Church and Iglesia Comunidad Misionera Bethel Del Nazareno.

Seeking a Prophet

Elizabeth Presbytery seeks its next steps in the service of Jesus Christ.

Elizabeth, NJ-What is a Presbytery to do when it knows change is coming down the road; significant, long term change; a recasting of mission and ministry in a tighter, leaner economy; rejuvenating its outreach as its very relevance comes into question?

What is a Presbytery to do when the change comes now, when an Executive Presbyter takes a new call, and the wary membership, the declining finances, and the waning vision demand something new? Those are the questions facing Elizabeth Presbytery.

“We are faced with a real challenge,” said Rev. Peter Hofstra, chairperson of the Financial Development Committee, “The departure of our previous EP opened up funding to keep our missions and outreach budget afloat. We were looking at draconian cuts to vital parts of our Presbytery’s historic mission giving. But those problems will face us again when we call an interim. Do we look for someone on a part time basis? Do we go without an EP, a model we’ve heard about in New York State? Do we look to share an EP with a sister Presbytery? Everything is on the table.”

One thing is certain, business as usual is not going to work. Along with the rest of the denomination, the Presbytery of Elizabeth has experienced declines in membership and giving, and the loss of a number of churches through closure or merger. If current trends continue, fully half of the fifty churches that make up the Presbytery are at risk of merger, or extinction in the next decade.

What is the next step? To trust the Lord and boldly enter the wilderness.

In Presbyterian terms, it sounds like the same old thing. An Interim Executive Presbyter (IEP) Search Committee was formed and put to work. But the stakes are far higher than same old, same old.

“Things are changing in this Presbytery,” said Rev. Karen Chamis, co-chair of the Search Committee, “It is an exciting time to be here.”

The tools are familiar. The IEP will be expected to lead the Presbytery in a Mission Study. At any time, the questions for the Study are powerful. “Who are we? What are the expectations of the Presbytery? What does it truly mean to be connectional? Missional?” But now, here, these questions are built over a renewed sense of worship, of theological reflection, and a real desire to reclaim the proclamation of Jesus Christ in Central New Jersey.

The quest now is to seek someone, an elder or minister, trained and well versed in the tools of mission study, but, even more, someone who will speak to this Presbytery with a prophetic voice, speak to a Presbytery listening for the Word of the Living God.

More information is available about the search on the Presbytery website, www.elizabethpresbytery.org.

PRESS RELEASE

PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING CORPORATION

PPC's Mission Statement

Building on the Reformed tradition, the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation seeks to glorify God by contributing to the spiritual and intellectual vitality of Christ's church. To that end, PPC publishes resources that advance religious scholarship, stimulate conversation about moral values, and inspire faithful living.

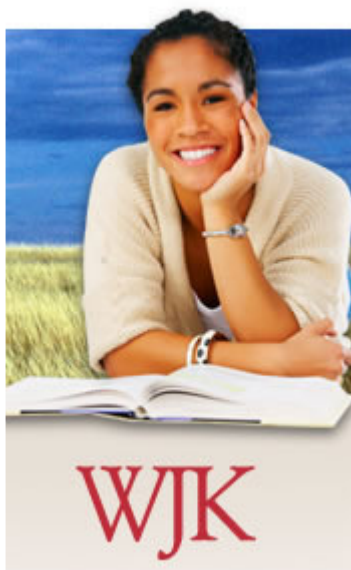
The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC) is the denominational publisher for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but the materials it issues under its Westminster John Knox Press imprint cover the spectrum of modern religious thought and represent the work of scholarly and popular authors of many different religious affiliations. PPC's Geneva Press imprint is for a specifically Presbyterian audience.

PPC publishes approximately 95 new books and other resources each year and manages a backlist of more than 1,600 titles that are sold throughout the world. In addition, PPC produces and mails Theology Today, the journal it publishes in partnership with Princeton Theological Seminary, and These Days devotional magazine four times a year.

Vince Patton of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC), an official denominational publisher of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be talking about the mission of PPC and then providing an overview of The Presbyterian Leader.com, the new online resource center for all PC(USA) leaders. In addition, he will share information about The Thoughtful Christian.com, an ecumenical online resource center for Christian education; *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*; the Calvin Reading Challenge to PC(USA) congregations; and other books and resources for Bible study, ministry, and education. He is also anxious to learn how PPC might be even more helpful to the congregations in Elizabeth Presbytery.

