

Presbytery Times

June 2011

Please Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance efforts in storm and flood ravaged communities. To show our collective support and concern, please send your donations to the Presbytery office and we will send 100% of the donation to the PDA in your church's name. Your contributions to this critically important mission of the PCUSA are needed. We will be communicating any special needs or other ways your congregations can provide support.

KEEPING THE MOMENTUM IN CHALLENGING TIMES

There are many issues that distract us Presbyterians these days from mission and ministry. "In a time such as this" is a popular mantra of our General Assembly literature. In this time, when we are faced with changes to our Constitution, I would like to point out that the Presbytery of Tropical Florida has been engaged in redefining itself with regard to its mission.



Two years ago, on a Council retreat, there was a new mission statement adopted. We know you've heard it several times. We want to go from a reducing presbytery, to a reproducing presbytery. The fact that you know this statement is key! We've focused on making sure everyone gets behind this vision! For it is we who need to not only know the mission, but be in prayer and take an active part in achieving the goal.

At the Council retreat last year, a task force was formed to look at and potentially redesign our staff and structure to best suit the mission of the Presbytery. The proposal of that task force and the Presbytery's adoption of it have led to our new structure. We now are seeing more collaboration amongst the regions in mission and ministry thanks to our

AMPs. Ideas are being shared, and relationships are being formed.

This year at our Council retreat, we focused on strategies that the local church could adopt that would, in some cases, transform the congregations or, in other cases, lead to reproduction and new church plants. The vocabulary words for this year are missional communities and incarnational ministry. So many of our churches were designed around an attractional model of ministry. "Build it and they will come" is not only a great quote from "Field of Dreams", but it was also the thinking behind our church campuses. Sometimes, this model works. Sometimes, it has its issues, especially if the church campus cannot be maintained properly or if most of the budget is going to maintaining the property. We are not here to say that we should abandon this model. It works for some. But there is some new thinking out there (not really new, but completely Biblical) that suggests that we have to go out into the world and meet people where they are. Some folks will never, on their own, enter a church building. But maybe they'll enter a home or a place of recreation and hear about the Gospel? The idea is that we need go and get them. John 20:21 says "As the Father has sent me, even so am I sending you." We need to be sending our own to meet people where they are and eventually guide them into the church.

Rev. Dana Allin, Rev. Kennedy McGowan, and Rev. David Kwon are all involved in different forms of this missional, incarnational, reproductive ministry. Our Presbytery's website has a [link to videos](#) explaining them. Our AMPs are there to help as well, putting you in touch with folks that are doing this. If you want to transform your congregation, plant another church, or start a house church movement, we can help! Let's focus on the positive and grow our churches and our Presbytery to the glory of God.

by John Terech

REGION 1 UPDATE

Dear Friends

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil. 2:1-4, ESV)

I have had this verse on my heart and mind a lot lately. We have, no doubt, had many thoughts and/or conversations with others about the majority of Presbyteries passing amendment 10-A last month. We've read the articles, blogs – maybe even wrote a letter to our congregations and further processed “what all this” means with our sessions and other leaders. And yet today/now, Jesus is calling and sending His people out with the Gospel to a world which is hurting – physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Thank you for the privilege of beginning the journey of “getting to know you and your congregations” and I will continue to do so in the days and months ahead. I am encouraged as I listen to your stories – your hopes and dreams – and visit with you and get to see your mission and ministry contexts. I am excited to learn and watch new missional initiatives and opportunities being birthed out of Council – partnering with NCD & Transformation & ultimately with each of YOU – to continue the journey God has called us to at this time: “FROM A REDUCING TO A REPRODUCING” people here in Tropical Florida Presbytery.

Please be in prayer about who in your congregation may want to explore connecting to the missional coaching opportunity coming on board this fall for TFP as introduced at the May Presbytery meeting by Dr. Dana Allin! I will be sending out a packet to each of the Region 1 churches in early June with more info and will be happy to talk further with you about this opportunity to learn how to build relationships in the communities where God has planted our churches. Please be in touch!!!

(wengerb@tfpby.org or 772-464-4263 x105)

Have a blessed summer and let us be one in Christ, reflecting His light and love to the world around us each and every day He gives us!

Pressing on with you,
Bryan

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REGION 2 UPDATE

PASTORS AND LAY LEADERS WILL DISCUSS MISSION COACHING

Pastors and elders representing churches in Region 2 will meet on June 8, 2011 to develop ideas on how to engage collaboratively in supporting the work of missional coaches as a strategy to promote the Missional focus of congregational ministry.

