

## Congregations Mailed Presbyterian PLSE Kits Countrywide

—Ed Albright,  
Executive Presbyter

After months of hearing, “The kits are coming! The kits are coming!” the Presbyterian PLSE kits have been sent to each of the almost 11,000 congregation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.). Rev. Gini Norris-Lane, the Presbyterian PLSE Coordinator, says the response has been fabulous. “I’m getting several calls and emails a day from excited pastors who are making plans to share the PLSE program with their sessions and congregations, and have already received nomination forms for a couple of students to be enrolled as PLSE Leaders.” A common

misconception about the students enrolled in the PLSE project is that they already need to be thinking about going into the ministry, but that is not the case. Any high school or college age student *thinks* has potential gifts to be a pastor can be enrolled in the program, whether the student has thought about the possibility or not. This is a way congregations can say to their talented young people, “We



see these gifts in you, and we want you to consider becoming a minister.” The qualities sessions should look for in young people are a love for God and a desire to continue growing in their personal faith, the ability to think critically and creatively, leadership skills and a willingness to serve others. Both congregations and young people can find out more about the PLSE program by going to [www.theplse.org](http://www.theplse.org).

## Congratulations 2003/04 Youth Council

—Jennifer Williams Wilson,  
Presbytery Youth  
Consultant

The new presbytery youth council was installed during the worship service at the September meeting of presbytery. This new council is a diverse group of young people and their adult advisors who stood before presbytery and promised to serve the youth of greater Atlanta with energy, dedication, and imagination. The youth not only observed the process of presbytery during the meeting,



2003/04 Youth Council

many of them were involved in worship as well. These young people are excited about the job that lies before them during the year. They will be planning both the jr. high and senior high retreats that will take place at the Calvin Center. They are also studying

your church is interested in finding out more about what the council can do for you or how to nominate a young person for next year’s council please call Jennifer Williams Wilson, the Presbytery Youth Consultant, at 404-898-0711 ext. 37.



Quilt created by Youth Council

Presbyterian polity in the hopes that they will be asked by area churches to do a presentation for the youth regarding what it means to be a Presbyterian. These young people are a valuable resource for the churches in our presbytery. If



## Alpharetta Christian Theater

*Importance of Being Earnest, The Wind in the Willows, Annie, The Sound of Music* and many others. Our current production is the classic *Cheaper by the Dozen*.

We are now in our eighth year, using what was once the church sanctuary. When a new sanctuary was built, the old one was converted to a theater, attracting an audience from throughout the Atlanta area. A typical show at ACT1 will have a cast and crew that is about half church members, and half from the community at large.

In addition to using many experienced theater folks, one of the objectives of our work is to provide a venue for actors and crew who have never tried

anything like this before. We love to have new folks discover a love of theater - whether that's acting on the stage, or building sets, or making costumes, or as a stage hand, lighting technician or sound technician. As new cast and crew members "learn the ropes" and become seasoned pros, they may decide to try their hand at stage managing or directing. All of our cast, crew and management are volunteers.

ACT1 also provides shorter one-act shows to go "on the road" to churches and other venues throughout Atlanta. These may be theological, thought-provoking works, or plays designed for fun and fellowship. These productions are free, and can be tailored to suit the time and event.

**Moira Thornett,  
Managing Director, ACT1  
Clerk of Session, Alpharetta  
Presbyterian**

Alpharetta Christian Theater (ACT1) is a community theater providing wholesome entertainment. You'll find us in performance in several major productions each year. Among our many full-length shows have been *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *The*

### Don't Miss out on the Youth Ministry Network!

**October 16, 2003  
CONYERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
7pm-9pm**

**Bring your most effective ice breaker or program idea for youth!  
We will be sharing ideas and adding to our youth worker "bag of tricks"**

**November 13, 2003  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
7pm-9pm**

**Alison Per-lee, First Pres. Youth Director, will give us valuable information on how to plan an international mission trip for youth based on her experience taking her young folks to Belfast, Northern Ireland! You won't want to miss this!**



Hillside Presbyterian Church is looking for a good system for storing banners. Do any of the churches have a good system that works well you can recommend? Please contact Leila Crawford at Hillside.

