



July 8, 2015

Special Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery Called



A special meeting of Lehigh Presbytery has been called for Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 304 Mahoning Street, Lehighton, PA. The purpose of this meeting is to examine candidate Kari Anne Olson for ordination and installation as Pastor of the Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church, Summit Hill, PA; and receive her as a member of Lehigh Presbytery, when the way be clear.

This will be a short meeting with one item of business. No meal will be served. Commissioners are asked to RSVP their attendance to the Presbytery office by

Monday, July 13, 2015. Documents for this meeting can be found on the website at www.lehighpresbytery.org

Highlights from the June Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery



The Stated Meeting of the Lehigh Presbytery took place on June, 23, 2015 at United Presbyterian Church in Slatington, PA. Teaching Elder Laura Stone delivered greetings from the United Presbyterian Church congregation and shared some of the churches history and details to help navigate the church building.

The Presbytery received the resignation of Teaching Elder Steven H. Shussett as Teaching Presbyter. Steve has taken a position as pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Allentown, PA. The Presbytery commissioners then celebrated the Ministry of Teaching Elder Steven Shussett during his tenure at Lehigh Presbytery. Steve's wife, Alicia, was also present. Teaching Elder Stephen Emick spoke about his friendship with Steve Shussett and how Steve became the teaching presbyter of Lehigh Presbytery. Teaching Elder R.C. Smith offered best wishes and Godspeed on Steve's new career. Several gifts of appreciation were presented to Steve. Teaching Elder Tim Dooner spoke of his relationship with Steve and the Shussett family as their minister at Faith Church. Teaching Elder Sue Bennetch read a letter from the Teaching Elder Sue Wonderland, Transitional Director, Synod of the Trinity, who sent greetings, well wishes and more blessings. She noted that Teaching Elder Steve Shussett had "served decently and with order during his time at the Lehigh Presbytery".



The Celebration continued as Teaching Elder Ruth Ann Christopher gave an update on Camp Kirkwood – Brainerd. The Day Camper program has 20 registered Campers and the Overnight Camp has 225 Campers. Lehigh Campers were able to take advantage of the generous scholarships offered this year. The swing circle and the Chapel from Camp Brainerd have been moved and assembled at the Kirkwood Brainerd Camp. The bell and flag pole have also been moved to the new camp but are in need of

installation. Ruth Ann made a plea for volunteers to help build the platforms/bases for these two items. There is also need for volunteers to help with other projects to get the Camp in shape for the campers. Those interested in volunteering should contact Teaching Elder Ruth Ann Christopher, all skill levels are welcome. The Presbytery then voted to accept the offer from Camp Papillion Pet Rescue to buy the Brainerd Property. The Presbytery also approved the offer on the Site Manager's house to a buyer, when the way is clear.

Teaching Elder Sue Bennetch celebrated the 116 years of ministry of the Olivet United Presbyterian Church, Easton, PA. Their final worship was May 10, 2015. Sue moved, on behalf of the Administrative Commission, that Lehigh Presbytery accept the offer for sale of the Olivet United Presbyterian Church at 1151 Northampton St., Easton, PA, if the way be clear. The buyer's plans are to convert the building into a Shelter and Medical Clinic for the Homeless, including a drop-in safe place for the neighborhood. Some on the session members shed tears of joy when they realized that their beloved church could possibly come alive for this proposed center. The Teaching Elder George Taylor praised the work/hours Teaching Elder Sue Bennetch, Teaching Elder Tillie Chase and the Administrative Commission spent in the transitional time while dissolving the Olivet United Church. Moderator Duquette expressed his profound thanks and dismissed the Administrative Committee on behalf of the Lehigh Presbytery.

The Presbytery elected the slate of Ordination Exam readers presented by Ruling Elder Sally Heimbach, Chair of the Committee on Shared Gifts. They are Ruling Elder Suzanne Seem (Faith Emmaus), Elder Vicki Bowers (Pennside Reading), Elder Martha Cox (First Lehigh), Alternate Ruling Elder Judy Steinberg (College Hill), Teaching Elder Barbara Lucia, Teaching Elder Steve Simmons, Teaching Elder Tillie Chase, and Alternate Teaching Elder Steve Shussett. Exam reading will begin in August.

