

# Presbytery of Boston E-Connection June 14, 2010

## IMMIGRATION SUMMIT ~ JUNE 19, 2010

“Julia Thorne, PC(USA) Manager of Immigration Issues, will be the keynote speaker at an Immigration Summit sponsored by the New England Presbytery Partnership Group (NEPPG), to be held **June 19, 2010 from 9:30am to 4:00pm at the Tumaini Church**, a Kenyan Fellowship in **Springfield, MA**. The event will include worship and lunchtime hospitality at Tumaini, a new church development of the Presbytery of Southern New England. Presbytery leaders and committee members, leaders of immigrant churches and fellowships, pastors, elders, and Mission/Outreach

Committee members, and all those who are or want to be involved in ministry to immigrants are invited to attend. Afternoon workshops will address a variety of topics of interest to the diverse group of Presbyterians who are likely to attend.

Julia will speak about comprehensive immigration reform legislation, sharing the real facts about the purpose of this legislation, and enabling her audience to know the difference between fact and fiction during the public debate that has already begun.”

[http://www.synodne.org/index.php?topic=NewEngland\\_en](http://www.synodne.org/index.php?topic=NewEngland_en)

*All are welcome!*

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are needed to see this picture.

## **“Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace”**

Alice Hageman (Fourth, Parish Associate) has been moved from alternate to delegate status at the Uniting General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, due to another delegate’s having to drop out for a family emergency. Alice is one of approximately 10 delegates representing the PC(USA) at this conference, which runs from June 17 to 26 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*“Bonds of Peace” - Conference Theme Song as Hymn*

Rev. Barbara Price-Martin, parish associate at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Willmington, Delaware and her sister Linda (Price) Draper, of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, composed the theme song for the global gathering. “Bonds of Peace,” which will be sung in churches across the world on June 20, 2010. They will travel to the meeting to sing it with the participants. We hope you will consider using the song in your worship in the coming weeks and beyond. It has relevance for our on-going search for unity in the body of Christ. The song is posted on Trinity Presbyterian Church home page:

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

*“This is Our Family” - Uniting General Council Bible Study*

These Bible studies invite you to think about the call for church unity and to discuss it with others-whether in your congregation or in your Bible study group at the Uniting General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in June 2010.

They are intended for use at five daily Bible study sessions during the Uniting General Council. But they are also meant for wider use within the churches that will compose the new communion. We invite delegates and participants in the council to engage in all five of these studies with others, in their congregations or communities, before or after the council meets. To access this Bible study, go to: <http://reformedchurches.org>

*What is the World Communion of Reformed Churches?*

The World Communion of Reformed Churches succeeds the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) and the Reformed Ecumenical Council (REC), forming a new body to represent more than 80 million Reformed Christian worldwide. The Uniting General Council theme is “Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace,” with significant emphasis on the connection between communion and justice. Covenanting for justice in the economy and the earth will receive significant attention. The Uniting General Council offers stories about faith, the economy, the environment and community building that you won't want to miss. Delegates will be addressing the big issues of our day: climate change, human rights, economic justice and helping our neighbours despite differing beliefs. See: <http://reformedchurches.org>

Alice requests our prayers for both herself and Devin Berry (Clinton), PC(USA) youth delegate, during the period of these meetings.

## **Prayer Concerns & Celebrations**

### ***Concerns:***

An excerpt from the pastoral letter by Presbytery of Boston Moderator Rev. Elliott Hipp, written in response to the violent deaths of Cory Johnson, 27, and Nicholas Fomby-Davis, 14, beloved members of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church community:

“As followers of Christ, our first and greatest calling is to pray fervently, and that is what I urge us all to do, Presbytery, churches, and individuals. Let us pray in thanksgiving for God’s gift of the lives of Cory and Nicholas. Let us pray for their families that God’s everlasting arms will hold them in these awful days. Let us pray for our brother Hurmon and his flock that they will find the strength to be the face of Christ to all who mourn. Let us pray for Roxbury, the City of Boston, and God’s beautiful world, for deliverance from the scourge of violence and hatred, from the pain of horizons so narrow that unspeakable acts become commonplace.”

Peg Ferguson is scheduled for surgery on July 1.

Prayers for improvement in Alice Hageman’s health, particularly while she serves as a delegate at the the Uniting General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches gathering in Michigan.

### ***Celebrations:***

Kevin Hershey will be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on June 20 at the Presbyterian Church in Burlington. Kevin has received a call to Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY.

