

2009

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS



Peacemaking is the human response to God's gift of peace-giving. In an increasingly violent and unjust world, we as Christians are called to understand and address the root causes of violence and injustice as together we seek to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for all God's children. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program invites leaders from our partner churches around the world to share their experiences as peacemakers in their own lands.

International Peacemakers are leaders who are engaged in peacemaking in their own areas of the world. They are invited by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to visit with Presbyterians in the United States and to help us understand the peace and justice concerns of others around the world. As we broaden our sense of God's inclusive family, we also better understand the peace and justice issues in our own communities.

HOW DO YOU REQUEST VISITS?

International Peacemakers are available to presbyteries, synods, Presbyterian colleges and seminaries for itineration through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Requests for International Peacemakers should be made through your presbytery's peacemaking committee using the enclosed form and indicating your choices of speakers and dates. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis, and should be made in writing. **Please submit your request by June 15. You will receive confirmation by mid-July.**

DECADE OF THE CHILD

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program continues to observe the Decade of the Child (2001-2011), established by the 213th General Assembly. This year, several International Peacemakers are featured whose work focuses on or includes working with children and children's issues. These can be identified with this symbol:



INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS/ WORLD MISSION CHALLENGE PARTNERSHIP

Thanks to a collaborative effort between the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and World Mission Challenge, several International Peacemakers will be accompanied by PC(USA) mission workers. This arrangement will add a new dimension to the International Peacemakers Program and World Mission Challenge. Together they will share the story of how churches around the world live out their faith in the gospel. These include the teams from Sudan, the Philippines, Russia, Guatemala and Colombia. Our hope is that this will deepen and broaden the faith life of Presbyterians.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Hosts of International Peacemakers are asked to pay \$400 to help with travel costs within this country, and to provide room, board and ground transportation within the presbytery. The Peacemaking Program will cover international travel and part of domestic travel costs, and will make travel arrangements, purchase tickets, provide honoraria and health insurance, and inform hosts/hostesses of travel schedules. As soon as your Peacemaker's visit has been confirmed, instructions for payment of the \$400 will be sent to you.

WATER & THE ENVIRONMENT

As Christians we are called to show good stewardship of this planet which God has entrusted to us. This year we focus on the environment and water, and how making peace with the earth is part of peacemaking. Several International Peacemakers have expertise in this area, and can be identified with this symbol:



2009 INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS REQUEST FORM

For Presbyteries, Synods, Presbyterian Colleges, and Theological Institutions

Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis and must be received in writing by fax or mail.

Please print CLEARLY.

SPEAKER

1st Choice Speaker

2nd Choice Speaker

3rd Choice Speaker

DATES

International Peacemakers are available
September 25 – October 19 unless otherwise noted.
Suggested: choose 4 – 7 days.

1st Choice Dates

2nd Choice Dates

3rd Choice Dates

Keep in mind: the first and last days of your requested dates are for travel only.

AIRPORT

Because of cost and other factors, all IPs will be flown into and out of the same airport. Please plan your visitor's itinerary accordingly.

1st Choice Airport

2nd Choice Airport

This program is made possible by your generous gifts to the Peacemaking Offering.

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the International Peacemakers Program are ministries of the General Assembly Council Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/intl/international.htm

CONTACTS

Primary Contact Person

 Please provide ALL information

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Work phone

Cell phone

Fax

E-mail

Secondary Contact Person

 Please provide ALL information

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Work phone

Cell phone

Fax

E-mail

Presbytery or Institution Requesting Peacemaker

 Please provide ALL information

Name of Presbytery or Institution

Contact Person

If different from above:

Address

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Work phone

Cell phone

Fax

E-mail

Please return by **June 15** to:
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or fax your request to:
(800) 392-5788

SUDAN

Rev. Orozu Lokine Daky
Dr. Ingrid Reneau

Orozu is the regional coordinator of the Serving and Learning Together (SALT) Development Agency, which equips churches

and other organizations for the development of Sudan. An ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church in Sudan (PCOS), he provides leadership in building peace between the Dinka and Murle peoples, and coordinates peacemaking, mission and external relations for Eastern Jonglei Presbytery. He is married and has six children.

Ingrid works in southern Sudan in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Sudan, the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church and the Association of Christian Resource Organizations Serving Sudan (ACROSS). She helps implement plans to expand the church-sponsored school system, improve its administrative capabilities and strengthen its teaching methodologies. 

THE PHILIPPINES

Rev. Joel Tendero
Mr. Cobbie Palm

Joel has been involved in the peacemaking ministry of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) for more than two decades. He is an ordained minister and is

in his third term serving as Conference Minister of the Northeast Southern Tagalog Conference of the UCCP, which is in partnership with the PC(USA)'s Sacramento Presbytery. His wife is also an ordained minister and they have three daughters.