Fellowship Presbyterian Church is looking for a baptismal font. Do any of the churches have a previously used one in good condition to sell or donate? Or do any churches have a commercial supplier to recommend? Please contact Jackie Eidson at Jackson.

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

**10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Multi-Cultural  
Christmas Concert  
“A Cultural Celebration of  
Christmas”**

**Sponsored by  
African-American, Korean,  
Taiwanese, and Hispanic choirs of  
the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**

**Sunday, December 14, 2003  
6:00 pm**

**Shallowford Presbyterian Church  
2375 Shallowford Rd., NE  
Atlanta, GA 30345**

**Concert Coordinators**

Marcia Alston,  
Southwest Atlanta Presbyterian Church  
Malvis Alexander,  
First African Presbyterian Church  
Jonathan Watkins,  
New Life Presbyterian Church  
C.P. Huang,  
Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Church  
Benjamin Reyes,  
Conyers Hispanic Fellowship

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Gay Alston, Administrative Assistant – ext. 27  
Cassandra Morrow,  
Associate Executive Presbyter – ext. 22**

## 2004 Winter Leadership Training Event

—Carol Johnson,  
Financial Officer

Presbytery is sponsoring a Winter Event for officers, pastors, members of session and other leaders of churches. It will be held Saturday, January 24, 2004 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. The keynote speaker will be George Thompson of ITC. There will be variety of classes and leaders. For example, Joan Gray will lead a class for experienced elders and Lonnie Oliver will lead a class for new elders. Cleda Locey will lead a class on making committees and their meetings more effective. Dent Davis from Columbia will lead a class on leadership and learning in the 21st century. There will also be classes on communications, facilities, stewardship, caring for pastors, evangelism, member involvement, technology and personal financial planning. Registration forms will be available November 1. Please put January 24, 2004 on your calendar now.

### 2003 Presbyterian Parish Nurse Seminar

“Becoming An  
Instrument of Peace”

**Oct 22-26, 2003  
Stoney Point Center  
Stoney Point, New York**

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## PC(USA) Administrative Staffers Gather for Regional APA Conference Held at CTS

*One regional member is newly certified*

**Cristie Reed, IT & Communications Coordinator**



Administrative staff from churches and Presbytery offices gathered in Atlanta, GA, August 25-28 for the regional conference of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Administrative Personnel Association (APA).

APA's goal is to provide opportunities for programs of theological accredited continuing education through on-campus study in Presbyterian theological institutions, presbytery/synod sponsored events and annual APA conferences; promote fellowship and sharing; opportunities for individual growth, spiritually and professionally.

This year at the Mid-South Region, workshops covered a wide spectrum of topics and instructors such as:

- Office Relationships & Time Management—Rev. Dr. Dent Davis, Director of Continuing Education, CTS
- Church History—Dr. Catherine Gonzalez,

Professor of History at CTS

- Financial planning & Legal Matters—Forrest W. Hunter, Litigation Partner at Alston and Bird LLP
- Office administration—Bill Nisbet, Army Chaplain
- Working with Clerks of Sessions and Stated Clerks—Gay Alston, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Administrative Staff

At the August 28 banquet one APA member, Nancy Narrie, office manager from Westminster Presbyterian Church was honored for having completed APA certification at level II at the 2003 National Conference held in Sarasota Florida this past July.



For more information about the Administrative Personnel Association contact the National President, Cathy Ballenger, by email at [cballen207@aol.com](mailto:cballen207@aol.com) or visit the website, <http://pcusa-apa.org>.

APA has also launched an Extra Commitment Opportunity (ECO) Fund, project #E051483. Gifts to this project will provide scholarships for administrative staff to attend national and regional conferences for



education and certification. To learn more about the fund contact the National Ministries Division liaison to APA, Jewel McRae-Brown at: [jmcrac@ctr.pcusa.org](mailto:jmcrac@ctr.pcusa.org)

If you've not heard of APA before the Regional Conference June 3-5, Biloxi, Mississippi, and the National Conference July 22-27, Houston, Texas are great opportunities to learn more!



### Missed The APA Conferences This Year?

Save these dates for 2004!

Mid-South Regional Conference  
June 3-5, 2004  
Biloxi, Mississippi

National APA Conference  
July 22-25, 2004  
Houston, Texas

#### QUESTIONS?

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