



Lehigh Presbytery E-NEWS

“Strengthening & Supporting Congregations”

October 29, 2014

Ebola and its Growing Implications for Health, Hunger and Livelihoods in Sierra Leone and Liberia

You know about Ebola. You know it is serious.

Join the Presbyterian Mission Agency in learning through the lens of their work about the Ebola outbreak and its growing implications for health, hunger and livelihoods in Sierra Leon and Liberia. Hear from church leaders, a public health specialist and grassroots organizer about the facts on Ebola, what’s happening on the ground, how people are being impacted, and what the response has been.

This webinar will focus on the impacts of Ebola on rural communities involved with the West Africa Initiative (WAI), a collaboration between the Presbyterian Church (USA), Agricultural Missions, Inc., the Council of Churches in Sierra Leone and West Africa Initiative of Liberia, as well as the response of other ecumenical partners.

TITLE: Ebola and its Growing Implications for Health, Hunger and Livelihoods in Sierra Leone and Liberia

DATE: Monday, November 3, 2014

TIME: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST

System Requirements:

PC-based attendees - required Windows 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh based attendees – required Mac OS X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees – iPhone, iPad, Android phone or Android tablet

Space is limited. Reserve you Webinar Seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/657041306>

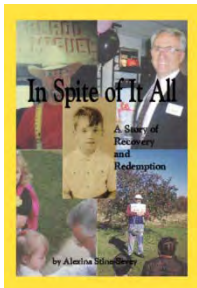
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Louisville, Kentucky 40202-1396

<http://www.pcusa.org/sdop/mission.htm>

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“Inspite of It All”

Alexina Stine-Sevey, a ruling elder at Stroudsburg First Presbyterian Church, has recently revised her book *In Spite of It All: A Story of Recovery and Redemption*. It is the powerful, inspiring story of her husband, Robert Andrew Sevey, who overcame great odds to become a “winner.” He was not famous, but his story is noteworthy. He was not nationally acclaimed, but he was one of many, many ordinary people who did remarkable things during their lives.

You can read more about this biography/memoir or order it at www.amazon.com/In-Spite-It-All-Redemption/dp/1460935349 or www.amazon.com/In-Spite-It-All-Redemption-ebook/dp/B003BIGFNY.

In a review of the book in First Presbyterian's monthly newsletter, Rev George Taylor wrote "*In Spite of It All . . .* is the unvarnished truth about a man who, like Jacob, wrestled with his demons and wrestled with his God. I have just finished reading Alex's book, and I must tell you I could not put it down. Alex brings Bob to life in all the exuberance, joy, and adventure in which Bob lived life."

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KENYA DINNER

Saturday, November 8, 2014

4:30 – 7:00 PM Eat In or Take Out

**Adults \$15 All Students \$8
(5 and under free)**

Enjoy a sampling of authentic Kenyan specialties:

- ***Samosas*** (savory appetizers), ***Pili-Pili*** (hot sauce), ***Kachumbari*** (chopped salad), ***Chapatti*** (flatbread), ***Basmati rice***, ***Cardamom Chicken*** (sautéed chicken breast), ***Mchuzi ya nyama*** (beef stew), ***Ugali*** (corn meal mush), ***Coconut Ndengu*** (green peas and coconut milk), ***Kabeji*** (sautéed cabbage), ***Sukuma Wiki*** (sautéed collard greens)

Dessert:

- ***Mandazi*** (Kenyan donuts) **and Ice Cream**, ***Kenyan Coffee*** (Kahawa#1) **and Chai Masala** (ginger tea with spices)

**Reservations recommended. Contact Shirley Van Norman, 610-258-4259
(shirlbimvannorman@verizon.net)**

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56th Annual Gymanfa Ganu "Welsh Hymn Sing"



Please join us at the United Presbyterian Church, 6750 PA Route 873, Slatington, PA 18080 on **November 9, 2014** for their 56th Annual Gymanfa Ganu" (Welsh Hymn Sing). The program will begin at **2:30 p.m.** and is open to everyone.

