

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Resource Center Directors  
**FROM:** Michael W. Purinton  
**DATE:** December 19, 2007  
**RE:** 2008 Subscriptions

Dear friends in Christ:

It's time again to renew your Resource Center subscription. If you are not already a subscriber, you should know that the Resource Center subscription is the most economical way to keep your Resource Center current, providing more than \$1,500 in resources (including *Horizons* magazine and *Call to Worship*) for a mere \$550.

If you do not already subscribe, why not? What other outlay of money in the church will provide so much for so little? But it's really about much more than money. It's about the connections and the resources that are an essential part of being a connectional church. Resource Centers help the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) continue to reach out to others as well as train and educate itself.

Our curriculum *We Believe* is continuing to grow as it strives to meet the needs of Presbyterians throughout the country. *We Believe: God's Word for God's People* is designed to help members of all ages develop a common understanding of Reformed theology and how we, as Presbyterians, understand the word of God and apply that understanding in our daily lives. Resource Centers receive not only *We Believe*, but are provided access to many of the *We Believe Workshop* units. Resource Centers also receive *Bible Quest* and *The Present Word* curriculums, VBS from Augsburg Fortress, and samples of other curricula. Curriculum comes in a separate box from the rest of the subscription and is sent quarterly just prior to shipment of the Standing Orders.

The subscription also includes other resources from Congregational Ministries Publishing (CMP) including Witherspoon Press books, Hunger resources, Presbyterian Women resources, Mission resources, Justice resources, worship resources, and resources for ministry with youth and young adults!

We are working to strengthen and focus the resources we provide to congregations, presbyteries, and synods so that you receive the most helpful resources possible. Share with us any suggestions you might have!

Resource Centers are a vital aspect of the ministry of the church, supporting the work of local congregations and regional governing bodies by providing them with the tools for ministry. This subscription is not just a "book and video" subscription, but a commitment to an ongoing partnership between Resource Centers and the General Assembly. I hope you will take advantage of this subscription and participate in our network.

Here is a partial list of materials that will be included in the subscription:

*We Believe: God's Word for God's People* curriculum  
Access to *We Believe Workshop* units  
BIBLE QUEST and *The Present Word* curricula

Augsburg/CMP Partnership resources (such as VBS, Akaloo, Splash)  
1 copy of each Witherspoon Press publication  
1 copy of each print programmatic resource produced by the GAC entities and some materials from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and the Board of Pensions  
1 copy of each primary video resource produced by the GAC entities, as available  
1 copy of each OGA report and/or study paper (including the GA video, if produced)  
1 annual subscription to *Presbyterians Today*  
*ideas! For Church Leaders* magazine (with your curriculum box)  
1 annual subscription to HORIZONS magazine  
1 annual subscription to *Call to Worship* (in your subscription box)  
Spanish and Korean resources (available upon request)  
Selected items from Westminster/John Knox Press or Geneva Press on specific topics  
Special discount subscription from Westminster/John Knox Press (see details below)  
Other selected resources, as well as videos, may be made available for purchase

In addition, you receive a copy of our newsletter, *Resource Connections*, which provides valuable information on current Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) resources, upcoming resources, and other information to facilitate your work as Resource Center director. Your subscription also helps us to promote the mission of Resource Centers across the country, particularly at our denominational conference centers.

We hope you will visit the Resource Center Web site at [www.pcusa.org/resourcecenters](http://www.pcusa.org/resourcecenters). The site provides information on resources, timelines for events, a map and listing of PC(USA)-connected Resource Centers, and links to some of our partners. We will keep you informed of this progress through the newsletter. It also provides an additional opportunity for your constituents to make use of their Resource Centers.

This coming year offers some exciting opportunities for Resource Centers as we work to grow our partnership with other middle governing body staff, and support the work of POINT volunteers to educate and encourage Presbyterians in the use of our curriculum. The annual Event for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators will be held in San Diego, and there are several workshops that are specifically resource-center oriented. General Assembly will be in San Jose, and there are opportunities to speak with national staff and other resource center staff about particular concerns.

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation subscription is another example of a service we provide. Westminster/John Knox and Geneva Press books are available in a separate subscription, \$80 for each spring and fall. This cost includes shipping. Please contact Vince Patton at (800) 227-2872 for subscription information.

The renewal form for your Resource Center subscription is attached to this note. Please fill it out and return it by January 19, 2007. If you have any questions, please call me at (888) 728-7228, ext. 5192. See you in the New Year!