During their April 8 meeting the pastors discussed ways in which lay leaders and clergy can work together to expand the mission strategy of local congregations by sharing ideas about mission activities that work well and those that can be transformed to become more effective.

The gathering will take place at First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach beginning at noon. All pastors in the region are invited and are being encouraged to invite at least one lay leader who has a desire to work with others to extend the mission of the congregation beyond the “walls” of the sanctuary.

A \$5 donation will be collected to offset the cost for lunch.

Nigel Leon Lovell-Martin, Ph.D.



REGION 3 UPDATE

SHIFTING GEARS



The Apostle Paul encourages believers to change their way of thinking so that their way of living may also change, (Rom.12:2).

Some call these mental shifts; shifting from our usual way of thinking to a different and sometimes radically new way of thinking.

This maybe a timely reminder, as we move from a reducing presbytery to a reproducing presbytery. Our new vision requires shifts in our ways of thinking, change in mind set, and even change in how we speak. Some changes may be from complacency to intentionality of vision and growth, from no new members to reclaiming the ministry of evangelism and discipleship, and from staring at failure to ceasing the new opportunities by God's grace.

This summer we will be unrolling the transformational Missional/Incarnational model for ministry. As I visit our Congregations in Region 3, I will be sharing and encouraging three shifts or new ways of thinking that will refresh and bring newness to our life in community. Shifting our ways of doing and becoming the church will allow the Spirit to inspire new things that will bring glory of God and perhaps prosperity to our congregations.

First: Shift from our present plans and hopes to God's expectations for the present and vital future of our congregation. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

Second: Shift from inward driven efforts to outward driven efforts. "Therefore, go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19

Third: Shift in language (from religious to biblical, from institutional to organic, from scripted to relational) "Instead, speak the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ" Ephesians 4:15

Can you imagine what God can do if we adopt these shifts in our hearts and minds? Can you imagine how these shifts may provide a new refreshing wind of the Spirit to transform our lives and congregations? Can you just imagine? I remember my old manual transmission car; every time I shifted gear, I got more power.

Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz

Associate Missional Presbyterian

Region 3 Miami-Dade and Monroe

CLERGY NEWS



The office of Moderator changed hands at the recent presbytery meeting. Outgoing Moderator, **Lucky Arnold**, having served the Presbytery during the last year, welcomed the new Moderator, **Gwen Magby**. The Presbytery thanks Lucky for his pastoral leadership and available counsel. And, we welcome Gwen and her guidance in 2011 and 2012.

The Presbytery welcomed **Heidi Arencibia**. Heidi has been serving New Life PC in Miami as their Commission Lay Pastor while she completed her ordination requirements. Heidi's ordination and installation will be held Sunday June 26th at the New Life Church.

The Presbytery welcomed **Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts**. Jose is coming to the presbytery from the Presbytery of San Juan where he has been the minister at Hato Rey Presbyterian Church in Rio Piedras, PR. Jose will be installed at First Spanish Miami in August.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Swanson**, pastor at Central PC recently who ran the 100-mile road race from Key Largo to Key West.

EXPONENTIAL 2011

You will be hearing about exponential 2012 during the next twelve months and I encourage you to sign up. This three-day event held in Orlando is for everyone desiring to refresh, renew, or rethink their ministry. Exponential is billed as “the largest gathering of church planters on the earth” with the tag line “Accelerating Multiplication”. In their array of workshops and key note speakers there was an energy for reaching out and sharing Christ in new ways. Three of the many keynote speakers shared a few ideas that could make a difference in any church.

Michael Frost, VP of Morling College and founder of the Tinsley Institute in Sydney Australia spoke about reaching out to his community leaders. He let the Mayor, Chief of Police and City Commissioners know that his church was willing to support them if they needed anything. One day the mayor said that they had not been able to manage the weekend crime at a large mall of pubs and clubs. After a few meetings, a group of volunteers created “Street Preachers” and they started their ministry at 10pm. They helped young people get home safely, hear their heartbreak stories of being jilted by a girlfriend, and stopped fights before they happened. They reduced the crime and the mayor is thankful. Who ended up becoming the new disciples? The bartenders, servers, and bouncers; those that worked the midnight hours, and did not attend Sunday service. They saw the difference these “Street Preachers” made. They became a new ministry that met in the wee hours of the morning after the pubs and clubs closed.

