

Disability Subcommittee Needs Stories

- Tamara Puffer

meeting special needs

I am co-moderator of the Disability Subcommittee. Early in my ministry, when I was an Associate Pastor at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, I knew of the importance of accessibility issues in the church. However it wasn't until after I sustained a brain injury in 1996 that I became personally aware of accessibility issues. Rather than being aware in my head, I am now aware deep in my soul.

The Disability Subcommittee has distributed a brief informational survey to gather information about physical accessibility at the Pres-

bytery's churches. We hope to put the information gathered on the Presbytery website to help get the word out to those who may need special accommodations. If you have misplaced yours, please contact me by email or by phone and I will get one to you.

However, accessibility extends beyond the physical building. There are other accessibility issues as well. A member of our committee told us about two teenagers in her church who have developmental disabilities. They are unable to adequately

participate in Sunday School so, instead, they discuss bible stories while helping her prepare snacks for the younger classes. What a wonderful way for them to participate in the life of the church!

I am collecting stories of people who have disabilities and the different ways they participate in our Presbytery. I encourage you to call or email me with these stories.

If you are interested in helping us improve inclusion for those with all disabilities, please contact me at tamarapuffer@earthlink.net or 404-288-6722.

Detailed information about these job postings are available on our website at <http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org/Jobs/jobs.htm>

Youth Ministry Openings

Posted 05/10/03

Northminster Presbyterian Church is seeking an Interim Director of Youth Ministries. For further information, contact: Dr. Jim Simpson at 770-998-1482

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2400 Old Alabama Road, Roswell GA, 30076

Email: jsimpson@northminster-atl.org
Visit us at: www.northminster-atl.org

Posted 01/20/03

The Church of the Hills (PCUSA), Duluth, GA, a 700 member congregation in north Atlanta, GA, is seeking an Associate Pastor for Ministry to Youth and Their Families (ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament) -- or -- a Director of Youth Ministry (unordained). Contact Melinda Stevens, Chairperson of the Search Committee at The Church of the Hills, 10950 Bell Road, Duluth,

GA, 30097 or email her at stev2324@bellsouth.net or fax resume to 770-813-8605. See the church's web site at <http://www.thecoh.org/>. Job Description is available upon request.

Other Openings

Posted 4/15/03

Central Presbyterian Church Outreach and Advocacy Center invites applications for the position of Executive Director. Duties include writing grants; raising funds; developing and managing a budget; managing staff and volunteers; developing partnerships with key officials, agencies and other ministries, and coordinating the new advocacy program. To apply, send a resume and references with cover letter by JUNE, 30, 2003 to Rev. Caroline M. Kelly, Associate Pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Detailed job

descriptions are available upon request from dhutto@central-presbyterian.org. No phone calls, please.

Posted 4/05/03

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lilburn is looking for loving, compassionate, Christian individuals to provide education and care for our children in the infant and toddler age groups. Please come by Good Shepherd at 1400 Killian Hill Road to pick up an application for employment or call for further information 770-921-7434.

Posted 3/28/03

Administrative Assistant position available at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta. Contact the Rev. Mary Jane Cornell, Pastor at mjc_dhpcusa@yahoo.com or call 404-875-7591. Job description available upon request.

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Connecting from the Resource Connection...

...Project Faith, Inc., a disability ministry led by Peter Marshall, a member of the Roswell Presbyterian Church, has donated disability books, videotapes and audiotapes to the Resource Connection for use by our member churches. One video in particular tells the story of Bob Roebuck, a young man in a coma at the Shepherd Center. Insurance required that he be moved to a nursing home or home with his parents, who lived in Florida. Their home was not handicapped accessible so he was moved to Franklin Ga. Project Faith, along with members of Mt. Vernon Presbyterian, visited with him on a regular basis to provide therapy and support. Over the past seven years, Bob has made remarkable progress and can now converse, ride a bicycle, swim and lift weights. This video and the other resources will be a great source of inspiration for our local church members.



...SOON, we will be up and running on our own web page – www.theresourceconnection.org. Until then, you can access us from the presbytery web site.

Information about the Resource Connection and the entire catalog are available on line. Check us out!

