

October 6, 2015

## PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

The Stated Meeting of the Lehigh Presbytery was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Dave Duquette, on September 22, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Kari Olson from the Hope of Christ Church in Summit Hill. Jackie Etter, head of staff of First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, delivered greetings from their congregation and shared some of the church's history, involvement with the New Bethany Ministries and details to help navigate the church building.



Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher reported on Camp Kirkwood's success this summer with 302 Regular Campers, 107 of those from Lehigh Presbytery. An additional 48 Special campers attended made a total of 350 Overnight campers plus 110 Day Campers. A wonderful video of the campers and activities from the summer program was shown. There were many smiling faces both on the screen and in the audience. The campers thoroughly enjoyed their fun in the sun and are looking forward to returning next year.

Unfortunately, the camp did experience a deficit and Rev. Christopher made an appeal to the churches for donations. The Lehigh Presbytery has approved \$5,000 be sent in order to help defray the deficit. A new Camp Board is being elected and will be made up of both Lehigh and Philadelphia Presbytery members. They will be seeking outside grants to help with the costs of sustaining the camp facilities in order to provide a fun and safe camping experience for our youth for years to come.

Rev. Christopher also invited everyone to attend the Open House and camp dedication that will take place on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Come check out this new ministry of Lehigh & Philadelphia presbytery and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship as you become familiar with the camp. The name *Camp Kirkwood* is now the official name, meaning *Church in the Woods*.

Teaching Elder Sue Bennetch presented the proposal from the Apostolic Refuge Temple to purchase the Olivet United Presbyterian Church of Easton's building. This church is currently meeting in a store front in Easton. Lehigh Presbytery approved this proposal and is excited about this new ministry in a building that has meant so much, to so many.

Marianne Kitzmiller presented a balanced Administrative Budget for 2016. She explained the 2016 Per Capita breakdown as: General Assembly \$7.12 (\$7.07 in 2015) Synod \$2.30 (\$2.20 in 2015) Lehigh Presbytery \$17.96 (\$18.06 in 2015) Total \$27.38. The Lehigh Presbytery decreased its per capita by 10 cents per person and encouraged all churches to contribute the extra funds to their Mission budget. The 2016 Administrative Budget was approved as presented.

A special recognition of the Helping Hands care team members and volunteers was made. This group is a telling presence in time of crisis and made a difference in so many Americans' lives. A group of people headed by Dawn Noga came to the Presbytery 10 years ago in response to their desire to do something

to help the people in the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. Out of that desire, the Helping Hands Care Team was formed. They asked for startup money from the Presbytery who reached out to the 35 congregations and a grant was given. They have never asked for a penny more and have been self-sufficient ever since due to the generosity of the volunteers, individuals and churches. They have averaged two major trips every year to offer support where needed. This October will be their 29<sup>th</sup> trip including two at Camp Brainerd. This group is truly a blessing and a Certificate of Recognition from U.S. House of Representative Charles Dent was presented to them by Marsha Heimann. A gift card to Lowes for tools was given by the Lehigh Presbytery. Dawn Noga spoke about their first meeting to organize this group and their trip to the Gulf Cost to help re-build. The Helping Hands team then led the Presbytery in Worship while showing slides from their 10 years of service and emphasizing the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance motto, "*Out of Chaos, Hope*".



Pictured are just a small portion of the many dedicated care team members and volunteers who have given of their time, talents and treasures. What a blessing to all those they have touched.

A delicious dinner, cooked by Larry Rood, was provided to 120 commissioners and guests by the members of First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. Thank you to the servers, kitchen staff and Larry for such a wonderful meal.

A Service of Honorable Retirement was performed by Moderator David Duquette for the Rev. Jenny Schram. A letter written by her husband, the Rev. William Schram was read by Teaching Elder Carol Brown

Ruling Elder Sally Heimbach, Chair of Committee on Shared Gifts, presented the list of nominees for the Board of Trustees for Camp Kirkwood. The Presbytery elected Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher, Rev. Joan Spangler, Bill Bryson, Diane Millick, Paul Lucia, Wendy Dietrich, Scott Dietrich, and Ben Hooper to this Board.

Rev. Tim Dooner, chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented Noha Khoury as a Candidate under care. Noha shared her Faith Statement. After questions from the floor, Noha Khoury was unanimously moved to candidacy.

Rev. Tillie Chase, chair of the Committee on Ministry, presented Rev. John Lee who has received a call to serve as lead minister at the Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley (KCLV). Rev. Lee shared his Statement



Moderator Dave Duquette with Rev. Jenny Schram

of Faith and answered questions from the commissioners. Lehigh Presbytery approved Rev. John Lee as Pastor of the Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley. Members of the Korean congregation came forward for prayer led by Moderator Duquette. Come celebrate with the congregation at the Installation of Rev. John Lee on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley.



