

Presbytery of Boston
E-Connection
February 25, 2010

**"Fresh Ideas for Holy Week
Worship Services"**

**A Webinar Featuring David Gambrell,
General Assembly Council Associate for Worship**

March 2, 2010 at 2:00 PM est / 11:00 AM pst

The Outlook is circulating his Lenten hymns. Now tap David's treasure-trove of liturgies, theological insights, and preaching ideas to enhance and enliven your congregation's worship this Holy Week.

Invite worshipers to join Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. Welcome them into the upper room. Walk with them through Gethsemane and Golgotha. Quicken them by the empty tomb. In the process, make Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday days they will remember.

David will teach for about 45 minutes and questions will be allowed the last 15 minutes.

Just \$29.95. You'll need access to the Internet and a phone.
Call 800/446-6008 to register.

For attendees joining audio portion of Webinar by phone - standard long distance rates apply.

**While you're at it, now's a great time to download our
Lenten Lectionary-Inspired Hymns**

These eight new hymn texts—two for Ash Wednesday, and one for each of the Sundays in Lent, including Passion / Palm Sunday—closely follow the texts and themes of the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C. The hymns are set to familiar tunes in the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal. Liturgical notes accompanying each hymn offer suggestions about how they might be used in worship (<http://www.pres-outlook.org>). **Note: The Presbytery of Boston has paid the fee to allow its members to download these hymns, so no extra cost is required**

Refugee Immigration Ministry, in cooperation with Church World Service, will assist Haitians who are coming to Boston for medical care.



Your Help is Urgently Needed!

1. Call (781-322-1011) or e-mail (information.rim@verizon.net) if you want to volunteer to work with Haitians who have been brought from Miami to Boston for medical care. Many have family members with them. Most have relatives here in the Boston area.

Visit our Web-site to learn of ways you may become involved:
www.r-i-m.net.

2. Make a donation: Visit the RIM Web-site and click on the DONATE Button.

"Building Community With Uprooted People to Serve the Common Good"

Refugee Immigration Ministry is an interfaith, multi-cultural organization which, with the help of volunteers, responds to the needs of traumatized, uprooted people by offering community-based support as they adjust to their new life. We welcome you to participate in RIM programs and be enriched in this process.

Special Musical Events in Our Area

Singing Toward Easter; Burns Stanfield, **March 13**, 1 - 5 pm ANTS Wilson Chapel

“Now We Are One Body: Global song in Local Worship.” Workshop led by Patrick Evans, Yale Divinity School, on Saturday **May 1**, 1 - 5 pm. ANTS Wilson Chapel

2010 ANTS Institute for Arts and Worship presents John Bell of the Iona Community
June 20 - 23

Private Tour of Icon Museum; Please RSVP!

Prior to the March 22 Presbytery Meeting in Clinton, there may be an opportunity to tour the Museum of Russian Icons (located one block away). Although the museum is closed on Mondays, if we can assemble enough people, we may be able to receive a private tour at 4:00. **If you are interested, please send an rsvp to the Presbytery of Boston office (presbyteryofboston@verizon.net).** Check out the museum’s website at: www.museumofrussianicons.org



Young adult leaders in the Guatemalan community of Oaxactun sort and bundle palm fronds to prepare them for export to congregations in the United States. Photo by Melanie Hardison.

Order Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday Worship

Eco-Palms are sustainably harvested palm branches available to congregations for use in worship on Palm Sunday. Eco-Palms come from harvesting communities in Guatemala and Mexico and are harvested in ways that protect the natural environment of the rainforests in which they grow. Harvesters are paid fair wages as a way of helping their families and communities thrive. In addition, because payment for Eco-Palms is based on

the quality of the palms harvested rather than quantity (as the industry traditionally pays), waste is reduced, rainforest biodiversity is preserved, and palm plants are protected for future production. [Learn more](#) about the social and environmental benefits of Eco-Palms.

[Encourage your congregation](#) to use Eco-Palms this year. [Place your order](#) online or by phone. Orders paid by check are due March 2, credit card orders are due March 9.

Go to: www.pcusa.org/palms/

Horizons Bible Study Workshop at Stony Point Center

Title: "Journeys through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today"

Leader: Louise Lawson Johnson, PC(USA) minister. She has served PC(USA) at GA, Synod, and Presbytery levels and is a pastor, teacher and writer.

