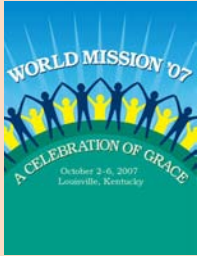


News and Information About Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



World Mission '07

Mark your calendars and plan to take part in *World Mission Celebration '07: A Celebration of Grace*, a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission gathering, October 2–4, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Inspiring speakers will share words of celebration and challenge. Hear plenary addresses by Ken Bailey, popular Bible study leader and retired missionary; Jerry Cannon, North Carolina pastor and president of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus; and Hendrik Shanazarian, executive secretary of the Synod of the Evangelical Church of Iran.

This event is for grassroots Presbyterians with a passion for world mission. Participants will include congregational, presbytery and synod mission leaders, mission volunteers, mission trip leaders, mission committee members and other mission supporters.

- Explore the breadth of the church's worldwide mission enterprise.
- Gain tools for mission participation.
- Talk with PC(USA) mission leaders.
- Meet PC(USA) mission personnel and international church partners.
- Experience worship filled with the sights and sounds of the global church.
- Celebrate the grace that beckons us to mission and sustains us in the journey.

After the conference, 30 PC(USA) missionaries will fan out across the country to tell the mission stories to presbyteries and congregations. These mission personnel will join us for conversation and worship. Conference participants will commission them to their

month-long effort called Mission Challenge '07. For more information, contact Kathy Reeves, 888/728-7228, ext. 5342, or kreeves@ctr.pcusa.org.



Director for Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries Named

Rhashell D. Hunter, a pastor and professor from Flint, Michigan, has accepted a call to become the first director of the Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries/ Presbyterian Women program area within the General Assembly Council. The new

position will oversee the General Assembly Council's mission activities in the areas of racial/ethnic congregational enhancement, new immigrant group ministries, racial ethnic schools and colleges, racial justice advocacy, women's advocacy, the National Network of Presbyterian College Women and Racial Ethnic Young Women Together. Rhashell also will serve as the primary General Assembly Council staff liaison with Presbyterian Women.

Rhashell Hunter is pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Flint, Michigan, where she has served since 1998. She also is adjunct professor of preaching at McCormick Theological Seminary. She earned a Doctor of Ministry degree (with an emphasis on preaching) and a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. She also received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Trinity University, a Presbyterian-related university in San Antonio, Texas.

Rhashell is a second-career clergyperson, having had a career in the performing arts in New York, Dallas and Houston. She has integrated her gifts in the performing arts with her ministry in the church and has provided experiences that integrate drama and dance into the worship life of the congregation. She will join the Louisville-based staff of the General Assembly Council in April.



Stories to Celebrate Homecoming

The Network of Biblical Storytellers (NOBS) will host its 20th annual Festival Gathering, August 1–4, 2007, at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center in Atlanta. The festival's theme is "Welcome Back—Stories to Celebrate Homecoming" and features plenaries, workshops, recreation and resources. NOBS is a 30-year-old ecumenical organization, whose mission is "to encourage everyone to learn and tell the biblical stories." To learn more about this event, call 800/355-6627 or visit www.nobs.org.



Joining the Cloud of Witnesses

May Denham, 1970–73 moderator of Presbyterian Women (or as the role and organization were then called, national president of United Presbyterian Women), died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Saturday, February 10, 2007. She was active

in the Presbyterian Church, beginning with participation in youth groups as a child; she stayed involved in the church her entire life and took on many leadership roles. She was a member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. She served on the board of directors for Presbyterian Hospital Center and as moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe. She is survived by her husband, Roy; brother, David Simms and his wife Betty Lou; and sister, Margery Miller. She was 82.

Photo by Fred Griffing



Another First

On February 3, 2007, Rosa Miranda became the first Mexican woman ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rosa Blanca Gonzalez Miranda was born and raised in Mexico City and is a graduate of Seminario Teologico Presbiteriano de Mexico. She serves as a new church developer at El Buen Pastor in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Photo courtesy of *Winston-Salem Journal* by Lauren Carroll

Honorarium Guidelines for PW

The following honorarium guidelines* have been provided at the request of the 2006 PW Churchwide Business Meeting voting delegates. They are guidelines for those who wish to provide honoraria for national leaders, the PW Bible study or Suggestions for Leaders author, other professionals and those you wish to thank monetarily for time spent preparing and participating in an event.

Please note, these are only guidelines, not PW or PC(USA) policy.

How much is a “typical” honorarium?

PW suggests that an honorarium should begin at \$250. (For a very short engagement—for example, a 20- to 60-minute talk at a one- or half-day event—\$150 should be sufficient.) An individual should, at minimum, receive a monetary thank-you in direct proportion to the contribution she or he offered (effort and time expended). For example, an individual who leads one three-hour workshop and keynotes at your event should receive an honorarium that fully reflects her contribution, which, in this case, would be greater than \$250. Remember that invited guests often must pay house sitters, child care or pet care expenses when they are away from home.

Does an honorarium replace travel and lodging expenses?

No. An honorarium is a gift, freely given to an individual in recognition of time, talent and effort. The inviting group is fully responsible for travel, lodging and meal expenses of the invited guest. PW staff travel is paid through national PW budgeted accounts.

Is it customary to provide an honorarium to PW staff?

If you wish to provide an honorarium to a staff person, please provide her with a check made payable to Presbyterian Women. Since PW staff travel is covered by the budget, this money will be credited to this person's travel account, allowing her to extend her travel opportunities for and within PW for the year.

How do we invite a Bible study author to our event?

PW's staff suggests that invitations to Bible study authors be extended directly to the authors themselves. Contact the PW senior associate editor (Lbradley@ctr.pcusa.org; 888/728-7228, ext. 5366) or the PW marketing associate (cherold@ctr.pcusa.org; 888/728-7228, ext. 5322) for author contact information.

*For more information or to see a complete version of these guidelines, visit www.pcusa.org/pw/leadership.



Celebration 200

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus will hold its 39th convention, July 11–15, 2007, in Philadelphia. **Celebration 200: Commemorating Liberation, Justice and Peace as African American Presbyterians** will provide “an old-fashioned town meeting,” allowing participants to discuss “issues that plague our church in the twenty-first century.” The event promises morning devotions and dynamic evening worship services, informal discussion groups and nationally known speakers. For more information or to register, call 877/654-4544 or email nbpcregistrar@aol.com.