



# Presbytery Times

## IT HAPPENED AT PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery meeting held First Presbyterian Church, North Palm Beach was a very busy, and sometimes intense, day. A huge thank you for the wonderful hospitality shown to us by this congregation. These are just a few of the highlights:

- The Presbytery worshipped at the Lord's Table and celebrated the lives of those Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Elders who were called home to the Lord in 2010.
- The Presbytery debated vigorously the proposed New Form of Government, and then voted 89 to 23 (with 4 abstaining) against its adoption.
- The Presbytery postponed until the May meeting a revision of the Principles and Process policy from the Discernment Administrative Commission.
- The Presbytery enrolled as members the following new members:
  - The Rev. Linda LeSourd Lader, Temporary Supply Pastor, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ft. Lauderdale
  - The Rev. Kim Kavazanjian, Temporary Supply Associate Pastor, Central, Miami
  - The Rev. Valdir de Franca, validated ministry with Latin American Mission

The Presbytery also renewed the Parish Associate relationship between the Rev. Bob Collins and Grace, Boca Raton; approved the change of status of the Rev. Jun Ho Kim from Organizing Pastor to Pastor for Korean Central, Miami.

- The Presbytery recognized the honorable retirement of the Rev. Leah Meador and the RE. Theodore Bush.
- The Presbytery took an offering for Haitian Relief, focusing on displaced Haitians within the bounds of Presbytery, and receive \$787.
- The Presbytery heard from members of Second Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, and vote 72 to 10 to ratify the action of the Presbytery at its November meeting forming an Administrative Commission with power of original jurisdiction.
- The Presbytery approved the change in status of Guillermo Figueredo from Inquirer to Candidate.
- Among other elections to various committees, sub-committees, task forces, and council, Mr. John Terech, Elder, Palm City, was elected as chair of the restructured Coordinating Council for the next 3 years.
- The Presbytery received the report of the Human Resources Committee that the following have been hired for our new staff structure:
  - Kernie Kostrub, Pastor-to- Pastors
  - Bryan Wenger, Associate Missional Presbyter, Region 1
  - Leon Lovell-Martin, Associate Missional Presbyter, Region 2
  - Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz, Associate Missional Presbyter, Region 3

## **FOLLOWING PRESBYTERY:**

The Stated Clerk would like to thank the elders and pastors who came for the first Session record review meeting on February 26. Twenty-three churches had their Session records reviewed that day. They were:

*Lakeside, West Palm Beach*  
*First, Boynton Beach*  
*Palm City*  
*Peace, Stuart*  
*Hobe Sound*  
*First, West Palm Beach*  
*Sunrise, Hialeah*  
*Faith, Pembroke Pines*  
*Community, Clewiston*  
*Indian River, Ft. Pierce*  
*First, Pompano Beach*  
*First, North Palm Beach*

*Plantation*  
*First, Lake Worth*  
*Korean, Miami*  
*Korean, Palm Beach*  
*First, Hollywood*  
*Ascension Peace, Lauderhill*  
*Faith, Palm Springs*  
*Goodwill, Ft Pierce*  
*First, Delray*  
*Grace, Boca Raton*  
*Sunset, Ft. Lauderdale*

The next record review session is yet to be scheduled, but will be held in Region 3, probably in early April. The Region 2 review will follow the Presbytery meeting on May 24, 2011, at First, Pompano Beach.

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## MINISTRY WITH HAITIANS

Pat Ashley

As I write this, the presbytery has not yet acted on the Haiti Report. As you read this, the action has been taken. I was asked by our presbytery and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program to compile information on the response to the Haiti earthquake that is taking place both *in* South Florida and *from* South Florida.

While hard data is difficult to come by, the information from schools alone (see the report, pp 17-18) indicate that there are thousands of earthquake survivors living in our midst. Add to this that virtually every Haitian or Haitian-American has been profoundly and personally affected by the earthquake, through loss of and/or care for family members, and through reaction to the on-going suffering it has caused. Clearly, we have with our neighbors an occasion for ministries of compassion and of justice.