Rev. Chase presented the 2016 Minimum Terms of Call approved by the Committee on Ministry. The Presbytery approved these new minimum which included a 2% salary increase.

Rev. Tillie Chase and Rev. Tim Dooner spoke about New Beginnings: Opportunities and Possibilities with regard to the Mission Budget and re-envisioning our structure with reference being made to the Book of Order G-3.0303.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. John Lee and Moderator Duquette adjourned the meeting. The Presbytery is grateful to the staff and members of the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem for being such gracious hosts. We all enjoyed the food, fellowship and facilities. Thank you!

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## RETREAT FOR TEACHING ELDERS...ROUND TWO!



The second retreat scheduled for 2015 will take place on **Wednesday, October 28, 2015.**

Tillie Chase will lead a presentation on

*“Celtic Spirituality & The Iona Community:  
How are they similar? How are they different?”*

The retreat will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua, 3005 South Front St, Whitehall.

Lunch will be provided by Ben Hooper, and the cost is \$10.00. If you plan to attend, please contact RC Smith at 610-253-4792 or [revrc5@aol.com](mailto:revrc5@aol.com).

## Help Needed

The Lehigh Presbytery in ministry with the Philadelphia Presbytery is continuing to provide an exciting camping experience to the youth in the bounds of both presbyteries. As you heard at the Presbytery meeting in September, there were 107 campers from within the bounds of Lehigh Presbytery who thoroughly enjoyed their week at summer camp this year.

As with buildings everywhere there comes time to do repairs to make them safe for our youth to enjoy. The floor in the Stroup House is sagging and new supports are needed in order to make it safe.

**We are in need of some strong souls to help dig 8 one foot deep holes and pour cement for the new footings under the floor in Stroup House to hold these new supports. Do you have time next Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to help get these holes dug and the footings poured to make this floor safe for our youth in the coming years?**



The camp is only as good as the volunteers and staff. Please come and help make this camp something for this generation and next to enjoy!

**If you can help with this project or would like more information, please call the camp at 570-421-8625 or email at [Kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org](mailto:Kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org).**

They plan to gather between **9 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2015** at Camp Kirkwood, 127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA. Many hands make the work light!

Thank you for your help and continued prayers for this ministry and our youth.

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*The Presbyterian Women of Catasauqua are sponsoring a*

## Vendor, Craft & Flea Sale

**November 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Bake Sale \* Chinese Auction \* Breakfast & Lunch Available

Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua  
210 Pine Street, Catasauqua, PA



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## MODERATOR'S FORUM



Join us for the next Moderator's Forum on **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Shawnee Church Road, Shawnee, PA. The purpose of this form is to discuss what our challenges are and what our future might be as a Presbytery.

***Let us come together and discover what God has in store for us!***

## *It's time to Celebrate New Beginnings!*

The Kirkwood-Brainerd Camping Ministry Transition Team met on August 27th to take next steps in our joint camping ministry. Based on input from this year's campers, the name of our camping ministry will be: ***Camp Kirkwood: A Ministry of Lehigh and Philadelphia Presbyteries***

The sign outside the camp will be updated to reflect this change as will future correspondence.



To celebrate this new beginning, we will hold a **dedication worship service** in camp style with food from Ben Hooper on

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015 AT 3:00 P.M.**

*Come enjoy the fall foliage and a new beginning!*

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

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## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** *Blessed Are The Peacemakers*



What you've known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the **Season of Peace**, which ends on **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (October 4, 2015)**. However, you can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by this important Offering by making a gift at any time throughout the year.

Together we will support efforts to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians engaging in ministries of reconciliation and peace that respond to cultures of violence, including our own. Through this new vision of the Offering, we deepen our commitment to the transforming work of the Spirit.

**Twenty-five percent of collected funds stay with local congregations.** As always, congregations and mid councils determine how best to use those gifts to engage in peace work and global witness.

Your church may choose to support local peacemaking initiatives or community-based ministries. Your congregation may wish to offer assistance to immigrants, support a Presbyterian mission co-worker, or provide financial support to the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations. You may send participants on mission trips, on overseas work projects, or to attend global conferences. This year, we again come together as we have been sent—from east and west, and from north and south—to proclaim and engage in ministries that witness to the peace of Christ in all the earth.

***Thank you for your support of this vital offering.***

## Registrar **NEEDED**



**We are in need of a registrar for the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium that will take place July 19-23, 2016. Won't you consider volunteering for this task?**

The registrar is the key to getting information out and putting together a delegation of youth from our presbytery. As registrar you could put together a team to help with the process. You would also have the help of the Presbytery staff. A full list of duties can be found on the Presbytery website at <http://lehighpresbytery.org/news-events/other-news/presbyterian-youth-triennium/>.