Author: Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Chicago.

Dates: May 14-16,2010

Place: Stony Point Center

Registration: Room and food - \$200.00; Saturday only - \$75.00

Registration deadline is April 24, 2010. Contact Beth Denier for registration forms.

a.denier@verizon.net or

781-231-9247.

Young Clergy Women Invited To Attend 2010 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia

(INDIANAPOLIS, IN – February 12, 2010) - The Young Clergy Women Project is proud to announce that its 2010 conference will be held at Candler School of Theology on the Emory University campus from June 27th through June 30th. TYCWP has existed since 2007 and this will be its third gathering. This year's conference is underwritten in part by the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence in Birmingham, Alabama, and by the Candler School of Theology's Lifelong Learning, Special Events, and Women in Theology and Ministry programs. With the leadership of Revs. Melissa Clodfelter and Beth Kennett as well as other colleagues, participants will be coached on current leadership models and on how to get acquainted with their own gifts, strengths, and prophetic voice. Attendees will explore how to live out their unique leadership styles in a creative and balanced way, spend time in self-reflection and worship, connect with other young clergy women, and refresh. The Young Clergy Women Project is an ecumenical, international organization that connects female clergy under age 40 for friendship, support, wisdom-sharing, and continuing education. TYCWP's 400+ members represent more than 23 denominations, 7 countries, and 45 states. Women who fit TYCWP's demographic (both members and non-members) are invited to attend the conference. Female seminary students who meet the criteria for membership for TYCWP's sister community, Future Young Clergy Women, are also welcome to register. For additional information, go to www.youngclergywomen.org/conference2010.

Contact: Rev. Lisa Marchal, 940 Woodruff Middle Drive, #6, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201 (317) 529-5182. bloomsbury73@hotmail.com

The Parish Paper as a Practical Resource

If you have not yet read an issue of *The Parish Paper*, you are missing a valuable resource available to your congregation. The topic of the March issue is “New trends in Belonging,” and the April issue focuses on “What Can We Learn from the Emerging Church Movement?” These current issues, as well as previous issues, are available on the Presbytery of Boston website. Hold your cursor over “Newsletters” in the title bar that runs across the top of our home page. A drop-down menu will appear, and you may click on “Parish Paper” to access the issues.

Recently we also began to post the Presbyterian Women’s newsletter, *The Lighthouse*, and from the same drop-down menu, you will see the link.

Our *E-Connections* are available by clicking on the word “Newsletters” on the title bar.

Also, your congregations can now download several dozen free resources directly from the www.TheParishPaper.com web site.

“Nor’E-News” the Synod of the Northeast Newsletter

This is a one page (front and back) communication instrument we hope you’ll use to share information about the Synod’s life and mission throughout your presbytery.

Please consider using it in one or more of the following ways:

1. Print and include with next church newsletter.
2. Attach front and back side by side to one or more bulletin boards.
3. Send as electronic attachment to the church mailing list.
4. Make copies and leave them in prominent places for people to pick up such as in a magazine rack, in the narthex, or at the rear of the sanctuary.
5. Use as bulletin insert on Sunday morning.
6. Print multiple copies for use as placemats during congregational dinners.

The newsletter contains the following articles:

- ✠ An Outpouring of God’s Love for Haiti
- ✠ A Restoration Prayer for Haiti
- ✠ Synod Mission Design Team Consulting with Presbyteries
- ✠ Crisis in Madagascar

- ✠ 2010 Ecumenical Advocacy Days
- ✠ Early Ministry Institute
- ✠ Board of Pensions Sabbath Sabbatical
- ✠ Interest Free Student Loan/Scholarships

The newsletter will be available for downloading on Friday, February 12th from the Synod's website at <http://www.synodne.org/mediagallery/album.php?aid=38&page=1>.

Peace,



Melanie Hardison, [Enough for Everyone](http://www.enoughforeveryone.org), (888) 728-7228 x5626

Ordination Anniversaries

John Malcolmson	3/15/60	50 years
Diane Cusumano	3/16/97	13 years
Susan Gleason	3/26/00	10 years
JoAn Bott	3/27/60	50 years
Hurmon Hamilton	3/29/92	18 years
Mario DaSilva	4/19/87	23 years
Burns Stanfield	4/21/91	19 years

Congratulations and thank you!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayers for the family of Young Ghil Lee. His father-in-law passed away on Feb.6th in Korea. He had been sick for several years and was 84 years old.

