



One of the “coolest” events offered at the Brotherhood Day Camp was the Ice Cream Social. It was hot and the ice cream was yummy and COLD! Brotherhood Day Camp served the community June 21st – July 29th. Family members and friends joined the campers for the Day Camp’s Closing Program on Wednesday, July 28th.

I encourage us to stay focused and to keep the main thing the main thing. We are a people whose life is Jesus Christ. He is the one whose love continues to transform our lives and sends us forth as servants. As we consider all these things, let us be mindful of the word of God to the Colossians:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:15-17

In the Peace of Christ,

Don Owens

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

The 219th General Assembly of the PCUSA has just concluded and was filled with joyous worship, challenging preaching, and heart filled prayers. Even in the midst of debate on difficult issues, the Assembly frequently stopped for prayer. We were reminded to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Even though the Assembly took actions that may cause great pain to some and joy to others, I would urge us all to take a deep breath and pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we hear about and discuss the actions being forwarded to the whole church. (A complete summary of the GA actions will follow later.) These actions must be ratified by a majority of the Presbyteries before they are enacted.

Actions referred to the Presbytery were not the only things that happen at a GA. As I indicated, great times of worship also occurred. There were also many other opportunities for challenge and reflection in the many meal time presentations. I was particularly challenged by two presentations by Phyllis Tickel who shared a thorough grasp of the major shifts in the life of God’s people throughout history. It is seen by many that we may be in another time of great change. Only time will tell. Maybe it was just the events I chose to go to, but it was clear to me that speaker after speaker reminded us of the need to focus on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as we face the changes within our world and respond in the church.

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PC(USA) MISSION CO-WORKERS

From Bruce Whearty
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Mission co-workers often develop special bonds with the first churches that come alongside them in ministry. For instance, would your church like to be among the very first to support Andres & Gloria Garcia, U.S. Coordinators for Puentes de Cristo, Reynosa, US/Mexico border, **and/or** Chris McReynolds, Mission co-worker and U.S. Director of Proyecto Amistad border ministry near Laredo, TX? If interested, please e mail bruce.whearty@pcusa.org for more information. It is expected that even more new mission co-workers will be identified in the near future.

Remember that Mission co-workers are available to speak to congregations. For John and Gwen Haspels speaking schedule, contact Eric Opprecht at oppyea@sbcglobal.net. For other Mission co-workers, contact Carol Somplatsky-Jarman at carol.somplatsky-jarman@pcusa.org.

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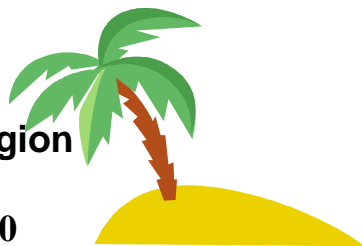
2010 Mid-Central Region
APCE event

October 24-26, 2010

The Elms Resort and Spa and Barbee
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Excelsior Springs, MO

Register online www.churchresourcecenter.org

- Early bird registration (through August 29) **\$159**
 - Registration (August 30-September 30) **\$179**
 - Late registration (after September 30) **\$199**
- Mid-Central APCE will provide a \$15 rebate to members attending *Oasis*



By June, response by Presbyterians to the recovery efforts in **Haiti** passed \$10 million. \$4 million has already been committed to relief and recovery. We continue to assess needs and venues for long term recovery – including the possibility to begin hosting teams of mission volunteers by the end of the year. We are working carefully with partners to determine host sites where there is real need, a capacity for visitors and a context that will provide safe and meaningful experiences for participants. To learn more, visit the [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website](#). We are grateful for the commitment and generosity of so many Presbyterians!

“Little Chapel - Big Kingdom”

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 27, 2010, for the Presbytery meeting which will be held at Westminster Woods beginning at 9:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the Presbytery meeting, we will worship and celebrate the dedication of the new Chapel. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the dedication to follow at 7:00 p.m. Further details and dinner reservation information will be sent in early August.