Sally also reported that Lehigh Presbytery is seeking two Ruling Elders, two Teaching Elders, and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to represent Lehigh Presbytery at the 222nd General Assembly, June 18-25, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. Anyone interested should fill out an application and submit it to the Presbytery office no later than September 22, 2015. The Commissioners and YAAD will be elected on the November Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery. This year the Presbyterian Church (USA) has provided a dependent care reimbursement policy. You can find more information on the Lehigh Presbytery website at <http://lehighpresbytery.org/news-events/general-assembly/>.

The Committee on Shared Gifts will also be looking for nine people, who are interested in the camping ministry, to serve on the Camp Kirkwood-Brainerd Board of Trustees. They are also looking for people to serve on all Committees of Lehigh Presbytery, especially the Committee on Ministry. If anyone is interested in serving on these committees and boards, please contact Sally Heimbach or the Presbytery office.



Teaching Elder Tim Dooner, Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented two candidates interested in coming under care of Lehigh Presbytery as inquirers. Adam Demetros (East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church) and Chera Wertz (Pennside Presbyterian Church) shared their faith journey. Adam is attending Princeton Theological Seminary and expressed that he is more called to Pastoral Care in a hospital setting at this time. In his youth he spent a lot of time in the hospital and understands patient needs. Chera is attending

Palmer Theological Seminary and expressed an interest in Hospice work or hospital chaplain. Upon successful examination by the Presbytery commissioners, both candidates were received under care as inquirers. The pastors and commissioners from the Pennside and East Stroudsburg church were invited to lay hands on and pray for Adam and Chera as they begin their journey.



During Open Mic time Teaching Elder Dianne Kareha, (FPC-Allentown) spoke about the Peace & Global Witness Offering which enables the Presbyterian Church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice and allows us to strengthen peace-building efforts around the world bringing witness through Christ. She spoke of a couple in South Sudan.

Teaching Elder David Duquette reported for the Lead Team that the Stated Clerk's position hours have been raised from 10 hours a week to 20 hours a week to accommodate the increase in work during the Presbytery's transition. Her pay will reflect that increase.

Marsha Heimann, Stated Clerk thanked Joyce Smothers for her dedication and commitment as Teaching Elder Steve Shussett' Journal Writer during his tenure as Stated Clerk of Lehigh Presbytery. Thanks were also expressed to Teaching Elder Sue Bennetch for her attention to details, her commitment to the closing of Olivet United Presbyterian Church in Easton as Chair of the Administrative Commission. And to all the members of the Administrative Commission, thank you for easing the pain of the members of the church and persevering through this task.

Teaching Elder Cindy Simmons (First Presbyterian Church of Easton) reported that many sanitary kits were assembled and distributed to Church World Services. Kirkland and Westminster Villages made up the kits.

Teaching Elder Lois E. Randolph (First Presbyterian Church of Lehigh) announced a healing service to be held on August 6, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church, 304 Mahoning Street, Lehigh, PA.

A very special Worship service of Celebration included a sermon by Teaching Elder Steve Shussett. Communion was celebrated with elements prepared by Ruling Elder Ben Hooper.

A delicious dinner was graciously prepared by the members of United Presbyterian Church, Slatington and served buffet style. The Presbytery is grateful for the hospitality of the church.

