

**Presbytery of Boston**  
**E-Connection**  
**May 18, 2011**

***Passing the Peace: Reconciliation and  
Connection in the Presbytery of Boston***  
**Pentecost Sunday • June 12**  
at the First Presbyterian Church in Quincy

- 4-6 pm**     **Passing the Peace in Mission**  
Participating congregations in the “Stop Hunger Now” shared mission project will gather to bag meals for hungry children in North Korea – prior preparation is required, but additional congregations can get involved. Contact Josh and Liz Archambault at [liz.archambault@gmail.com](mailto:liz.archambault@gmail.com).
- 6-7 pm**     **Passing the Peace at Table**  
A simple meal together – everyone in the Presbytery is invited
- 7 pm**        **Passing the Peace in Worship**  
A Presbytery-wide service of worship with music, testimony and prayer as we seek reconciliation: in our Presbytery, in our congregations, in God’s world.

For more information, or to get involved, please contact any member of the planning team: Bob Ferguson, Hurmon Hamilton, Elliott Hipp, Stan Johnson, Rod MacDonald, Kevin Manuel, Burns Stanfield, Beth Wieman

**Presbyterian Planning Calendars, 2011-2012**

We have the 2011-2012 Presbyterian Planning Calendars, which will be available for you to pick up at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Presbytery Meeting. Please mail or bring a check made out to the Presbytery of Boston for \$10 per calendar. **Quantities are limited, so please contact us as soon as possible with the number of calendars you would like to order:** [presbyteryofboston@verizon.net](mailto:presbyteryofboston@verizon.net) or 978-365-5200.

## Change in Ordination Standards Resources

See <http://oga.pcusa.org/> for links to the following resources related to amendment 10A:

- [Churchwide letter](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#)
- [Liturgical Resource](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#)
- [Advisory Opinion #24](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#)
- [Video message from the Stated Clerk](#)
- [Video message from the Moderator](#)
- [Video message from the Office of the General Assembly](#) (Korean)
- [Video message from the Office of the General Assembly](#) (Spanish)

## Prayer Celebrations & Concerns

Cathy MacDougall (Fort Square) is being cared for at home by hospice and family. Please remember Cathy and her family and friends in your prayers.

Prayers for Jean Risley, who will be having knee-replacement surgery on May 24.

Prayers for Jen Dewar, who is scheduled for eye surgery. Also, congratulations to Ken and Jen Dewar, who will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 21.

Prayers of support for T.J. DeMarco as he begins serving as the half-time designated pastor of First Worcester on Sunday, May 8. T.J.'s installation will be on June 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Prayers for Rob Mark, who is co-presenting a program at "God's Earth, Too Big to Fail? An Eco-justice Conversation on Faith, Science and Culture" being held August 31 –September 3 at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center near Estes Park, Colorado. Also for an Eco-stewards' program June 2-9 in Montana.

Continued prayers for Kevin Campbell (Newton Presbyterian Church), whose mother passed away on April 3.

Continued prayers for Marie-Claire Agbor-Etang and her family, for the sudden death recently of Dr. Peter Agbor-Etang, of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Continued prayers for Mario da Silva's 14-year-old cousin, Lucas, who has a special type of cancer, [Rosai-Dorfman](#). His parents are seeking a place in America for Lucas' treatment.

**Note:** If you would like to share your prayer requests with the Presbytery of Boston, please contact us at [presbyteryofboston@verizon.net](mailto:presbyteryofboston@verizon.net). We continue to pray for the ongoing needs of those whose concerns are not listed.

## **Presbytery of Boston Meetings**

**May 23 - Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Boston, First Quincy, 7 p.m.**

### **Presbyterian Association of Musicians**

Did you know? The Presbyterian Association of Musicians has a website:

[www.presbymusic.org](http://www.presbymusic.org)

The organization offers resources, education and conferences for musicians, pastors and music participants in the reformed tradition of the PC(USA).

