



# Grand Canyon FOCUS

Winter 2004

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon met on November 15, 2003 at Horizon Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, for a Stated Meeting. Moderator Elder Kate Wilmoth called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:05 a.m.; the Stated Clerk was present, a quorum was reported and no new business was docketed.

## Service of Worship and Time for Dialogue

The theme "Sunday Dinner" provided an opportunity for "Conversation About Our Life Together in Worship." Upon entering Horizon Presbyterian Church presbyters found that the room was set up in many groupings, of six chairs each, to enable times for dialogue in small groups throughout the Order of Service for the Worship of God. The Worship Service began at 10:00 a.m. and continued until 1:30 p.m. The scripture lesson was I Corinthians 11: 23-26 and the Presbytery was led in worship with the Sermon "In Remembrance" by The Rev. Dr. Howard Rice. Following lunch the presbytery continued Worship with the Invitation to and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Dialogue took place following the **Act of Confession and Brokenness: Broken Places in our Worship Life** when, in their small groups, presbyters shared responses to the following question:

What are the issues with which you are wrestling in the worship life of your congregation?

During the time set aside for *Passing the Peace of Christ* the following were the Questions for Group Conversation about the Lord's Supper:

1. What has been the most meaningful sharing of the Lord's Supper for you? Why do you think it was so meaningful? How did you feel? How was it shared? Was it in your own church or with another gathering of the faithful?

2. Tell us how the Lord's Supper is celebrated at your church. If something you do means a lot to you, tell us about that as you share – why is it meaningful? If something troubles you about what you do, tell us about it – why does it trouble you?
3. What helps you to focus during the Lord's Supper? Why?
4. What distracts you during the Lord's Supper? Why?
5. What is confusing about the Lord's Supper for you? Why?

After this time of sharing in small groups, time was set aside for dialogue with responses shared from each of the groups and those responses/questions followed by comments from Dr. Rice.

Liturgists were Rev(s) Howard Rice, Brian Paulson, José Olagues, Jim Uhley and Elder Gloria Suchta. Horizon's Praise Band and the Combined Choirs of Horizon and Gila Crossing provided leadership in music.

## Actions Taken

### **Suspension of Presbytery Bylaws to Permit the Scheduling of Four Presbytery Meetings in 2004**

- Upon recommendation of the Presbytery Council, the Bylaws and Standing Rules were suspended for 18 months by more than a 2/3 vote to permit the scheduling of four presbytery meetings in 2004.

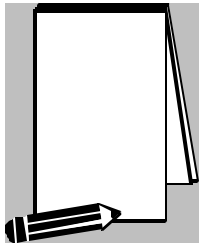
- The Presbytery Council is to provide a report at the first meeting in 2005 on whether or not to stay with four meetings or return to the normal five meetings called for in the Bylaws and Standing Rules

- Granted the Committee on Ministry permission to receive new members from other presbyteries who have received a Pastoral Call into membership in the presbytery with the provision they be introduced at the next presbytery meeting.

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**Next Presbytery Meeting: January 24, 2004**

Chandler Presbyterian Church, Chandler  
More information at: [www.pbygrandcanyon.org](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org)



## Songs of Faith, Signs of Hope

*Let the words of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. (Col. 3:16)*

These are energizing words to us even today. But think for a moment back to when these words were written. Although the early Christians had access to the Old Testament, the New Testament did not yet exist. Their stories and teachings about Christ were memorized and passed on from person to person. Sometimes the teachings were set to music, and so music became an important part of Christian worship and education. Our scriptures are rich with spiritual songs, songs of praise, affirmation and commitment.

Think about the significant role that music plays in our lives. Music can create a mood, connect us with past memories and friends. More than that, it connects us with our faith and heritage. We each have definite ideas about what kind of music we like to listen to. We know what we like. And music has a message, it brings to us the feelings of inspiration, romance or patriotism. As David Poling writes in his book, *Songs of Faith Signs of Hope*, music is "deeply personal and often social." Music has the power to divide us as well as to unite, enrage and or entertain.<sup>1</sup>

Think about how the hymns we sing have a meaning and place in our lives. Think back to your childhood, and the part music played in church. What was the first song you can remember learning in church? For many it was *Jesus Loves Me*.