Reggie McNeal, Missional Leadership Specialist from Dallas, TX is originally from South Carolina. He said that South Carolina schools are at the bottom of the list in the United States. Yet, there are more churches in the area than there are schools. He asked, “What would be the impact on education if the churches began adopting their nearby schools?”

Matt Chandler, Lead Pastor at The Village Church, Flower Mound, TX

He spoke to an audience filled with church planters, emerging church pastors and all sorts of people seeking a new way to do church. His message was to remind those that think “the old way of being a church is passé” is wrong thinking. He reminded the audience that the traditional churches are what made it possible for everyone to be there. To know that there is a way to meld new ideas with the old ways.

We do not need to abandon what we know. We *do* need to stop repeating things and hoping for new results. Think about how you can reach out to your community, help a school, or create a new church atmosphere in your congregation. This year there will be an ongoing discussion about ideas; try some or create your own and share them with us.

We can be a growing presbytery.

By Amalie Ash
Presbytery Administrator

BIRTHDAYS

01	Rev. Rosalia Orta - HR
02	Dr. Kenneth Smith - MOS
04	Rev. Charles Croghan - HR
04	Dr. Richard B. Anderson - HR
09	Rev. Donald Davis - HR
17	Rev. John Hendricks - HR
22	Rev. Constantine Baldassare - HR
24	Rev. Kim Kavazanjian – Central, Miami
25	Rev. Martin Anorga - HR
26	Dr. Leon Lovell-Martin - Myrtle Grove, Miami
27	Rev. Benjamin Davis - HR
27	Dr. Charles Denison – First, Stuart
28	Rev. Antonio Welty - HR

ORDINATIONS

01	Rev. V. Neil Wyrick - HR
01	Rev. Edward Peachey - HR
01	Rev. Daniel Gerhardt - HR
01	Dr. Maurice Stone - HR
01	Dr. James Nimmo III – First, Port St. Lucie

01	Dr. Thomas Culberson - HR
01	Dr. Kenneth White - MOS
03	Rev. Juan Perez - First Spanish, Miami
03	Rev. Gary Fravel - HR
04	Dr. Stephen Sapp - MOS
08	Rev. Frank Allard - HR
11	Rev. Robert Vance - HR
11	Dr. Albert Bush, Jr. - Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens
15	Rev. Donald Davis - HR
16	Rev. Brace Bateman – HR
16	Rev. Robert Polland - HR
17	Rev. Kennedy McGowan – First, Hollywood
17	Dr. Gwendolyn Magby – Trinity, Key West
18	Kellen Smith
19	Rev. Donald Meeder - HR
19	Dr. James Colvert - HR
21	Rev. Ervin Joslin - HR
23	Dr. Arlene Gordon - HR
23	Rev. Leah Meador - HR
24	Rev. John Hendricks - HR
24	Rev. Rosemary N. Welton - MOS
25	Rev. Suk Won Han – Korean, Palm Beach
26	Rev. Randolph Bare – Memorial, West Palm Beach
30	Dr. David Thomas – HR
30	Dr. Keith Riddle - MOS



SHARI'S SHOUT OUT

Thanks a Million!

I'm usually nagging about deadlines or some such, so I'd like to take a moment to just say thank you. I'm truly blessed to be serving with all of you these past 11 years and want you to know how grateful I am to have been given the opportunity.

Thanks to all who called in their registrations for the Presbytery meeting. It surely makes planning easier. A special thank you to our hosts at the Pink Church.

The APA Florida Region had a wonderful time of learning, sharing and collegiality at our conference in Palm Beach Gardens in mid-May. Our deepest thanks to our instructors who gave so generously of their time to share their knowledge. We wished more of our Tropical Florida administrative professionals had joined us.

One of our instructors, Deputy Eddie Nelson of the Palm Beach Sheriff's office, has developed a program "Security for Houses of Worship" which he has offered to share with our Presbytery.

We're hoping to present his class sometime this summer. This class, coupled with a Personal Safety class and lunch would involve the better part of the day and, hopefully, be considered worth your drive. I've wanted to get us together for so long; can this be the time? Of course, any/everyone is welcome. Please help us gauge your interest and let me know. The cost will be \$25.00. Do you prefer a weekday or Saturday? Your thoughts via e-mails and calls would be appreciated.

