

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:

September 21----International Day of Peace,
www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/worship/worship.htm#daysofpeace

September 22----Native American Day,
www.pcusa.org/nativeamerican

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month,
www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn

October 5----World Communion Sunday,
www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering

October 12----Presbyterian HIV/AIDS Awareness Sunday,
www.pcusa.org/aids-international/resources.htm#Download

October 16----World Food Day

October 24----United Nations Day; 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

October 26----Reformation Sunday,
www.history.pcusa.org/cong/reformation.html

November 2----The Washington D.C. Office of the PC(USA) has designated this date as “*Christian & Citizen Day,*” with the goal of promoting Christian perspectives and election activities in order to achieve an informed Christian citizenry;
(www.pcusa.org/washington/christiancitizen.htm)

November 4----Election Day

November 11----Veterans Day

November 23----Christ the King Sunday

December 1----World AIDS Day

December 10----Human Rights Day,
www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/worship/worship.htm#rightsday

Noteworthy News Within our Synod:

1. Holston Presbytery: The PW Coordinating Team is having a Justice & Peace Kick-Off Meeting on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 10AM – Noon in Johnson City, TN; lunch will be at Ryans Restaurant. **Please RSVP by October 11th to PW Moderator Jackie Riddle (423+477-3952 or boja@embarqmail.com); the Justice & Peace Representative is Mrs. Anna Maddox.** Three speakers are

scheduled: Ms. Dale Fair of Safe Passage (adult abuse issues); Ms. Lura Meade of the Children's Advocacy Group of Johnson City, TN; and Dr. Jane Snyder of the Johnson City, TN School System (bullying issues).

2. Presbyteries of Mid-South and St. Andrew: Immediate Past Churchwide Coordinating Team ("CCT") Representative Bonnie Blair and current CCT Representative Martha Knichel have put their heads together for a Racial/Ethnic and Religious Dialogue entitled "*Road to Understanding.*" The Dialogue is slated for Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 9AM- 2PM in Memphis, TN at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church (1005 East Shelby Drive). **Please register by October 15th; there is a \$5 lunch fee. Contact Bonnie Blair for a registration form (901+752-0328 or bonnieleeblair@aol.com).** The scheduled speakers (each speaker will speak for fifteen minutes each, and then a question and answer session will follow) are: Mr. Pablo J. Davis, Executive Director, Latino Memphis; the Rev. Brian Henderson, Pastor, Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Carla Meisterman, Senior Pastor, Balmoral Presbyterian Church; Judge Loyce L. Ryan, Shelby County Court, General Sessions/Criminal Court; and Mr. Robert Wilson, Immediate Past Vice Moderator, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA).

3. Ms. Anna McIlwain of Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery is our Synod Representative in the "*PW Global Exchange*" group that travels this September to Eastern Europe (in particular The Czech Republic). Please try to include her in your event planning, so she can share her experiences with you (ajmc121304@bellsouth.net).

Save-the Date Conferences:

1. 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY from July 11 – 15, 2009. The title is “*God Will Do Wonders Among You;*” the registration form will be in the September/October 2008 issue of Horizons magazine.
2. “The Big Tent Event” will take place from June 11- 13, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia. The “tent” is slated to be a forum for the Peacemaking Conference plus nine other Presbyterian conferences (such as: the National Elders Conference; Evangelism & Church Growth Conference; Communicator’s Network; Multicultural Conference & New Immigrants Consultation; Stewardship; and Racial/Ethnic Collaboration). The National Office plans to have more details in the coming months.

Quote for Thought:

And Joshua said to the people, “Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” Joshua 3:5
(The Woman’s Study Bible, The New King James Version)