Throughout our lives, the music of the church is expressed in all its tradition: liturgical and non-liturgical. It has enhanced sermons and celebrations, has carried us from childhood through youth, and has given us an entry into adulthood.<sup>2</sup> Can you remember the first time you sang or listened to a performance of the *Messiah*? Or think about songs of fellowship and gospel hymns that you have sung over the years. "Music is a shared experience and that's, of course, what our Christian faith is all about."<sup>3</sup> From the earliest accounts in the Old Testament, we read that Moses and the people of Israel sang this song:

*The Lord is my strength and my son, and he has become my salvation. (Exod. 15:1-2)*

In the Biblical tradition, songs have been essential. "A new song meant fresh information, reminders of past victories, moments to sing the Lord's praise."<sup>4</sup> And, if you think about it, the music in your life has been both planned and spontaneous. "Music has power beyond measure."<sup>5</sup>

*Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him... (Psalm 98)*

As Christians, we sing the Psalms as praise to God and we interpret them in light of God's great saving act in Jesus Christ. Our "new song" is Jesus Christ - the victor over sin, evil and death. Isaac Watts, the 18th century English hymn writer, transformed Psalm 98 into *Joy to the World* - a proclamation of the coming of Jesus Christ. We tend to think of this as a Christmas Carol, but when we sing this in church at any time of the year, we are affirming that Jesus has come and rules the world with "truth and grace."

When we gather for worship and to sing, we are claiming a new future different from our past and present. Our worship and our singing are acts of hope. We celebrate that in Christ all things will be made new. Our minds, hearts and souls are open to new possibilities. What are some of your favorite memories connected to music? What songs will you be singing in the new year?

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

Blessings,

*Linda*

Linda Bailey, Focus Editor

<sup>1</sup> David Poling, *Songs of Faith Signs of Hope*, Word Publishing (1976), p. 9.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, p. 9.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, p. 11.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, p. 12.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid*, p. 12.

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**Editor: Linda Bailey**

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### **Actions Taken at the November 15, 2004 Presbytery Meeting:**

- **Approved the following dates for Stated Presbytery Meetings in 2004**
  - Saturday - January 24, 2004
  - Saturday - April 24, 2004
  - Friday/Saturday – September 17 –18, 2004
  - Saturday – November 13, 2004

#### **New Members Received**

**Rev. Fred Anderson (HR)** from the Presbytery of South Dakota where he served in both Stated Supply and Interim Pastor assignments.

**Rev. Trina Zelle** who is serving as Associate Pastor to Church of the Beatitudes (UCC) from Tres Rios Presbytery.

#### **Nominations Approved**

Elected the following two churches to each nominate an Elder Commissioner to the 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004) for confirmation by the presbytery at the January 2004 meeting:

Vah Ki Presbyterian Church  
Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church

Elected persons to fill vacancies in the Class of 2006 on various committees

Elected persons to be Chair and Vice Chair of various committees for the year 2004

#### **2004 Mission and Per Capita Budget Approved**

Upon recommendation of the Presbytery Council the Presbytery approved balanced Mission and Per Capita Budgets as follows:

Mission	\$ 886,795
Per Capita	<u>439,980</u>
Total	\$1,326,775

#### **Evangelism and Church Development**

On the recommendation of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee, Presbytery approved the Motion presented by Rev. Jim Uhley, to elect an Administrative Commission to Maranatha Ethiopian Fellowship to determine whether this congregation should be chartered.

### **Reports and Items of Interest from the November 15, 2003 Presbytery Meeting**

#### Executive Presbyter

Presbyters heard the report of Ken Moe in which he raised these two questions to ponder: "How can Grand Canyon be an ideal presbytery in a world of total depravity? Another way to pose the question is this: Is it possible for Grand Canyon Presbytery to function in a fully efficient, healthy, spiritually sound, cooperative, and generous way when close to 100% of our members are flawed and sinful individuals?"

Full text of the report posted on the Presbytery Website at [www.pbygrandcanyon.org](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org)

#### Synod of the Southwest Council Report on Move of the Synod Office

Elder Conrad Rocha (Presbytery of Santa Fe), Chair of the Synod Council Budget Committee provided a detailed background report on the Synod Council's decision to relocate the Synod office from Phoenix to Tucson effective December 31, 2003 and vacate its space in the Inter Church Center.