Three highlights of the report:

Several congregations in our presbytery have taken creative, energetic, and personal initiative to show Christ's love with earthquake survivors. This is good news! These congregations have solid connections with trustworthy people in Haiti, so that efforts are sure to get where they are

intended. Any Presbyterian in our area can readily become involved in this response through supporting existing ministries. (See pages 5-8 of the report).

A lot of vital work is taking place right here. Competent agencies that have been engaged with Haitians for years are involved in trying to make a difference. Again, all of these agencies would welcome – and definitely need – our support. Many of them are open to partnering with us in developing the longer-term response that will be so important for true recovery to take place. (See pages 9-20 of the report).

The ministry ranges from immediate relief through programs for making needed change possible to advocacy for policies that directly affect the quality of life of earthquake survivors. Whatever the gifts of those willing to become more involved may be, there is a place to make good use of them.

I encourage your review of the report, which has been sent to every minister and every church in the presbytery and is posted on the presbytery website. Hard copies of the full report and all appendices are available in the church office. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comment.

## Hamlin - The Hospital with a Mission



Last November a group of pastors and lay leaders from the PCUSA traveled to Lebanon and Syria. The purpose of was to provide an opportunity for those participating to interact with members of the protestant churches in Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria. Fortunately I had to opportunity to be a part of the experience and have to encourage everyone who may have the occasion to go to Lebanon, do not miss the chance to see and experience this beautiful part of the Middle East.

One of the outstanding experiences of the trip centered on Hamlin Nursing Home, a hospital located in the mountains West of Beirut. Hamlin is a part of the Middle East Council of churches where the PCUSA is represented by Dr. Nuhad Tomeh. Hamlin has a long history of service as a hospital, nursing home and nursing school. The hospital began at the turn of the century as a center for treating tuberculosis patients and has continued to serve the Middle Eastern community ever since. With the help of protestant churches around the world, Hamlin has made its home in several locations, has expanded, has survived world and civil war yet has never ceased serving the community through health as well as spiritual care.

Today, Ms. Sanaa Koreh, a graduate of the Hamlin nursing program, is director of the nursing home and the person behind new ideas and ways to restore clinics for the local community and reopening the nursing school. Times are difficult and funding is always an issue, however, Hamlin Nursing Home is doing well, mostly as a result of the excellent reputation it has among both the Muslim and Christian communities. However there are always opportunities to help continue this ministry. Thanks in part to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, several local churches, and support from individuals around the country, funds have been raised to help pay for a new generator for Hamlin.

For those of you who have traveled in the Middle East, you are undoubtedly aware of the tenuous nature of the electric services available. Hospitals, of course, are most vulnerable to this problem but thanks to the generosity of many, Hamlin will be able to sustain their vital services in times of electrical blackouts. Not only is the advent of a new generator on the horizon but, sometime in June, Hamlin set to open a community clinic. Because of Sanaa Koreh's optimism and tenacious work ethic, Hamlin future looks brighter than ever.

For those who may be interested in supporting this ministry, please contact the Dr. Timothy Stover at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Coconut Creek. Also, if anyone is interested in visiting Hamlin and would like to attend the opening of the clinic in June, you are most welcome. If this article has piqued your interest and you would like to know more about the history of Hamlin, two additional articles are available for further reading.

God's Peace,  
Timothy V. Stover

[Story of Hamlin](#)  
[Hamlin - Letters](#)

### Visiting Pastoral Assistant

Seeking active retired minister to fill one-year, 33 hours/week position as visiting pastoral assistant for St. Leonard's-in-the-Fields and St. John's Kirk of Perth, Scotland, beginning June, 2011. Housing and small allowance provided. Interested parties please email resume or PIF to Ellen Marquardt, [twugrad67@gmail.com](mailto:twugrad67@gmail.com) by March 31.