*Triennium is a life giving, life changing, and faith moving experience for the youth. As the world changes, society shifts -- and the church expands -- the need for vibrant young Presbyterians grows.*

**Without a registrar this event will not be able to get off the ground and our youth will miss out on a great opportunity.**

If you are interested in being the Triennium registrar, please contact Robin at the presbytery office (610-391-9020, [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org)).

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## THE CAREGIVER'S JOURNEY



Many of us find ourselves caring for an elderly relative. You probably have many questions, from legal issues to spiritual concerns.

Please join us for a workshop, **THE CAREGIVER'S JOURNEY**, on Saturday, **October 24, 2015- 9a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in Room #115 of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.

This event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of Lehigh Presbytery.

If interested, please register with Robin at the Presbytery office (610-391-9020, [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org)). There is no cost to register, however a free will offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

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## #Giving Tuesday 2015

Make this the year your ministry participates in **#GivingTuesday**, a global day dedicated to giving back.

On Tuesday, December 1, charities, families, community centers and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

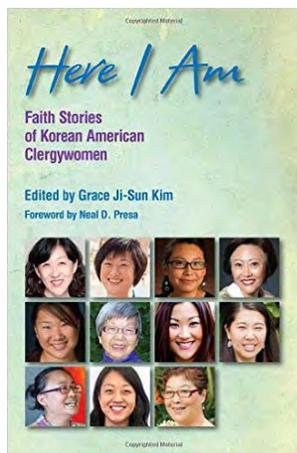
All Presbyterian ministries can accept online gifts through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. [Find out more.](#)



## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH



Clergy Appreciation Month began in 1992 as a way to encourage congregations to show their appreciation, love and support for their pastors. This affirmation can provide new life and energy for a pastor who may be dealing with burnout, disillusionment, frustration, isolation, or stress. Because pastors are often "on call" around the clock, special recognition for the work they do is more than called for. Clergy Appreciation Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in October (October 11, 2015).



A member of Lehigh Presbytery, the Rev. Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Associate Professor of Theology at Earlham School of Religion has recently published a book *"Here I Am"*. This book is in celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean American Presbyterian Women's Group. You can find out more about this book by visiting Amazon at:

[http://www.amazon.com/Here-Am-Stories-American-Clergywomen/dp/0817017631/ref=la\\_B001KI2QIU\\_1\\_10?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1428150942&sr=1-10](http://www.amazon.com/Here-Am-Stories-American-Clergywomen/dp/0817017631/ref=la_B001KI2QIU_1_10?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1428150942&sr=1-10)

She is also the author of *Christian Doctrines for Global Gender Justice* co-edited with Jenny Daggers; *Theological Reflections on "Gangnam Style"* co-written with Joseph Cheah; *Reimagining with Christian Doctrines* co-edited with Jenny Daggers; *Contemplations from the Heart: Colonialism, Han and the Transformative Spirit; The Holy Spirit, Chi, and the Other*; and *The Grace of Sophia*. She is a co-editor with Dr. Joseph Cheah for the Palgrave Macmillan Book Series, *"Asian Christianity in Diaspora"*.

## A program designed exclusively for clergy – limited to 60 spaces!



Join Chris Satullo, author  
and WHY?s former Vice President of News and Civic Dialogue  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**  
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (sign in and coffee begin at 9:00 a.m.)  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

During a Christmas Eve service, with the rector's family sitting beside him in the pew, Chris Satullo wondered what his rector could possibly have left to offer his loved ones on Christmas morning. Chris spent a year talking with clergy representing a handful of denominations, to uncover the challenges clergy face as they move toward Christmas. The anecdotes those conversations revealed are written into the play, *The Gifts of the Magi*, a holiday radio play that aired last Christmas on WHY?. An involved Episcopal layperson, Chris will use the play as a starting point to discuss issues of conflicting priorities, busy-ness, stress and fatigue that affect many in ministry.

Don't miss this event – register below.

Registration on line at: <http://www.bmpc.org/programs/the-middleton-center/programs-special-events>  
Or call 610-525-0766 for more information



## CROP HUNGER WALK

The Allentown CROP Hunger Walk sponsored by The Lehigh Conference of Churches is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2015. Registration will begin at 12:45 PM at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at the corner of Ott and Walnut Streets, Allentown. The Walk begins at 1:30 PM.

There are two opportunities available to involve all ages:

1. 6-mile walk through Allentown with rest stops along the way.
2. Golden Mile walk for Golden Agers, families with children or dogs, or anyone wanting a leisurely pace.

For those unable to walk with us on the 11<sup>th</sup>, donations to the Allentown CROP Walk can be made online on the Allentown CROP Walk page on the Church World Service website.

One quarter of the total proceeds of the Allentown CROP Hunger Walk will be shared between The Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.

