



**DON'T BE
AFRAID OF CHANGE.**

Transition Times

Sitting in the oldest church in Idaho, First Indian Church in Kamiah, I sang the words to the old hymn, "God be With You 'Til We Meet Again." Then "we" sang it again, this time in Nimi'ipuu, the native language of the Nez Perce. I was filled with a sense of joy at the richness of our Presbytery. We are so diverse with many gifts and passions for ministry!

Last month, as we met around tables at the Presbytery meeting in Fairfield and shared our reflections, I also realized our rich diversity. I heard various dreams and hopes for what we could be as a presbytery. What unites us in Christ is a deep love for the Presbytery and the Church and a desire to be connected. Relationships matter to us.

The Mission Study Task Force has the huge task of listening and then collating those dreams and hopes. It is important work as we seek to discern the Spirit leading us into our future. The Task Force has been asking some foundational ques-

tions about the purpose of Presbytery. Guided by the council, more questions need to be addressed:

- What are the changes in the culture of our society and churches that may change the mission of our Presbytery and how we carry it out?
- What should be the mission of our Presbytery going forward?
- What are the assets that we have as a Presbytery for carrying out our mission?
- What are the most effective ways to carry out our Presbytery mission?
- How do we fund mission in the future?
- What staffing and administrative structure (including committees) can best facilitate and guide our mission?

As you personally reflect on these questions, I invite you to be part of the con-

versation. The Mission Study Task Force will be reporting to the May presbytery meeting. More work of transformation will need to continue beyond May. This work of transformation is not new to our time and circumstances, but indeed is part of being called as the people of God.

"The biggest paradox about the Church is that she is at the same time essentially traditional and essentially revolutionary. But this is not as much of a paradox as it seems, because Christian tradition, unlike all others, is a living and perpetual revolution. (New Seeds of Contemplation, Thomas Merton)

It's good to be part of the revolution with you!

Easter Blessings!
Sheryl Kinder-Pyle

New in the Resource Center



BOOKS

A LIFELONG CALL TO LEARN: Continuing Education for Religious Leaders, edited by Robert E. Reber and D. Bruce Roberts. Eighteen writers share expertise and insights, research findings and vision for the future of continuing education for clergy.

PRAYING WITH THE BODY: Bringing the Psalms to Life, by Roy DeLeon. The book and DVD used together, guide you step by step as you discover how to use motion with the vibrant words of Psalms, to invigorate daily prayer life.

MUDHOUSE SABBOTH: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline. This book by Lauren F. Winner invites Christians to enrich their faith, teaching us about the deep and indestructible bonds between Judaism and Christianity.

Accompanying the book is Mudhouse Sabbath DVD: Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus.

COMING HOME: Asian American Women Doing Theology, by Unzu Lee. Listen to Asian American women who are doing theology from feminist perspectives.

FOUND IN THE MIDDLE: Theology and Ethics for Christians Who are Both Liberal and Evangelical, by Wesley J. Wildman & Stephen Chapin Garner.

Latah Valley Stage 2 Campaign

In September, 2009, Presbytery authorized a Stage Two Capital Campaign for Latah Valley Presbyterian Church. This congregation met for 18 months in an elementary school and now worships in a multipurpose building on the beautiful church site next to Latah Creek. Worship services reach out to people who previously have not been part of any church, providing opportunities for them to encounter God through the gospel message of forgiveness and new life in Christ. Participation in Threshold Groups enables these congregants to grow in relationship with each other and through acts of service in the community.

The reason for this Stage 2 campaign is to be able to repay the \$400,000 interest-free loan to the property owner due September 2010. Currently pledges of \$8100 have been gratefully received. Advocates are in place in many churches of the Presbytery with additional information and pledge cards. You'll be hearing more from them and are encouraged to seek them out with any questions you have. Information brochures and pledge cards are available at the Presbytery office, or you can make a gift to the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest, marked Stage 2 Capital Campaign.

You are all worshipping in a church that exists today because Presbyterians of past generations gave to purchase the land it is on. We seek your prayers for this new and growing church and for the way God is enabling you to generously support its vital ministry.

Reduced Price for 2010 GA Mission Yearbooks

The Presbytery Office still has 2010 GA Mission Yearbooks for sale at a reduced price of \$5 each and the Children's Mission Yearbooks for \$6 each. If you are interested, please contact Joyce at the Presbytery Office (509) 924-4148.

