

To: Justice and Peace Representatives

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The following information is by no means exhaustive, but seeks to give an overview of interest items.

Dates To Remember:

ALL YEAR LONG----2009 commemorates the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin; there is a color insert acknowledgement in the 2009 Mission Yearbook, and the January/February 2009 issue of Presbyterians Today magazine starts a 10-part series marking the anniversary. Opportunities to celebrate this milestone can be found at www.calvin09.org

May 31----Pentecost

June 7----Trinity Sunday

June 7- August 9---- Summer Worship Series at Montreat Conference Center; An opportunity to hear some of our Nation's finest preachers; See www.montreat.org for details or call 800+572-2257 to request a brochure

June 11-13----The “Big Tent” Event in Atlanta, Georgia;
www.pcusa.org/bigtent

June 21----Father’s Day

July 4----Independence Day Holiday

July 8-11----Calvin Jubilee at Montreat; Program fee is \$175 for adults and \$100 for students; Conference Registration: <http://www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship>; Lodging and Meals Registration: <http://www.montreat.org/register/09-calvin-jubilee.html>; For Lodging/Meal Questions call Montreat Conference Center at 800+572-2257, x339; For Registration Questions call Ms. Nicole Gerkins at 888+ 728-7228, x5029, or e-mail her at nicole.gerkins@pcusa.org

July 11-15----Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky

July 27–August 2----Peace and Justice Week at Ghost Ranch; See www.ghostranch.org for more information

August 21–September 19----The beginning and ending dates for Islamic Ramadan

Noteworthy News Within Our Synod:

1. Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery: Mrs. Anna McIlwain of Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery, our Synod Representative in the 2008 “*PW Global Exchange*,” will be speaking about the trip on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women, Middle Tennessee Presbytery (re-scheduled from the Spring 2009 Gathering); the meeting is slated to be held at the First Presbyterian

- Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Please remember to try and include Anna in your event planning so she can share her experiences with you (ajmc121304@bellsouth.net).
2. Middle Tennessee Presbytery: This winter, Ms. Claudia Torrey (Vice Moderator for Issues, Justice, and Peace on the Synod Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women) attended the 53rd Meeting of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as a member of the National Delegation of Presbyterian Women to the 2009. An article by Ms. Torrey appeared in the April 2009 issue of the Synod newspaper, The Voice (www.synodoflivingwaters.org); the article was subsequently posted, with permission, on the National Office website---<http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/un/torrey.htm>
 3. Transylvania Presbytery: CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. In Soon Chi who was installed, this month, as the National Moderator/President of Presbyterian Women within the Korean Presbyterian Church

Potential Trip Of Interest:

The second U.S.A. Mission Experience of Presbyterian Women is slated for the Dakotas in September 2010---each Synod is being asked to sponsor one delegate if possible; among other things, trip participants will visit: reservations, schools, churches, tribal colleges, and interact with their fellow Native American sisters; more information in the coming months

Speakers Of Interest—Let The World Come To You:

1. Consider inviting an International Peacemaker to visit your Presbytery and/or your church---\$400 takes care of

everything! The subject is water and the Peacemakers will itinerate in the United States from September 25 through October 19, 2009; the deadline is June 15, 2009; for more information contact Ms. Vial at 888+728-7228, x5702 or at debby.vial@pcusa.org; a form can be found at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/intl/international.htm

2. This Fall, missionaries who do God's work all over the globe will be stateside (starting in late September) for World Mission Challenge; extend an invitation to one or more of our global partners; contact Ellen Dozier at 888+728-7228, x5619 or at ellen.dozier@pcusa.org

Resources Of Interest:

1. "Justice and Peace Shall Kiss: Praying through the Year," PDS #24-358-09-001 (www.pcusa.org/marketplace); \$5 plus S&H; or call 800+524-2612
2. "Repairers of the Breach" is a **free resource** written by The Rev. Dr. Margaret P. Aymer Oget depicting five Bible studies that explore social justice issues relating to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina; visit www.pcusa.org/marketplace (there is a charge for S&H) or call 800 + 524-2612 (PDS # 27-536-08-002)
3. Peacemaking Program's Blog ---known as "Swords into Plowshares;" go to presbyterian.typepad.com/peacemaking

4. Two E-Newsletters for Peacemaking
- a) A weekly entitled “Seeking Peace,” and
 - b) A congregational resource that comes out twice a month entitled “Peacemaking in Congregations”
- Subscribe to one or both at www.pcusa.org/subscriptions

5. Horizons Magazine:

- c) A free downloadable resource for the 2009-2010 Bible Study, “Listening for God: Reflecting on the Book of Joshua,” will be available **after** May 31, 2009 at www.pcusa.org/horizons
- d) Subscribers will receive additional “Joshua” resources in five consecutive issues of Horizons beginning with the July/August 2009, as well as receive additional “Joshua” resources in ten consecutive issues of the The Presbyterian Outlook starting with the August 10, 2009 issue
- e) New subscription brochures for Horizons magazine Are available; call and request item HZN-09-426

Quotes For Thought:

The first two quotes are humorous in honor of Mother’s Day earlier this month, and the last two quotes are reflective:

“A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.” Tenneva Jordan

“It kills you to see them grow up; but, I guess it would kill you quicker if they didn’t.” Barbara Kingsolver, Animal Dreams

“God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers” A Jewish Proverb

**“Travel light, live light, spread the light, be the light.”
Anonymous**