#### Presbyterian Mission Work in Africa

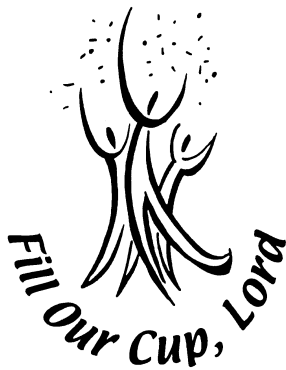
Dr. Phil Gates, Elder Trinity Presbyterian Church Prescott, provided a first-hand report and video about the AIDS pandemic in Africa. Under the auspices of the Outreach Foundation he spent two weeks with 13 other PCUSA members visiting African Presbyterian churches and mission sites in Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

#### Five-Year Comprehensive Review

Helen Orr, Chair of the Personnel Committee, outlined the process for completing the five-year comprehensive review of Ken Moe called for at the time he was elected as Executive Presbyter in June 1999. (The personnel committee's letter of November 14, 2003 and accompanying Comprehensive Review Form are included in the Presbytery Packet materials posted on the website.)

#### NOTE

The full minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of November 15, 2003 will be approved by the Presbytery Council and posted on the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Website at least two weeks prior to the January 24, 2004 Stated Meeting.



**The Big Event**  
**February 7, 2004**  
**7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**at**  
**Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**6947 E. McDonald Drive**  
**Paradise Valley, AZ**  
 (Two blocks west of Scottsdale Rd.)

Since the early 1980's members of churches in Grand Canyon Presbytery have gathered to share the richness of our faith through worship and workshops. The 2004 theme, "Fill Our Cup, Lord" is a variation on Psalms 23:5 emphasizing "our" because it is a day to call on God for inspiration and information - to a fullness that can be returned to our congregations through teaching, leadership and growth in faith. Be sure to attend this day to celebrate our denominational heritage and acknowledge our need to meet other Presbyterians and share worship.

Brochures and registration forms are available at your church, on the presbytery's website at [www.pbygrandcanyon.org](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org) and in the presbytery office.

Mail your registration forms, along with payment to:

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon  
 4423 N 24th St., Ste. 200  
 Phoenix, AZ 85016

Questions? Call Marcia McCabe at 602-468-3820.

Registration is \$15 per person until January 9th and \$20 per person thereafter, until filled. Registration deadline: January 20.

## Conference for Historians in 2004

From April 26-30, 2004, the Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its 26th annual Seminar on Local Church History in Montreat, North Carolina. This event is for anyone interested in the collection, preservation and writing of Presbyterian history. Workshops on writing, researching, and publishing a congregation history will be featured, as well as a two-part writing workshop especially for Presbyterian Women historians.

Anniversary celebration committees will benefit from workshops on the preservation of church records, disaster preparedness, oral history, exhibiting church treasures, photograph preservation, and ideas for celebrating a congregation's anniversary.

The Presbyterian Historical Society will offer two scholarships (which will offset the seminar registration fee) for participants from small churches.

For more information and an application, contact the Presbyterian Historical Society, at [seminar@history.pcusa.org](mailto:seminar@history.pcusa.org) or call 828-669-7061 or visit their website at: [www.history.pcusa.org/cong/lchs/index.html](http://www.history.pcusa.org/cong/lchs/index.html)



### Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Women's Retreat April 16-18, 2004 Camp Pinerock, Prescott

Rev. Shelly Moe and Rev. Pat Baxter will be the retreat leaders. Watch for more details coming soon.

Questions? Contact Rev. Jane Wilson  
 480-998-1085 or email:  
[janew1@cox.net](mailto:janew1@cox.net)



Thank You!

**From The  
Agua Fria Food & Clothing Bank**

Rev. Renato Alvarez and his dedicated staff of more than 44 volunteers send heartfelt thanks to the many donors who helped to make the Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution such a success. Their generous donations of turkeys, non-perishable food items, cash contributions and precious time enabled the Food Bank to provide 258 Thanksgiving boxes for 1,021 people and 162 Christmas boxes for 746 people. Thanks to your kindness and assistance, our ministry of food and clothing to the underprivileged in our community is possible. And, your participation is most appreciated.