Food for Thought –CROP walkers help worldwide and locally:

- ✿ In 2014, the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen and Daybreak drop-in center served over 63,000 meals. 1,561 meals were served to children.
- ✿ Each year, the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank provides food for over 30,000 of our neighbors.
- ✿ More than 49.1million Americans are not certain where their next meal will come from.

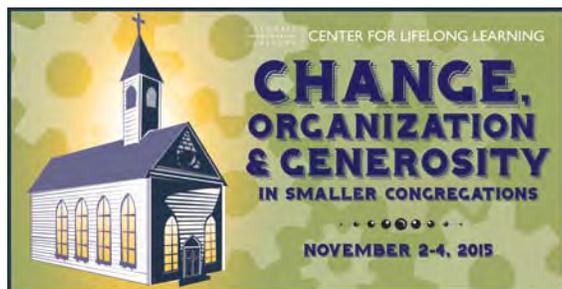
It is not too late for your church, school or community organization recruiter to pick up Recruiter Packets at Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church on Devonshire Road in Allentown or The Lehigh Conference of Churches main office at 534 Chew Street, Allentown.

In addition of raising funds, everyone is reminded that non- perishable food items will be received the day of the walk by the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank. The Food Bank is desperately in need of peanut butter, jelly, and canned soups.

For more information about this year's CROP Hunger Walk, please contact Chairperson Rev. Dianne Kareha at 610-391-8210 or e-mail [karehad@diakon.com](mailto:karehad@diakon.com) or contact Conference Volunteer Coordinator Laura Rowe at 610-433-6421 or e-mail [lrowe@lehighchurches.org](mailto:lrowe@lehighchurches.org).

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### ***Change, Organization and Generosity in Smaller Congregations***



**November 2-4, 2015**

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## JOURNEYS TO JUSTICE Learning and Action

What do Jews and Christians understand by the terms “justice” and “social justice”? What is the relationship between faith communities and justice? What drives faith-based organizations to serve justice? What is the individual’s role—your role—in these enterprises?

Join the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding (IJCU) of Muhlenberg College as we journey to explore these questions and more. Study religious foundations; engage representatives from a variety of service initiatives; discuss with neighbors of other faiths what justice means to them. Not only hear and discuss, but visit sites to understand on the ground--from volunteers, clients, and others—the meaning of the work. Individuals, friends, families are encouraged to participate.

Plan the Journeys at the IJCU fall minicourse:

Justice in Jewish and Christian Perspectives, Wednesdays Oct. 28 – Nov. 18.

And hold these dates (minicourse participation not required for these events):

*January 20:* Packing for the Journeys: Justice projects in the Region

*February-March, Dates tba* for optional hands-on, on-site visits

*March 29:* Unpacking the Journeys, a closing interreligious dialogue

Further information from <http://www.ijcu.org> or 484.664.3470.



### Resources for Year C

The new lectionary year starts November 29th! To help you prepare, we've raised the discount on *thirty* resources for Year C to 40% off.

Featured items include resources from the best-selling Feasting on the Word series, various commentaries on the Gospel of Luke, and more!

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Thank you,  
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**Adventure Aquarium** is awarding complimentary park tickets to area churches that complete the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Challenge!

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**Just have one representative from your church sign up between now and October 16, 2015.**

Then, invite your congregation to pack gift-filled shoeboxes, and deliver them to a collection center during National Collection Week, November 16-23.

## VCR and VHS Dual Deck/duplicator

The Lehigh Presbytery has three items available to any interested church in the Lehigh Presbytery.

1. Hitachi VT-M121A VCR
2. Dual-Deck VCR (DDV9490)– This VCR can also be used to make copies of VHS tapes.

These are available on a first come, first served basis. So if you are interested or would like to take a look at it, please contact the Presbytery office at 610-391-9020 or [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org).



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** – **Worldwide Ministries Care Team** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** – **Camp Kirkwood Dedication** at the Camp Kirkwood, A Ministry of Lehigh & Philadelphia Presbyteries, 127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.
- **Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** – **Committee on Ministry** in Room #118 of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.
- **Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** – **Caregiver's Journey**, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of Lehigh Presbytery, in Room #115 of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18104.
- **Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 4 p.m.** – **Helping Hands Reunion** in the Commons of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.
- **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Moderator's Forum**, Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Shawnee Church Road, Shawnee on Delaware, PA.
- **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** – **Lead Team** meeting in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** – **Pastors Retreat** at the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua, 3005 S. Front Street, Whitehall, PA.
- **Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Committee on Shared Gifts** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Monday, November 9, 2015 at 9:15 a.m.** – **Helping Hands Care Team** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Wednesday, November 11, 2015** – **Veteran's Day Holiday - the Presbytery office is CLOSED.**
- **Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** – **Installation of Rev. John Young Joon Lee** as Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of the Lehigh Valley, 1987 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA.
- **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Lehigh Presbytery Stated Meeting** at Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church, 150 Pilgrim Way, Brodheads ville, PA.