The remainder of the evening was spent on the theme of ***"New Beginnings – Possibilities and Opportunities."***

- Teaching Elder Stephen Emick and Teaching Elder Tillie Chase presented details of the results from the Church Assessment. The Church Assessment was meant to offer the opportunity for Presbytery to check in with every congregation. Ten out of the 32 churches chose not to participate in the assessment. Explanation of the Churches Lifecycle was offered
- Teaching Elder Tim Dooner presented the results of the Holy Cow survey. The Holy Cow survey shows that Lehigh Presbytery is surviving in the Wilderness for the time being and there is much uncertainty. Tim proclaimed "Have faith, God is with us." He asked the question "Where are we?" The survey showed that Lehigh Presbytery is high in age of our members and high in their tenure. We cannot go back to where we were. Where are we going to go? We need to cultivate trust. It is our job to equip our Pastors and our Sessions and to look at Mission and Vision. Our Polity requires affirming the Lehigh Presbytery. Affirming responsibility to Develop Strategy, Congregations, and Leadership.
- Treasurer, Marianne Kitzmiller presented the financial update and future possibilities.

This presentation was followed by a question and answer period. The meeting was then closed with prayer by Moderator Dave Duquette.

Marsha Heimann
Stated Clerk

Knowing Your Past to Live into God's Future

At the June 23, 2015 Presbytery Meeting, your leadership presented several views of the current status of the Presbytery and how that might inform us as we move into a new future.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Stephen Emick and Tillie Chase presented the summary of the findings from the Self-Assessments that churches in the Presbytery were asked to complete a year ago. That report can be found by clicking the link at the end of this summary.



Some of the areas that they highlighted were the fact that of the 32 churches who were asked to complete the self-assessment, they received 22 responses, of the 10 who did not complete the self-assessment, 7 churches chose not to participate.

They pointed out that although the majority of churches within our Presbytery are small in both membership and attendance with 26 experiencing worship attendance of fewer than 100, this is within the average for the PC (U.S.A.). However they found that 8 churches in the Presbytery have less than 20 people worshipping on any given Sunday. Only 14 churches in our Presbytery have called and installed Pastors. And only 8 churches are self-sustaining meaning that their income is higher than their annual expenses.

In follow-up meetings with sessions, they asked these sessions to identify where on the Lifecycle they saw themselves. Five churches categorized themselves as in the Growth area, five in the Maturity area, four as Plateau, four in the Decline/Drop Off area and two at Death. The Committee on Ministry also identify three churches that they feel are at a critical juncture in their lives and that these three churches are where the Committee on Ministry should devote concentrated effort as they move forward.

The report provides significant areas for celebration within our Presbytery, but also identifies areas where they see challenges ahead. Our opportunity as a Presbytery is to celebrate our gifts and find ways to make those challenges opportunities for growth.

<http://lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/committees/committee-on-ministry/presbytery-wide-congregational-self-assessment/>

LETTER FROM THE MODERATOR OF LEHIGH PRESBYTERY



To the saints called by God to be Lehigh Presbytery:

While there is much to be done and much being done, I hope that each of us will find some time for refreshment and renewal this summer. Prior to this week's meeting of the Lead Team that was graciously hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Mahanoy City, I had the pleasure of discovering Tuscarora State Park and look forward to returning for more hiking and kayaking.

I needed that and I commend our state parks and the beauty God has placed all around us to you as a simple way to take care of your souls.

Our June meeting marked major changes in our life together, and I write to update you on further developments.

First, we have received the check for the Brainerd property and will be mailing it to Camp Kirkwood-Brainerd in the next few days. As per our action, this money will be used for camp scholarships and for capital improvements. The Camp Transition Team met at Camp Kirkwood-Brainerd and it was great to see a field full of laughing children having a grand time. Per some members here at Pennside, their daughters came home singing praise songs and are already looking forward to next year.

Christian camping ministry has a bright future in our region!

Second, we learned prior to our meeting of action by the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, to enter into our Gracious Dismissal Process.

What does this mean? What can we expect? What is going on?

It means that a process of discernment has been initiated. Our Gracious Dismissal Process focuses on the following questions (the full policy is on our website):

"In all matters relating to this subject, the following three questions should be considered:

- a. Is God leading this particular congregation to seek dismissal from Lehigh Presbytery and the PC (USA)?
- b. If God is leading this congregation to seek dismissal from Lehigh Presbytery and the PC (USA), how can that be accomplished in a way that honors Jesus Christ?
- c. If God is leading this congregation toward restoration of fellowship with Lehigh Presbytery and the PC (USA), how can that be accomplished in a way that honors Jesus Christ?"

