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Presbyterian World

News about the PC(USA)'s international mission

Dear Friend of Mission,

Every day I am privileged to hear how God is at work around the world through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and our global partners. My gratitude to God and our church is stirred by these stories and my passion for mission only grows.

At [World Mission Celebration'09](#) we will hear about the exciting work being done in every region of the world by mission co-workers, global partners and mission leaders. I invite you to join me at the October 22-24 event at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio, and the adjoining Duke Energy Center.



Where else can you see this many Presbyterian workers in one place? [Dennis Smith](#) and [Susie Frerichs](#) from Latin America, [Ted and Sue Wright](#) and [Barbara Nagy](#) from Africa, [Bill and Anne Moore](#) and [Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta](#) from Asia and the Pacific, [Nuhad Tomeh](#) from the Middle East, and [Ellen Smith](#) from Europe will join about 30 other Presbyterian missionaries to share stories of what God is doing around the world.

There will also be several Christian leaders from around the world leading workshops and/or participating in plenary presentations:

- Dr. Mary Mikhail, president of a seminary that has trained hundreds of Christian leaders in the heart of the Middle East.
- Ms. Veeda Javaid, the dynamic leader of 16 schools of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan.
- Rev. Diego Higueta, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia, a bold voice for peace in a violence-torn country.
- Rev. Gabriela Horakova, pastor of an innovative congregation in the Czech Republic.
- Rev. Augustin Mukendi Kabongo, the leader of a fast-growing presbytery in the Presbyterian Community of Congo.

Mission leaders from congregations across our church will present cutting-edge insights into their work. World Mission staff and representatives of several PC(USA)-related mission groups will be speaking and available for informal conversations. More than 20 mission networks and the Association of Presbyterian Mission Pastors are meeting in conjunction with the Celebration. The event is going to be a veritable "who's who" of Presbyterian mission!

We are pleased that several Presbyterian groups are helping co-sponsor this event. They include our three Validated Mission Support Groups - the Medical Benevolence Foundation, the Presbyterian

Frontier Fellowship and the Outreach Foundation - and the Board of Frontera de Cristo, the Presbytery of Des Moines, the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry, World Mission Initiative and the New Wilmington Missionary Conference.

I invite you to go online and [register today](#) and take advantage of a \$50 discount for early registration. The discounted fee of \$225 includes six meals and is available only through September 15. [The Web site](#) contains information about [lodging discounts at the Hyatt](#).

I look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati.

Together in mission,



Director, Presbyterian World Mission

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