Dates for the Calendar

April 4	Easter
April 13	Committee on Ministry at Millwood Church
April 13	PAMSI at the Presbytery Office
April 14	Retired Pastors Gathering at Whitworth Church
April 20	CLP Committee at Presbytery Office
April 21	Church Staff Support Luncheon at Hamblen Park Church
April 24	Technology Committee at Lidgerwood Church
April 27	Council at Presbytery Office
April 27	Meeting Committee at Presbytery Office
May 4-6	Board of Pensions Seminars at Hamblen Park Church
May 11	Committee on Ministry at Millwood Church
May 11	Personnel Committee at Presbytery Office
May 20	PIN Newsletter deadline
May 27	Presbytery meeting at Spirit Lake Church

Welcome, Kurt! Presbytery Financial Administrator

We welcome Kurt as the new financial administrator for our presbytery. Read on so you can get to know this great guy!

Hi, my name is Kurt Hartvigsen and I have just started working as the Financial Administrator for the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest. My family and I are excited about this opportunity to work with a great group of people, in a life giving environment, and with a purpose towards bringing others closer to Christ. My wife is Rachelle; we have been married for just over eight years. Together we have three of the most wonderful children (of course, what parent wouldn't say that about their own kids?) Joel is 6 1/2, Luke is 4 1/2, and Elizabeth is 2 1/2. Busy, but I wouldn't trade it for the world.

I have been attending Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church since 1977 and have been a member since 1983. My family and I enjoy the fellowship and support from our church "family." Our kids amaze us at how they enjoy and learn in Sunday school. Rachelle and I grow deeper in our relationships with Christ and our friends in our Growth Group, and I serve on both the Administration Commission and the

Endowment Board for Whitworth Presbyterian Church.

I attended and received my Bachelor's Degree from the University of Washington and began working as an office administrator and bookkeeper upon returning to Spokane. My history includes employment with several companies doing accounting and office management, teaching computer classes at the Community Colleges of Spokane, and other responsibilities ranging from human resources to computer tech support.

I look forward to meeting and working with as many of you as I can. Please don't hesitate to give me a call if there is anything I can help you out with.

Presbytery Church Staff Support Appreciation Luncheon

The 12th annual Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church. This is for church support staff (secretarial, bookkeepers and others) from all our churches to show appreciation of their work. Please encourage your staff to attend. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Joyce at the Presbytery office (509) 924-4148.

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The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning

The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning provides resources, training, and encouragement for clergy and laity. In addition to sponsoring the annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry, the Weyerhaeuser Center provides workshops, short courses, reading groups, certificates and a diploma, and other programs designed to renew clergy and lay leaders and equip them to serve Christ in the church and the world.

Diploma in Lay Pastoral Ministry

Churches and religious organizations are increasingly looking for qualified men and women to serve in non-ordained positions of pastoral leadership in the church. Unfortunately, many otherwise qualified people are reluctant to pursue these positions because they do not feel adequately prepared biblically and theologically, or they find themselves lacking in the practical skills they need to be successful in ministry. Others are already involved in ministry positions but feel limited by their lack of training and ongoing opportunities for development. The Diploma in Lay Pastoral Ministry is designed to help train, equip, and support lay men and women to serve more effectively as commissioned lay pastors, lay ministers, or in other lay pastoral positions in the church or other religious organizations.

Program Schedule

Morning courses meet 9 a.m. – noon, and afternoon courses meet 2–5 p.m. Tuition for each course is \$275. Any interested layperson is invited to take one or more courses.

Summer 2010 Courses

June 7 -11

9 a.m. – noon

Survey of the Old Testament
Christian Theology

2 – 5 p.m.

Polity and Church Leadership
Pastoral Care and Counseling

June 14 – 18

9 a.m. – noon

Survey of the New Testament
Preaching: Principles and Practice

2 – 5 p.m.

Church History
Worship and the Sacraments

Certificate in Lay Ministry

Churches and religious organizations are increasingly looking for qualified men and women to serve in non-ordained positions of leadership. This program is designed to help train, equip and support men and women to serve more effectively as commissioned lay pastors, Christian education directors, lay ministry coordinators, youth leaders, church administrators, church elders and deacons, church office managers, and a variety of other paid and unpaid leadership positions in local congregations. The certificate program is specifically designed to provide a theoretical framework and foundation in leadership and ministry issues from a Christian perspective; practical skills and tools to lead and manage increasingly complex ministries; and support in ministry and networking opportunities with other church professionals.