Boundary (Sexual Misconduct) Training First Stuart - June 13th (9:30-3:30)

During 2011 three opportunities for Boundary (Sexual Misconduct) Training will be offered, the first of which will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Stuart. You may sign up for this class by calling Shari at the Presbytery office or emailing her (shari@tfpby.org). You may also fax in your registration form. The cost for this training (including lunch and book) is \$25.00 per person. COM and PJC committee members will have their registration fees paid through the COM budget. The CPM budget will pay for its members. Churches are encouraged to cover their pastors' costs. Those who received training in 2006 should register. Any newer minister member who has received training during the past five years elsewhere should submit a certificate for their file. Please contact Shari with any questions. The other dates will be broadcast as soon as possible.

Clergy Compensation Reporting

You didn't think we forgot, did you?

Churches will be receiving individual requests to update the information in the Presbytery file within the next week or so. Once received, kindly return a form for each pastor serving your church as soon as possible.
(Please don't make me nag.)

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

The Florida Region of the Administrative Personnel Association invites you to join other church administrative leaders who believe that professional and knowledgeable staff in the church office is important. In today's world, churches need up-to-date, fresh and prevailing leaders to guide them through the many facets of church administration. The APA can help administrative personnel gain the knowledge necessary to improve the quality of professionalism in the church office.

The Mission of the APA is to offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This mission is accomplished by providing continuing education events for certification and occasions for fellowship, worship and spiritual nurture and prayer at both National and Regional meetings as well as seminary sponsored training events.

Led by ministers and experts in their fields, the Administrative Personnel Association gives you an exceptional value by combining career and spiritual development into one cost-effective event, the 2011 National APA Conference in Las Vegas from November 3rd through November 6th.

Church leaders and members will reap the rewards when you return from the conference. Staff generally return with higher productivity, new and upgraded skills, superior performance and effectiveness, greater communication with pastors and other staff, as well as increased work satisfaction.

For more information about the APA's Certification program and the upcoming 2011 National Conference, please visit the Florida APA website at www.floridaapa.org.

If you would like more information about the APA, please contact Barbara Prieto, Florida Region President, at 305-666-8586.

Watch for more information and tips from the Administrative Personnel Association in the next issues.

Nancy Fine

Membership Chair Florida Region of the Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

WORDS FROM YOUR EARTH



Can we talk?

Did you know that environmentalists believe that those speaking from Sunday pulpits can make a significant difference in your environment? Are you aware that I am in trouble? That God created

me, just as God created you, however, God expects you to take care of yourselves *and* take care of me. Help! I need you.

I appreciate that you are recycling and reusing more items, and that you are buying more green products and using less fuel. Really, that means a lot to me. Would you consider doing more?

You all inhabit one of my favorite spots, that little southeast corner of the tip of Florida. There you have wonderful clear skies, big beaches, lots of wildlife, fresh water, and nice weather. Have you heard that your water supply, Lake Okeechobee, is very low?

If you want to help me, let us start with fresh water. I know it is important to you, and keeping the fresh, brine, and salt water separate is one of my biggest jobs. Keeping the water tables up helps me do my job.

Would you give me a few minutes from your pulpit on Sunday and the Sundays ahead? Could I be in your bulletin? Start by sharing some tips on saving water. I bet many do not know that they can have green lawns by making a couple of changes in their watering. Children love to help me, teaching them to be Water Patrols will increase their awareness of dripping sinks and running toilets. Some people in your congregations are struggling and cannot make the repairs to stop water waste. Maybe some of your tool handy parishioners could create a "water waste brigade" and help others save money and water.

Check with your water department or city utilities. They may have rebates and ideas for water saving, such as rain barrels. Here are a couple of communities that have made a big difference for me:

- **Miami-Dade Water and Sewer** has replaced older showerheads, toilets and aerators with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures in 1,000 homes built prior to 1985. This program targeted and benefited homeowners who qualify for the Homestead Senior Exemption. The project produces an estimated water savings of 23.4 million gallons per year. The project was completed in 2009 at a total project cost of \$388,394, including \$25,000 in South Florida Water Management District funding
- **St. Lucie County** has replaced older toilets and showerheads with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures at three Fort Pierce Housing Authority developments. The project produces an estimated water savings of 26 million gallons per year. The project was completed in 2007 for a total project cost of \$179,465, including \$50,000 in South Florida Water Management District funding.

If you checkout the South Florida Water Management website you can find ways to help your congregation, materials to distribute, even special speakers for your fellowship nights.

<http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/sfwmdmain/home%20page>

Just imagine, if all the Presbyterians in South Florida had more efficient toilets (only \$98 at Home Depot and Lowes), aerators on their sinks and showers, and made a few changes you can see how much you could help me get better. You and I are in this together. I need you and you need me.