Vince Patton is the executive director of church relations and communication for the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. He previously served as an editor in the Congregational Ministries Publishing and the Mission Interpretation and Promotion offices of the General Assembly Mission Council. He is an ordained elder and deacon in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and serves on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky. In his spare time he enjoys playing tennis, watching sports, going to movies, and reading books on politics and religion. He is married to the Rev. Mienda Uriarte, a PC(USA) minister.

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Being a Presbyterian leader may be one of the most fulfilling and most challenging roles we can take on in service to God. This site is a comprehensive selection of resources designed to provide the inspiration and the information necessary to cultivate new congregational leaders and support existing ones through every success and every challenge.

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**Our speaker will be Burkhard Paetzold
a PCUSA Missionary
He will be in the Presbytery of Elizabeth are the
week of October 9 - 16, 2009.**

You may schedule him to visit your congregation by contacting:

- 1) Rev. John Illian Central Presbyterian Church Summit, NJ
jillian@centralpres.org 908-273-0441
- 2) Elizabeth Quintero (Presbytery Staff)
office@elizabethpresbytery.org 908-755-3776

You can get to know Burkhard and his ministry at

<http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/name-search.htm> or
<http://www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge/speakers.htm>

Burkhard Paetzold has been serving as facilitator for the PC(USA)'s work with the Roma people in Central and Eastern Europe. (The Roma were formerly known as "Gypsies," a term now considered pejorative by most people, including the Roma themselves.) Since the summer of 2003 Burkhard has also been serving as regional liaison for Central and Eastern Europe to facilitate PC(USA) support for partner programs, relationships, and activities and to implement regional strategies. Burkhard lives with his family in Petershagen, near Berlin, Germany.

Burkhard facilitates and supports the work of mission workers, pastors, and congregational and local community leaders who are trying to improve the relationship between Roma and non-Roma. The Roma mission activities seek to promote the participation of Roma in congregational and church life, develop Roma leadership, and improve the economic development and education for Roma.

The premise of the ministry is that Roma and non-Roma must find together an integrated approach to address diversity. A prerequisite to any program is the acceptance of marginalized people as a people worthy of respect. The churches of Central and Eastern Europe, redefining their own identity and gaining new acceptance after the "Velvet Revolution," have to play an important role to civilize this relationship.

Burkhard was first appointed to mission service with the PC(USA) in April 1998 to serve as a coordinator for special projects with the Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) of PC(USA)'s Worldwide Ministries Division. His work focused on in the Republic of Armenia and the Middle East. Established in 1966, JMP provides basic services and direct relief to Armenians while encouraging the community-based approach to economic development. As coordinator for special projects, Burkhard oversaw the initiation and implementation of new development plans and provides information and advice about sustainable development themes throughout the Jinishian Memorial Program.

Burkhard is a member of Evangelische Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg, one of the Protestant churches in the former German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and has worked as a volunteer with this entity since the 1970s in a program called "Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation." This experience led him to his current position.

"After the change of government," Burkhard writes, "I felt encouraged by my volunteer experience to find work in sectors which have to do with social concerns, community development, and the environment. I was educated as an engineer, with special technical training and experience in the scientific world. However, at this point in my life I want to find a place in society where I can serve human-scale development rather than merely contributing to unlimited technical progress."

From 1994 to 1997, Burkhard was the director of a community-based sustainable development project ("Local Agenda 21") through the German Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Study Group of the Church Development Service in Berlin. Prior to that, he was mayor and administrative head of his hometown, Petershagen, from 1992 to 1994. He co-founded the Institute for Regional Conversion after the fall of the Berlin wall (1989-1992), concentrating on civil use of military resources. From 1974 to 1990 he was an engineer working in a staff research and development position for power plants and agriculture in Berlin. Burkhard got his graduate engineering degree at the Technical University of Ilmenau in East Germany in 1974. He furthered his education at the AGEF Training Center in Berlin, where he studied object and team-oriented planning in development work in 1996 and mediation training in 1997.

As a member of Evangelische Kirche Berlin-Brandenburg, Burkhard has been a speaker of the Council of the Evangelical Students Congregation in East Germany (1972-1974) and a member of a working group for disarmament within the theological studies department of the Union of Protestant Churches in the German Democratic Republic (1978 to 1990). He and his wife Christine have two adult children, Juliane and Franziska.



