

Lehigh Presbytery News

710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104

610-391-9020 * office@lehighpresbytery.org * <http://lehighpresbytery.org>



March 28, 2016

PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

The Stated Meeting of the Lehigh Presbytery took place on February 23, 2016 at The Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg, Pa. The meeting was opened with prayer by Teaching Elder Suzanne Brooks-Cope. Moderator Teaching Elder Susan Bennetch called the meeting to order and Teaching Elder Edmund Freeborn delivered greetings from The Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg congregation, shared some of the churches history, and the ministry the church serves students and faculty of East Stroudsburg University. Rev. Freeborn presented details to help navigate the church building. Opening devotions were shared by Moderator Bennetch to prepare our hearts and minds for the business before us.



An inspiring and motivational presentation by Rev. David Loleng from the General Assembly Office of Evangelism of the PCUSA speaking on the topic of “Engage” a program of evangelism and engagement that equips congregations to become relevant again in our communities. Rev. Loleng provided exciting ways for our churches to be equipped to face the challenges of being God’s Church in the 21st century. This program begins with training the session, who in turn train key leaders, and together they train a congregation to name the way God is at work in their lives, claim the gift of God’s work in their lives and share that in their community in a way that connects. You could feel the energy in the room as Rev. Loleng challenged the Commissioners to return to their congregations and be God’s Church.

A musical interlude provided by Honorably Retired Rev. George Taylor was enjoyed as the offering was collected for the Pastors Emergency Fund.

The new Camp Kirkwood Director, Tommy Campbell was introduced and given the opportunity to share his passion and enthusiasm for summer camp ministry which has led him to our Camp. Tommy’s background is well suited to the responsibilities of Camp Director at Kirkwood as he has been around Christian camping for much of his life. Tommy is looking forward to visiting with the youth and offering meet and greets at all the Lehigh Presbytery churches during the next few months. Please contact him to schedule this wonderful opportunity for your youth to meet him and learn more about Camp Kirkwood.



Ruling Elder Judy Steinberg presented on behalf of the Committee on Shared Gifts the 2016 Nominations for the Slate of Officers and committee members. These nominations filled vacancies open on the Committee on Ministry – Ruling Elder Rob Clark and Teaching Elder Susan Tindall; on the Permanent Judicial Commission – Ruling Elder Jane Davenport; and on the Camp Kirkwood Board of Trustees - Teaching Elder Kari Olson.

Teaching Elder Matilda Chase provided the report of the Committee on Ministry (COM) with the recommendation that Presbytery concur with United Presbyterian Church of Slatington's request to allow an exception to the normal call process in accordance with the Book of Order G-2.0504c which states in part: "A Presbytery may determine that its mission strategy permits a teaching elder currently employed in a temporary pastoral relationship to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor." The Presbytery approved this request to call Teaching Elder Laura Stone as their next installed pastor pending approval of the Terms of Call by the Committee on Ministry.

Teaching Elder David Duquette presented the first reading to change to By-Laws of Lehigh Presbytery by adding *XI. Immunity from Liability and Indemnification of Certain Persons Policy*. Teaching Elder Duquette also presented for a first reading a change to Lehigh Presbytery's Standing Rules regarding how many Elder Commissioners churches are allowed at Presbytery. The new formula would be:

A. *Members*

1. *Churches shall elect ruling elder commissioners as follows:*

<i>100 or few members</i>	<i>1 ruling elder</i>
<i>101-350 members</i>	<i>2 ruling elders</i>
<i>351-1500 members</i>	<i>3 ruling elders</i>
<i>1501-2000 members</i>	<i>4 ruling elders</i>
<i>2001-3000 members</i>	<i>5 ruling elders</i>

These changes will be voted on at the April meeting of Lehigh Presbytery.

Ruling Elder Donald Brown provided an update on the PET (Presbytery Engagement Team) for First Presbyterian Church, Reading.

Teaching Elder David Duquette provided an update on the PET for First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Teaching Elder Edmund Freeborn, East Stroudsburg. The Lehigh Presbytery wishes to thank the members of the Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg for being such gracious hosts.