A "Te Bach" (Welsh Tea) will follow the program.

[Click here for more information.....](#)

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**We would like to offer a chance to change a student's life...
by helping them receive a scholarship worth... \$74,000!!!!**

THE YOUNG PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIP was established in 2002 to encourage and provide an opportunity for outstanding PC(USA) students to apply to **Westminster College**, one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges. The scholarship of \$74,000 for four years (\$18,500 per year) is for qualified high school seniors entering college the Fall of 2015.

Every PC(USA) congregation can nominate two students ~ every year!

Scholarship Requirements:

- 3.5 HSGPA (cumulative)
- PC(USA) Membership
- Written Nomination by Pastor/Congregation

NOTE PROGRAM DEADLINES !!

- **NOMINATIONS ~ DECEMBER 1st**
- **STUDENT APPLICATIONS ~ DECEMBER 15TH**

Nominate online @ www.westminster.edu/yps

For more information, contact Rev. Jim Mohr, College Chaplain, mohrjr@westminster.edu w 724-946-7116

Westminster College, 319 S. Market Street, New Wilmington, PA 16172

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**MUSLIMS COME TO ALLENTOWN
PRESENTATION AT LUTHER CREST**

The public is cordially invited to attend Dr. Bill Jennings' lecture, "Muslims Come to Allentown," on **Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 2:30 p.m.**, as well as a **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 2:30 p.m.** panel discussion of Dr. Manfred Bahmann's new book When All Hell Breaks Loose.

Both presentations will take place in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

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BEING PRESBYTERIAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*A Conversation with Leaders of
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

and

the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians



Thursday, November 13, 6:30-8:30PM
First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
2344 Center St., Bethlehem, PA 18017

Lehigh Presbytery and the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
are pleased to host a conversation between
two important Presbyterian voices — and YOU!

- **Dana Allin** is the Synod Executive for ECO. He previously served as ECO President, and before that, as Senior Pastor of the Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce, Florida.
- **Roger Dermody** is the Deputy Executive Director for Mission for the PCUSA. Prior to that he was the executive pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

The evening will include statements by Roger and Dana on several important matters facing Presbyterians today, and opportunity for you to ask questions on issues important to you in your ongoing faith journey.

Join us, for this rare opportunity to hear from two Presbyterian leaders serving two different denominations.

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PENNSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOSTS AN INFORMATIVE FORUM WITH THE REV. MARK KOENIG

PCUSA Ministry to the United Nations Director, the Rev. Mark Koenig, will offer a forum describing how this ministry offers our witness to the world.

The forum will feature the opportunity for questions and answers so that specific concerns can be addressed.

The date of this event is **November 22, 2014 at 1:00 PM** at Pennside Presbyterian Church, 253 North 25th Street, Reading, PA 19606.

For planning purposes, please **RSVP by November 13th** at 610/779-2929 if you plan to attend.

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Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment Equity Investments in Companies Doing Business in Israel

The recent General Assembly actions regarding investments in Israel have been of concern to many Presbyterians and their Jewish neighbors. The well-publicized decisions to act on holdings of Caterpillar, Motorola Solutions, and Hewlet-Packard stock have led some to believe that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has taken a stand against Israel, as opposed to a stand against those companies.

It is important to realize, however, that the PCUSA continues to have robust investment in Israeli companies, as well as national and international companies doing business in Israel.

According to the 2013 year-end report on the investments of the New Covenant Funds and the Presbyterian Foundation, and the April 30, 2014 holdings report of the Board of Pensions, PCUSA involvement is substantial.

The following list, which is only partial, includes Israeli companies, and international and U.S. companies doing business in Israel either through subsidiaries or selling products and/or services (some are members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Israel).

This partial listing alone totals over \$213 million according to the value at the time of the reports cited above.

