

## MILESTONE PRESBYTERY MEETING, MAY 15TH

Set the date for the next Presbytery meeting. This is a very special meeting that will be remembered. It will be a key story in the history of this Presbytery. At this meeting we will come together to give voice and vote on the difficult decision of dismissing some of the churches that elected to be in the Gracious Separation. You, and everyone that is eligible to vote, should be there to hear each Presbyterian Response Team report the process and recommendation for their assigned church. We need you to be there to give the full vote of the Presbytery in this difficult decision.



In addition this will be a unique opportunity for elders to witness the Presbyterian process. It is on a Tuesday in Tequesta.

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## CLERGY NEWS



Shirley Saunders was installed at First, West Palm on Sunday April 22. Shirley's installation was a special occasion for the church, which is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Shirley's installation was supported by Moderator Dwayne Black (Second), Suk Wan Han (Korean Presbyterian West Palm), Leah Meador (HR), Elder Arlene Van Kirk (Stuart), Elder Cecil Adderley (Boynton, Elder Lyn Harris (West Palm) and a message from Ryan Baer (Lakeside). The Installation was blessed with the Korean Praise Band, the soprano voice of Moon-Sook Park and Robert Glover (organ). The celebration was topped off with a wonderful dinner prepared by Shirley and other great cooks at First West Palm.

# NEW AND ONGOING MISSIONS OF CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Missions at Calvary Presbyterian Church continue on many levels and in many locations around the world. Locally, the women of Calvary maintain their connections with Our Father's House in Pompano, providing bread and milk for the homeless of the area. There is also ongoing aid to the homeless that arrive at our door. We also help with overnight housing through our connection to a local motel and with whatever food we have on hand. We also support various self-help communities as well as an organization that provides counseling for youth with addiction and legal issues.

Our assistance to Hamlin Home in Hammana Lebanon continues. Though we are restricted by our limited resources, through the visits of Dr. Stover Calvary continues to support the administration with their grant proposals and planned building projects. The most important aspect of our mission to Hamlin is not our material support but our spiritual and moral support that reassures the staff and clients of Hamlin Home that people in the U.S. are aware and care about their work and mission. The most recent mission trip to Hamlin delivered a \$1000 donation from MOSJP. During the visit, Pastor Stover had the joy of seeing the many improvements that have taken place in the past six months. During that time, the Chapel has been rebuilt and is now a beautiful contemporary design ready for use by the local community and missions groups alike. During that same time, the physical plant has been upgraded with a new heating system and new electrical wires for the generators. New energy efficient windows have been installed and new doors are being designed to assist in the energy efficiency. Finally, the new Physical Therapy building is nearing completion and therapy equipment has been ordered. The facility should be operational sometime this summer. It is heartening to see the tremendous progress that

has been made. Another trip is being planned to Hamlin for later this year. Anyone who is interested in traveling to this beautiful country to experience what is happening at Hamlin and in the Synod of Syria and Lebanon can contact Dr. Stover through the Calvary office.

Another mission to the Middle East is being formulated through a family of Calvary who has ties with the Church in Pakistan.

Plans are being prepared for delivering supplies to school children in a small town outside the city of Lahore. This mission will provide a great deal of support for a very small investment. Once again, those interested in joining a mission trip to Pakistan in either January or February of 2013 can contact Dr. Stover for details.

Missions are not limited by the size of a congregation, only by their desire to serve Christ and our brothers and sisters locally and around the world. Like many of our congregations around the Presbytery, Calvary is a small community with limited resources. Nevertheless, we are fully committed to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ and will continue our work regardless of circumstances. There is much to be done everywhere and Calvary wishes to support missions around the world and encourages others to do the same. We may grow or we may dwindle but whether we live or die, we live or die in Christ and will provide love and support for our brothers and sisters around the world regardless of our state of being. We hope we are able to raise your spirits and consciousness through our mission, praying that others will have

the courage and strength to look within so as to discover the will and path of Christ for your personal and corporate ministry and mission.

God's Peace



## MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITY: NOT MISSING THE BOAT

Some people did miss the boat. They just did not get to port on time to sail across the Atlantic in the marvelous vessel's maiden voyage. They missed the boat. However, in this case it was a blessing to miss the boat, because they actually missed the sailing of the Titanic.

In our calendars we could say that we have two "sailings" or seasons that do offer us a missional opportunity. Both, Advent culminating in Christmas and Lent culminating in Easter, offer our congregations great opportunities for reaching out to visitors in a missional and incarnational manner.

A few weeks ago some of our buildings were just packed with visitors, seekers, and wanderers. Some came because they go to church only twice a year; we know them and have a term for them; "the Christers" because they only come to church on Christmas and Easter. But they were many others; like friends and relatives of regular attendees, first time curious ones, and even those who quietly are in pain hoping to hear something life changing.