Speakers at the 2016 Meetings at Lehigh Presbytery

As Lehigh Presbytery looks at creating an atmosphere for cultivating leadership skills among Pastors, Elders, and Congregational Leaders we are pleased to present these educational opportunities. Plan now to join us. (All are welcome to attend.)

April 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. **Stated Meeting** of Lehigh Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.
Douglas Portz, Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions will provide a general overview of the Benefits Plan and all the changes that are coming in 2016 and 2017.

June 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. **Stated Meeting** of Lehigh Presbytery at the Pennside Presbyterian Church, 253 N. 25th Street, Reading, PA.
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Office of the Presbyterian Foundation will provide tips and techniques for Stewardship Education.

Sept. 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. **Stated Meeting** of Lehigh Presbytery at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead Street, Easton, PA.
Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, Executive Presbyter of Philadelphia Presbytery will speak on "Engaging in the Wilderness of Mid-

Council Wanderings –the challenges, temptations, and opportunities of the journey and a new land.”

Nov. 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery at the Community Presbyterian Church, 1755 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA.

Worship Celebration and Speaker for Princeton Theological Seminary.

Session Minute Reading



It is time for the Annual Reading of the Church Session Minutes. Clerks of Session are required to have their Minutes examined and Rolls/Registers reviewed during the month of May. So as not to conflict with Mother's Day weekend, I have scheduled four opportunities for you to attend. Please feel free to attend the **one** that is most convenient for you. Thank you to those who so graciously accepted my request to host.

1. **Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon** – The Presbyterian Church of East Stroudsburg, 55 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg, PA.
2. **Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** – Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church, 44 West White Street, Summit Hill, PA.
3. **Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon** – Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. Second Street, Emmaus, PA.
4. **Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** – College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead Street, Easton, PA.

Please bring with you your current copy of the *Book of Order*.

Our method of review involves reading each other's Minutes while following a Session Minutes Examination Checklist (copy enclosed). For good stewardship of your time, **please fill these forms out in advance of our meeting and bring the copies to our meeting.**

As we asked last year, please bring the following documents **if you did not do so previously.**

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Property deed(s) | 4. Current bylaws and standing rules |
| 2. 2015 Annual Report | 5. Current Sexual Misconduct Policy (G-3.0106) |
| 3. Most recent directory | |

We hope that all Clerks can be present. Moderators of Session are welcome to attend and participate, but their attendance is not mandatory. Many find this time helpful in their ministry as Moderator of Session.



Scottish Communion Service

The First Presbyterian Church and College Hill Presbyterian Church of Easton will hold a joint Scottish Communion Service at **4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2016** in the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 333 Spring Garden Street, Easton, PA. All are welcome to attend.

Work Day at Camp

Saturdays - April 23rd & May 14th
9am - 4pm



KIRKWOOD CAMP
127 Kirkwood Rd
Stroudsburg, Pa
570-421-8625

HELP NEEDED: *getting camp ready for summer*

There are jobs for all skills, abilities, and ages!

TASKS: *cleaning and moving, outdoor clean up,
mulching, setting up tents, sanding & painting*



Join Us and lend a Hand

New Camp Director at Camp Kirkwood



The Kirkwood-Brainerd Transition Team is pleased to announce the hiring of Tommy Campbell for the position of Camp Director for Camp Kirkwood, a joint ministry of the Philadelphia and Lehigh presbyteries, effective January 1, 2016.

You can meet Tommy at the February 23, 2016 Lehigh Presbytery Meeting. Come early and chat with him at registration. It is going to be an exciting camping season and he will be there to share his enthusiasm for this year.

<http://kirkwoodcamp.org/>

The more links we have to our page, the higher search engines will rank our site. So, we need your help! Please add the link to the camp, www.kirkwoodcamp.org, to your website to increase the camp's visibility on the web.