From Susan Gleason: "I will be traveling to CA where my daughter, Rachel, has been scheduled for a WADA test, the last in a series of tests meant to determine whether or not she will be able to have surgery for her seizure disorder (It's looking good right now and we are very hopeful.) The test is scheduled for March 10. If it is successful, she will probably have brain surgery during the week of March 22. Your prayers are greatly appreciated."

Phil Gehman had spinal surgery on Feb. 15th and expects to be in recovery for 4-6 weeks.

Prayes for Jennifer Dewar, who has pneumonia.

Prayers for mission trip workers: First Quincy Bangladesh Mission Team and the Mission Team from Whitinsville that will continue work on a orphanage in Mexico.

Continued prayers for those who face the difficulties of unemployment.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the ongoing good work of the “Transitions Center for Careers and Employment” program sponsored by and located at the Presbyterian Church of Needham. For more information see: www.needhampresbyterian.org/.

Prayers of celebration for Presbytery of Boston inquirer Garrett Smith, who has recently published the book, *Comfortably Jewish: Practical Ways to Enjoy your Family Heritage*. To learn more about Garrett’s book, go to www.comfortablyjewish.com.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the support and success of the recent First Quincy mission trip to Bangladesh, the primary goal of which was to train small-group leaders.

Presbytery of Boston Meetings

FEBRUARY

25 – Council, 7:00, NPC

MARCH

2 – Nominating Committee, 11:00

4 – COM, 7:00, NPC

10 – Packet Deadline

11 – Personnel, 11:30, Needham

CS&D, 7:00, NPC

S&B, 7:00, NPC

17 – Supplemental Packet Deadline

22 – Presbytery Meeting, Clinton

29 – CEM, 11:30, NPC

A Note of Appreciation

“Thank you for the presbytery's *E-Connection*. You keep me informed of wider events and Presbyterian concerns. Because of this last *E-Connection* [Feb. 10], my Sunday School class will make health kits for Haiti during Lent.”

Betty Trembly, Clerk of Session
First United Presbyterian Church, Cambridge

Presbyterian Planning Calendars

The Presbytery of Boston is taking orders for the 2010-2011 Planning Calendars, which will be available for pick up at the May 24th presbytery meeting in Sudbury. Calendars ordered by **April 15** and pre-paid (checks made out to: Presbytery of Boston) are only \$8.00. Order forms will be included in the March meeting packet.

Volunteer Workshop

“As you know, we (First Presby) are supporting a mission to help refugees from Burma settle in the Worcester area. The organization that we are working with is called Worcester Refugee Development Project (WRDP), a newly founded committee of 8 volunteers who are committed to helping refugees adapt and thrive in American society. I am one of the founding members, and am serving as Vice President of the board.

As you can imagine, with over 200 refugees living in Worcester, we need more help. We are currently seeking individuals or groups to help us achieve our goals. Can you volunteer 1-2 hours a week, or help on occasion with a special project, such as sorting clothing or delivering items to refugees? Would you enjoy learning about another culture?

We are holding an informal orientation and information workshop at our church on **Saturday, February 27th , from 10:00am - 12:00pm**. This is planned to help you learn more about our refugee friends, and how you can help. Please let me know if you can come so we can reserve a spot for you.” Please contact Lesa directly at:

lesamcwalters@yahoo.com

Thank you for considering this very important mission,
Lesa McWalters

Presbyterian Hunger Program Leadership Exchange at the CIW Farm Worker Freedom March

“Come explore how to build sustainable food systems in partnership with poor people’s groups that are organizing successfully for change. Set during the Coalition of Immokalee Workers’ 3-day, Farmworker Freedom March from Tampa to Lakeland, FL, the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Leadership Exchange will give Presbyterians who are working for social justice in their own communities the opportunity to learn from each other and the farm workers as we act and reflect together.”