Israeli Companies: Teva \$ 3,411,341 Checkpoint Software \$ 1,003,000 Bank Leumi \$ 19,347 ICL-Israel \$ 11,410 Delek Group \$ 5,241 Nice Systems \$ 848 Israel Corp. ORD \$ 6,687	International Companies: Unilever \$ 12,285,814	U.S. Companies: American Express \$ 19,528,682 Abbot Labs \$ 5,047,216 Applied Materials \$ 6,742,398 Analog Devices \$ 7,905,607 Air Products \$ 6,399,878 Apple \$ 25,027,608 Cisco Systems \$ 15,012,154 Coca-Cola \$ 142,874 DuPont \$ 1,346,400 Eli Lilly \$ 19,749,660 General Electric \$ 10,899,263 Intel \$ 11,512,138 McDonald's \$ 245,428 Microsoft \$ 44,834,524 Oracle \$ 9,388,399 Proctor & Gamble \$ 12,547,390
TOTAL \$ 213,073,307		

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How to Missional This Halloween

For some, Halloween is a time of fun, while others see it as contrary to Christian values.
Others still see Halloween as an **opportunity to share the Gospel!**

Go to

http://www.vergenetwork.org/free-guide-how-to-be-missional-this-halloween/?mc_cid=dc51817f3d&mc_eid=62899a4d4e

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As the church grows in mission and diversity, worship services are becoming more and more global in the languages spoken and sung. *Glory to God* includes hymnody from 6 different continents (no penguin hymns from Antarctica, sadly), over a dozen different printed languages, and music from many more countries. For the first time, Arabic and Mandarin Chinese (and other non-Romanic alphabet languages) are printed in their original characters in a Presbyterian hymnal.

More than twenty songs from the Taize community are included (like “Nothing Can Trouble/*Nada te turbe*” and “Be Not Afraid”), and equally as many from the Iona community (like “Will You Come and Follow Me” and “God Welcomes All”). Other global hymns and songs in *Glory to God* include “God Is Here Today/*Dios esta aqui*” (Honduras), “Praise God, All You Nations/*Da n’ase*” (Ghana), and “Come Now, O Prince of Peace/*O so so*” (Korea).

To learn more about *Glory to God*, or to order your own copy, visit www.thepresbyterianleader.com. Discounted prices and offers are available including a no-interest installment plan! Act now. These offers expire December 31, 2014. Visit www.thepresbyterianleader.com or call 1-800-533-4371 to speak with a Customer Service representative.

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Pathways for Clergy Renewal

Work-Life Balance: Maintaining Self While Giving to Others

Tuesday, November 4, 2014, 9:15 a.m.
(sign in and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m.) through 1:00 p.m.

Led by Stephen Treat, DMin, LMFT, Senior Therapist and CEO Emeritus, Council for Relationships

Clergy are often perceived by their congregants to be available 24/7. How do they maintain a sense of self and balance in a vocation which requires that clergy set their own boundaries? In this seminar, we will discuss core dynamics of effective leadership and the need to develop healthy boundaries in pastoral relationships.

Developing and Maintaining Healthy Relationships in Congregational Settings

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 9:15 a.m.
(sign in and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m.) through 1:00 p.m.

Led by Flo Guynn Stiffler, MDiv, LMFT, Director, Training for Clergy, and Senior Therapist & Stephen Treat, DMin, LMFT, Senior Therapist and CEO Emeritus, Council for Relationships

The demands and expectations of clergy within their congregational settings are complicated and challenging. This seminar will explore managing difference and conflict in our churches and synagogues, and the attitudes and skills needed to bring insight, understanding, healing and health to the relationships with our congregations.

Cost (including lunch): \$40 per session.

Both programs will be held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

To register, visit www.middletoncenter.org or call 610-525-0766.

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CROSSROADS

Road Hazards, our Congregational Ethics course, runs during November starting Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Four consecutive **Monday nights 6-9 pm (Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24)** and four consecutive **Saturdays 9am - noon (Nov 1, 8, 15 & 22).**

Learn about common financial issues, protecting children, power & control, decision making and other issues within congregations. In addition, participants work on a project about a societal ethical issue of their choosing to present to the class. Traditional ethical systems are explored along with a look at marketplace ethics. For more information contact Jill Peters at jpeters@moravian.edu or use the link below to learn more or register online.

www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads

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Presbyterian World Mission Encourages Congregations to Host an Event and Discussion About the Movie “The Good Lie.”