During the past year (Jan-Dec.), we served 19,910 people. We continue to reach out to people from Avondale, Buckeye, Cashion, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, Phoenix, and beyond.

We treasure our partnership in mission with you, and we pray for your continued support. I know that "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19.)

Please pray for the School Uniforms Project (2003-2004). We hope to give 700 new school uniforms to 370 children.

In Christ,

*Rev. Renato Enrique Alvarez*

Rev. Renato Enrique Alvarez  
Director

**New Address for the  
Synod of the Southwest**

401 E. 4th St., #A  
Tucson, AZ 85705

Phone: 520-791-9600  
Fax: 502-791-9603

E-mail addresses will stay the same.

**The Synod of the Southwest moved  
December 8-9, 2003.**

**Carol Schurr joins the staff as the new  
Administrative Assistant, and is a  
member of Immanuel Presbyterian  
Church in Tucson.**



**Announcing ...**

**2004 EVE Program**

***(Education for volunteers and paid  
educators)***

Mark your calendar:

- Feb. 21 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (lunch)
- Mar. 20 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- April 17 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (lunch)
- May 15 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- June 12 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (lunch)

Details available at the January 24th Presbytery Meeting.

Questions? Contact:  
Betty Brazie at 480-990-2728

## 2004 Presbyterian Youth Triennium



**July 20 – 25, 2004  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Indiana**

**The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a national gathering of over 7,000 Presbyterian youth and adults. For more information check out:**

**[www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)**

Delegates are needed from our churches and chapels in the Grand Canyon Presbytery. Please help us get the word out to your congregation.

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium participants primarily are made up of Presbyterian young people ages 15-19. PYT also has opportunities for young adults ages 19-22 to serve as work crew where they have an opportunity to help the staff, leadership and participants of the Triennium, in all areas of programming. Delegations must include one adult for every nine young people. Adults must be at least 21 years old on July 20, 2004.

### **QUESTIONS**

All questions should be addressed to:  
Craig Miller  
[craig.miller@upctempe.org](mailto:craig.miller@upctempe.org)  
480-966-6267 (office)

## 2004 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Youth/Adult Applications & Procedures Grand Canyon Presbytery

The procedure for selection in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is as follows:

1. Each church may submit **three (3) youth delegates who have not attended previously**, by January 14, 2004. Please rank your delegates 1, 2, or 3 on the application form. A pastor's signature **must** be obtained. (In churches without a pastor, the clerk of session or Christian educator may sign.) Please be sure your delegates meet the age requirement.
2. **After January 14th we will begin accepting additional youth delegates who have not attended previously.** This will be done on first come, first served basis. (You *may* submit these names prior to January 14th - please rank them 4, 5, 6 etc.)
3. We will need at least 4 adult sponsors (over the age of 21 by January 1, 2004) to attend. Preference will be given to adults who have not attended previously in any role, as well to churches that have not had adult representation at the last two triennium events.
4. All applicants and church officers/staff must read and follow the guidelines listed on the back of each application.

Applications are available at:  
[www.pbygrandcanyon.org](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org)

*All applications should be mailed to:*  
C/O Craig Miller  
University Presbyterian Church  
139 East Alameda Drive  
Tempe, Arizona 85282-3502

*Applications may also be faxed to:*  
480-966-8396  
(Please make sure to fax both sides and attach a cover letter.)

Please note: Youth and adults selected will be expected to attend a pre-Triennium orientation session at a central location. Youth and adults are also expected to commit to at least one presentation upon return from Triennium.

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a delegated event. The Presbytery's Educational Ministry Committee will try its best to make sure that all youth who want to attend are able.