### **Theology Book Group Meeting**

Attention Ministers! Join the Theology Book Group as they take up a new book, *Journey to the Common Good* by Walter Brueggeman. Their next meeting will be Thursday, May 26 from 10-11:30 am at the Needham Presbyterian. We'll be discussing the first chapter. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Kohlmann (ckohlmann@mac.com).

### **"A Conversation among Presbyterian Leaders"**

Dear Presbyterian Leaders,

In this month's new Leading Voices essay, "A Conversation among Presbyterian Leaders," our very own editor, David Maxwell, compiles thoughts that evolved from a meeting in Dallas, TX, that was organized to discuss the leadership needs of the denomination.

Don't Forget! All of our Leading Voices essays are FREE to all visitors of our site ([www.ThePresbyterianLeader.com](http://www.ThePresbyterianLeader.com)). Feel free to forward them to friends, students, and colleagues. And after you're finished reading, be sure to let us know your leadership stories on our Facebook page.

Peace,

www.ThePresbyterianLeader.com Team

## Ordination Anniversaries

R. Perkins	May 1992	19 years
R. Lovelace	5/1/66	45 years
K. Gustafson	5/20/79	32 years
C. MacDonald	5/22/77	34 years
A. Peña	5/25/79	32 years
F. Cross	5/26/46	65 years
F. R. Brown	6/2/59	52 years
D. Wick	6/6/61	50 years
E. Leavitt	6/6/09	2 years
L. Nascimento	6/7/70	41 years
G. Wyrwas	6/9/60	51 years
H. Richardson	6/12/56	55 years
R. Spalding	6/14/81	30 years
A. Kwaa	6/15/80	31 years
R. Petersen	6/15/80	31 years
J. Gough	6/16/02	9 years
G. Rupp	6/17/71	40 years
E. Daley	6/20/65	46 years
A. Parmelee	6/21/70	41 years
K. Grant	6/22/75	36 years
R. Mark	6/25/06	5 years
W. Holder	6/26/88	23 years
J. Wuestneck	6/27/71	40 years
P. Williams	6/28/50	61 years
R. MacDonald	6/29/75	36 years

*Congratulations and thank you!*

**"God's Earth, Too Big to Fail? An Eco-justice Conversation on Faith, Science and Culture"** will be held **August 31 – September 3, 2011 at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center near Estes Park, Colorado.** This biennial conference will prepare individuals and congregations in your Presbytery to understand how people of faith are called to be good stewards of the earth and to take the first step (or next steps) toward caring for God's creation through church life. Dr. William P. Brown, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary and author of "Seven Pillars of Creation" will be the theological keynote speaker. [www.presbyearthcare.org](http://www.presbyearthcare.org)

Since this is such a timely and important conference given the widespread interest in environmental issues as diverse as climate change, oil spills, and food security, we are asking for your Presbytery's support. Some Presbyteries have Peacemaking funds to support eco-justice events and we encourage you to tap that resource to support this conference so we can keep registration fees reasonable.

There are several ways to show your support:

1. Become a conference sponsor by making a donation to cover expenses such as speaker and leader fees, promotion, and hospitality. If your Presbytery contributes \$500 or more we will include your name/logo on our promotional items.
2. Send a representative from your Presbytery to learn about the issues and resources available and report back to your churches. Registration is open at <http://presbyearthcare.org/events2.html>
3. Promote the conference through your Presbytery's communication channels and encourage young people to attend. We will send press releases and announcements.
4. Pray for the conference and participants.

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) has coordinated a biennial conference on various environmental themes since 1996. PEC (formerly Presbyterians for Restoring Creation) is a national eco-justice network that cares for God's creation by connecting, equipping and inspiring Presbyterians to make creation care a central concern of the church. PC(USA) Environmental Ministries is a co-sponsor of this conference.

