

# Presbytery of Boston

## E-Connection

### May 28, 2010

## Immigration Summit

If you have questions or concerns about immigration issues, make sure you have our **June 19** NE PPG Immigration Summit on your calendar. Gary MacConnell, Mario DaSilva, and Young Ghil Lee have been active on our PoB Immigration Task Force. Gary notes: " I believe this conference will offer a great deal to increase understanding of the issue - particularly how we might get involved in an advocacy role as the government turns its attention to reform. If you are aware of others who can bring input or benefit from receiving information in your congregation, please invite them and encourage a group to attend from your church."

The flier promoting this special event was in your May Presbytery Packet, but it is also included as an attachment with your May 28 E-Connection as a convenient reminder. Also included as an attachment are notes from the event held in SNE last year, which provide helpful data and possibilities.

**Learn** the real facts about immigration reform legislation from keynote speaker **Julia Thorne**, PC(USA) Manager for Immigration Issues and Immigration Counsel.

**Meet** and talk with others, both long-standing and new immigrants, about challenges and solutions to immigration reform and other immigration issues.

**See** Tumaini Church, PSNE Kenyan new church development, in their own building with a beautiful new sanctuary and upstairs rooms, which was dedicated in November 2009.

**Experience** the hospitality of Tumaini, and the love and joy of working with your Presbyterian brothers and sisters from PC(USA) immigrant churches and fellowships in New England.

**June 19, 2010 9:30 am – 4 pm, Tumaini Church, 700 Main St., Springfield, MA**

Keynote Speaker: PC(USA) expert **Julia Thorne**

Worship, Plenary, Lunch, Workshops

Sponsored by the New England Presbytery Partnership Group (NEPPG)

A three-Presbytery event: Southern New England, Northern New England, Boston

\$10 donation, payable at the door; Please RSVP – let us know you're coming

**Contact** Joan Ramos [joanramos@verizon.net](mailto:joanramos@verizon.net)

### **Who should attend:**

Presbyterians interested in immigration issues

Presbytery leaders

Presbytery committee members

Leaders of Immigrant Churches and Fellowships

Pastors, Elders and Members of Church Mission, Outreach, Social Justice Committees

# May 2010 General Presbyter Report

Gracious God,  
In the course of this busy life,  
Give us times of refreshment, renewal, and peace,  
And grant that we may so use our sabbatical time  
To rebuild our bodies, renew our minds, and refresh our souls,  
That our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation,  
And infused with the creative and renewing power of your Holy Spirit,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

This prayer is an introduction to our Sabbatical Policy, and as Carole and I have discerned God's way forward for us, it became clear that selling our home, packing up, and moving to a condo would certainly put restraints on sabbatical refreshment and renewal. After consultation with Personnel Committee, Council has endorsed my request to postpone my sabbatical for a year.

Again, quoting from our policy: "A sabbatical for renewal creates space in which God can work in new ways, for both the staff person, and the Presbytery. Let the creative juices and imagination flow. Avoid prescriptions; grow in your own way. Set out with enthusiasm and expectation. Breathe deeply as you go. Let yourself wonder and be open to the surprises of God, and know that years from now you and those you serve will still be reaping the benefits and the blessings of the experience."

The uncertainty and anxiety of moving seemed to squeeze out the enthusiasm and expectation for my current sabbatical plans. I hope to present a similar plan for 2011. As part of the Council report you will be asked to concur with this decision. We appreciate your support, and continued prayers as we move.

When Carole and I made the decision to downsize, we never realized how much work would be involved in getting our house ready for the market, or how fast things would move. During Holy Week I finished painting and work cleaning up inside; during the warm post-Easter period, I got the outside work done. We accepted an offer and have signed an agreement; lots of details to work out. In the meantime we have been searching frantically for a condo that fits our needs. We have selected a new development in Sudbury, Maple Meadows, and hope that the construction will allow us to move in mid-August. This summer I will take my regular vacation in July and August, a week of continuing education on Cape Cod, and return to work after Labor Day.

I am so grateful to all of you who worked to implement plans and office coverage so that the Presbytery would be in good hands while I was away. I will call on you for help next summer! Thanks for your prayers and support during this time of personal upheaval and transition.

*Shalom,  
Wayne Parrish*

## **Funds for Higher Education Ministry Available Through CEM**

Does your congregation have an innovative idea for higher education ministry but currently lacks the resources to put it into action? CEM currently has funds that could help you reach out to students in your community! The New England Presbytery Partnership Group has made matching grants of up to \$1000 per project (\$5000 total) available to CEM to distribute to congregations in the Presbyteries of Boston, Northern New England, and Southern New England. Proposals can support new or expanded work on local campuses, including both special one-time events and long-term projects, and proposals made in partnership with other local churches is encouraged. Grant requests must be made to support congregationally-based outreach, however, and must be matched by other sources of funding. The application deadline is **August 1, 2010**.

And if you're looking for ideas and resources for higher education ministry, sign up for "Gather at the Well: Collegiate Ministry Summit '10 Conference," which will bring together campus ministers, congregationally-based ministers, students, and others who care about higher education ministry to discuss strategies and best practices. **Dr. Steve Hayner**, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, will be the keynote speaker. The conference will be held July 1-4, 2010 at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. CEM will offer grants of up to half the total cost of the event, including airfare and conference registration costs.