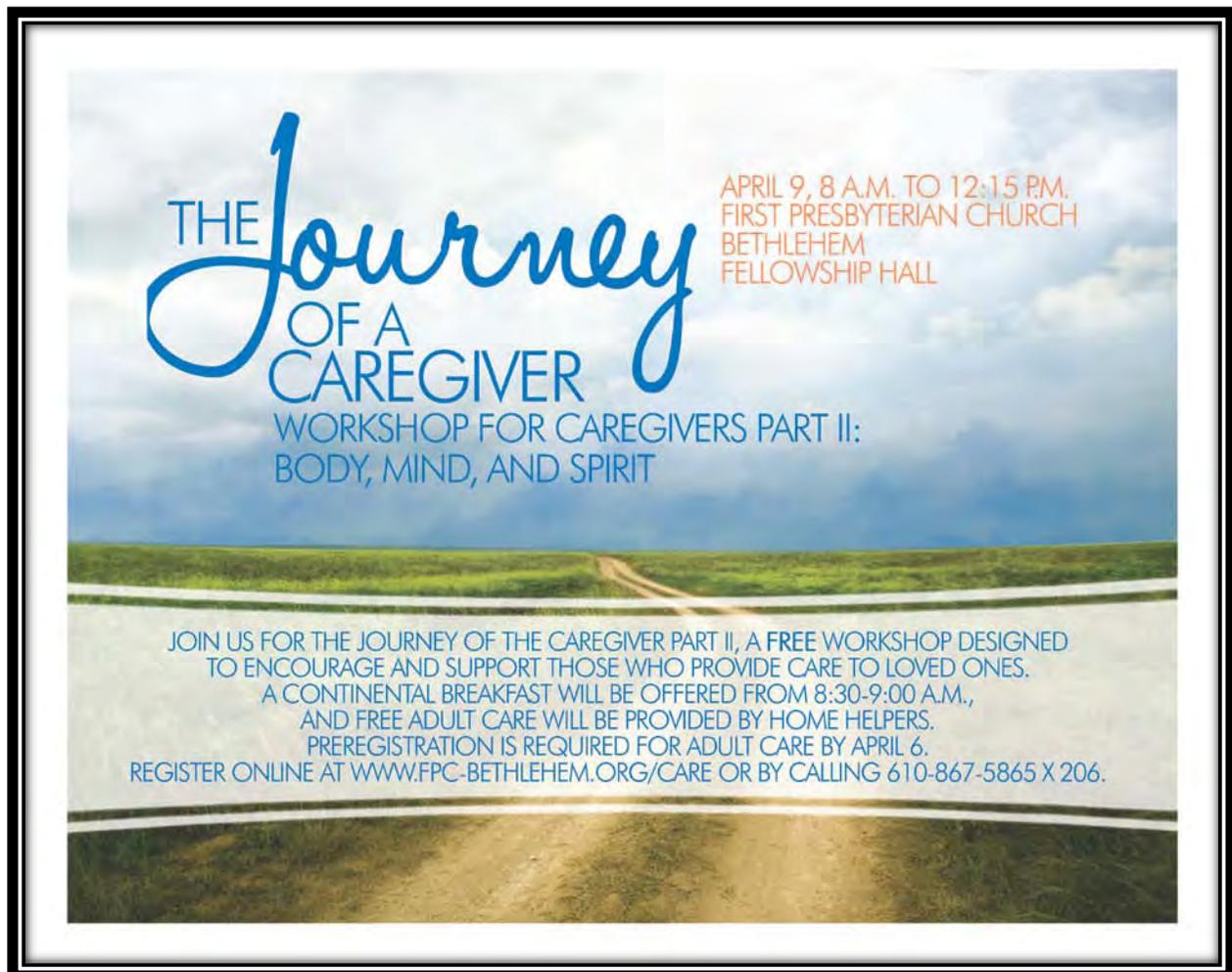
Spring Gathering



The Upper Tier Congregations of Lehigh Presbytery will hold their Spring Gathering on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. at the White Haven Presbyterian Church, 305 Berwick Street, White Haven, PA.

This is an opportunity to network, celebrate, and peer into our future. Soup, sandwiches, and dessert will be served.

For more information, please contact Paul Lucia at 610-385-0909 or email at paul Lucia@dejazzd.com.