...Looking for summer reading? How about these intriguing titles:

Finding the Still Point – A Spiritual Response to Stress by Tom Harpur

Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World - A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Adults and Other Confused Christians by Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg

Henri's Mantle -100 Meditations on Nouwen's Legacy by Chris Glaser

Ministry Loves Company – A Survival Guide for Pastors by John Galloway, Jr.

Unfettered Hope – A Call to Faithful Living in an Affluent Society by Marva Dawn

Godzone – A Guide to the Travels of the Soul by Mike Riddell

All of these and many more are available at the Resource Connection. Make your connection today!

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Music Openings

Posted 5/14/03

Director of Music/Organist needed at The Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection (PCR). Will be responsible for over all music programs at PCR. Primary responsibilities are: conduct one and a half hour Wednesday night rehearsal, play organ and direct choir for 11:00 am Sunday service, work with pastor with over all music program for worship. Our instrument is a Wicks, two-manual, 13 ranks. The position is open and ready to be filled. Please send resume to: Sterling Post, Chair, Music Search Committee, Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection 3676 Highway, Conyers,

GA 30013 or E-mail Moonwade@aol.com Phone: 770-922-5553 FAX 770-922-5265

Posted 5/3/03

Part-time Director of Music/Organist needed at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. For more information about the church and a complete job description, see the Druid Hills Presbyterian Web site: www.dhpc.org. The Search Committee will begin reviewing resumes on June 1 and continue until the position is filled. Send resume to: Suanne SauerBrun, Chair, Music Search Committee, Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, 1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta GA 30306 404-875-7591

Posted 3/14/03

Interim Organist needed at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church for approximately one year, beginning June 1, 2003. Send inquiry or resume to Anne Howland, Interim Organist Search Committee Chair at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 252, Tucker, GA 30084 or contact her at annehowland@mindspring.com or 770-939-5892.

job postings



2003 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

And we will come from the east
and west and north and south to
share with one another the
meaning of

God's Vision -- Our Calling

How are we *Called*?
To what are we *Called*?
How do we discern the *Call*?
How do we respond?

You are invited to join a group of
more than 5,000 to discern God's
vision for the future of God's
people at the Churchwide
Gathering of Presbyterian
Women.

July 9-13, 2003
Kentucky International
Convention Center (KICC)
Louisville, Kentucky

*"I therefore, the prisoner in
the Lord, beg you to lead a
life worthy of the calling to
which you have been called,
with all humility and
gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in
love, making every effort to
maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one
Spirit, just as you were
called to the one hope of
your calling, one Lord, one
faith, one baptism, one God
and Father of all, who is
above all and through all
and in all."*

Ephesians 4:1-6, NRSV

Come, join us ...

- Experience a time for renewal and reflection, a call to serve
- Look forward to wonderful music, inspirational speakers, meaningful worship, dramas, early morning devotions, Bible study, and workshops
- Hear inspiring and prophetic leaders:
 - Bible study leader: Janice Catron
 - Plenary Presenters: Joan Chittister, Joan Martin, Elizabeth Tapia, Gloria Tate
- Attend workshops for all interests, including *Horizons* Bible study 2003-2004: *The Face Looks Familiar: Remembering Unnamed Women in Scripture*
- Visit the Great Room filled with music, art, mission projects, conversation and creativity
- Attend programs for children and teens
- Browse the exhibits, Gathering Resource Center, bookstore, and Enough for Everyone Global Marketplace
- Learn of the election and see the installation of PW leaders (2003-2006)
- Attend the business meeting of Presbyterian Women
- Make new friends, rekindle existing friendships, have fun



NEW REGISTRATION DEADLINE!

Full registration

\$270 before May 15, 2003 (postmarked or fax-dated); \$300 after May 15, 2003. Fee includes 2 lunches, 4 dinners, tote bag, program book, programming costs, workshops and one year's subscription to *Horizons*.

Weekend registration

\$200 before May 15, 2003 (postmarked or fax-dated); \$225 after May 15. Fee includes 2 lunches, 2 dinners, tote bag, programming costs, workshops and one year's subscription to *Horizons*.

One-day, onsite registration

\$100. Fee includes meal(s) of the day, tote bag, program book, programming costs, workshop attendance on a space-available basis and one year's subscription to *Horizons*.