October
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Burkhard Paetzold, a PCUSA Missionary

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Committed Schedule for the week

Sat. 10/10

AM lunch

PM off/travel to Cranford NJ

Sun. 10/11

AM Cranford
Worship / adult ed / lunch
Contact: Skip Winter Phone: 732-596-6036
e-mail ahwinterjr@aol.com

PM _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Mon. 10/12

AM early breakfast with Howard Bryant, Moderator of Presbytery
Contact: Howard Bryant Phone: 908-820-0655
e-mail hbryant@comcast.net

AM late _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Lunch _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Dinner/PM _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Tue. 10/13

AM early

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

AM late

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Lunch

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Dinner/PM

Elizabeth, Second – Evening with Restore Ministries
Contact: Linwood Bagby Phone: 908-400-3293
e-mail lbagby2002@yahoo.com (Lee Anne Lowman to drive)

Wed. 10/14

AM early

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

AM late

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Lunch

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Dinner/PM

Westfield – dinner & evening at the Westfield church
Contact: Barbara Ringk Phone: 908-322-9214
e-mail bringk@verizon.net

Thu. 10/15

AM early

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

AM late

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Lunch

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____

Dinner/PM

Contact: _____ Phone: _____
e-mail _____



2009

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Since 1983, the sessions of more than 4,500 Presbyterian Church congregations have signed the "Commitment to Peacemaking", indicating that they will incorporate peacemaking into the mission and ministry of their congregations.

Peace doesn't just "happen"! As Jesus has showed us, it comes with a price --- Love, Compassion, Humility and Sacrifice.

YOUR CONGREGATION HAS BEEN SENT THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING KIT.

25% of the offering is kept by the congregation to use for their peacemaking efforts.

75% remaining should be sent to Presbytery to be used for Presbytery, Synod and Denominational peacemaking projects.

Some Suggestions for Peacemaking in Local Congregations and Communities:

1. Encourage prayer, Bible study and spiritual disciplines that mature and deepen the spiritual life of the community and equip people to share the Gospel message of peace to the world.
2. Organize a study of "To Strengthen Christ's Body: Tools for Talking About Tough Issues". **
3. Distribute copies of "Presbyterians and Military Service: Questions and Answers", to youth and young adults. **
4. Join or create an interfaith dialogue group.
5. Contribute to mission partners or projects that your congregation already supports.
6. Purchase fair trade food items for congregational dinners, such as olive oil from "Import Peace", a fair trade organization supporting Palestinian farmers, or coffee from similar sources.
7. Hold a Global Marketplace prior to Christmas where attendees may purchase fair trade and responsibly produced products from around the world (including the USA) as gifts. "Shares" may similarly be sold to benefit Church World Service, Habitat for Humanity, AIDS service organizations, hospitals and other reputable charities world-wide.
8. Address extreme poverty through the "One Campaign" and "Bread for the World".
9. Provide scholarship assistance for congregational members to attend "Ecumenical Advocacy Days" that involve worship, theological reflection and education.
10. Hold parenting classes that focus on nonviolent communications.
11. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS! BE RELEVANT AND IMAGINATIVE!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

** These RESOURCES and others are in your PEACEMAKING KIT.

If your project needs some extra FUNDING HELP or OTHER SPECIAL ASSISTANCE contact the Presbytery Office or the Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee. We want to lend a hand wherever we can to MAKE IT HAPPEN!

The second half of Psalm 85 provides a vision of what God's peace on earth will look like when people are centered in God's ways. Words like "prosperity", "abundance", and "good fortune" rest next to words like "salvation:", "truth", "love", "peace" and "justice". But they must be earnestly desired and striven for by those who truly "hear" the words of Jesus.

GLOBAL MISSION and PEACEMAKING COMMITTEE
Presbytery of Elizabeth

2009

PEACEMAKING OFFERING
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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Paz

Mir

Sith

Shalom

Justice and peace shall kiss each other

I will listen for the word of God; surely
the LORD will proclaim peace
to his people, to the faithful, to those who
trust in him.

Near indeed is salvation for the loyal;
prosperity will fill our land.

Love and truth will meet; justice and peace
will kiss.

Truth will spring from the earth; justice will
look down from heaven.

The Lord will surely grant abundance; our
land will yield its increase.

Prosperity will march before the Lord, and
good fortune will follow behind.

(Psalm 85:9–14, New American)

Do justice, and you shall have peace. . . .

For if you do not love justice, you shall not have peace; for those two,
justice and peace, love one another, and kiss one another so that the
one who has done justice may find peace embracing justice.

They are two friends: you perhaps desire the one, and not the other: for
there is no one who does not desire peace: but all will not work for
justice. . . . If you do not love the friend of peace, peace itself will not
love you, nor come to you."

(Augustine, Commentary on Psalm 85)