This is a follow-up on our earlier letter announcing the Presbytery-wide event planned for Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Plantation Presbyterian Church in Plantation, at 4:00 PM. In it we invited your participation in the following ways:

- Mark your calendar and plan to attend
- Prepare and bring a musical item or drama etc. unique to your ethnic group or culture
- Prepare and bring covered dishes, deserts and drinks unique to your ethnic group or culture, for all of us to share.

This letter is intended to urge your full participation and cooperation and to ask that you respond either by email or telephone, at 954-785-2220 (Presbytery office), Dr. Ray Anglin at 954-733-7334, or Dr. David Massey at 954-587-0830, indicating the number of persons coming from your church and the ways in which you will be participating. Hearing from you would also assist our planning team in our preparation.

Please call us if you have questions or need additional information by Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

We are anticipating another wonderful evening of inspiration and fellowship. See you then.

Yours in ministry,

Rev. Dr. Raymond Anglin

Chair, Multicultural Network Task Force

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## Clergy News



Since November, the Presbytery has installed five pastors. Chuck Dennison at First Presbyterian Stuart; Tom Slager at Community PC in Clewiston; and Dennis Andrews at Community PC in Deerfield Beach. In January there were two pastors installed. Dustin Sedlak at Kirk of the Keys in Marathon (pictured above left Dustin and Caitlin Sedlak with Celeb and Caiden),

and Chris Ham - at All Villages in Port St. Lucie (pictured above right Chris and Christi Ham with Matthew and Thomas). Getting started at a church is a big undertaking and takes a lot of energy. If you are near one of these ministers give them a call and see how they are doing. Keep them, their families and their congregations in your prayers.

### **RETIRED**

December 31, 2010 Ted Bush, Pastor at First Presbyterian Delray. Ted served Delray for twenty-six years and has been in ministry for forty years. His plan is to retire, to take some time off.

January 1, 2011 Leah Meador has served in ministry since 2002 and is retiring from a caring ministry in hospice. She is busy with a list of "honey dos" that she had been putting off doing.

We wish them well and encourage them to enjoy a well-deserved rest. This Presbytery is deeply thankful for their work, their leadership and for answering the call to ministry.

## Prayers

- For the Christians and Muslims in the Middle East, for those seeking peace.
- For the people of Christ Church, New Zealand who are devastated by the earthquake
- For the missionaries, students, ministers, peacekeepers, medical teams and caregivers that risk their health and safety to serve the world in the name of Jesus Christ.
- For elders and pastors praying to grow their church, to redefine their mission or to find ways to serve
- For the elders of First Miami, Sunset-Ft Lauderdale, Grace-Lantana and Faith- Palm Springs as they prepare their congregations for the new Residency Program.
- For pastors, and their families who are serving a new church and are new to the area.
- Of Gratitude for the elders and pastors who give their time to help run this Presbytery and their churches.
- Of Gratitude for the Commissioned Lay Pastors dedicating their time to the ministry of our small churches
- Of Gratitude for the retired ministers and elders who continue to dedicate time and expertise to the Presbytery.
- For the environment - the Everglades, our fresh water source, may our leaders manage it with care.
- For the future of the Presbytery and the denomination, may God's will be done

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## Events

### [Online Calendar of Events and Meetings](#)

#### **Miami Springs PC - Mission Conference**

##### **March 4-6**

On March 4, 5, and 6, we welcome our MSPC Foreign Mission Partners back for an exciting weekend.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, Missionaries will speak in member's homes during a pot-luck dinner.

You can sign up for one or two mission evenings.

On Sunday morning, Dr. Hunter Farrell will preach and Jenny Reitz presents at The Jesus Café.

Dr. Hunter Farrell– Keynote Speaker Director of World Mission, Presbyterian Church, USA.

Ms. Jenny Reitz– Co-director Jesus House of Hope Port de Paix/ La Pointe, Haiti.

Ms. Kendal Stewart– Director Habitat for Humanity, El Salvador.