To be clear: This does not mean that First Bethlehem has decided to leave the denomination. That may be the outcome of this process; it also may not be the outcome. The answer to the above questions lies further down the road.

So, expect that discerning these answers will take some time. Our process seeks the will of God through the voice of the congregation (much as we do in calling teaching elders and electing ruling elders and deacons). Hearing the voice of 2400+ members is quite a challenge as not only do the Presbytery Engagement Team (PET) and the Special Committee of the Congregation (SCC) need to hear the voice, but the congregation needs to hear itself in a way that gives room for all to speak and be heard.

Once the PET and SCC concur that the congregation has been heard and that there is clarity about which direction to pursue, we will then determine next steps toward the answer the congregation desires to achieve. These could be:

1. Developing a reconciliation process by which First Bethlehem can remain in the Presbyterian Church USA and be true to its mission and vision.
2. Developing Terms of Dismissal by which First Bethlehem can leave the Presbyterian Church USA with its name and assets and by which Lehigh Presbytery and thereby the Presbyterian Church USA are compensated for this loss.
3. Developing some middle ground response that provides care for the significant portion of the congregation that wants to stay in the Presbyterian Church USA and the significant portion of the congregation that wants to leave but does not have the required 66% vote of the congregation to leave with both the name and the assets.

What is going on?

First, I appreciate the regular communication that is taking place between the Session of First Bethlehem and the Presbytery. It sounds like the Session is prepared to appoint the SCC and get started. I appreciate their patience with the Lead Team as we get the PET up and running.

The Lead Team is working on getting a PET in place. Our goal is to appoint the PET at our August meeting, do some training in August, and then begin to dialogue with the SCC in September. Given the scale of First Bethlehem, this will be a much larger PET than we've previously appointed. Our goal is to have a PET of 7 members with 7 alternates with the possibility of recruiting additional assistance so as to conduct the listening sessions in a timely and constructive fashion.

In the meantime, if you would like more information about some topic or concern, feel free to send me an email (pastordave@pennsidepresby.org) or give me a call (610/507-3927). We are all members of Lehigh Presbytery and the Lead Team and I am at your service.

And while the August location of the Lead Team meeting will be back in Allentown, September is open and we would welcome another change of scenery!

Again, my thanks to the First Presbyterian Church of Mahanoy City and the Rev. Leon Morgan for hosting us this week!

In Christ,



Rev. David J. Duquette
Moderator, Lehigh Presbytery

Kirkwood-Brainerd CAMP 2015

The camping season is in full swing. You can view a video on you tube of the kids enjoying their time at camp. Just click this link: <https://youtu.be/RMqlspGTAu0>



There is still room for you check it out and join us for a week of fun in the sun!

The Kirkwood-Brainerd Camp is located at 127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA.

For summer camp choices visit: <http://kirkwoodcamp.org/summercamp.html>

For summer day camp visit: <http://kirkwoodcamp.org/daycamp.html>

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR ELDER COMMISSIONER AND YAAD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 172 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.

Lehigh Presbytery is seeking applicants for **two Teaching Elder** and **two Ruling Elder Commissioners** and **one Young Adult Advisory Delegate** to the **222nd General Assembly** of the Presbyterian Church (USA) being held **June 18–25, 2016** in **Portland, Oregon**. We are seeking prospective candidates who wish to contribute to the building of God's kingdom through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

You may nominate yourself or you may be aware of an individual whom you believe to be a qualified candidate. That person may only need a word of encouragement to get them to take the first step. Do not feel obliged to recommend or encourage anyone, but be prayerfully open to how the Spirit might be guiding you.

As Presbyterians we believe that any one person might be the instrument through whom God will work at a particular time. Thank you for taking the time to help us, in word and prayer, as we seek to be as faithful as we can.