THE Journey
OF A
CAREGIVER

APRIL 9, 8 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BETHLEHEM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

WORKSHOP FOR CAREGIVERS PART II:
BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT

JOIN US FOR THE JOURNEY OF THE CAREGIVER PART II, A FREE WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO PROVIDE CARE TO LOVED ONES.
A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE OFFERED FROM 8:30-9:00 A.M.,
AND FREE ADULT CARE WILL BE PROVIDED BY HOME HELPERS.
PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ADULT CARE BY APRIL 6.
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.FPC-BETHLEHEM.ORG/CARE OR BY CALLING 610-867-5865 X 206.

Consign for **GOOD**

Children's Consignment Sale
Hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus

Friday, April 8th, 2016 • 8:00am – 2:00pm and 5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Saturday, April 9th, 2016 • 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and
Half Price Sale 12:30 – 2:00 (consignor selected items only)**

The Consign for Good sale is GOOD for consignors, who can supplement the weighty cost of children by selling infant and children items that are no longer needed at a 70% consignment rate.

The Consign for Good sale is GOOD for families in need of infant in children items, who need a less expensive alternative to buying new at retail stores.

The Consign for Good sale is GOOD for the congregation, as it is a great way to introduce ourselves to members of our community, and becomes a witness to our love and identity as congregation.

The Consign for Good sale is VERY GOOD for the most vulnerable families with children in the East Penn School District, as all monies raised by this sale will be donated to support the work of East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN). EPNHN provides homeless families with children with temporary transitional housing and the help of skilled volunteers in addressing the underlying causes of their homelessness (for example, debt and finances, career counseling, legal and insurance struggles, etc.). More information can be found at www.EPNHN.org. Each time this sale is held, between \$1500 and \$2000 is raised that goes directly to helping these families in need. We are consigning for good, indeed!

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS SALES!

This year we are having a TWO DAY SALE! There will be an optional half-price sale at the end of the Saturday sale. If you choose to donate your time during the sale, your registration fee will be waived. All clothing, even pants, must be on hangers.

We need your help!

We need consignors and shoppers! Please tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers with children and grandchildren about the Consign for Good sale. Anyone interested in being a consignor can email us at consign@faithchurchemmaus.org or visit www.consignforgood.org for registration and additional information.

We need volunteers! If you can help for an hour or two (or more!) on Tuesday evening set-up, Wednesday (morning and late afternoon) consignor drop-off, Thursday morning consignor drop-off, Thursday evening pre-sale, Friday and Saturday sales, and Saturday afternoon clean-up, please email consign@faithchurchemmaus.org or talk with Julie DePhillips.

Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 N. Second Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

2016-2017 Presbyterian Planning Calendar



Once again, Lehigh Presbytery is taking orders for the Presbyterian Planning Calendars in order for you to take advantage of the reduced pricing for bulk orders.

If you wish to order any this year, please fill out the information below and send it to the Presbytery with your check. **Orders must be received by May 1st, 2016.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robin at the Presbytery office (610-391-9020, office@lehighpresbytery.org)

Calendar Features

- Monthly calendar pages from June 2016 through December 2017
- Lectionary for the Lord's Day and special liturgical days
- Colors for the liturgical seasons
- Liturgical days, programmatic emphases and secular holidays
- Monthly planning suggestions and resources
- Synod and presbytery directories
- GA staff directories
- Foldout synod/presbytery and world maps in color
- User-friendly size—easily fits into a binder

ORDER FORM

2016-2017 PRESBYTERIAN PLANNING CALENDARS

NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

QUANTITY: _____ @\$9.00/EACH TOTAL DUE: _____

Please make check out to Lehigh Presbytery and mail to:

Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104

Regarding ruling elders: ruling elders and deacons

Louisville



While growing up in the early sixties, I vividly remember the annual visit made by an elder, a deacon, and sometimes even the pastor. They came waving the pledge card and made a pretty convincing biblical case for my parents not only to make the annual pledge, but to pledge the tithe of 10 percent of their income!