Peace, Your Earth.

GROUND ZERO: JOPLIN, MISSOURI ... ALABAMA, TEXAS, CAROLINAS TOO

A powerful F-4 tornado leveled parts of Joplin, Missouri, this week. It's the latest in a series of weather-related disasters that have left families across the United States devastated by the immense loss and unsure of how to begin again.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) is equipping congregations to respond to this incredible need by providing tools, technology and training. Join us in our mission to help our neighbors and church family who are suffering. [Read more](#) →

Give to Presbyterian response

[Visit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website](#) or call (800) 872-3283

PRAYERS



Nathan and Daniel Baer

- For those impacted by the tornados, floods and fires
- For all the volunteers, emergency, and recovery workers
- For the world's farmers dealing with drought and floods
- For Japan recovering from the tsunami and earthquakes
- For the people of the Middle East seeking a new way
- For the people working to aid victims and prevent human trafficking
- For our Christian family around the world who sacrifices so much for their faith
- For our earth
- For our congregations that are praying for their churches
- For our ministers and elders seeking to lead and encourage the congregations
- For the Resident Churches - First Miami, Sunset, Grace, and Faith as they select their Residents
- For the Residents who are seeking their first call
- For the leadership of the Presbytery and their efforts to continue the vision of strengthening and growing churches and disciples
- For Rev Ryan and Amy Baer and their new twin boys Nathan and Daniel.
- For Kim Kavazanjian and her family, grieving the loss of Kim's sister.

Paul Kindschi 'returns home' after a lifetime of Christian service

Reverend Dr. Paul Kindschi, 94, died peacefully in his sleep on April 15, 2011. He was ordained to Christian ministry in the Wesleyan Church in 1939 and served the church for over 65 years until his retirement at age 84. During his career he served several pastorates and in a number of church administrative roles including Director of Planned Giving for the Billy Graham Association. Following his church administrative positions, he moved to Grand Rapids in 1984 and served for a time as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church. After moving to Florida, he served three churches prior to retirement in 2001 from Tequesta Presbyterian Church where he was named Associate Pastor Emeritus. In 2008, Paul and Meredith returned to Grand Rapids to live at Porter Hills Village. He is survived by his devoted wife Meredith, and his three children.

Pat Shaffer, First PC Tequesta, reflected that he will miss Paul, that he was a wise counselor and a good friend.

HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE MISSION UPDATE

Pat Ashley

HAITI MISSION: RELIGIOUS LEADERS' GATHERING

On May 10, 2011, our presbytery, through Pat Ashley, Haitian Research Project; Jonas Georges, chair, Mission Outreach, Social Justice, and Peacemaking Committee; Amalie Ash, presbytery administrator; and Sam Rutland, pastor, Miami Shores Presbyterian Church invited religious leaders working with earthquake survivors in South Florida to lunch. Ten people, from Church World Service, the Episcopal Diocese, South Florida Urban Ministries – Project Heal, St. Thomas University's Center for Justice and Peace, and our presbytery met at Miami Shores Presbyterian Church. We discussed perceptions of key issues for earthquake survivors in South Florida in 2011, and we brainstormed together about possible shared work. The energy in the room was palpable as we spoke together.

Recognizing that things have changed since the earthquake over a year ago, we wanted to articulate the current needs. Three issues came to the fore. First, changes in immigration policy are having profound impacts on earthquake survivors in our midst. The temporary protected status of Haitians who living in this country before the earthquake is coming up for renewal, and no one knows if it will be renewed. In addition, those entering the country as parolees, that is people legally recognizing as having special needs due to the earthquake are also unsure whether their status will be extended. Many earthquake survivors were able to enter our country through tourist visas in order to receive the help of family and friends here. Those visas are beginning to expire, and again, the status of this group is unclear. With the recovery proceeding very slowly in Haiti, and with no job or home to which to return for those who came after the disaster, the feeling of the group was that advocacy for policies that would provide a clearer and more secure status for these victims would be enormously helpful.

Second, the group noted that recovery in Haiti is highly impacted by the migration of former residents of Port-au-Prince to outlying areas, and many of the implications are not yet defined. What is evident, however, is that long-term economic development is essential for recovery. Beyond rebuilding structures, a new way of life will need to unfold.