Cobbie, son of Presbyterian mission workers in the Philippines, has been under appointment since 1989. He is director of spiritual formation at the Divinity School at Silliman University, an institution founded by the PC(USA) in 1901 that has evolved into a premier academic institution under the auspices of the UCCP. He designs and facilitates spiritual retreats and workshops for the whole seminary community.



RUSSIA

Mr. Piotr Anatolyevich Romme
Mrs. Ellen Smith

Piotr is coordinator of a growing network of Roma churches and leaders that works to spread


the importance of ministry to the Roma people. Piotr is Russian-German, descended from the Volga River Germans who were transported to Siberia, where Piotr was raised. Translation will be provided by Ellen Smith.

Ellen and her husband, Al, are coordinators of the congregational twinning project in Russia and Belarus, a program that matches interested congregations in the United States with congregations in Russia and Belarus for friendship and mission.

GUATEMALA

Rev. Delia Leal
Ms. Tracey King

Delia is an ordained Nazarene pastor currently serving two churches, a Nazarene and a Baptist. She works with the Evangelical Center for Pastoral



Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA), a PC(USA) partner organization, as their regional coordinator for the Women's Pastoral Program (Mexico and Central America). This program promotes the dignity and self-esteem of women, works to eliminate violence against women and children, and provides training that transforms women's leadership in the church and community. Translation will be provided by Tracey King. 

Tracey is the PC(USA)'s regional liaison for Central America. In this role, Tracey helps create better communication between the World Mission Ministry of the PC(USA), mission personnel, partner churches and PC(USA) congregations interested in ministry in Central America. She has a special focus on programs of reconciliation and peacemaking.

INDIA

Dr. Vinita Eusebius

Vinita teaches zoology to undergraduate students at Ewing Christian College, Allahabad, India. She

is the national chairperson of the Student Christian Movement of India. She is assistant pastor of St. Peter's Church, Muirabad, Allahabad, and Coordinator for Children's Concerns, Diocese of Lucknow, Church of North India.  

COLOMBIA

Rev. Diego Higueta-Arango
Dr. Alice Winters

Diego was recently elected as the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. He has also served this

denomination as Moderator. His ministry of eleven years has focused in the region of Urabá, working with people in rural areas and as the Director of Popular Theology in that presbytery. He has been eyewitness to many violent acts in that region and joins in the struggle to return peace to Urabá, to Colombia, and to the world. Translation will be provided by Alice Winters.

Alice teaches Bible and biblical languages at the School of Theology of the Reformed University of Colombia. A noted speaker and scholar, she has been under appointment as a PC(USA) mission worker since 1977.

VIETNAM

Rev. Mary Lien Nguyen

Mary Lien grew up Catholic in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), studying in a French girls' school where she

developed a concern for women's issues. At 21, she became a Protestant and she and her husband began a new congregation. They were later trained and ordained by visiting Presbyterians. She now pastors a local church and is a leader of women in the small Presbyterian Church in Vietnam. She helps to train women and youth throughout the nation.



IRAQ

Rev. Younan Shiba

Younan grew up in a traditional Assyrian church in Iraq. After theological training in Amman, Jordan, he returned to Iraq in 2003.

He was ordained by the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Iraq, and was installed as pastor of the Assyrian Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Baghdad. In 2005 Younan and his family were threatened and they left Iraq. Younan arrived in the U.S.A. as a refugee in early 2006, and his family joined him one year later. At present, he is the organizing pastor of the Middle East Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Illinois and the founder of Family Life Development Foundation, a Christian broadcasting ministry.

ARMENIA

Dr. Nazeli Vardanyan

Nazeli is the Director of Armenian Forests, an NGO responsible for forest protection in Armenia and is also president of GOY, an

NGO focusing on environmental issues. She is a licensed attorney in Armenia and is a member of the International Bar Association. An expert on international environmental law, she has testified at numerous conferences and participated in drafting several international environmental conventions. She is a lecturer at the Russian-Armenian University in Yerevan and coordinator of a working group of the Northern Alliance for Sustainable Development (ANPED).



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Rev. Probe Augustin Mukendi Kabongo

Augustin graduated from the Sheppards and Lapsley University Seminary in Kananga, and has been a pastor at Dikongayi Church since completing his seminary

studies. He has been the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery of Tshibashi, Presbyterian Community in the Congo (CPC), since 2001. He is the co-founder and coordinator for Presbyterian Action Against HIV/AIDS. He has been married for 16 years and has six children, three of whom are adopted.

ZIMBABWE

Mr. Lamiel Phiri

Lamiel is a consultant currently working with orphaned and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe on gender and HIV/AIDS issues

with particular focus on the girl child. He is the board secretary for Christian Care Zimbabwe, a large NGO of the Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC) and is involved in humanitarian and development work with disadvantaged citizens. He is actively involved in water and sanitation programs aimed at alleviating water-borne diseases. Lamiel also serves as the Harare Synod Consultant to the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