The visit was followed by the Annual Stewardship Banquet, or as it was called one year, *The Banquet of Generosity*. It ended on Stewardship Sunday when church members came to the communion table bringing their pledge cards and placing them on the designated baskets.

This may have worked then, but it is no longer as viable a strategy given the changing conditions in our congregations. As Presbyterians, we have been taught that everything we are, have, and use comes from God (Jas. 1:17). As ruling elders, we have the responsibility and the opportunity to be the voice that teaches in some creative ways regarding mission and finances (*Book of Order*, G-3.0201c). We should not be afraid to look for alternative ways to fulfill the financial needs of the church. For example:

1. Shift from the annual three-week fall approach of asking for money to pay bills to a constant approach; giving people opportunities to examine and reflect on their own reasons for giving to God's mission and ministry on a regular basis.
2. Involve the congregation. Ruling elders can identify the strong pillars of the church. Ask these people to share their stories as to why they give and how it makes a difference in their lives.
3. Hold an intergenerational Bible study series on simple living, biblical money principles, greed, and/or consumerism before talking about budget needs.
4. Give a generous portion of the church budget of at least 10 percent to missions and ministry beyond the local congregation.
5. Invite other elders and deacons to share how dollars are used for mission inside and outside the church, rather than showing reports simply illustrating dollars and deficits.
6. Serve others. Connect to the community around the congregation and find a way to address the needs. Find a community project or mission where members can use their gifts (local shelter; a local public school program that serves low-income or homeless children, youth and new immigrants; a women's shelter). Help the younger generations understand how their time and financial contributions can show the love and justice of Jesus Christ in our church and our communities.
7. Be sure that the church's mission is clear and known to all members. Is there a call to action, a call to participate? Making a financial commitment should always be a call to further the vision and mission of the church as well as a call to commit time, energy, and financial resources.

In the end, the goal should always be participating in God's mission inside and outside the church walls rather than just maintaining the building!

Loyda P. Aja is a ruling elder and a former Associate Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) General Assembly. A graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, she currently lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where her lifetime partner, the Reverend Dr. Tony Aja, is the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She serves on her presbytery's PJC, and plays in the hand-bell choir. Loyda loves visiting her grandchildren and walking her dogs, Lucero (Lucy) and Patrick.

Read this post in [한국어](#) and [Español](#).



BECOME A LEADER SUPPORT NETWORK
AMBASSADOR

**Change the world on a mission trip
that doesn't require airfare**

As a PC(USA) Special Offerings ambassador, you can travel a short distance and have a far-reaching impact. By visiting congregations near your home, you are able to help ministries such as orphan care in Liberia, earthquake recovery in Nepal, affordable housing in Detroit, and job training for people struggling with mental illness in Florida. We need people like you to communicate the wonderful work the Offerings make possible and invite congregations to support them.

Your efforts will strengthen the four churchwide Special Offerings in their mission to improve lives across the globe. Join this band of dedicated individuals and participate in the transformation of the world through the power of the gospel.

Click here to find out more. http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/leader_support_network.html

Presbyterian Mission Agency, an agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202
800-728-7228 | 502-569-5000



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

In an effort to provide easier access to updated information on disaster response and recovery, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has created a special web page that contains disaster response resources.

It is called a quiet page because the URL for this page is not published.

The address of the web page is <http://pda.pcusa.org/page/midcouncil-epda/>

Princeton Theological Seminary

Department of Communication

Princeton Seminary's Annual Used Book Sale Supports Global Theological Education

—The popular book sale runs Thursday, April 14 through Saturday, April 16—

Princeton, NJ, March 3, 2016—Does the thought of adding to your book collection excite you? If you are looking for a bargain, then the annual Princeton Theological Seminary community book sale is for you! Choose from thousands of gently used books from a variety of genres.

The **book sale** will take place **Thursday, April 14 through Saturday, April 16, 2016** in the Seminary's Whiteley Gymnasium 36 Hibben Road (corner of Hibben and Stockton Street/Route 206) in Princeton. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Entrance fee of \$7

Box Day: Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

\$10 per box (buy a box and put all of the books you can fit into it)

Proceeds from the sale support seminary libraries in developing nations and provide Princeton Seminary students with scholarship funds for travel courses.

