

**Presbytery of Boston
E-Connection
March 9, 2010**

Pray for the People of Chile



“Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with our ecumenical partner, Church World Service, in Chile to provide basic humanitarian assistance for those affected by the earthquake. Join in prayer for survivors, relief workers and all who await word from family and friends. Find out more and give to the relief effort today.” (Go to www.pcusa.org for situation reports, helpful links, and means of donating.)

Celebrating 50 Years

Two minister members of the Presbytery of Boston will be celebrating their 50th year anniversary of ordination this month: Rev. John Malcolmson (March 15) and Rev. Jo-an Bott (March 27). Please remember them in your prayers of thanksgiving for their years of faithful service.

Singing Toward Easter
A Workshop with Burns Stanfield

“Join us for an afternoon workshop with Burns Stanfield to explore how music guides us in our journey toward Easter.

This session is meant for those with little or much experience in singing, and is designed to encourage a deepening collaboration of music ministers, singers, and pastors. Introducing a range of songs, Burns will facilitate an exploration of how music leads us

in faith. Drawing on his passion for music as the bond that connects heart and mind, Burns' leadership encourages designing and experiencing common worship life in ways that make room for soul music of all kinds."

Saturday, March 13, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Wilson Chapel

Contact: Jennifer Shaw, 617-964-1100 ext. 228

Fee: \$25; \$15 for students with valid I.D. To pre-register for the Singing toward Easter Workshop, please go to www.ants.edu. Or you can pay at the door, space permitting.



Presbytery of Boston Meetings

MARCH

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

APRIL

5 – Easter Monday, Presbytery office closed

6 – Nominating Committee, 11:00, NPC

8 – COM, 7:00, NPC

15 – CS&D, 7:00, NPC

19 – CEM, 1:30, NPC

21 – Trustees, 12:00, Sudbury

Private Tour of Icon Museum – We Need Your 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

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, and a table will be set up at the March meeting for accepting your payments.

Events Calendar

Ministering to the Missing Generation

March 21-23 at Stony Point, NY



What about those young adults who are "Missing In Action"? How can the church re-connect in authentic ways with this active generation? Rev. Carol Howard Merritt shares her insights and experience on reaching out to those who are leaving the church as they leave their parents' home.

***Note* - Scholarship funding is available through the Presbytery of Boston's Committee on Congregation Support & Development.**

March 13 – Singing Toward Easter, A workshop led by Burns Stanfield, 1 – 4:30, Wilson Chapel, Andover-Newton T.S. For more information, go to www.ants.edu.

March 18 – Celebration and Lament: A Conversation from the Pews in the Back. Join Kate Dugan and Jennifer Owens, editors of **From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism**, for a conversation about young adult women's Catholic identity. What aspects of being Catholic do these young women celebrate? What parts of our Catholic experiences are cause for lament? Come ready to listen and share your own experiences of religious identity. Paulist Center, 5 Park St., Boston. For reservations call 617-969-9404 or email admin@massbible.org.

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 20 – Tooth and Nail, featuring the work of Joe Keinberger & Skunk, Artist Talk at 4 pm at the Nave Gallery, CHPC, 155 Powderhouse Blvd, Somerville www.navegallery.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.stonypointcenter.org or call 845-786-5674 ext. 107. ***Note* - Scholarship funding is available through the Presbytery of Boston's Committee on Congregation Support & Development.**

March 25 - Does Thoreau Have a Future: Reimagining Voluntary Simplicity for the Twenty-first Century 5:15-7 pm, Sperry Room, Andover Hall, Harvard Divinity School. A lecture by Lawrence Buell, Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature, Department of English and American Literature and Language, Harvard University. A response will be given by Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies in Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Member of the Faculty of Divinity. Reservations are required. For more information, visit the CSWR website or call 617.495.4476.

Same-Sex Marriage and the Prospects for Christian Ethics
8 pm, Pusey Room, The Memorial Church, Harvard University A lecture by Mark D. Jordan, Richard Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School, that promises to reveal new insights into sexual ethics within the Judeo-Christian tradition. For more information, contact The Memorial Church at 617.495.5508.

April 7 – Bluegrass Barbeque Fundraiser at Fourth Presbyterian Church. 6-9PM April 7, 2010 at The Stadium, 232 Old Colony Ave., S. Boston, MA Blue Grass Music by Spring Hill Rounders and Down Home Singers Silent and Live Auction Items
We will have a menu of BBQ food, silent and live auctions and a renewed commitment to serving the families of South Boston and Dorchester. Tickets \$50.00 each or \$90.00 for two. For information or tickets contact Marcia: mcsobo@aol.com

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, Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA.

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.

May 27-30 – 11th Annual Multicultural Church Conference, Marriott O’Hare, Chicago www.pcusa.org/multicultural

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

We’d like to hear from you! Please share information about special events with us by sending an email to: presbyteryofboston@verizon.net or calling 978-365-5200.

Church Unbound Conference August 11 to 14, 2010

“On August 11-14, we at the Presbyterian Outlook and the Cross-Cultural Alliance for Ministries will join with our host/sponsor, the Montreat Conference Center, for the second-ever Church Unbound conference.

Our lead plenary speaker will be Brian McLaren. Daily Bible study teacher is Eugene Eung-Chun Park. Preachers will be Margaret Aymer, Nelson Johnson, and Carol Howard Merritt. Each of those speakers will present workshops, and so will Dieter Heinzl, John Franke, Sara Lisherness, Jin S. Kim, Jim Kitchens, Cassandra Dahnke, Tomas Spath, the team of Jud Hendrix, Liz Kaznak, and Harry Pickens, and several others.

The first Church Unbound conference brought together 250+ leaders - many of them in their first few years of ministry - for a time of deep fellowship and expansive learning. The feedback from conferees was enthusiastic. We've planned a follow-up conference that will dig deeper: providing workshops of several hours' duration to accompany stirring emergent worship and the beyond-the-box thinking of Brian McLaren.”

From Presbyterian Outlook

CS&D scholarships available!

Science for Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary

Dear Colleagues,

I just wanted to write and inform you of an excellent program at Princeton Theological Seminary called “Science for Ministry.” The program invites pastors and parishioner/scientists/doctor types to discuss issues of faith and science at the seminary. I have already participated in a session with a scientist/parishioner, and we were both very pleased by the program.

For more information, please go to:

<http://www3.ptsem.edu/Offices/ConEd/SciMin/index.aspx?id=1604>

Godspeed,
Jon Paul Sydnor



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The **ymiLIVE Video Challenge** 2008 proved to be a great opportunity for youth groups across the Church to express their faith and creativity. And the chance to receive a \$25,000 endowment fund to benefit their youth ministries was also a big incentive to participate.

ymiLIVE (Youth Mission Initiative LIVE), a web-based project, launched its updated website on February 1, 2010. This online community provides Presbyterian Church (USA) youth groups the opportunity to take part in a *Video Challenge* to share their interpretation of John 7:38 "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters" - the theme for this year's General Assembly. The videos will be posted on the site www.ymilive.org creating a community for young Presbyterians, their parents and all those who support the youth of our Church.

The *Video Challenge* is sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation Group and will culminate at the General Assembly in July 2010. From among the 10 videos with the most online votes between May 1 and June 7, two will be selected to each receive a \$25,000 endowment fund to benefit their youth ministry.

Please register your group at ymilive.org and join our Facebook community. More information concerning the *Video Challenge* is available at ymilive.org. If you have additional questions, please email support@ymilive.org.

We are looking forward to seeing you online!