Yes, many new ones were around us. The question is; did we miss the boat? Did we miss the opportunity, the missional opportunity?

Our choirs, drama teams, worship committees, and musicians prepared for weeks to present a worthy representation of our message to the visitors. Our pastors and teachers gave also their best. But after all the work is done and the last candle is extinguished; I wonder, did we miss the boat; did we miss a missional opportunity?

The missional opportunity we have every Christmas and Easter, and perhaps every Sunday is to intentionally develop relationships with newcomers. Become friends with those visiting. This is a gift, a talent that some of our members

have. They are welcoming, warm people and sometimes perceived as very friendly and approachable. Befriending, engaging, adopting and receiving new people in our congregations should be natural, but sometimes we need help in refreshing, reviving, and become intentional to be good at this mission.

Maybe a new structure is necessary, or revamping an old structure, perhaps a congregational educational experience can start the process; the joy of welcoming new people into the kingdom of God; the joy of seeing visitors become disciples of Jesus Christ.

I know our congregations did a spectacular job this last Lent and Easter with dozens of volunteers (God bless them) that gave their time, talents and effort for a successful and faithful proclamation of the gospel. I know pastors and teachers proclaimed faithfully. The question now is: How can we be intentionally missional next sailing? How can we reach out our visitors not only with the worship, word, and artistic



representations, but one to one, heart to heart, mano a mano?

How can we build intentional relationships? That is the boat we need not to miss.

From  
The Missional  
Adventure  
Rev. Edwin  
Gonzalez-Gertz

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## KOREAN PC RELOCATION

Spring has arrived to Miami. In these days I enjoy seeing trees getting dressed up with green foliage because it fills me with new energy. I hope the grace of our Lord Jesus is with you all.

On April 22, 2012 our church began to worship God in a new place. God blessed us with a place nearby at the center of the Korean community, and truly it is a blessing for our church because it allows us a better chance to reach our community. We thank all the members of Tropical Florida Presbytery, and especially the members of Second Presbyterian Church for sharing their worship place for the last three and half years. Today our church, can march more energetically in the name of our Lord Jesus. Thank you!!!

We will continue to pray and support you all as God blesses us to do it, and we ask you to do the same for our church. We want to worship God and deliver His Good News to our neighbors near and far to glorify God. Please continue praying to God for our church to be filled with the Holy Spirit, power, love, and passion, so we may be used as a channel of His blessing to the world. Again, thank you all!!!

Cordially,  
With the love of Jesus, Jung Y. Shin



# SHARI'S SHOUT OUT

## Presbytery Lunch Reservations

Keep in mind that you do not need to wait to receive your packets before making your reservations for lunch at First, Tequesta on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Why not do it now and cross that little detail off your "to do list"?

Please go to our website [www.tfpby.org](http://www.tfpby.org) to find the registration and/or excuse forms. I receive an electronic copy of each so that lunch reservations/excused absences may be tabulated. If you find it preferable, you may call in your lunch reservation 800-940-9511 or 954-785-2220. The deadline to receive reservations is Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Any notification submitted afterward will be considered as having no reservation and therefore charged \$10.00. Thank you for your understanding as we help our hosts prepare for the meeting.

## Elder Commissioners at Presbytery

With the May meeting fast approaching, please be reminded of the number of voting commissioners that may represent your church. The number of active members shall be determined by the last completed Annual Statistical report of the General Assembly.

**Therefore, the congregations of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida may send the following number of ruling elder commissioners during 2012:**

CHURCH	ELDERS	CHURCH	ELDERS
All Nations, No. Miami Beach	2	Glades, Boca Raton	3
All Villages, St. Lucie West	3	Goodwill, Ft. Pierce	2
Ascension Peace, Lauderhill	3	Grace Community, Boca Raton	5
Calvary, Coconut Ck.	2	Grace, Lantana	2
Central, Miami	5	Indian River, Ft. Pierce	7
Community, Clewiston	2	Kirk of the Keys, Marathon	2
Community, Deerfield	3	Korean N. Miami, Ft. Laud.	5
Community, Hobe Sound	3	Korean , Central, Miami	2
Community, LBTS	3	Korean, Palm Beach	2
El Cordero, Miami	3	Lakeside, West Palm Beach	3
Faith, Palm Springs	2	Memorial, West Palm Beach	5
Faith, Pembroke Pines	3	Miami Shores, Miami Shores	5
First, Boynton Beach	3	Myrtle Grove, Miami Gardens	3
First, Delray Beach	6	New Covenant, Miami	2
First, Ft. Lauderdale	7	New Life, Miami	2
First, Hollywood	3	Palm City, Palm City	5
First, Lake Worth	2	Palmetto, Miami	3
First, Miami	2	Palms West, Royal Palm Beach	3
First, Miami Springs	2	Pan Americana, Miami	2
First, North Palm Beach	7	Peace, Stuart	4
First, Pompano Beach	5	Peace Covenant, Key West	2
First, Port St. Lucie	3	Pincrest, Miami	2
First, Stuart	3	Plantation, Plantation	3
First, Tequesta	5	Riviera, Miami	3
First, West Palm Beach	2	Second, Ft. Lauderdale	2
First Spanish. Miami	3	Sunrise, Hialeah	3
Friendship, Hialeah	2	Sunset, Ft. Lauderdale	2
Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens	2	Trinity, Key West	2