Book Donations Accepted April 4 through 9

Theology, history, philosophy, science, and global studies books are most appreciated and needed, but we will gladly accept all books. Donations can only be accepted during the specified dates and times listed below.

- Monday, April 4–Friday, April 8: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., and 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 9: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

For more information about the book sale, or to schedule a drop-off at the Whiteley Gym, contact annualbooksale@ptsem.edu.

About Princeton Theological Seminary

Princeton Theological Seminary, founded in 1812, is the first seminary established by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Its mission is to educate leaders for the church of Jesus Christ worldwide, and its more than 500 students and 11,000 graduates from all fifty states and many nations around the world serve Christ in churches, schools and universities, healthcare institutions, nonprofit agencies, initiatives for social justice, mission agencies, and the emerging ministries of the church in the twenty-first century.

For further information contact:

Michelle S. Roemer Schoen, communication project manager, tel: 609.497.7760.

New Live Simply Resources are Available Now

Live Simply, based on Philippians 4:11, is the theme for just-released resources published by the Ecumenical Stewardship Center. Use [Giving magazine volume 18](#), Live Simply [theme materials](#), and the digital [Companion Resource](#) to create your congregational stewardship emphasis. Magazine writers include Adam Hamilton, Shane Claiborne, and Nathan Dungan. [More](#)

Peruse all of ESC resources <https://stewardshipresources.org/resources>



Special Offerings blog

By Margaret Mwale, Self-Development of People

Where do your donations make an impact?

New map resource details partner initiatives, funding and opportunities

Sometimes, when you donate money to a charitable cause, you have to hope and trust your funds have a direct influence on the people or the group you're striving to help. With our new interactive [Engagement Map](#), you can learn exactly where your donations to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering are having impact.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), and the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) collaborated to develop this map which easily allows donors and others to connect to OGHS efforts in their communities, both in the U.S. and overseas. It is a tool that truly illustrates the breadth of the work performed across the church.

It is also a valuable tool for learning about the various volunteer, internship and advocacy opportunities offered by our program partners in ministry. My fellow colleagues in PHP and PDA invite you to take a close look to learn how our three ministries work together. Thank you for your generous contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering that affirms God's concern and love for people! Your contributions continue to positively impact thousands of lives in and outside the United States. Donations to OGHS are still made through the [OGHS donations page](#).

Let us know what you think! We'd love your feedback, email specialofferings@pcusa.org with your comments or questions.

"The OGHS ministries are driven, not so much by who the recipients are, but by who we are – faithful and generous followers of Christ Jesus. As such, our intention is to follow the lead of Jesus who looks upon everyone as a valued child of God, worthy of God's good gift of life abundant. This is our foundation and motive."

The Reverend Joseph Johnson, Evergreen Presbyterian Church - Dothan, Alabama

2016 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

The 120 year old *Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* has transformed to a new digital-only resource. By offering this as a free resource through our website, we are able to broaden its reach, share inspiring content in a timelier manner, and demonstrate better stewardship.

Click the link below to read the daily Mission Yearbook article.