The movie, which opens in theaters October 3rd, focuses on the “Lost Boys,” who were orphaned by the brutal civil war in Sudan, beginning in 1983. Fifteen years later, a humanitarian effort would bring 3600 lost boys, as well as girls, to America.

Philippe Falardeau has written a moving screenplay which stars Academy Award® winner Reese Witherspoon alongside Sudanese actors, and children of war, Arnold Oceng, Ger Duany, Emmanuel Jal, and newcomer Kuoth Wiel.

Mamere and Theo are sons of the chief in their village in Southern Sudan. When an attack by Northern militia destroys their home and kills their parents, eldest son Theo is forced to lead a group of young survivors, including his sister Abital, on the difficult trek to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. Thirteen years later, the now young adults are given the opportunity to leave the camp and resettle in America. Upon arriving in Kansas, they are met by Carrie Davis (Witherspoon), an employment agency counselor who has been enlisted to help find them jobs—no easy task, when

things like light switches and telephones are brand new to them.

What:

Warner Brothers offered a few members of Presbyterian World Mission a sneak preview of the movie and we were moved by the story. It's a wonderful opportunity to invite your congregation, other churches and your community, to see and share a vivid reenactment of life in Sudan. *The movie is rated PG-13 because of some scenes of violence.*

When:

The movie opens in most theaters nationwide on October 3rd. For movie resources, go to: thegoodlieresources.com.

How:

If you decide to host a discussion group to talk about the movie, World Mission will supply mission co-workers, who have lived in Sudan, to speak to your audience.

Why:

This is an opportunity for your congregation to learn more about the South Sudan Education & Peacemaking Project. With its partners, Presbyterian World Mission has committed to providing quality education for children in South Sudan that instills Christian values, respect for women, loving our neighbor despite ethnic differences, and service to others. The goal is to help the country gain its educational footing while helping to foster a sustainable culture of peace. Attached is a summary of the project, along with a link for those who are interested in supporting it: [Download the PDF](#) and Donate to [E052172-1](#).

For more information about the movie, please contact Kathy Melvin in World Mission, (502) 569-5415 or email her at Kathy.Melvin@pcusa.org.

For more information about the PCUSA South Sudan Education Project, please contact Elizabeth Little at 980.224.8000 or elizabeth.little@pcusa.org. Thank you.

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JOIN THE CROWD -- #GIVINGTUESDAY

On December 2, 2014 the world comes together to give. Join your fellow Presbyterians and participate in the third annual #Giving Tuesday supporting mission and ministry at home and around the world. The Presbyterian Mission Exchange makes it easy to do all of your online giving in one place.

- Give to your home church
- Give to the Christmas Joy Offering and the One Great Hour of Sharing
- Give to Presbyterian mission workers in the countries you care about
- Give to the 1001 New Worshipping Communities church-planting effort
- Give to your Presbytery's work in your community
- Give to another Presbyterian-related mission organization

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND.

Learn more and make your gift on **Tuesday, December 2, 2014** at: www.PresbyterianMissionExchange.org/GivingTuesday

Don't miss your church's chance to be part of this world-wide giving day!

HOW IT WORKS

Charitable organizations around the world will participate in #GivingTuesday – encouraging contributions from current and new donors. Most of the giving will be done on-line.

The Presbyterian Mission Exchange provides a secure online giving platform for Presbyterian congregations and ministries. Operated by the Presbyterian Foundation, donors can use the site to make online gifts to any PC(USA) congregation, and to dozens of Presbyterian-related mission organizations – regional, national, and international.

QUESTIONS? Call Colleen Hahn (800-385-6127 ext 5905) or email (colleen.hahn@presbyterianfoundation.org)

PC(USA) #GivingTuesday is sponsored by:



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