Thank you for considering your Presbytery's participation in PEC's upcoming biennial conference in the beautiful mountains of Colorado, near the entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. **If you are ready to make a contribution, please make out the check to PEC and mail to Sue Smith, Presbyterians for Earth Care, 28 Pape Drive, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716.**

## **Discover the promise of a multicultural church at two upcoming conferences**

Join us in living and celebrating our oneness in Christ as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seeks to discover anew the joy and the promise of a multicultural church at two upcoming conferences:

[Register now](#) for the [12th National Multicultural Church Conference at Big Tent!](#) It's official! [Big Tent](#) – the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s biennial celebration of ministry and mission — will be pitched in Indianapolis June 30 - July 2. The National Multicultural Church Conference will provide cutting-edge training opportunities led by motivated and experienced church professionals and practitioners in the field of multicultural church growth.

Bring the whole family! The deadline for registering children and youth is **May 12**, so make your plans today. <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/big-tent>

After Big Tent, join experienced practitioners and newcomers to the vision of a multicultural church from July 25-31 at Ghost Ranch for [Growing the Church Deep and Wide: Transformation Toward Diversity](#). Explore biblical visions and practical steps to facilitate holistic growth for individuals and congregations in becoming more diverse and inclusive as we learn from and inspire one another to grow deeper and wider into a Pentecost people. See: <http://www.ghost ranch.org>

## Events

May 23-25 - "Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity," May 23-25, at Montreat Conference Center. See: [www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org)

May 24-27 - Korean American Presbyterian Clergywomen (KAPCW) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Meadowkirk Retreat Center, Middleburg, VA (National Capital Presbytery Retreat Center). Participants do not have to be an ordained Korean American clergy - seminary students are welcome! Please contact The Rev. Yena Hwang, National Capital Presbytery Moderator & Chair of KAPCW Board: [ynr97@yahoo.com](mailto:ynr97@yahoo.com). You may contact the PoB office for the conference schedule and/or registration form.

May 26 – *Theology Book Group* from 10-11:30 am at the **Needham** Presbyterian. We'll be discussing the first chapter of *Journey to the Common Good*, by Walter Brueggeman. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Kohlmann ([ckohlmann@mac.com](mailto:ckohlmann@mac.com)).

May 26 – "Understanding the Impact of Addiction and Supporting Recovery: Strategies and Tools for Clergy and Leaders of Faith Communities" The Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Bureau of Substance Abuse Services invites you to a day of learning and resources on the impact of addiction and the role that the faith community can play in recovery. 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Beacon Hill, 5 Blossom Street, **Boston**. \$20 fee includes food, materials, and CEUs. Registration: Please contact Marion Clark-Jalbert at AdCare Educational, Inc: [marion@adcare-educational.org](mailto:marion@adcare-educational.org) or [508-752-7313](tel:508-752-7313)

June 4 – *Workshop on the Report of the Special Committee to Study Issues of Civil Unions and Christian Marriage*. Facilitated by Rev. Earl Arnold, HR, committee member and former stated clerk of the Presbytery of Cayuga Syracuse. Sponsored by the Presbytery of Boston. Time: 9:30 am – 3 pm, with lunch provided. Place: The Presbyterian Church in Burlington, 335 Cambridge Street, **Burlington**. Cost: Suggested donation for lunch \$8. *The 219th General Assembly (2010)* "commends the committee's report to sessions and presbyteries, and urge them to engage in study of the issues presented in the report" Link to final report:

<http://oga.pcusa.org/newsstories/specialcommitteecivilunionchristianmarriage2010.pdf>

Please indicate if you plan to attend or tentatively plan to attend so we can plan lunch and have sufficient handouts. Contact: David Dorer at: [pob.work@gmail.com](mailto:pob.work@gmail.com)

June 9 - "Sharing Our Common Humanity"- A forum to promote civil discourse, to reaffirm our democratic values, and to deepen respect for all human beings. 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, UCC, 121 West Foster Street, **Melrose**, MA. Organized by Refugee Immigration Ministry, Metro-North Cluster. Sponsors: Mass. Association of Human Rights and Relations Commission (MAHRC); Medford Human Rights Commission and Commission for Persons with Disabilities ; Winchester Multicultural Network; and Melrose Human Rights Commission.