Third, in South Florida housing has risen to be a major issue. Survivors were taken in by relatives who were already stretched to the breaking-point to live from day to day. To add more people to already-crowded housing at the very time that our own economy led to job loss for many, posed a strain that must be addressed.

We discussed a dozen ideas for possible shared work. We could work toward a housing center that would assure shelter for displaced families for up to six months. We could invite greater coordination of existing legal services by gathering representatives from all involved agencies. We could be more pro-active in long-term economic development in Haiti. Several of our ideas clustered around immigration issues: we could urge our constituents to advocate for more permanently legalizing the status of many Haitians among us; we could educate ourselves about current legislation and how to contact appropriate officials; faith-based communities could take a stronger leadership role. In addition, it is important for all of us to view recovery for Haiti through the eyes of the scriptural call to help the suffering and to do justice. We might invite Haitians to share their stories with us in church gatherings. We could communicate our concerns to denomination offices based in Washington DC. We could make sure that South Florida churches become more involved. We would use Haitian coffee in our gatherings as a way of embodying dedication to economic development. We could coordinate funding in Haitian mission.

WE ARE PRESBYTERIANS

There are many conversations going on in the church about who we are as Presbyterians and where we are headed as a denomination. Former Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow announced a [new web video-based effort](#) this week and invites participation from all Presbyterians. Other conversations include [NEXT](#), [the Fellowship](#) and a new series of [YouTube videos](#) from Stated Clerk Grady Parsons.

EVENTS

[Online Calendar of Events and Meetings](#)

MULTI-FAITH SUMMER INTERNSHIP

May 31 - July 28, 2011

Summer Internship for young adults 20 to 30 years old, called "Farm the Land, Grow the Spirit."

The internship will be held for the months of June and July, and will include building vegetable gardens on the property, supporting a local cooperative farm, and studying nonviolence philosophy and strategies in the Muslim, Jewish and Christian Traditions.

Application, flyer and brochure are available on the [Stoney Point Center website](#).

BIG TENT EVENT

June 30 – July 2, 2011

Indianapolis, IN

[More information](#)

2011 ENGAGE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

August 8-11, 2011

Don Cesar Hotel in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

The Engage 2011 Conference will walk participants through the new "Engage" evangelism resource and train them how to use it in a congregational setting. As participants engage their own stories of personal transformation as well as God's story of redemption in scripture, churches will learn how to re-connect with their communities.

Dan Kimball will be the conference keynote speaker. Dan has written several books focusing on culture, church and mission including *They Like Jesus But Not The Church*, *The Emerging Church* and *Emerging Worship*. He is on staff at Vintage Faith Church in Santa Cruz, California which he planted and founded with a team in 2004. He is adjunct faculty at George Fox Seminary and a columnist for *Leadership Journal* and *Outreach* magazine.

[National New Church Development Conference](#), sponsored by the PCUSA Office of Church Growth

August 8-11, 2011

Tradewinds Island Grand hotel St. Pete Beach, Florida .

Brochures may be downloaded from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website.

To register for the Engage conference, [go here](#).

INTERIM EXECUTIVE TRAINING

September 16-20

For those who are already in an interim executive/general/associate presbyter or synod position, who are scheduled to begin service in one of these positions, or who have been recommended by their governing body as having particular gifts in these areas with a recommendation from their COM and their immediate executive/general presbyter or synod executive/associate. Learning goals include the study of multiple layers of organizational system complexity, multiple cultures within an organizational system, governing body infrastructure, and application of the interim process and developmental tasks to governing bodies. For more information and to register online visit www.montreat.org/484.

GETTING UNSTUCK: THE MONTREAT INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

October 23-27

What would it mean to "get unstuck" from yesterday's worn out programs and begin to envision God's call for us in the 21st century? Reserve your place today at a leadership conference for pastors, elders, deacons, Christian educators, Church musicians and lay leaders.

For more information and to register visit www.montreat.org/457.

Presbytery Calendar



JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 1pm COM	3	4
5	6 10am AMP Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 First, Stuart Misconduct Seminar	14	15	16 10 am Multicultural TF	17	18
19 3pm Ordination – Kellen Smith	20	21 1:30 MOSJ&P	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline
26 5pm Ordination – Heidi Arencibia	27	28	29	30 Big Tent 9.30 Covenant Group		

JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Big Tent	2 Big Tent
3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 1:30 MOSJ&P	20	21 10 am Multicultural TF	22	23
24 31	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28	29	30

Access the annual calendar online: <http://www.tfpby.org/calendar.html>