The course meets one Saturday each month for 10 months (September – June) from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Tuition for the entire program is \$750, including books, materials, and lunch. All sessions are held at Whitworth University. First session begins Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Topics include:

- Biblical Foundations for Ministry
- The Bible and Ministry
- Theology and Ministry
- Church History and Ministry
- Christian Leadership and Ministry
- Management and Administration of Ministry

- Effective Communication in Ministry
- Pastoral Care and Ministry
- Discipleship and Ministry

Master of Arts in Theology

The purpose of this program is to develop deeply committed, spiritually disciplined, visionary leaders for the church.

- **Convenient:** A schedule that allows students to enroll in the program without leaving their jobs or having to be residents of Spokane. All courses are offered during Friday/Saturday sessions or week-long summer or January intensives.
- **Self-paced:** Designed so that students can finish in two years, or take courses at their own pace taking longer for completion.
- **Flexible:** Students take core courses covering theology, church history, and biblical studies and additional electives in areas of interest (12 courses total).

Whitworth's M.A. in Theology program is designed around:

Classical Theology – rooted in the disciplines of Biblical studies, theology and history.

Practical Ministry – focused on addressing contemporary ministry challenges.

Spiritual Formation – learn together as a praying, worshipping community.

For additional information about these programs, call Michelle Pace at (509) 777-3275 or mseefried@whitworth.edu. or Dr. Tim Dolan at (509) 777-4676/tdolan@whitworth.edu.

Welcome, Sandy! New Board of Pensions Liaison

Many of you know Sandy Riebe, who recently finished serving as our interim Financial Administrator. Well, we couldn't let Sandy get away—so we've asked her to serve as our Board of Pensions Liaison. Sandy brings her considerable knowledge of the Board of Pensions program as well as familiarity with our Presbytery.

The pension liaison is a contact person who assists with communicating the provisions of the plan to the Plan members. The liaison also lets the Board know of any special needs or concerns of the members. Sandy can also help with enrolling called pastors and lay employees, assessing the well being of retirees and disabled members, and keeping the Presbytery informed of the updates and services of the BOP through workshops and seminars.

The BOP is sponsoring workshops May 4, 5 and 6 at Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church in Spokane. Contact Sandy at (509) 747-0299 for more information on these workshops or other questions you have regarding the Board of Pensions.

Communities of Mission Practice

There's a new phase in our Presbytery mission vocabulary, and you and I are part of it! Think back to your school days and the study of Venn diagrams. You remember—those overlapping circles where there was a common space between all the circles!

Well, the “community of mission practice” is the common space between our global partners, all of us Presbyterians involved in global mission (congregations, presbyteries and synods, the mission support groups, etc.), and the World Mission team of the PC(USA) in Louisville, Kentucky.

As we seek to participate in God's mission in the world, our communities of mission practice can:

- be guided and shaped by the disciplines of prayer, Bible study, reflection, and worship.
- share an identity derived from a common passion.

- include diverse perspectives toward a common purpose.
- develop a body of shared knowledge and practice in mission.
- commit to interact regularly to learn and grow as a community.

As part of a community, a host of questions emerge. How are we listening to the voices of our international partners in Guatemala, in Haiti, in Estonia, in Russia, and elsewhere around the world? Are we participating in the PC(USA) mission networks which gather Presbyterians from across the denomination who share a passion for mission in a particular country? How well are we sharing our involvement with all in our congregation or presbytery?

Sharing the concept of “communities in mission practice” is just one piece of a new strategic direction for Presbyterian World Mission. In March, the General Assembly Mission Council adopted a new direction for the next three to five years. It's exciting! It can involve us all. And, there is more to read about on this page: www.pcusa.org/pnews/2010/10207.htm

May the Peace of Christ be with you this day,

Gary
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Gary Payton is a PCUSA mission coworker and lives in Sandpoint, Idaho. Read his newsletters at www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/paytong.htm

Board of Pensions Seminars

May 4 and 5 we are sponsoring a Board of Pensions seminar “Growing Into Tomorrow..Today” for clergy and lay benefits plan members age 50 or older and their spouses. The cost is \$35. May 6 will be “Getting In Shape Fiscally” for clergy and lay benefits plan members under age 50 and their spouses. The cost is \$15. These are being held at Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church. The last day to register for these is April 9. If you have questions, please call Joyce at the Presbytery Office (509) 924-4148.