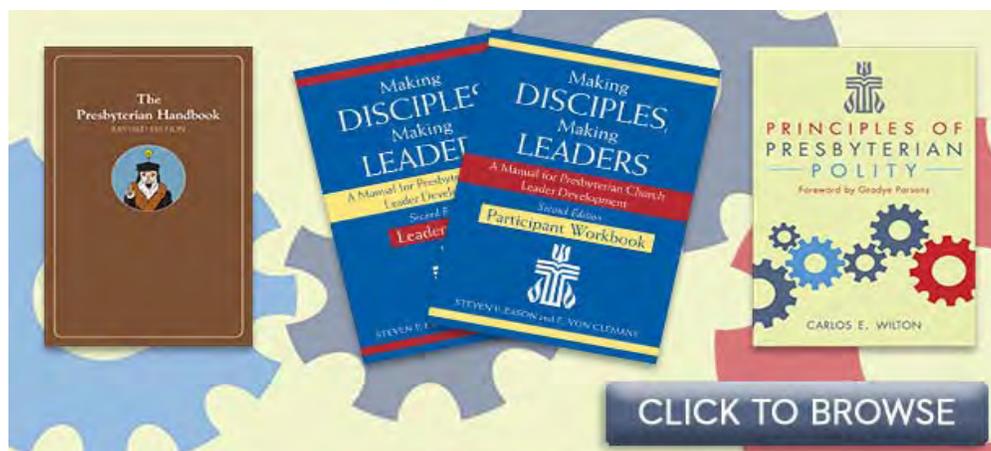


You can now order or preorder the newest resources for Presbyterian members and leaders.

The Presbyterian Handbook, Revised Edition is the perfect gift for new members. And **Principles of Presbyterian Polity** and the **revised editions of Making Disciples, Making Leaders** are excellent resources for your staff and leadership teams.

You can either click the links above or visit the PC(USA) Store at

<http://www.pcusastore.com/>



Furniture Medic by Abracadabra is an independently owned and operated franchise subsidiary of ServiceMaster located in Bethlehem. We specialize in commercial, precision on-site repair/restoration of wood furniture and fixed millwork, including pews, doors, floors, paneling etc.

Our services provide a cost-effective alternative to replacement, enabling Presbytery members to maintain the beauty, historic value and structural integrity of their churches and related buildings while saving money.

If we can help in any way, please call or e-mail me.

Gina Sutton, Senior Sales Mgr.

ginaFMbyAbra@ptd.net

Furniture Medic by Abracadabra

610-625-2330 Phone

484-547-4564 Cell

<http://fm22593.digibro.com>

www.furnituremedicbyabracadabra.com

Presentations at Luther Crest

The public is cordially invited to attend the following free presentation at **2:30 p.m.** in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104:

Ⓢ Revs. John and Dianne Kareha Deisinger on "South America and Antarctica": Tues., March 29, 2016

For more information, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest (610-391-8210).

Ministry with Our Elders (Senior Adults)

For Clergy, Parish Nurses, Secretaries of Congregations, Pastoral Care Visitors, and Other Caregivers

Luther Crest (800 Hausman Road, Allentown) will host a Moravian Theological Seminary course on Mondays, **April 4-May 9, 2016**, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

This six-week course is designed for clergy and laity who want to become more effective in ministry with the senior adults with whom they serve. Participants will have an opportunity to improve their skills of communication with older adults, as well as gain an understanding of the life issues that confront them.

The course will cover the following topics: grief, dynamics and issues of dementia and aging, caring for the caregiver, life review, spirituality and faith, visitation and communication skills, effects of aging on family systems, and community resources.

Cost for this 1.8 CEU course is \$60 (payable to Moravian Theological Seminary, 1220 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018-6650); early bird registration is \$50 (by March 28, 2016). For more information, please contact Luther Crest's Chaplain Dianne Kareha (610-391-8210) or go to <http://www.moravianseminary.edu/continuing-ed>

"Journey through Grief" at Luther Crest

Luther Crest will host a "Journey through Grief" group on Mondays, **April 4-May 9, 2016** from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

For more information or registration, please contact Lutheran Congregational Services, [610-770-9205](tel:610-770-9205). This 6-week series is open to all; and there is no fee, thanks to the generous sponsorship of J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Inc.

Luther Crest to Host Model Passover Seder Dinner

Would you like to experience the beautiful traditions and the distinctive foods of a Passover Seder? (As you may know, Passover is a Jewish commemoration of deliverance from bondage. According to the gospels, the "Last Supper" that Jesus shared with his disciples occurred around the time of the celebration of Passover.)

On Tuesday, **April 19, 2016, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.** in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, Katyah Gohr will lead a model Seder service, which will include a full, buffet-style meal.