Kelly Wilkinson

Program Assistant, Presbyterian Hunger Program
kelly.wilkinson@pcusa.org; Toll free: 888.728.7228 ext.5819

Events Calendar

February 26 – “*Mapping the Contours of Christianity: The Atlas of Global Christianity*,” Sponsored by the International Mission and Ecumenism Committee of the BTI. Event is from 12-7 p.m. at the B.U. School of Education, 2 Silber Way, **Boston**. This is the first of a series of events leading to the BTI’s 2010 Boston acknowledgement of the 1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference. For more information, go to the BTI website home page and click on “New and Notable”: www.bostontheological.org.

February 27 - *Worcester Refugee Development Project (WRDP) Volunteer Workshop*, 10:00-12:00, at First Presbyterian Church of Worcester. See article on page 8 of this newsletter for more information. To attend the workshop, contact Lesa McWalters at: lesamcwalters@yahoo.com.

March 3 - Jim Wallis is speaking in **Cambridge** on his book tour for *Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street - A Moral Compass for the New Economy*. Wallis will present at the **John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum**. The program will begin at **6 p.m.** at the **Harvard Kennedy School of Government**. Joining the conversation is **Liz Walker**, Award-winning television journalist, Ordained Minister; **Father J. Bryan Hehir**, Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, HKS; and event moderator, **Richard Parker**, Lecturer in Public Policy and Senior Fellow, Joan Shorenstien Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy.

March 13 – “*Singing Toward Easter*,” Burns Stanfield, 1 – 5 p.m., Wilson Chapel, Andover-Newton T.S.

March 19-20 – *2010 World Mission Initiative Conference*. The theme of the conference this year, to take place March 19-20, 2010 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, is: *God Says Go!* (Genesis 12:1-3) Keynote Speakers are Australian missiologist and author Michael Frost and a pastor and missionary from Iran. For more information please visit: www.worldmissioninitiative.org.

March 19-22 – “*A Place to Call Home: Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Peoples*” Ecumenical Advocacy Days. Washington D.C. website: www.advocacydays.org ; email: info@advocacydays.org

March 21-23 – *Ministering to the Missing Generation*. Guest speaker The Rev. Carol Howard Merritt is author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*. Join us as she shares her insights and thoughts on evangelism of those who are leaving the church as they are leaving their parents’ home. At Stony Point, NY. See: www.stonypoint.org or call 845-786-5674 ext. 107. ***Note* - Scholarship funding is available through the Presbytery of Boston’s Committee on Congregation Support & Development.**

April 15-17: Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Convocation Peacemakers of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to this conversation about nonviolence, the best ways to respond to violence in our time and the future of the Church. At Stony Point:

www.stonypointcenter.org

***Note* - Peacemaking scholarships are available.**

April 23-25 - "Leaving FOOTPRINTS in the Sand" – The PW Spring Spiritual Retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse, NY. The retreat leader is Barbara Johnson from Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery. The cost for two nights lodging (single room), all meals, and the program is \$195.00 prior to April 9, 2010 and \$215.00 after that. The registration deadline is April 15. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Gail Banks at 105 Whedon Rd., Apt. 20, Syracuse, NY 13219.

April 24-27 – "The Leading Edge -- A multicultural/multiracial future" Guests: Diana Butler Bass, Robert P. Jones, Eric Law, Jacqui Lewis, Traci West, Paul Tough, Michael Livingston. NYC, NY. For more information: www.middleproject.org or (212) 477-0666.

April 30-May 3 - "Celebrating a Decade of Sisterhood" – The 2010 Women's Healing Retreat will be held at St. Joseph by the Sea in South Mantoloking, NJ. For more information, contact Kim Nodoro at 5 Coolidge Ct., Califon, NJ 07830 or kimno@aol.com.

May 1 – "Now We Are One Body: Global Song in Local Worship." Workshop led by Patrick Evans, Yale Divinity School. Saturday May 1, 1 - 5 pm, ANTS Wilson Chapel

May 5 – Refugee Immigration Ministry Concert, Old South Church, Boston, 7:00 p.m.
RIM contact: Phone: 781-322-1011 Web-site: www.r-i-m.net

May 14-16 - Horizons Bible Study Workshop – "Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today," by Barbara Rossing. The workshop will be held at the Stony Point Conference Center in Stony Point, NY.

June 20 – 23 – John Bell at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. See www.ants.org.