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News about the PC(USA)'s international mission

Combating HIV/AIDS in India

Although relatively small in size, the Church of North [India](#) (CNI) is making a major effort to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in the world's second largest country, according to two church leaders who recently visited the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) national offices in Louisville. The CNI, with a membership of 1.5 million, constitutes a tiny percentage of the country's 1 billion-plus population. However, its high-quality hospitals and schools have given the church substantial influence. [Read more.](#)



The Most Rev. Purely Lyngdoh (center), and the Rt. Rev. Philip P. Marandi, with GAMC Executive Director Linda Valentine. Photo by David Hudson.



Standing with Hondurans

Tim and Gloria Wheeler, mission workers in [Honduras](#), write about what it is like to be in the middle of the current tumultuous situation, "a new chapter of history in the making." One good thing, they say, is that "a lot of attention has been focused on the poor people of Honduras and the fact that not much has benefited them during the last 27 years of continuous democratic rule that followed a series of military governments. The Wheelers hope that the new

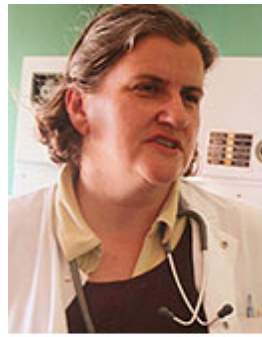
Honduras, whatever it looks like after this political crisis, will take into account the needs and wishes of poor people." [Read more.](#)

International peacemakers

[International Peacemakers](#) from 11 countries are scheduled to visit PC (USA) presbyteries and congregations from September 25 through October 19, 2009. This year's team will include members from Armenia for the first time, representatives from Vietnam's small Christian community for the first time in 14 years, and peacemakers with expertise in ministry with the Roma people. Some peacemakers will be traveling with mission personnel as part of [World Mission Challenge](#).



Mary Lien Nguyen, international peacemaker from Vietnam



Dr. Barbara Nagy, PC(USA)
mission worker at Nkhoma
Hospital

Enhancing patient care in Malawi

At Nkhoma Hospital in [Malawi](#) inadequate laboratory facilities had many critical patient transfers and patients simply doing without life-altering therapy. But now: Thanks to friends from New Mexico, Canada and Western North Carolina Presbytery, the hospital now has a well-functioning lab that in its first week of operation assisted in the diagnosis of several patients with liver disease, a tiny baby with HIV, a patient with severe kidney disease, a woman experiencing side effects from her HIV medicines and several others. [Read more.](#)

Mission briefs

[The Czech Mission Network](#) will meet Oct. 2-3 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. More than 25 mission networks and other mission groups will meet later in October in conjunction with [World Mission Celebration '09](#) in Cincinnati.

A congregation and an individual have provided major financial support for Presbyterian mission personnel. [Read more](#) about the \$200,000 commitment from Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin, and a [\\$500,000 contribution from an anonymous donor](#).

The annual New Wilmington Mission Conference at Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in July again brought together nearly 2,000 people to worship, fellowship, and be inspired about mission service. [Read more.](#)

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