When preparing the roll call for the February minutes it was surprising to see that although there were a record number of ruling elders in attendance (95) **and additional 89 were eligible to be sent!** Please make sure your church is properly represented at Presbytery meetings.

## APA

Following the Presbytery meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the APA Florida Regional Conference in Sarasota. Any emails or phone messages left during that time will be answered on as soon as possible upon my return May 22nd. We wish every church secretary and/or administrative assistant (regardless of your title) could have been able to join us for this time of continuing education, sharing of best practices and general revitalization of spirit.



We have received our reorder form for **Presbyterian Planning Calendars**.

Based on the amount we have left, we will be reducing this order but will still receive the best discount.

If you wish to order yours through the Presbytery, please contact Shari.

They've raised the price so we must – calendars will now be \$9.00 each.

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## TECHNOLOGY



### HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING TO CREATE A WEBSITE FOR YOUR CHURCH?

The Presbytery will help you set up a contemporary, easy to manage website for your church.

The Cost of a Site will be \$150 which will cover the following:

- 1-5 basic pages – General Description, Contact Information, Services, Ministries etc.
- Cost of 1 year's Webhosting and Domain Name Registration
- Development of the Site
- Uploading the Site and basic training on how to make changes to the pages.

What you will need to do:

- Contact Delphia to schedule a date to begin working on your website
- You will be sent a list of items to collect for the website
- Allow 2 hours for the first meeting
- You will need to provide:
  - Photos
  - Text - Brief History or "About Us" Contact information, Services, Ministries, Projects, Events etc. (in email, Word format)

Please contact me, if you are interested and then we can start the process.

# COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE TRAINING DAY/ ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS CONFERENCE

For the past 5 years, the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in based Washington, DC has joined with the NCCC/Church World Service to develop and present a series of training classes and conferences on various issues related to the social mission and ministry of the Church. Many denominations, ministries and organizations answered the call to action.

This year, the so called Presbyterian compassion, Justice and Peace training was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. and the Ecumenical Advocacy Days at the Chrystal City DoubleTree Hotel in Virginia. Early on March 22, the Presbyterian conferees gathered at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for a full day of training in urban ministry and advocacy. (Appropriately, several scores of homeless men and women camped at the entrance of the church as well as lined in the corridors that lead to the church office where they usually receive care, service and supplies.) At the end of the day, we were exhausted but satisfied of having been in learning where the common people are. Later that day, the Ecumenical Advocacy Days began with a bang in the Hotel ballroom.

While the Presbyterian event concentrated on domestic issues and lasted one full day, the Ecumenical Advocacy Days covered 3 days of learning and worship and one day of actual demonstration at the Supreme Court, and lobbying at the Congress. That particular segment of the program was an eye-opener for many participants, such as I, who had the privilege of meeting with staffers of both Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida) and Congresswoman Frederica Wilson (D-Florida). During those visits, we called on our elected leaders to works toward the enactment of a faithful budget, which takes into consideration the poor, the environment and sustainable development in the Third World.

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church was packed to capacity. Presbyterians of all shades and coming from various parts of the country, filled all meeting rooms to capacity in order to listen to

such luminaries as The Rev. Dr. Herbert Nelson, II, Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC and Sara Lisherness, Director of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry. Throughout the day, those and other speakers covered about a dozen different subjects ranging .from Self-Development of People, Ministry in the United Nations, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to HEWA.

As for the Ecumenical Advocacy Days, the conference theme was based on Isaiah 58:3-7- :“Is this the fast I seek?” That prophetic interrogation is translated into current realities under the sub-title:” Economy, Livelihood and the Our National Priorities.” This conference drew several hundred of urban pastors, priests, nuns and lay people throughout the United States, and Canada. Moreover, the plenary speakers are top guns who covered their subjects with mastery, and exhibit hands-on experience in their field. Among them, Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver, II, a United Methodist Minister, covered the subject of Christian responsibility in good governance, the Rev. Dr. Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in NYC & Columbia University, spoke on the ethics national budget.