June 12 – *Passing the Peace: Reconciliation and Connection in the Presbytery of Boston*. At the First Presbyterian Church in **Quincy**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Passing the Peace in Mission, Passing the Peace at Table, Passing the Peace in Worship. For more information or to get involved, please contact any member of the planning team: Bob Ferguson, Hurmon Hamilton, Elliott Hipp, Stan Johnson, Rod MacDonald, Kevin Manuel, Burns Stanfield, and Beth Wieman.

*June 19* – Installation of The Reverend T.J. DeMarco at First Presbyterian Church of Worcester, 125 Holden St., **Worcester**, at 3:00 p.m.

*June 19* – Newton Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Watoto Children’s Choir in concert at 6:00 p.m. Watoto is a holistic care program initiated as a response to the overwhelming number of orphaned children and vulnerable women in Uganda, where lives have been ravaged by war and disease. NPC is located at 75 Vernon Street in **Newton**.

*June 25-26* – *Camp Wilmot 50th Birthday Weekend*. There is going to be lots of fun, activities, ceilidhs, food, and an auction. Book online now. Space is limited so book early! As you know, we have a target of raising \$50000 for our 50th anniversary. You can help us to reach that target by donating \$50. We are fundraising to be able to pay a resident director in August after Rachel and Sarah leave. We are also raising funds for camper scholarships and upgrading our site facilities.

We have an awesome weekend at Wilmot organized and want to make this event as much fun and relaxing as possible. We are still looking for 3-4 churches who are able to donate a meal (Breakfast and Lunch still available) or snacks for the weekend. Please contact us for more information. We still have space available at Camp for families and friends to stay at camp.

[www.campwilmot.org](http://www.campwilmot.org)

*June 29-30* – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Presbytery Pastoral Care Network: “*Caring for Clergy While the Church is Changing*.” Marriott Hotel Complex, Indianapolis, IN. See: [www.pastorralcarenetwork.org](http://www.pastorralcarenetwork.org)

*June 30* – “*Beyond Boot Camp: A Day of Refreshment for Intentional Interim Ministers*” From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Centre Congregational Church, UCC, 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA. The workshop will be led by Rev. Dr. Norman Bendroth, a trained Transitional Ministry Specialist and a member of the Interim Ministry Network faculty. Cost is \$75 including lunch. Sponsored by the New England Pastoral Institute: [www.nepastoral.org](http://www.nepastoral.org)

*June 30-July 2* – Big Tent, at which nine partner conferences will be meeting under one roof, all at one time and we will all worship together. Choose from Clergywomen’s Leadership Institute/Young Women’s Leadership Development, Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, Healthy Ministry Conference, National Elders Conference, National Multicultural Church Conference, Peacemaking Conference, Presbyterian Communicators Network National Conference, Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation, World Mission Matters ... or don't choose any one conference and design your own schedule. Plus special tracks for collegians, youth and youth workers. [www.pcusa.org/bigtent](http://www.pcusa.org/bigtent); (800) 728-7228, x2417 **For more information:** Kerry Rice, G.A. Meeting Services (800) 728-7228, x5412

*July 22-24* - The *Presbyterian Women's Gathering* will take place at **The Desmond**, located at 660 Albany Shaker Road ~ Albany, NY 12211. 1-800-448-3500. The theme of the gathering is Rise & Shine based on Isaiah 60:1: “**Arise shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**” The gathering will prepare you to go forth to recharge others, get along with them, forgive them if needed, to share your faith with them, and to give God the glory through worship, dance, song and celebration. For more information on the Gathering, contact Jane MacDonald, Registrar by email at [jkmac@nac.net](mailto:jkmac@nac.net). The flyer and registration material will be included in the May meeting packet for the Presbytery of Boston. Scholarships are available.