

One in the Spirit

A monthly email from Linda Valentine strengthening community between the General Assembly Mission Council and mid council executives

Lives transformed: Church of All Nations seeks to live into its name

[Discover how](#) a young church plant with Korean immigrant roots has become a home for West African immigrant worshipping communities and a possible help to two struggling congregations.

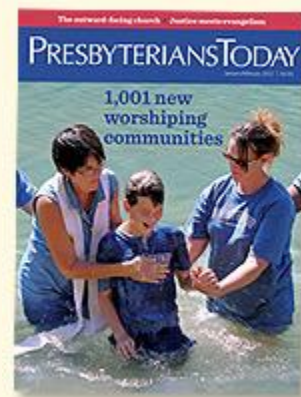
Justice and evangelism: hand in hand

[Read why](#) some believe adopting the “lifestyle of Jesus” would renew society and its connection to God.

All God’s people

[Read how](#) an influx of people from Africa have revitalized one congregation.

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A call from the past to serve in the present

Presbyterian mission worker [Tim Carriker](#) helped train hundreds of Brazilian missionaries who now share the gospel cross-culturally. [Read how](#) they’re responding to the same calling that sent Presbyterian missionaries from the United States to Brazil in 1859.



Haiti: the Presbyterian effect

January 12 was the [two year anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti](#). Learn how [your donations](#) are used and why Presbyterian relief efforts are having a greater impact.



Celebrate Race Relations Sunday (January 15)

Use [these worship resources](#) as you gather with Christians of other races to learn about their culture and ways of expressing their faith.



Theological Education Fund tops \$50 million mark

[One church's](#) gift puts [TEF](#) at more than \$50 million raised since 1989! [Read why](#) the congregation believes it's important to invest in PC(USA) seminaries each year.



New Theology, Worship and Education director named

[Meet the Rev. Charles "Chip" Hardwick](#) the new director of Theology, Worship and Education for the GAMC.



Satisfying the hunger

[Check out the new blog](#) written by the ministry staff of Evangelism and Church Growth.



JANUARY 31 DEADLINE: Seeking partner presbyteries

Applications are available to presbyteries seeking to be partners in [For Such a Time as This](#), a small church pastoral residency program. For more information, [visit us online](#) or [email](#) us your questions.



Scholarship and grant applications now available

Learn more about opportunities for eligible individuals and institutions to receive financial assistance through [Financial Aid for Studies](#), a ministry of the [Office of Vocation](#).



Cultural proficiency training for youth

The Office of Gender and Racial Justice is offering seed grants to assist congregations and mid councils in teaching youth the importance of celebrating diversity. Visit the [website](#) to learn more or to [download an application](#)

Great Ministry Practices

[Homestead Presbytery](#) produced [this simple but effective video](#) to welcome new parishioners into their congregation. It's also a great way for current members to share your congregation's message and invite others to be a part.

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 or ideas.

Important dates, conferences, and events



February 1–4

Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Annual Event
"God's Surprising Wonders"

Location: Grand Rapids, Mich.

[Register now](#) →



March 23

Compassion, Peace and Justice Training Day
"Presbyterians and Economic Justice"

Location: New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.

[Register now](#) →



March 23—26

10th Annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days

Where: Washington, D.C.

[Register now](#) →



April 26—29

2012 National Multicultural Conference

"God's Door is Open: Who Are We to Stand in the Way?"

Location: Charlotte, N.C.

[More details](#) →



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June 30 — July 7

220th General Assembly

Location: Pittsburgh, PA

[More details](#) →



July 18—22

Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Join thousands of women for worship, community building, and education

Theme: River of Hope

Registration opens online December 1; [order your free booklet](#) now



SAVE THE DATE!

July 29 – August 2

[Evangelism and Church Growth Conference](#)

“What Are You Waiting For?”

Location: St. Pete Beach, Fla.

What to expect: Learning tracks in evangelism, new church Development, transformation, collegiate ministries and youth workers



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