Beside the general and plenary sessions, I attended a couple of seminars at the Compassion, Justice and Peace event, namely, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. As for the Ecumenical Advocacy Days, I participated in the discussions on Global Economic Justice, Economic Issues, Latin America, Advocacy Skills Training and Breaking the Yoke of Injustice.

My goal is to apply these newly acquired skills in my ministry, introduce those subjects to the MOSJP sub-committee and use them as resource for the Presbytery when needed.

Rev. Dr. Jonas N. Georges, Pastor  
ALL NATIONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Rev. Charles Pipes - HR
- 02 Rev. Robert Collins - HR
- 03 Rev. Walter Arnold III - First , North Palm Beach
- 08 Dr. Evangeline Tolley - MOS
- 10 Dr. David Thomas - HR
- 10 Dr. William Stepp - HR
- 10 Rev. Gary Fravel - HR
- 15 Dr. Calvin Leonard - HR
- 16 Rev. Constance Bright - New Covenant, Miami
- 16 Rev. Elias Collado - Palmetto, Miami
- 16 Rev. Juan Perez - HR
- 16 Dr. David P. Welton - MOS
- 23 Dr. German Vega-Feliciano - HR
- 23 Dr. Albert Bush, Jr. – Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens
- 24 Dr. Jonathan Swanson – Central, Miami
- 25 Rev. Hai Keon Yang - HR
- 25 Dr. James S. Kirk - HR

## ORDINATIONS

- 01 Dr. Calvin Leonard - HR
- 10 Rev. Robert Bonham - HR
- 10 Rev. Robert Welsh - HR
- 11 Rev. Charles Croghan - HR
- 11 Rev. Ryan Baer – Lakeside, West Palm Beach
- 16 Rev. Aida Diego - Pan Americana, Miami
- 26 Rev. Raquel Welty - HR
- 27 Rev. Bryan Wenger - Indian River, Ft. Pierce
- 28 Rev. Stephen Castillo - HR
- 30 Rev. Jung Yn Shin – Korean, North Miami
- 31 Rev. Pierre DuBose – HR

# ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

May is a month when programming winds down and your administrative staff finds that they have more time to focus on their ministry to Christ's Kingdom. As the snowbirds depart for their northern homes, staff members find themselves catching up on those tasks that pile up prior to Easter.

This is a great time for them to join the Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and begin taking online classes for Professional Seminar credits towards becoming certified in Church Administration. Information about membership and the certification process can be found on the Florida Region website, [www.floridaapa.org](http://www.floridaapa.org).

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 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 them an exceptional value by combining career and spiritual development into one cost-effective event, the 2012 National APA Conference in San Antonio, Texas from September 12<sup>th</sup> through September 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about joining the APA and attending the conference, visit the Florida Region website or contact Barbara Prieto, Florida Region President, at 305-666-8586 or [rivierachurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:rivierachurch@bellsouth.net).

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## EVENTS

May		June	
1	2:00 – COM Region 1	5	2:00 – COM- Region 1
2	9:00 – Council Retreat (Duncan Center)	7	Noon – COM Regions 2 and 3 1:00 – COM
3	Noon – COM Regions 2 and 3 1:00 – COM	14	2:00 - HR
9	Presbytery Packets Mailed to Churches and online	19	1:30 - Mission Outreach
10	9:30 – Financial Resources 2:00 - HR	21	9:30 – Financial Resources
15	8:30 – Registration 9:30 – Presbytery Meeting – First, Tequesta		
17-20	APA – Sarasota		
28	Memorial Day Observed/ Office Closed		

## CHILD ABUSE REPORTING LAWS

Webinar Registration

When:

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT

Join church law expert Richard Hammar for the compelling free webinar "Child Abuse Reporting Laws--What Churches Can Learn From Penn State."

The allegations of child molestation at Penn State stunned the nation. Even as the investigation continues, church leaders can learn from the tough lessons of this case, including recognizing abuse, the duties to report suspected cases of abuse, the mandatory reporting laws enforced by each state, and the civil and criminal liabilities associated with a failure to report.

Richard Hammar will review these critical matters for church leaders and take questions.

Go online to signup

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/953763919>



## COMING SOON: PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering, which enables the PC(USA) to encourage, develop, and support its young people, as well as provide assistance to at-risk children, will be received by many congregations on or before May 27, 2012. If for any reason you are unable to make a gift at that time, you are welcome to give through the online Pentecost Offering donation site, or you can simply make as many \$10 donations as you'd like by texting "YOUNG" to 20222.



2013 Presbyterian Youth Triennium theme announced

"I AM" will focus on illustrations of Jesus and instruction to disciples. [Read more →](#)



Support military families and personnel

Reach out to Presbyterian military chaplains, personnel and their families this Memorial Day (May 28). Find resources for churches at Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel (PCCMP) or make a gift to the General Assembly Mission Council to support PCCMP's ministry.

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