Application can be found on the Presbytery website (www.lehighpresbytery.org) or by calling the Presbytery office. **Applications are due by September 22, 2015.**

Join Us --- Mission Work Trip to Pt. Pleasant, NJ



The Helping Hands Care Team of Lehigh Presbytery is planning a mission work trip to Pt. Pleasant, NJ on **October 4-10, 2015** to assist with the ongoing recovery efforts after Hurricane Sandy caused extensive damage to the churches and homes.

They are seeking volunteers to help with the reconstruction with ***no specific skills or experience required***, other than to be flexible and provide whatever help is needed. Of course, plumbing, electrical, roofing, and dry wall installation skills are always welcome.

Volunteers will be staying at Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Bay & Forman Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ; and sleeping on bunk beds with showers and bathrooms available on site. Meals will be provided.

Cost is \$125.00 per person and volunteers must register by September 25, 2015. For more information and registration forms, please visit the Lehigh Presbytery website at <http://lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/care-teams/helping-hands/> or call (610-391-9020) or email (office@lehighpresbytery.org) the Presbytery office.

Come and be a witness to the healing love of Christ by caring for communities who have been affected by a catastrophic event.

Resources to Help Prepare Houses of Worship for Emergencies

On July 1st the Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships presented a webinar entitled "Resources to Help Prepare Houses of Worship for Emergencies." During this hour and one-half long webinar many resources are made available. Live links are provided during the webinar for the downloading of the resources. The webinar features many preparedness resources available from Homeland Security, FEMA, DOJ and others. It focuses on a free resource Guide for Developing Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship.

We are sharing this webinar link with your presbytery and congregations. It features many preparedness resources available from Homeland Security, FEMA, DOJ and others. It focuses on a free resource Guide for Developing Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship. By stopping the webinar along the way active hyperlinks to various resources allow direct downloading of the resources.

The webinar can be viewed at this URL:

<https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/p6jrqxbd8gw/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal>

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Stated Clerk, Synod of the Trinity
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From the 2015 Monthly Prayer Guide:

JULY 2015

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CATASAUQUA
LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL MISSION**

"Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13 (NIV)

Mission giving is a prominent part in the lives of our church membership here at the Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua. The Church Mission Team and Presbyterian Women's Circle reach out with love to our local community and the surrounding area. Both groups work toward helping others help themselves.

Our church sponsors a Community Luncheon once a month and invites the community to come and share a free meal. The Deacon Committee offers assistance for families having financial issues and needing a hand to lift them up and over this valley in their lives. This program is made possible through their "Soup and Sandwich" program held once a month.



Our church will sponsor a new program this fall directed at obtaining groceries for households at a "low cost". Everyone will benefit because all will be receiving foods that are fresh, healthy and nutritious. Several community groups meet within our church having different needs. They include Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Recently our Church Mission Team hosted a luncheon for the Rev. Doug and Mrs. Elaine Baker, PC (USA) liaisons from Ireland. Rev. Baker followed this luncheon with a slide presentation showing our congregation their mission journey and the work being done in Ireland.

On Sunday, July 13, 2014 we honored our pastor, Rev. P. Doug Cronce, as he celebrated his 35th year as an ordained Minister. Congratulations!

Join Us in Prayer...

- to enable us to serve our church membership and the surrounding communities, children and seniors
 - for families who are in need and seek our help to grow in God's love
 - for global church communities helping others to find our Lord and Savior
 - for harmony within our church
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We are seeking Articles on Your Church's Global, National or Local Mission Works for the 2016 Monthly Prayer Guide

We would like to once again **highlight** Lehigh Presbytery churches with both **your local and international mission** accomplishments and ongoing projects in the **2016 Monthly Prayer Guide**.

Please review the guidelines below and submit your article to Robin at the presbytery office (office@lehighpresbytery.org) by **July 27, 2015**.

GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSION:

- **150-200 word article** highlighting your global, national or local mission works; significant event(s) and or people.
- **2-3 pictures** (picture size will be adjusted to fit length of content)
- Provide **3 concerns or joys** to be prayed for
- Short **scripture passage** with Bible version noted

If you are not able to meet the deadline but would like to be included in the Prayer Guide, please contact Robin to discuss an extension.

For reference you can **view** the **2015 WMCT Monthly Prayer Guide** online at <http://lehighpresbytery.org/resources/prayer/> or <http://lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/care-teams/worldwide-ministries/worldwide-ministries-prayer-guides/>

We look forward to your participation to make the 2016 Prayer Guide a success!

2015 – 2017 BOOK OF ORDER



This book is Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and contains the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, the Form of Government, the Directory for Worship, and the Rules of Discipline. Additional information is provided to the reader through the inclusion of Received Ecumenical Statements of Guidance and Articles of Agreement.

If you or your church wishes to order any printed copies, Lehigh Presbytery will be placing a bulk order to receive the lowest price of **\$8.50** per book. Please fill out the form and return it with your check to the presbytery office.

Please respond to the Presbytery office by **September 1, 2015** if you wish to take advantage of Lehigh's bulk order.

2015-2017 Book of Order (Item Number: OGA15001) - ORDER FORM

Discounted Price of \$8.50 each Quantity _____ Total Due \$ _____

Name of Person ordering: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

WEBINAR: Protecting PA's Children: What Adult Volunteers Working With Children Need to Know

Update: On July 1st Governor Tom Wolf signed House Bill 1276 into law (known as Act 15 of 2015)

Over the last year, Pennsylvania enacted significant child protection reforms related to how child abuse is defined, reported and investigated. Act 15 of 2015 clarifies and changes some of these earlier legal requirements impacting adult volunteers, particularly if the volunteer has a legal duty to report suspected child abuse and obtain comprehensive criminal and child abuse background checks. Join us for an interactive webinar to sort through what has changed in PA law and what it means for volunteers.

This webinar is intended to provide practical guidance and real time answers to questions about what all these new legal changes mean.

Ms. Palm and Ms. Mundy will help you make sense of the following:

- Volunteers' role as mandated reporters
- Requirements as to when to report
- Reporting process
- Background checks requirements from both the perspective of the volunteer and the agency relying on volunteers
- Training resources

There will be a facilitated opportunity for questions and answers.

Presenters:

Cathleen Palm, Founder
Center for Children's Justice
<http://www.c4cj.org/>

Mandy Mundy, Director of Education and Training
Network of Victim Assistance
Bucks County, PA
www.novabucks.org

Registration fee: \$15 per person

Click here to register Now- 3 dates offered!

Contact: Network of Victim Assistance
215-343-6543 - mandy@novabucks.org

PLEASE NOTE:

During the week of **July 13th**, there will be times the phones at the Presbytery office will not be manned as we will be busy cleaning out the files. So please leave a message on the voice mail or email and we will get back to you promptly.

The office **will be open** for meetings.



CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION TRAINING

Dear Colleagues in Ministry:

Over the years I have been asked repeatedly if there is Clinical Pastoral Education training here at Pocono Medical Center/Pocono Health System. In the past I provided basic information as to what has been available in the larger region and mentored as requested as area clergy trained elsewhere because we did not have a training site here. I am pleased and excited to tell you that beginning in **October 1, 2015** we will be ***offering our first Clinical Pastoral Education unit here at Pocono Medical Center/Pocono Health System.***

Our first unit will be offered on an extended basis in order to meet the needs of those of you who desire training but cannot be involved in a fulltime unit that consists of ten forty hour weeks. An extended unit allows completion of the 400 hours in roughly a 31 week period (allowing time off during the Holy seasons) so that participants may continue with their full time ministry duties.