## WHAT COLOR IS YOUR JESUS?

by Rev. Judy Wellington,  
Associate for Native American Ministries

What color is your Jesus? I remember the first time I was asked that question. It was in the context of a class on nurturing Christian faith. I thought it was very odd because I had never thought about that before. Many students wondered what the exercises had to do with sharing their faith with others, and it eventually became clear that the gospel we share is linked to our personal experiences and interpretations of the message as informed (or not) by a particular denominational community. Beyond the theological grounding there is also the cultural container of faith that we carry as expressed through values, behaviors, aesthetics, etc. Most of us grew up with images of Jesus that did not look anything like what his actual appearance may have been, and I'm sure most of us knew nothing of the cultural particularities of Middle Eastern life. Our own understandings of family, community life, economic realities, humor, etc. colored the ways we saw Jesus and interpreted scripture. By taking time to reconsider where our images had come from, who may have rendered them, and what culture(s) they represented we were able to take more seriously what had been previously taken for granted. We were able to #1) separate the physical representations of Jesus from the biblical account of his person and ministry; and #2) give serious consideration to what the savior looks like in our heart of hearts.

When it is common practice for Christians to speak of a personal relationship with Jesus what is the human image of Jesus that comes to mind in that relationship? Does he look like members of our race\* and community or does he look like someone from a foreign community that we don't know much about? It may be more likely today that a human likeness of Jesus is produced that corresponds to a Middle Eastern image. But even in many contemporary pictures Jesus is placed in the world as we know it. Or is it? I have yet to enter an Indian church in which Jesus is shown in the desert or talking with little brown children outside the Tribal Offices. What images do our children see that tell them Jesus loves them and their people just as they are, building a foundation for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? However, I did see a painting of Jesus in the desert at the church in Wickenburg and there is a beautiful banner in the Leupp Presbyterian Church that reads in Navajo, "the Jesus Clan."

These are human reminders of what we believe to be true, that Jesus came and dwelt *among* us. God became flesh, touching our human experience in this most intimate way, reconciling us through the saving work of Jesus Christ.

We don't know what Jesus looked like and we continue to make assumptions about this. That's only human. It's the subtle affirmation of certain physical traits over others in established portrayals of Jesus that needs to be challenged if we are going to move eventually to a place where we trust in Jesus Christ apart from ANY physical picture of him. God is spirit and our worship is to be in spirit and in truth. It would follow that if we do not need an image, then another's image of Jesus regardless of cultural context would be equally affirmed as a human representation of God in human form. Can you see the image of Jesus represented as an African American, a Mexican, a Korean, a Native American if that community said this is what Jesus looks like to us? What color is your Jesus?

Note\* I use the term race in this article because it is a term some use to differentiate between themselves and others with physical differences. The Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee recently spent some time dealing with anti-racism and the fact that "race" is not a scientific reality, but a social and political construct. It is a category used as social or political identification for populations that are defined by law as one race or another.

### Reminder to Presbyterian Youthworkers

#### **All-Presbytery Senior High Retreat February 27-29 Pine Summit Camp in Prescott**

**R**ebecca Harrison from Desert Hills, PC will coordinate the leadership of this event. Rev. Steve Beard of Valley PC will be the speaker.

I hope that you and your youth will be able to attend.

Rev. Keith Kerber  
kckerber@msn.com

**The following article appeared in the  
Lexington Herald-Leader, in Lexington, KY  
8-30-03**

**A 'do unto others' vacation...  
Mission Trip to Arizona  
helps high-desert church**

*by Linda and Jim Niemi  
Herald Staff Writers*

*Linda and Jim Niemi spent a week this summer in AZ on a mission trip. She is a Herald-Leader news researcher and he is assistant business editor.*

CHINLE, Arizona - **You** could call it a working vacation. In mid-July, we teamed with 10 other volunteers from Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, drove to Arizona and rolled up our sleeves at a mission church in Navajo Nation in Arizona's north-eastern corner. The church, Trinity Presbyterian, sits on a mesa that marks the highest point of the town in Chinle.

Chinle is typical of many Navajo high-desert communities. Its population of 5,924 is more than 91 percent Native American, according to the 2000 U.S. Census Report. Unemployment is 18.2 percent, and per capita income is \$8,755. Forty percent of Chinle's families fall below the federal poverty level of \$17,029 for a family of four.

Livestock, mostly cattle and goats, roam freely about the town and reservation because grazing land is scarce. Scrawny stray dogs travel in packs across roads and yards because the lone animal control officer is seldom seen.

About half of the Navajos still follow tribal traditions, such as recognizing the eldest woman in the family as the ultimate authority. But "many of our traditions are going away, mostly because of alcohol," said Jasper Tso, our contact person at Trinity Presbyterian. Alcohol is illegal on the reservation but it is still available - at a steep price. Tso pointed out the home of one of Chinle's bootleggers, where customers can buy a pint of cheap wine for \$10 or a case of beer for \$50. When the gate on his fence is closed, it signals he has stock in hand.

