

# One in the Spirit

A monthly email from Linda Valentine strengthening community between the General Assembly Mission Council and Mid-Council Executives



## Lives Transformed: Born at Ground Zero

An interfaith community is born at a Presbyterian center near New York City following the violence of 9/11. [Read how](#) Muslim, Jewish and Christian members are working as allies for peace while remaining committed to their faiths.

[Learn why](#) understanding what Muslims believe can make us better peacemakers.



## Muslims and Christians: Finding Common Ground

Two Presbyterian mission co-workers built their home in an all-Muslim neighborhood in Indonesia. [Learn how](#) they're serving the community and [experiencing the Holy Spirit's](#) ability to create friendships between those of different faiths.

## Why the Peacemaking Offering matters

Conducting peace camps, preventing gun violence and ending the use of children as soldiers are just some of the reasons this Offering is so important. [Learn how](#) your gifts are having a positive impact in the world.

- [Connect with other Presbyterians](#) who are resisting the violence in our world.
- [Learn more](#) about the history and Presbyterian influence of this Offering.



## The Interfaith Generation

[Learn how](#) expanding our world view can strengthen our Christian faith.

[Find more items](#) from September's issue of Presbyterians Today.



### Progress in Haiti

Meet Joseph - a young man who is caring for his siblings after the loss of their parents and brother. [Click here](#) to see how Presbyterians are helping this family rebuild.



### Evangelism: A Way of Life

[Click here](#) to discover what “your greatest joy should be as a Christian” and why mission is not limited to overseas.



### Connect with Mission Every Day!

For every day of the year, the 2012 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook has a compelling and inspiring story of how Presbyterians engage in mission around the corner and around the world. [Get your copy to learn more](#) about the Mission Yearbook and how you can be a part of it.



### Carrying the Torch

Follow the significant achievements, issues of concern and upcoming events for racial ethnic congregations and groups. Get the newest copy of the [Racial Ethnic Torch](#). To subscribe, email [Laverne Rhodes](#).

## Best Ministry Practices

### A Communication Ministry

Sharing the good news of Christ requires effective communication. For the North Puget Sound Presbytery, that means using a biweekly e-newsletter wisely.

Sarah Beard, communications coordinator for the presbytery, says she: 1. uses short story descriptions, 2. links stories to the presbytery’s website, and 3. shares feature articles from congregational newsletters to “show we are together in Christ and not separate from each other.”

It’s working. Each article gets about 200 to 300 clicks. [Click here to read the “Sound and Spirit” e-newsletter](#) and [click here to learn more](#) about the presbytery’s communication ministry.



## We want to hear from YOU!

In what ways is your presbytery or synod working to grow Christ's church in new ways?

Email me your stories: [linda.b.valentine@pcusa.org](mailto:linda.b.valentine@pcusa.org)



### Funding for Family Ministries

A Mariners Family Ministry Grant helped transform [McClintock Presbyterian Church](#) in Charlotte, N.C., for families. [Click here](#) to learn how YOUR presbytery or congregation could also benefit.



### Empower women to fight hunger and poverty

Theme: "God Give Us a New Heart and a New Spirit"

When: October 13-16, 2011

Where: Ramada Convention Center, Orlando, Fla.

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Justo González.

More information: [Infórmate e inscríbete ahora mismo](#) or email [Hector Rodriguez](#).



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