We will have provisional accreditation as a training site, leading to full accreditation, through the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. This organization, as well as organizations such as ACPE and NACC, is recognized as an accredited provider of Clinical Pastoral Education by COMISS Network—The Network on Ministry in Specialized Settings. Anyone training during this period and successfully completing the requirements will receive a certificate of completion that is recognized in addition by numerous faith groups who require a basic unit of CPE for those seeking ordination (This is an extensive list and information linking to this list will be provided upon request and within the training manual for participants).

We will be joining a long established training program serving a long list of health systems such as Robert Wood Johnson and University of Pittsburgh Health System—to name two recognized names in our region.

For me personally, this is the fulfillment of a dream wherein we develop a partnership in providing the best possible spiritual care for those entrusted to your care, not only during hospitalization, but within your congregations on a daily basis.

Anyone desiring more information, as well as to apply, should contact me via my email or direct phone line: ssneed@poconomedicalcenter.org or 570-476-3329.

Please do not postpone contacting me as we are limited to six interns (participants) selected from the pool of applicants to begin our first unit and October will be here sooner than we think 😊.

Deadline for applications is August 15, 2015 so that applicant interviews can be conducted and final selection of participants by September 1, 2015.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Blessings and best regards,
Rev. Dr. Sherrie L. Sneed
Director, Pastoral Care Services, Pocono Health System



Dear friends,

I'm excited to tell you about our 21 interns who gathered in June for the first-ever national **1001 Internship Training**. [MORE](#). These folks represent the breadth of new leaders joining the worshiping community movement. They will

benefit from missional theological reflection and coaching as they faithfully work at creating ministries from scratch.

You can even support them [here](#). Simply add word intern—along with the name of the person you'd like to support in the comment section when you make your gift.

Our newest Residents in 1001 will spend the year in Philadelphia, where they will pilot our New Worshiping Community residency in partnership with [Broad Street Ministry](#); 10 are the spending the summer discerning at [Northland Village Church in Los Angeles](#); and eight from around the country will develop a new ministry in their local contexts over the next nine months. [Meet them all here](#).

Thanks for your partnership in 1001 movement—for helping identify these faithful, promising leaders. I'm excited to see how God moves among them and us as they gain experience alongside experienced mentors this summer, and in the coming year.

In Christ, Sara Hayd



Go. Disciple. Live.
Our ministry team continues to focus its works on helping churches and presbyteries,

- **Go** beyond church walls,
- **Disciple** by learning and growing together to be like Jesus,
- **Live** thriving in mission, where God has placed us.

One of the ways we do this is through the [1001 new worshiping communities](#) movement. If you're interested in or leading a NWC join us at our upcoming national [1001NWC conference: Pursued by Grace](#), August 10-13, in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Our July special registration rate is only \$150—so [register now!](#)

Find out how God is using this journey called 1001 to create new life and leadership for the church — meet our [2015 interns and residents](#) potential leaders of new worshiping communities!

Receive updates on our ministries through our monthly e-newsletters, [The Presbyterian Disciple](#), or [New Church, New Way](#). Scroll down to [Evangelism and Discipleship](#) and sign up.

I'm grateful to be in ministry with you. Thanks be to God.

Chip Hardwick

PURSUED BY GRACE

*National 1001 New Worshiping
Communities Conference*



Pursued by Grace—National 1001 New Worshiping Communities Conference, St. Pete Beach Florida, August 10-13—for anyone interested in the ‘1001 movement’ or involved with New Worshiping Communities. [See the Schedule of Events and Conference Booklet.](#)

Read how the ‘Pursued by Grace’ theme came to conference planners—as they were preparing [for this diverse conference.](#)

REGISTER NOW

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** – **Joint Meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery Lead Team** at the First Presbyterian Church, Weatherly, PA.
- **Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** – **Special Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery** at the First Presbyterian Church, 304 Mahoning Street, Lehighton, PA 18235
- **Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.** – **Moderator’s Forum** at the Washington Presbyterian Church, 715 N. 10th Street, Reading, PA 19604
- **Tuesday, August 4, 2015** – **Presbytery Lead Team** – place and time to be determined.

The **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** will not meet over the summer months. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.