For more information, visit
[http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering/
index.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering/index.htm)



Men Called to Resist Being Led Into Temptation The 2003 National Presbyterian Men's Conference - Bert Eakin and Frank LaMore

A "Bagpipe Processional" opened the recent 2003 National Presbyterian Men's Conference, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 27 through 29. Calling us to "*get back to our basic beliefs*" to serve God became the rallying cry for this challenging, inspirational meeting of 140 men. We were blessed with beautiful weather and stunning music, including a Jazz Band, a Cajun Band, and the Schola Cantorum Choir of Louisiana State University. Men from all over the nation mingled in worship, in workshops and at meals, to greet old friends and meet new ones.

The theme, "*Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil*", was explored in prayer, in small groups, and in large worship services, with inspiring public speakers and music that touched our hearts. We explored the full range of opportunities: in our personal and church families, in public service, and in our wider world. We were reminded that each of us has the power and the responsibility to rise up and change the world.

Bob Wilson completed his term as President of the National Council, and with pride and exuberance reminded us of the accomplishments of Presbyterian Men in the past, and challenged us to do even more in the future. Keith Daniels, incoming President, shared his vision, his goals and objectives. His most im-

portant message was *that NCPM is now a registered "Non-Profit Organization"*, which will have to become 'self-supporting' in the near future.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall rocked us out of our seats when he proclaimed "*I'm looking for the fourth Great Awakening, a Revival of Biblical proportions, to occur soon in America.*" He reminded us that each of the three previous "Awakenings" has been followed by drastic changes in our nation. We must believe in Christ, let him invade our lives, and with "the Christ in us" we will achieve great things.

Coach Dale Brown, the scheduled Motivational Speaker, had a stroke two days prior to the meeting. The young man who was scheduled to introduce him, Collis Temple III, spoke on the relationship of Coach Brown with his family. His grandfather was denied attendance at LSU, but the Governor of Louisiana arranged a scholarship for him to obtain a Masters degree in Education at Michigan State. His father played under Coach Brown, and the day Collis III was born, Brown wrote a letter of recommendation for him to attend LSU. He has played basketball at LSU, and is working on his PhD in education (he completed both the BS and PhD in 5 years), and looks forward to playing in the NBA. His rousing

message was from his father, that "you can't get ahead lying in bed," and the young man gets up at 5AM every day. His priorities are: *God, Family, Study and Basketball!*

The Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly PC(USA), spoke at the closing Worship/Communion service Sunday morning. He discussed his experiences in traveling throughout Indonesia and Africa, and he is convinced that many of the people came primarily to hear the "2 meter man" speak. His emphasis was "*persistence pays off – don't get discouraged if things don't go perfectly at the start – hang in there*".

Twelve workshops were scheduled around the major worship services. Each took a different look at our conference theme on topics including: Strengthening Your Men's Group, Christians in Politics, Partnership with Arab Christians, and Men's Health Issues. Workshops were also presented in Korean and in Spanish for our special guests.

The 2004 National Gathering will be held in Long Beach, California, April 23 – 25, 2004. The theme is "*For Thine is the Glory*", with excellent speakers already scheduled. Register early.

presbyterian conference for men

Young Clergy under
the age of 40 years
will be gathering

Engage in Worship,
Workshops, Connecting and Networking



Seven Percent Event

Date: October 6-9, 2003

Location: Radisson Hotel New Orleans
1500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
www.hotel-neworleans.com
Event Registration Fee: \$350

The 7% Event is the third national gathering of Presbyterian Young Pastors (under of the age of 40). The event take its name from the startling statistics that only 7% of ministers in the Presbyterian Church (USA) are under the age of 40. The purpose of this event is to gather this population to begin to:

- Nurture, support and encourage each other so that we might be strengthened for service to the church for a period of 25+ years.
- Work for greater inter-generational understanding and opportunities for the exchange of wisdom across generational lines.
- Begin to give shape to our particular generational "charism" for ministry and our distinctive contribution to the mission of Christ's church.

Whether you are a solo pastor of a small church or an associate on a large staff (or a super-important Head of Staff), being a young pastor can feel isolating. Come and meet your colleagues from across the country who intend to serve in the ministry for 25+ years! Join us for worship, conversation, and a night out in New Orleans

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2003 Fall Leadership Event

The detailed publicity booklet for the three presbytery, Fall Leadership Event, was given out at the May 6 meeting of Presbytery. If you would like a copy, you may download your own copy via our presbytery web page (www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org) or if you cannot find someone to download a copy, we have limited copies available at the Presbytery Office.

Think about persons you are recruiting now to be your leaders for the Fall (Church School teachers, youth advisors, officers, Presbyterian Women Leadership, etc.) This year a record 70 workshops will be offered, to help prepare your congregational leaders for their leadership roles. The keynote speaker will be Rodger Nishioka. As in past years, this year's event will be a wonderful opportunity for your congregational leaders.

Please note that the registration deadline is August 8, which means getting the word out NOW to your congregation!

Atlanta's Best Kept Secret - Virginia Slack

If you have ever driven down the hill on Clifton Road close to Emory and the CDC, you have passed Villa International Atlanta. This facility was built in the seventies to provide low cost housing for visitors from other countries who are doing research or attending courses at CDC or Emory. One important feature is the community kitchen and dining area where people from different countries can get to know one another.

A small corps of volunteers drives residents to local grocery stores every evening during the week. Many groups' host weekend outings to local attractions like the zoo or Stone Mountain once or twice a year; others come to Villa to explain American traditions such as making valentines or eating watermelon. The International Class at First Presbyterian and our friends at Morningside are among the folks who help to provide authentic

southern cooking for special dinners.

Villa receives support from seven denominations, but the Presbyterians have been involved since the beginning; the original building was funded by the WOC Birthday Offering. If you would like to get better acquainted, call the office at 404 633-6783 to arrange for a tour or to discuss volunteer opportunities. Or check our web page at www.villia-atl.org.

Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche and world-renowned theologian and author, will be in Atlanta, June 5-8, 2003.

Jean Vanier will speak at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 LaVista Road, NE, Atlanta, 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 5, during a simple ecumenical service open to the public.

Vanier will also lead a retreat on Christian Unity at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center in Norcross beginning Friday evening, June 6 and concluding noon, Sunday, June 8. For registration information, contact Ken Brant at the Faith and the City office, 404 523-5554, ext. 226.

The June 6-8 retreat will be a unique opportunity for Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox Christians to gather with Jean Vanier for a weekend of prayer, reflection, presentations, silence, small group sharing, and worship, all focusing on Christian unity. Members of the L'Arche communities from Mobile, AL and Jacksonville, FL will be present to speak about their experiences living in intentional community with those

who are cognitively and developmentally impaired. The cost of the retreat is \$125. The registration deadline is May 15.

Vanier began L'Arche (meaning the ark) in 1964 when he was encouraged to welcome two men with learning disabilities into his home. From that simple beginning, L'Arche has grown to over 120 faith-based communities in 30 countries, 14 in the United States. In 1971 Vanier founded Faith and Light, an organization that brings together families and friends of people with developmental disabilities for fellowship and friendship. There are now 1,300 of these support groups worldwide, one here in Atlanta. Both L'Arche and Faith and Light are communities shaped by the Beatitudes, places in which those with handicaps are valued, accepted, and held at the heart of communal life. As Vanier has said, "The cry for love and communion and for recognition that rises from the hearts of people in

need reveals the fountain of love in us and our capacity to give life."

Author of numerous books including *Made for Happiness*, *Becoming Human*, and his most recent book, *Finding Peace*, Vanier has received worldwide recognition and honor for his work with the learning disabled. Among his many awards are the International Peace Prize and the Paul VI International Prize for outstanding contributions to religion and society. In presenting the International Prize in 1997, Pope John Paul II stated, "Over the past 30 years L'Arche has grown to become a dynamic and providential sign of the civilization of love." Henri Nouwen helped make L'Arche known in North America with his book, *Road to Daybreak*, which details his life in the Toronto L'Arche community.

For more information, please contact:
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2003 Directories are also available on our website under our "Directories Section." Visit <http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org/Directories/Directories.htm>

Please Note:

Updates on Ministers and Educators will be available at each Presbytery Meeting

A mid-year update will only be available on-line in the fall
The next printed directory will be the 2004 Presbytery Directory available at the 2nd presbytery meeting of 2004.



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Christ's Body*

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