



Atlanta Ministry with International Students, Inc.

NEW HOME FOR A.M.I.S.

<http://amis-inc.org>

Twenty-five years ago this past spring, a significant new ministry was founded here in Atlanta. Aimed at providing hospitality to some of the thousands of international students who come to attend one of our many educational institutions each year, the Atlanta Ministry with International Students, or A.M.I.S., for short, was born from the vision of the Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel and supported by a coalition of churches in the area.

A quarter of a century later, the Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel has just stepped down as the Moderator of our Presbyterian church (USA), having traveled widely during his tenure --- from California to New York, from Cuba to Indonesia---

speaking always of the need for unity and spiritual growth within



our denomination, and celebrating the vitality of the Global Church, and the role that Presbyterian missions has played--- and continues to play---in helping the indigenous Church worldwide to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and reach out in acts of healing and hope in His Name.

Fahed returns to Atlanta to renew his calling to the ministry of A.M.I.S., connecting local families as hosts to young international students far from home. Fahed and his board of directors have built a broad base of support for both the staffing and operations of this ministry, which includes six local churches and our Presbytery. Now Peachtree Presbyterian Church has agreed to share in this ministry with Fahed. With the blessing of First Presbyterian Church Atlanta (A.M.I.S.'s current location), Peachtree has agreed to host A.M.I.S. on their campus. Later this summer, Fahed and the office of A.M.I.S., will move to 3434 Roswell Rd.

Please notice changes in the schedule of the remaining two meetings for 2003.

The details are different from the schedule that was originally announced at the beginning of the year.



Sep. 27 (Saturday), 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3003 Howell Mill Road NW
Atlanta
(Previously announced as Newnan Presbyterian. Their remodeling construction will not be completed in time.)



Dec. 2 (Tuesday), 10:00 a.m.
Korean Community Presbyterian Church
2534 Duluth Highway
Duluth
(They recently moved into their new large facility!)

Hapeville Presbyterian Church has Adult Choir Robes (Gold) and one old computer,



with old printer if anyone knows who repairs or updates computers for children, please let us

know. Also have an electric typewriter with long carriage that is available.



Those interested e-mail Annie Laura Kelly

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Youth Ministry News

—Jennifer Williams Wilson, Presbytery Youth Consultant

This summer marks the beginning of exciting new directions in youth ministry support at the presbytery level. First, we will be able to offer twice as much program support due to a recent partnership between the Presbytery Youth Council and the Calvin Center. We are also pleased to announce the beginning of a Youth Ministry Network in order to facilitate a sense of community amongst those who work with youth in our presbytery.

In the past the primary focus of the youth council was to plan and implement the jr. and sr. high presbytery retreats. While this is an invaluable ministry to our churches, we felt that the council was so gifted that it could offer even more. We want to expose our council members to leadership within the local churches as well as heading up larger gatherings. To this end we have decided that Paul Humphries, program director for the Calvin Center, will assist our council in retreat planning and conference leadership, while Jennifer Williams Wilson, youth consultant for the presbytery, will begin to educate our council on the theological implications of being Presbyterian and preparing them for leadership roles within the local church. It is our hope that with this partnership we will not only be

able to provide spiritual and fun retreats for our presbytery youth but that we will be able to go out into our churches and lead theological discussions and leadership training workshops as well. If your church is interested in having the youth council lead a workshop for youth, parents, or youth advisors please call the Presbytery Youth Consultant at 404-898-0711 ext. 37. Our calendar is filling up so call soon!

While we are glad to be offering more for the youth of our presbytery, we recognize the needs of our youth ministers as well. We are excited to announce the formation of a support group designed solely for those who work with youth in the church. We will be meeting once a month in order to fellowship with each other, share ideas, and have a time of devotion that will energize those of you who are called to work in such an energy-demanding aspect of the church. We will have a different speaker each month on a topic pertaining to youth or youth ministry. Our first meeting of the Youth Ministry Network will be at the Presbytery Office on August 21 from 7-9 pm. Our speaker will be Dr. Laura Mendenhall, president of Columbia Theological Seminary. For more information, please contact the Presbytery Office.

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Don't miss
the
first gathering of the
**YOUTH
MINISTRY
NETWORK.**

“The Spirituality of
Working with
Youth”

with



**Dr. Laura
Mendenhall**
President of
Columbia Theological
Seminary

**August 21, 2003
7-9 pm
at the
Presbytery Office**

**RSVP to
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by August 8**