But for many, the cost is prohibitive. So some Navajos get high on mouthwash or aerosol hair spray, which they prepare using a balloon and a gallon jug of water. Fields and roadsides are littered with rusted Aqua Net cans.

Poverty is also widespread. One of Trinity's parishioners lives in a windowless home where

she cooks meager meals on a propane burner for her children and boyfriend of five years. She has no electricity, no phone, no refrigeration. She has no transportation, either, and because she lives seven miles from town, she has no job. She survives on others' good will and \$129/month in food stamps from her boyfriend that are shared with his sister's family.

There is far more need than the area's 13 churches can satisfy. A few of the churches are better equipped to deal with the problems. Chinle's Church of Christ, for example, has three buses that it uses to pick up children from as far as 60 miles away, Tso said. "And it provides treats like snow cones and ice cream to those who attend."

Trinity Presbyterian, in existence for more than 50 years, is trying to provide what outreach it can. The week after we were there, the church was providing a week of Bible school for 100 youngsters on the reservation. Another work camp from California would make up the faculty.

But with a congregation of 25 and having had no pastor for the last five years, Tso and other church leaders depend on help from the outside. The church holds services only when visiting clergy can preside.

There was plenty for us to do. For two years, Tso had tried without success to recruit workers to dig up and move a steel mesh-and-barbed-wire fence that would expand the church's cramped gravel parking lot. That, for some of us became Job One.

The task was not easy. The Arizona sun pushed temperatures past 100 degrees every day. The old wood fence posts had been wedged tightly into holes filled with rock and dirt. The U-shaped nails that held the fencing to the posts had become imbedded into the wood. The barbed wire, which we needed to salvage, punctured our forearms as we rolled it --- and later unrolled it. And our group, which included physicians and nurses, a medical student, a recent college graduate, two high school students, an attorney, a pastor and two journalists, was anything but experienced in fence building. But we persevered and finished the job in four days, working mostly in the mornings, when the temperatures were cooler.

Others in our group cleaned the church

sanctuary, classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen and grounds to prepare for the Bible school. It ended up having to be cleaned twice because, after the first cleaning, a blinding sandstorm blanketed the floors and furniture with a fresh layer of dirt. Still others organized a clothing bank for the community in a church out-building. And, at night, a few of us sewed and hung curtains in two offices that the church rents out to social-service agencies in an effort to make ends meet.

Although work can be its own reward, there were priceless times of fellowship and sharing within and outside of our dirty dozen. Because most of Trinity's congregation is elderly, Tso's wife, Marilyn, asked our interim pastor, The Rev. Deborah Fortel, for advice in providing a Bible study that would attract the younger congregants. So we held a Bible study in which a couple of young women from Chinle participated and which acted as a model that the church could easily imitate.

A final highlight came on our last night together, when we, the Tsos and their two grandchildren celebrated Communion overlooking Canyon de Chelle's Spider Rock at sunset.

One evening, we discussed what would motivate a person to give up a week of free time for several days' labor. Marilyn Daniel said it best: "If you surround yourself with people who provide a model, it makes it easier to give up your vacation for a work camp."

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lniemi@herald-leader.com

## **The Rev. Dr. Howard L. Rice Appointed Interim President of Cook College and Theological School**

**Dr. Rice**, Professor of Ministry Emeritus of San Francisco Theological Seminary, is a former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the author of several books. He brings a wide knowledge of the church and a commitment to the work of Cook College and its mission to prepare Native Americans for leadership in the church and community. Cook College is celebrating its 93rd Anniversary. The College was established to provide educational opportunities for Native Americans and continues the mission to empower Native Americans and other indigenous groups for leadership.

## **A Report on the Annual POAMN Conference**



*Photo taken by Max Platt:*

Presentation of \$1500 of an offering taken at the annual POAMN Conference on October 24, 2003 at the Fiesta Inn at Tempe. Conference Director Pat Baker, Stone Mountain, GA (left) presents the gift to Pat Schindler (right), CCTS Director of Development, while Conferees Ron Richards and Betty Copeland (left), CCTS graduate Annett Lewis (center) and CCTS Volunteers Jean Souther, Trudy Den Herter, and Rev. Jim Coats (right) look on.