Cost is \$11.00 (checks payable to "Luther Crest" due by 4/12/16). For reservations or questions, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest (610-391-8210) by Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

Rev. Dianne Kareha
Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest
800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104
610-391-8210 email: karehad@diakon.org website: www.diakon.org

COMING THIS SUMMER

	<p><i>Frederick Buechner Writers Workshop</i> June 7–10, 2016. Registration is now open for this summer workshop designed for writers and pastors seeking to communicate their Christian faith with clarity and power. Leadership includes Philip Yancey, Kathleen Norris, Jeff Chu, Marilyn Nelson, and many more.</p> <p>REGISTER NOW</p>
	<p><i>The Engle Institute of Preaching</i> June 12–17, 2016. Practice the craft of preaching in the company of colleagues at the Engle Institute of Preaching. Apply to be a 2016 Engle Fellow if you are in the first three to seven years of your preaching ministry.</p> <p>LEARN MORE</p>
	<p><i>The Annual Black Theology and Leadership Institute</i> July 17–23, 2016. Grow spiritually. Be challenged. Apply to be part of the 4th Annual Black Theology and Leadership Institute. The theme is “African American Biblical Interpretation in a Protest Era.” Leadership includes Neichelle R. Guidry, Marion Hall, Obery Hendricks, Lisa Bowens, and more.</p> <p>LEARN MORE</p>
	<p><i>Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry</i> April 26–29, 2016. Youth ministers were born to dream! Join fellow youth leaders, scholars, and innovative thinkers to consider what it means for the church and youth ministry that Christ is “making all things new!”</p> <p>REGISTER NOW</p>

Questions about events described in this newsletter can be directed to 609.497.7990.
 More information is also available at ptsem.edu/coned.

The Biblical Art of Sadao Watanabe on Exhibit in the Harrington Center

Decatur, GA—The Center for Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary is hosting a new exhibit, *Witness to Faith: The Biblical Art of Sadao Watanabe*, featuring original works of graphic art by Japan's foremost Christian artist of the 20th century. The exhibit is on display now through April 25, 2016 in the Harrington Center. The Columbia Seminary campus located at 701 S. Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA near Atlanta. The event is open to the public.

Born in 1913, Watanabe was baptized as a Christian at age 17 and devoted his life to depicting the stories of the Bible in a visual language understandable to the Japanese. Watanabe saw himself as a Christian printmaker whose mission was "to stand within the artistic tradition of Japan." In his interpretations, the creatures entering Noah's Ark correspond to the animal signs of the Asian zodiac; Jesus and his disciples wear kimonos and gather at the Last Supper to eat fish and drink sake.

Watanabe found inspiration in the mingei folk art movement that developed in Japan in the mid-1920s to promote traditional handcrafts made from natural materials. Working with his wife, Harue, Watanabe cut all his stencil patterns by hand and printed his images on handmade paper, coloring them with vegetable and mineral pigments.

He created small biblical scenes on untreated sheets of washi Japanese paper and large folio-sized prints on momigami wrinkled paper, made by crumpling and stretching sheets of mulberry paper to create a textured surface. Examples of both types of prints can be seen in the exhibition along with Christmas cards and calendars with print reproductions that Watanabe authorized for publication each year.

The exhibit is on display on the second floor of the Harrington Center through April 25. It is open to the public during regular office hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday). Arrangements to view the exhibit at other times may be made by contacting the Center for Lifelong Learning at 404-687-4577 or lifelonglearning@ctsnet.edu.

For more information, please contact:

Corie Cox
Media and Marketing Coordinator, Center for Lifelong Learning
CoxC@CTSnet.edu 404-687-4636

Columbia Theological Seminary 701 S. Columbia Drive Decatur, GA 30031

2016 LEHIGH PRESBYTERY STATED MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** – dinner will be served at \$8.00 per person (must RSVP) – First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.
- **Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** – dinner will be served at \$8.00 per person (must RSVP) – Pennside Presbyterian Church, 253 N. 25th Street, Reading, PA.
- **Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.** – dinner will be served at \$8.00 per person (must RSVP) – College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead Street, Easton, PA.
- **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.** – no meal served – Community Presbyterian Church, 1755 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA