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United States. It is envisioned that this meeting would take place in Atlanta with all five Presbyteries providing the volunteers to serve as host.

- The Presbytery decided to go ahead and elect the ten commissioners it will be entitled to elect to attend the 2006 General Assembly on December 2nd 2003. The purpose of this early election is to provide the opportunity for these persons to attend the 2004 Assembly, in Richmond, VA, in preparation for their time of service as a commissioner two years later.



- The Presbytery celebrated the life and ministry of the Clifton Presbyterian Church, in light of the fact that the congregation voted unanimously to request the Presbytery to dissolve the church before the end of this year. The Presbytery set into motion the election of a seven person administrative commission to handle all of the details of such dissolution. The Presbytery noted that the church is separate from the "Clifton Sanctuary Ministries" which includes the night shelter and "Joe's Place".



- The Presbytery recognized the fifteen immigrant fellowships that now are alive and

well within our bounds. A brochure describing each fellowship and its leadership was distributed.

The Presbytery enjoyed the inspiration of worshipping together. We heard a wonderful sermon entitled: "Minister-not-in-charge" It reminded us that as pastors of congregations we are not C. E.O.'s but rather spiritual leaders as a part of the living worshipping body of Christ. We heard magnificent music from the choir of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

- The Presbytery, as part of worship, enjoyed the fact that five of the members of the youth council participated as liturgist and then the twenty members of the youth council were installed.

- The Presbytery received into membership three new pastors. They were: Rev. Scott Black Johnston - the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Maynard Pittendrigh - the pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, and Cliff Sandell - Chaplin at Dekalb Medical

Center.

- The Presbytery enrolled five inquires as candidates for the ministry. These included: Nelson DeBrosse of the Buford Presbyterian Church, Barry Jenkins of First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville, Prince Davies of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Youn-Sup Song of the Korean Community Presbyterian Church, and Victoria Kelly of the Roswell Presbyterian Church. All were examined regarding their faith journeys and answered in the affirmative the constitutional questions. The Presbytery enjoyed a wonderful lunch in Williams Hall, and then remained in the fellowship hall for the afternoon session meeting around tables. It was good to experience this environment as a change of pace for our meeting.

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plan in predictable ways. But through it all will be woven the new thing that God is always doing in our still unfinished world.

So far, as Moderator of the 215th General Assembly, I have preached, spoken, or led Bible studies in Hawaii, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, and Georgia. I have dialogued, debated, and discussed various issues confronting our contemporary church. As a result, here are a few tentative conclusions I have reached about being Presbyterian today.

Presbyterians love the Bible and want to know and understand it better. The Bible—as story, identity, standard, metaphor, poetry,

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truth, prophetic imagination—is the common feast for theologically diverse Presbyterian believers. Together we enjoy chewing, tasting, and savoring its abundance.

To borrow a phrase, Presbyterians are eager to meet Jesus again—as if for the very first time. The questions are clear: In a pluralistic world, what does it mean to proclaim Jesus as Lord? How do we balance the grace and truth of Jesus Christ—

the absolutely free, unmerited, and hospitable grace of a God who loves us unconditionally—**and** the demanding truth of a God who calls us to grow up in every way into the maturity of Christ? How can we maintain the unity of Christ when our diversity is straining every muscle and ligament of our corporate body?

In every place I have gone, being Presbyterian—usually, but not always—means worshiping with reverence, intelligence, and joy. It means thinking critically and crea-

tively about what contemporary Christians are called to do and to be. Most of all, it means serving energetically in the world, acknowledging that it is at the intersection of faith and life that each Christian is called to transform the world—to be Christ’s ambassadors of reconciliation and justice. At the same time, in every place I have gone, issues of ordination, homosexuality, and the authority of scripture continue to divide us.

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Presbyterian Rally Day 2004 Georgia Capitol and Central Presbyterian February 19th, 9:00 - 2:00

Presbyterians will meet at the Georgia Capitol for a Legislative Rally on February 19th to demonstrate support of public policy makers and public policies which serve the common good. The gathering will begin at 9 AM with an orientation at Central Presbyterian Church, 201 S. Washington Street, across the street from the Capitol. Following a period of orientation and

sharing of information about legislative issues, participants will visit the Georgia Capitol, observing the House and Senate in session and speaking with legislators. At noon, Barry Davies, Memorial Drive Presbyterian, will lead a songfest on the Capitol steps. Presbyterian Rally Day will continue with lunch at 12:30 PM at Central Church. During this luncheon, attendees will meet Presbyterian legislators and hear about issues affecting children and the environment.

Presbyterian Rally Day at the Capitol 2003 was an unparalleled opportunity for Presbyterians to learn about the making of public policy. The 2004 Presbyterian Rally Day promises even greater insights into the legislative process as the decline in state revenues has seriously impacted the needs of children and issues of the environment promise to impact the lives of all Georgians.

Parking near the Capitol is limited. Participants are encouraged to car pool or ride MARTA. Additional driving directions and parking suggestions may be found at www.central-presbyterian.org. Other questions may be directed to Cas Robinson, Presbytery Public Policy Advocate at fidelity@mindspring.com.

Pre-registration is essential as space is limited! Complete form, attach a check for lunches requested (payable to Presbytery of Greater Atlanta), and send both to Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, c/o Gay Alston, 1024 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. Deadline for lunch reservations is February 10!

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Church _____

Presbytery _____

Lunch reservation, \$7 _____ sandwich lunch _____ vegetarian lunch _____ no lunch

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

Pastoral Openings

Church Leadership Connection Opportunity Search

<http://clc.pcusa.org/pcusaASPs/opListInputCriteria.asp>. This link enables you to browse all PC(USA) churches seeking pastors.

Posted 07/17/03
Clairmont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Parish Associate for Senior Adult Ministry and Care

Specific duties and responsibilities:

1. Organizes and directs the Senior Adult Ministry of the Church, working closely with Senior Adult Leadership, providing care, fellowship, support, educational, and service opportunities for adults ages 55 and older.
2. Personally provides pastoral care and maintains a network of caring by lay persons to members in hospitals, for the home-bound, and in nursing homes on an ongoing basis.
3. Teaches Sunday school and leads small groups on occasion, but not on an ongoing basis.
4. Performs funerals, weddings, and baptisms when called upon in coordination with the senior pastor.
5. Preaches up to two times a year and occasionally serves as liturgist.

Send Resumes to: Clairmont Presbyterian Church, 1994 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033, or office@clairmontpres.org
For more info call, (404) 634-3355.

Educational Openings

Youth Ministry Openings

Posted 07/17/03
Rock Spring Presbyterian Church is seeking an Associate for Children, Youth and Families (ordained or non-ordained) Part time; 30 hours per week
The primary area of focus for the Associate for Children, Youth and Families is three-fold:

1. Develop meaningful relationships with new and existing children, youth and families associated with Rock Spring Presbyterian Church
2. Support, develop and implement programs, grounded in reformed theology, to encourage the spiritual growth of children, youth and their families through relationship with Jesus Christ and through membership in the body of Christ.
3. Assist with fostering growth within the Rock Spring Presbyterian Church congregation

Compensation: Cash Salary: \$20,000 - \$25,000, negotiable, Major Medical/Pension and Vacation/Continuing Education: 2 weeks/2 weeks

Send Resumes to: Rock Spring Presbyterian Church, 1824 Piedmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30324. For more info, call 404.875.7483 or visit www.rspc.org.

Other Openings

Posted 9/9/03
Northwest Presbyterian Church in northwest Atlanta is

seeking a full-time, experienced Church Office Manager to fulfill the following major areas of responsibility:

1. Coordinate the overall function of the church office;
2. Provide secretarial support to the pastoral staff, committee chairs and others;
3. Coordinate the work of various volunteers;
4. Oversee and be able to assist with the financial functions, including payroll, accounts payable, and member contributions;
5. Oversee use of the facilities. Proficiency in Microsoft Office and ACS is preferred.

Qualified candidates please send resumes to Gail Wick, Chair/Personnel Committee, Northwest Presbyterian Church, 4300 Northside Drive, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. 404-237-5539

Posted 9/3/03
Trinity Presbyterian Church is seeking an Activities Director

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.

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Music Openings

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Seeking Director of Music Ministries for Timberridge Presbyterian Church in McDonough, GA. 400 members and growing. We are looking for a creative person with the leadership and vision for growing and developing an exciting music ministry. Full time or part time considered. 770-957-5203

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Associate Director of Music/Organist needed at Clairmont Presbyterian Church. The Associate Director of Music will function as the main organist and accompanist of the church, preparing the congregation for worship, and leading them in the praise and proclamation of the Word through the unique and varied medium of sacred music. The Associate Director of Music's principal role is to be a facilitator. As Associate Director of Music, he or she assists the Director of Music and the Arts in preparation and execution of the music ministry in a cooperative effort. In the absence of the Director of Music, the Associate Director assumes the lead of the music ministry. Primary responsibilities are: to play keyboard instruments for the worship services, to play for all Choir rehearsals, and for all special choral "dress rehearsals" as needed, to serve as director of one children's choir, or other ensemble, as needed and agreed upon with Director of Music and the Arts, to attend meetings of the Worship/Music and the Arts Team, as needed, to meet with the

Director of Music and the Arts on a regular basis and to play for all memorial services and weddings (with first right of refusal for each). Interested individuals should send a resume with cover letter to Mike Strain, Director of Music and the Arts, at mike.strain@clairmontpres.org or mail to his attention at the following address: Clairmont Presbyterian Church, 1994 Clairmont Road, Decatur, GA 30033 (see website for a full description.)

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Pianist needed at Jackson Presbyterian Church. Primary responsibilities are: Sunday morning services and Sunday choir rehearsals. Compensation: \$50/week. Please contact Larry Pressley at 770-775-5683 for more information.

Posted 5/14/03
Director of Music/Organist needed at The Presbyterian Church of the Resurrection (PCR). Will be responsible for overall 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 overall 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

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Welcomes Three New Members

—Ruth Hicks,
Associate Executive
Presbyter for Ministry

Scott Black Johnston is the new pastor at the Trinity, Atlanta, church. We welcome Scott from Mission Presbytery.



Maynard Pittendreigh comes to the Good Shepherd church and the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta from Tropical Florida Presbytery.



Cliff Sandell is a candidate for ministry from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta from the Emory church. We are happy to welcome him to ministry as Chaplain at DeKalb Medical Center.