For more information about either of these opportunities, and to find out how you or your congregation can apply, please contact Kelsey Rice Bogdan, CEM Higher Education Advocate, at [kelsey.rice.bogdan@gmail.com](mailto:kelsey.rice.bogdan@gmail.com).

## **Prayer Concerns & Celebrations**

### *Concerns:*

For Naomi Northrop and her family as they mourn the loss of Naomi's six-year-old great-niece, who was killed in an accident.

For Betty Rots and her family; Betty's mother passed away this week. Travel mercies and prayers for the Rots as they leave for the Netherlands.

Prayers for Alice Hageman for ongoing heart testing and treatments.

Prayers for Rick Underwood, who will be undergoing further surgery for skin cancer.

Prayers for Gary MacConnell, who has persistent back pain.

Please remember Rev. David Muir in your prayers; he is in poor health.

Please continue to pray for Susan & Charlie Gleason's daughter, Rachel Monroe, and their family. Rachel came through her recent surgery with flying colors, but her recovery is still a delicate and lengthy process.

Continued prayers for the Kelsos and their family as they mourn the passing of Priscilla's mother in April.

***Celebrations:***

Rev. Moo Kyung Kim has begun his ministry at Quincy Young Sang. His installation will be on Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 pm.

Rev. Andy Parmelee is now Honorably Retired.

West Virginia Eco-Stewards Program: Rob Mark and Becky Evans, co-leaders.

Prayers for the three New England Presbyteries discerning the shape of a shared future.

## **Presbytery of Boston Meetings**

### **JUNE**

1 – Nominating Committee, 11:00, NPC

2 – CPM, 5 pm, CHPC

7 – COM, 7 pm, NPC

10 – CS&D, 7 pm, NPC

## **Your Vote Counts!**

A note from Burns Stanfield, pastor of Fourth Church--

We have a way to help our youth programming get \$25,000, and it only costs you a few minutes of your time. (I promise, no cash request this time!) Here's the situation: The national Presbyterian Church denomination has invited youth programs to submit short videos on the theme for this year's national assembly. The top ten vote-getters (between now and June 4) make it to the finals, where two winners will be selected for the prize. A confirmation group at Fourth Church has put together a FANTASTIC video, and our goal right now is to turn out enough internet votes to get to the finals. If you are moved at all, please tell other friends to vote. This video means a lot to our kids.

Please see below (page 5 of this newsletter) for viewing and voting instructions. Thanks, Burns

Here's how you can help: Go to <http://www.ymilive.org/>

Type "Fourth Presbyterian Church" in the search box and view their video, "Living Water". If you wish to vote, click on the "vote" icon, and you will be asked to register and will receive a confirmation email, through which you will complete the voting process (and which will prevent people from voting more than once).

## **The Installation of Rev. Moo Kyung Kim**

The Presbytery of Boston

and the session and congregation

of

Quincy Young Sang Presbyterian Church

invite you to join in the celebration of

the Installation of Rev. Moo Kyung Kim

on Sunday, June 6, 4:00 p.m.

270 Franklin Street

Quincy, MA 02169

## Ordination Anniversaries

F. Robert Brown	6/2/59	51 years
Donald Wick	6/6/61	49 years
Elizabeth Leavitt	6/ 6/09	1 year
Lemuel Nascimento	6/7/70	40 years
Gerald Wyrwas	6/9/60	50 years
Herbert Richardson	6/12/56	54 years
Richard Spalding	6/14/81	29 years
Augustus Kwaa	6/15/80	30 years
Rodney Petersen	6/15/80	30 years
Jan Gough	6/16/02	8 years
GeorgeRupp	6/17/71	39 years
Eliot Daley	6/20/65	45 years
Andrew Parmelee	6/21/70	40 years
Ken Grant	6/22/75	35 years
Rob Mark	6/25/06	4 years
Ward Holder	6/26/88	22 years
John Wuestneck	6/27/71	39 years
Preston Williams	6/28/50	60 years
Roderick MacDonald	6/29/75	35 years
David Muir	7/1/53	57 years
Elizabeth Wieman	7/1/85	25 years
Chip Stapleton	7/1/07	3 years
Emily Chandler	7/10/83	27 years
Jean Southard	7/10/88	22 years
Valerie Doering Crisman	7/11/09	1 year
Thomas Kepler	7/13/58	52 years
Richard Brondyke	7/21/74	36 years
Willaim McIvor	7/29/73	37 years

*Congratulations and thank you!*



# 'Promoting Peace in a World of Media Violence''

## A Community Discussion

Remarks by Nancy Carlsson-Paige  
Moderated by Rev. Liz Walker

Sunday, June 6  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

[Bethel AME Church](#)

86 Wachusett Street  
Jamaica Plain

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**City Mission Society of Boston, the Garden of Peace,  
The King Center-Realizing the Dream**

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## Churches in Transition

First United Presbyterian Church of Cambridge is completing their mission study.

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.

## Presbytery of Boston Classifieds

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 6 – “Promoting Peace in a World of Media Violence,”* A community discussion. From 4 – 6 pm, Bethel AME Church, 86 Wachusett Street, **Jamaica Plain, MA.**

*June 18 – 28 – Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.* Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please contact Wayne Parrish ([wayneparrish@comcast.net](mailto:wayneparrish@comcast.net)) if you are interested in attending. **\*Note\* - CS&D scholarships are available.**

*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)