## **Churches in Transition**

### ***Presbytery of Boston:***

The United Presbyterian Church at Whitinsville is seeking transitional pastoral leadership.

The Taiwan Presbyterian Church of Greater Boston is seeking transitional pastoral leadership.

Fort Square Presbyterian Church is seeking an installed pastor.

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***Presbytery of Southern New England:***

Brookfield: Valley

Rev. Ann Beams has announced her retirement effective this coming October. Brookfield will be searching for an interim pastor; PIFs may be sent to Dana Lindsley.

Cumberland: Calvin

Searching for an interim; PIFs may be sent to Dana Lindsley. Rev. Glenn Ramsey will serve as temporary interim pastor.

Fall River: United

Searching for interims; PIFs may be sent to Dana Lindsley.

## **Energy Stewardship for Congregations Fall Workshop at Stony Point**

“This is a seminar for faith communities and non-profits who already know they want to do more to conserve energy, lower costs, and care for creation. It will be facilitated by Nikki Coddington, Executive Director of New York Interfaith Power and Light, and Rick Ufford-Chase, Co-Director of Stony Point Center. There will be an opportunity to create small groups around topics that interest the participants, as well as workshops on Monday morning that cover specific, practical guidelines for how to take the next steps with your buildings. Participants may choose to participate as commuters, or stay the night.” **October 29 to 30.** See [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org) for more information.

## **Presbytery of Boston Classifieds**

### **Lifeguard Needed!**

Camp Wilmot [www.campwilmot.org](http://www.campwilmot.org) is looking for a certified lifeguard for the month of July. Possible extra work with auxiliary groups renting camp in August. Salary is negotiable, and can include free camp experience for kids/families!

Please email Rachel Allen at [rachel1248@aol.com](mailto:rachel1248@aol.com) or Rebecca Sommer-Petersen at [rpetersen@newtonpres.org](mailto:rpetersen@newtonpres.org) if interested. Must be at least 18 years old and have completed a Red Cross Life Saving course of study, and hold current certification.

### **Part time Youth Director**

The Church of the Covenant is looking for a part-time Youth Director. For more information, contact Brad Day, of the Personnel Committee, at: 617-522-1999 / 617-943-4229 or <mailto:bradleyday@comcast.net>. Details are also posted on the Presbytery of Boston website under “About Us/Employment Opportunities.

**Camp Wilmot, our PCUSA camp in New Hampshire, has a great summer of faith and fun planned.**

**Check out the schedule at [www.campwilmot.org](http://www.campwilmot.org)**

## Events

**Please note: If you know of upcoming events that would be of interest to members of the Presbytery of Boston, please send your information to: [presbyteryofboston@verizon.net](mailto:presbyteryofboston@verizon.net)**

*June 19 – Immigration Summit*, sponsored by the NEPPG and the Presbyteries of Northern and Southern New England and Boston. At the Tumaini Church, 700 Main St., **Springfield, MA**, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Plenary speaker, Julia Thorne, PC(USA) Manager for Immigration Issues and Immigration Counsel. &10 donation, payable at the door. Send your rsvp to: [joanramos@verizon.net](mailto:joanramos@verizon.net)

*June 20 – 23 – John Bell* at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, **Newton**. See [www.ants.org](http://www.ants.org). The theme is “God Surprising.” There will be an evening gathering of singing and music open to the public on Sunday, June 20.

*July 1-4 – “Gather at the Well” Collegiate Ministry Summit ‘10*, Minneapolis, MN (directly preceding GA). For more information see: [www.pachem.org/Summit10Conference](http://www.pachem.org/Summit10Conference). **Information on opportunities for grants will be available soon from the Committee on Education for Mission.**

*August 11-14 – “Church Unbound,”* Montreat Conference Center, NC. Keynote speaker, preacher, and workshop leader **Brian McLaren**. See [www.covnetpres.org](http://www.covnetpres.org) or [www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org). More information is also provided on page 8 of this newsletter. **Scholarships are still available from CS&D.**

*September 19-21 – “Cultivating Quiet,”* at Stony Point, NY. See [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)

*October 3-5 – “Active Parenting Now,”* at Stony Point, NY. See [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)

*October 10-14 – “Songs for Peace and Justice,”* at Stony Point, NY. See [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)

*October 29-30 – “Energy Stewardship for Congregations,”* at Stony Point, NY. See [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)