#### **Lenten Retreat for Clergy**

##### **March 7**

This is the second retreat for clergy sponsored by the Committee on Ministry.

The Advent Phase, held in early December, had eighteen ministers attend an afternoon of collegial worship and fellowship. It was a time to exhale from the exhaustive pre-Christmas planning and for a few hours to breathe in God's peace.

These are small half-day retreats that are designed for pastors by pastors.

The pastors leading the retreat are part of an ad-hoc group of Spiritual Directors in the Presbytery. This group gathers to seek to ways to help ministers be refreshed and renewed. Pastor Jim Goldsmith, Ft Lauderdale by the Sea PC, and Pastor Pat Ashley will be the Lenten retreat leaders. We encourage you to take a day for yourself, give yourself a gift. Spend time in a serene setting listening to God prepare your heart for Lent. Come and break bread with others who share your walk, your worries, and your hope.

Place: Duncan Center – 15820 South Military Trail, Delray Beach

<http://www.duncancenter.org/>

Time: 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch (complimentary)

12:45 – 3:45 Retreat

Contact Shari by Friday March 4th

## Board of Pensions Seminars

**March 29-30**

Growing into Tomorrow...Today seminar: <http://guest.cvent.com/d/xdqtsw>

**March 31**

Render unto Caesar seminar: <http://guest.cvent.com/d/ddqtsw>

## Presbyterian Women

### Annual Gathering Presbytery of Tropical Florida

When: Saturday, March 19, 2011

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, 401 SE 15th Avenue,  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

[Flyer](#)

### Spring Retreat

When: April 16, 2011

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason Street,  
Delray Beach, FL 33483

[Flyer](#)

## Administrative Personnel Association

**May 11 – 15, 2011**

Florida Regional Meeting

Gardens Hilton, Palm Beach Gardens

## Big Tent Event

**June 30 – July 2, 2011**

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## Birthdays

03 Rev. James Goldsmith - Community,  
Lauderdale By the Sea

09 Dr. Gwendolyn Magby - Trinity, Key West

11 Rev. Robert Bonham - Memorial,  
West Palm Beach

11 Rev. Jung Yn Shin - Korean, North Miami

11 Rev. Rosemary N. Welton - MOS

12 Dr. Kirk McCormick –  
Grace Community, Boca Raton

16 Rev. Jacqueline Brovold - Pinecrest, Miami

16 Dr. Keith Riddle - MOS

18 Rev. Brad Klostreich - Palm City

21 Rev. Elizabeth Pankey-Warren - MOS

23 Rev. Robert Welsh - HR

27 Rev. Pamela H. Barras - MOS

28 Rev. Amy Baer - Lakeside, West Palm Beach

31 Rev. Thomas Crowder - HR

31 Dr. Theodore Bush - HR

## Ordinations

10 Dr. Dohyun Paik - MOS

12 Rev. Guihag Hwang - MOS

17 Dr. German Vega-Feliciano - MOS

24 Dr. Ronald Hilliard - First, North Palm Beach

# Presbytery Calendar



## March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2pm-COM Region 1	2	3 Synod Meeting Noon-COM Reg 2 1pm-COM	4 Synod Meeting Miami Springs- Mission Conference	5 Multicultural Event 4:00-7:00 Miami Springs- Mission Conference
6	7 Lenten Retreat	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Interim Ministers Meeting	16 9:30am-FRC	17 10am-Multicultural	18	19 Annual PW Meeting
20 Kim Kavazanjian commissioned	21	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Deadline	26
27	28	29 BOP Retirement Seminar	30 BOP Retirement Seminar	31 BOP Render Unto Caesar 7pm-COM Reg 3 Conference		

## April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 2pm. COM Region 1	6	7 12pm COM Region 2	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 PW spring Retreat
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Newsletter deadline	26	27 9:30 am FRC Meeting 10am CON/COR Meeting	28	29	30