*By Max Platt for OACC*

**A**t the October 2003 Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network Conference at Fiesta Inn, Tempe, an offering was received for Cook College and Theological School (CCTS), co-hosts for the conference with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's Older Adult Concerns and Celebrations (OACC) Committee and deCristo Presbytery. Over 130 people attended the conference from sixteen Synods and 57 Presbyteries. A total of twelve presenters conducted a dozen workshops dealing with various aspects of the theme, "Spirituality: Health and Well-being."

Dr. Dosa Carlson of Phoenix was the worship leader and Marty Richards of Seattle was the keynote speaker. The conference opened with a barbecue at Cook College and Rev. Ken Moe greeted the assemblage in the CCTS Chapel. A banquet was held on Friday night and an offering of \$1500 was received for the CCTS Scholarship Fund. Attendees praised the event as worthwhile and OACC appreciates the support given by churches and individuals of Grand Canyon Presbytery.

**Arizona Ecumenical Council  
Annual Meeting and Winter Conference  
January 21, 2003  
9:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
First United Methodist Church, Phoenix,  
(NW Corner of Central and Missouri)**

The annual meeting of the Ecumenical Council is open to the public. Light lunch will be served. Official representatives from all member denominations, organizations, and associations are asked to attend. Reply email to [aec@aecunity.org](mailto:aec@aecunity.org) or call 602-468-3818 to R.S.V.P.

**AEC Winter Conference  
No Longer Strangers:**

***The Church's Response to Immigration***  
Tuesday, January 20 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM  
Repeats on Wed., January 21, 2-4:30 p.m.  
**First United Methodist Church, Phoenix**  
(NW corner of Central and Missouri)

\$15 per person (includes materials and snacks)  
No meal will be served. Hear immigration stories, pastor experiences, social and theological reflections. Learn how to get involved and hear from the experts who are dealing with these issues daily. Presenters will include immigrants, policy makers, attorneys, activists and clergy members. To register, call 602-468-3818 or fill out this form and return to the address given below:

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

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***An Invitation to attend...  
Presbyterian Women in  
the Synod of the Southwest's  
Triennium Gathering  
October 15-17, 2004  
Las Cruces/Mesilla, New Mexico***

The theme for this meeting is:  
[www\\*.God'sPathways.com](http://www.God'sPathways.com)  
\*womenworldwide

**Keynote** speaker for this event is Sylvia Washer, Executive Presbyter of Mission Presbytery (with offices in San Antonio, TX). She is the author of the "How To" section of the 2005 *Horizons* Bible Study.

Janice Catron, Presbyterian Women's Communications Office and Bible Study presenter at the Churchwide PW Gathering in 2003 will be the Bible Study Leader. An optional mission tour of area ministries will be offered.

The meeting and lodging for attendees will be at the Best Western's Mesilla Valley Inn.

For more information, contact Jeanne Matt, Moderator, Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Southwest.

**What Is Stewardship?**

**Stewardship** is about making choices, as individuals and in community. It is more than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us. Stewardship is not just one part of Christian discipleship; it involves every aspect of life in all the stages of life.

Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and of how we can best serve God as disciples of Christ.

For more information and resources check out:  
<http://www.pcusa.org/stewardship/>



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **PWP SPRING GATHERING Lake Havasu City Community Church, Lake Havasu City, AZ MARCH 27, 2004**

*PWP* will meet this spring for its Gathering at Community Church in Lake Havasu City. The theme for this event will be "Leave No Child Behind." A worthwhile program is promised including; worship, keynote address, workshops, and fellowship with PW's from throughout our Presbytery.

The Gathering will begin at 8:30 a.m., with registration, and end at 2:30 p.m. Registration cost is \$7.00 per person.

The keynote speaker will be Susan Keil Smith, from Albuquerque, NM, Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Southwest, Member-at-Large, Justice and Peace Issues. She will also lead a workshop on Children's Concerns.

