

Presbytery of Boston E-Connection October 19, 2011

Presbyterian Women say "No Child Soldiers"

By Mark Koenig, October 17, 2011

They brought Red Hands.

They made Red Hands.

They made plans to create Red Hands in their congregations.



The Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City gathered for their Fall Gathering on October 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Williamsbridge.

Their varied program featured a presentation by the Rev. Kellie Anderson-Picallo on the diverse gifts God gives to us; the Rev. Lynn West on working for a world in which hunger is no more; and the Rev. Rev. Nadine Hundertmark preaching on claiming our voice and serving Jesus. I also had the chance to talk about the various ways that the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations can help equip and empower women to live as global disciples.

The Red Hands project provides one example of global discipleship. Through this effort, we urge governments of the world to create international will to end the use of children as soldiers. Presbyterian Red Hands (along with Red Hands from around the world) are delivered to Permanent Missions of United Nations member states that have not ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. This international treaty helps establish the consensus that children should not be used as soldiers. It also makes it possible for those who use children as soldiers to be prosecuted in the International Criminal Court.

The Presbyterian Women joined gladly joined this project. I took a number of Red Hands with me. I look forward to receiving more.

I also look forward to working with the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of New York City to create a seminar for their group!

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Have You Seen the Latest Issue of Presbyterian Outlook?

A review of Jean Risley's book, *A Place Where Everybody Matters: Life and Ministry in a Small Church*, appears on page 35 of the October 17 issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*. Go to: <http://www.pres-outlook.com/> and click on "Reviews – Book Reviews" on the Main Menu, found on the left side of the home page, to learn more about Jean's book.

Presbytery Meetings

OCTOBER

20 – CCS&D, 7:30, Waltham

27 – Council, 7:00, NPC

NOVEMBER

1 – Nominating, 11:30, NPC

3 – COM, 7 pm, NPC

14 – Stated Meeting, Burlington

17 – CCS&D, Waltham

Ordination Anniversaries in November

Sen-Yuan Su	11/6/83	28 years
Bart Kelso	11/21/82	29 years

Congratulations and thank you!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

The Synod of the Northeast will meet this Friday and Saturday at Stony Point. Please pray for those who are assembling to discuss some challenging and controversial topics.

Anna Foster has entered hospice care following a diagnosis of lung cancer that metastasized to her brain. Both Howard (who died just over two years ago) and Anna were very active within the Presbytery. For years Anna served the presbytery as its Permanent Clerk, an office (in those days) that was eventually superseded by the Recording Clerk position we have now.

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

Events

***Note: If you know of an event that would be of interest to the Presbytery of Boston members, please send your information to: presbyteryofboston@verizon.net.**

October 25 – MCC Annual Dinner, 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church, 145 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA 02138. The Annual Dinner will be an occasion to honor interfaith leaders from the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Faith Communities. This interfaith occasion will be one in which the Council will launch an **Annual Colloquium on Interfaith Understanding**. This colloquium is designed to underscore the Council's commitment to enhance interfaith respect and understanding through education, conversation and relationship building in collaboration with people and institutions of other faiths. We are honored to have **Dr. Diana Eck**, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies and **Frederic Wertham**, Professor of Law and Psychiatry in Society at Harvard University, Executive Director of the Pluralism Project and chair of the Interfaith Relations Commission of the National Council of Churches as our inaugural keynote speaker. This evening will also be an evening to honor the leadership of our Executive Director, the **Reverend Jack Johnson**, who will be retiring at the end of October. Tickets are available at the Council website: www.masscouncilofchurches.org

October 29 – “A Beacon of Light”. Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast Leadership Enhancement Workshop. 9:30 to 3:30 at Stony Point Conference Center. All women are invited. The registration form and information is found in the August issue of “The Lighthouse,” which will be included in the September Presbytery Meeting packet and is also posted on our website: www.presbyteryofboston.org under “Newsletters”.

November 4-6 - Annual Conference of the Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers, Stony Point NY. For more information see: www.stonypointcenter.org.

November 11 – “Re-ignited: Kindling Our Inner Fire for God.” Featuring Steve Macchia and Chris Webb. From 9 am to 3 pm, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, **S. Hamilton, MA**. Presented by Leadership Transformations in partnership with the Ockenga Institute and the Pierce Center for Disciple Building. Visit www.reignited.eventbrite.com for more information and registration.

November 18-20 – Moderator’s Conference, Louisville, KY. Contact Angela Lucear: angela.lucear@pcusa.org

November 18-19 – Church for All Generations: 35th Racial-Ethnic Convocation, Stony Point Conference Center, Stony Point, NY. For more information, contact Nancy Lomberk at the Synod Office: 315-446-5990/800-585-5881.

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February 16-18, 2012 Disaster Response Training for Presbytery Teams - - Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY. The training is designed to prepare and energize **presbytery teams of 4-6 persons** each from all the presbyteries in the region. The cost of **\$190 per person** covers room and board at Stony Point for 2 nights, double occupancy, and 7 meals. To receive a team registration form, please write to: saraburke@elizabethpresbytery.org or phone 908-755-3776, ext. 6.

April 28, 2012 – Presbytery Day. Presbytery Day will feature Eric H. F. Law and trainers from the Kaleidoscope Institute. There will be a program for youth which will include the preparation of a media presentation for use later in the day. Adult themes, time and place will be announced later.