Rev. Judy Wrought, Associate for Women's Ministries for Synods, Southwest, Rocky Mt., and California and Hawaii will be in charge of worship. She will lead a workshop introducing the 2004-05 *HORIZONS* Bible Study.

Betsy Nunley will also be presenting a workshop on Children's Booklist. Lillian Oats, Vice-Moderator for Justice and Peace Issues, CCT, Jeanne Matt, Moderator for PW in Synod of Southwest, and Meri Simmons, CCT contact for Synod of Southwest will be participating, as well.

Because of the travel distance, many are planning to drive up on Friday, March 26th. The women of the Community Church will house a limited number of women in their homes and a block of rooms has been reserved at a local motel. For more information on housing, call Mary Danforth, (480) 345-0629 or Kay Harding, (480)641-2617.

*Mark your calendars and come and join us for a spring break with God!*

### **Another Important Date to Remember:**

**The Big Event, February 7, 2004**  
Valley Presbyterian Church  
6947 E. McDonald Dr.  
Paradise Valley, Arizona  
480-991-6424

### **WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO?**

(Excerpted from *HORIZONS* magazine)

*Presbyterian Women* has a long history of supporting mission and has been a vital force in carrying out the worldwide mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Records dating back to the mid-1800s show women's generous financial gifts to mission boards and agencies. To estimate the number of patients healed, churches established or children taught the love of God because of this long-standing care and concern of women in the Presbyterian church is impossible.

### **WHAT IS CELEBRATION GIVING?**

Celebration Giving is a blanket term that describes all the ways participants in PW financially support the work of the organization. It includes:

#### **Celebration of Mission Through Women's Pledges**

This annual pledge is to be over and above tithes and support to the church at every level. This is used for GA mission and the work of PW at all levels.

#### **Celebration of Creative Ministries**

The *Birthday Offering* supports up to five projects and is given in the spring. The *Thank Offering* (including Health Ministries) support a number of smaller projects and is given in the fall.

#### **Celebration of Believers**

Honorary Life Memberships, Recognition and Memorial Gifts, Leadership Endowment

#### **Celebration of Christian Community**

Ecumenical programs, such as *Fellowship of the Least Coin*, and denominational programs, such as hunger and peacemaking

### **HOW ARE PW FUNDS ALLOCATED?**

The organization funds its own programs by retaining a minimal amount of the monies received through women's pledges. The balance of the money is forwarded to Central Receiving, PC(USA). Funds are then allocated to the Churchwide Coordinating Team of PW for its programming. The remaining balance is given to the General Assembly Mission Budget.

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To check online Presbytery calendar:  
www.pbygrandcanyon.org

## CALENDAR\*

To confirm or add calendar information,  
call Marcia McCabe at 602-468-3820

\* Meeting dates may be subject to change

<b>January 8</b>	11:45 AM	Council (Presbytery Office Closed)	TBA
<b>9-10</b>		Stewardship Training	Trinity, Prescott
<b>15</b>	10:30 AM	Evangelism & Church Development	Interchurch Center
<b>15</b>	4:30 PM	Social Justice & Peacemaking	Interchurch Center
<b>19</b>		Presbytery Office Closed MLK Holiday	
<b>20</b>	11:00 AM	CPM	Interchurch Center
<b>24</b>	Reg. 8 AM Mtg: 9 AM	Presbytery Meeting	Chandler Church
<b>28</b>	1:00 PM	Theology & Worship	Interchurch Center
<b>31</b>		COM Retreat	TBA
<b>February 5</b>	9 AM to 3 PM	Council Retreat (Presbytery Office Closed)	TBA
<b>7</b>	7:30 AM to 4 PM	The Big Event	Valley Church PV
<b>16</b>		Presbytery Office Closed Presidents' Day	
<b>27-28</b>		Senior High Retreat	Pine Summit Camp

### Presbytery Meeting Dates for 2004

Saturday,  
January 24, 2004

Saturday,  
April 24, 2004

Friday/Saturday,  
September 17-18, 2004

Saturday,  
November 13, 2004

**Synod  
Annual Meeting:**  
March 12-13, 2004

### Note to all Committee Chairs\*

Be sure to send in your meeting minutes and schedule of meeting dates and times to Marcia McCabe at the Presbytery Office. If your committee meets at the ICC Center, be sure to reserve your rooms.