

The In-Between Times

God is doing a new thing. - Isaiah 43:19

Assembly Connect

May 21, 2016

It was a beautiful spring day in May as the Presbytery of Chicago gathered to learn from our history, worship the God who makes all things new, and work together towards building God's beloved community. We were blessed by the hospitality and good humor of our hosts at Sixth-Grace Presbyterian Church of Chicago and to them we exclaim Thank You!

Vision

Memories Shared, New Visions Revealed

What we hunger for perhaps more than anything else is to be known in our full humanness, and yet that is often just what we also fear more than anything else. It is important to tell at least from time to time the secret of who we truly and fully are . . . because otherwise we run the risk of losing track of who we truly and fully are and little by little come to accept instead the highly edited version which we put forth in hope that the world will find it more acceptable than the real thing. "

— Frederick Buechner, Telling Secrets

We listened as Moderator Jim McClure recounted his experience at the 1969 General Assembly when James Forman delivered The Black Manifesto. Jim was appointed moderator of the committee to draft the response. From this response, the PC(USA) formed the Self Development of the People.

TIMELINE: We are beginning to gather stories about key moments in the history of the Presbytery of Chicago, Chicagoland, and the nation. Stories like this one are going to be added to a living memory timeline. Do you have a memory to contribute? Please let us know!

Violinist Lindsay Stirling invites us to dance with our shadows. Our shadows are always with us. How we respond sets us on the path either toward life or death. Full TEP Report available online.

Relationships

- Honored retiring teaching elders Claude-Marie Barbour and Cliff Lyda.
- Lawrence Brown was examined and approved to become the

Commissioned Local Pastor at Crerar Memorial Presbyterian Church.

- Abigail Heimach-Snipes was examined and approved for ordination.
- Blessed and released Church of Christ Presbyterian in gracious separation
- Moderator Jennifer Burns Lewis has accepted a new call as the Visioning and Connection Leader (EP) for the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. PCC has appointed most recent past Moderator Sonia Bodi as acting moderator starting August 1.
- 222nd General Assembly Commissioners and Advisory Delegates commissioned. Please pray for: Sonia Bodi, John Chu, Barbara Coop, Jan Edmiston, Ralph Intagliata, Jennifer Burns Lewis, Kate Roca, David Thornton, Barbara Vaughan, Anne Warnke, and Alex Wirth. God has also called Ashley-Anne Masters and Roger Wilson as alternate commissioners. God has further called Beth Brown, Barbara Bundick, Christine Chakoian, Pauline Coffman, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Roberta Spalding to serve as advocates for the overtures this presbytery passed. Finally, through the voice of the national church, God has called Jennifer Burns Lewis and Jodi Craiglow to lead and assist two General Assembly committees.

- Thank you to Sixth Grace for the amazing hospitality!
- Thank you to Eulalie West for the pre-lunch entertainment and welcome!
- Thank you to the Sixth Grace congregant who gave to his church by giving rides to and from the extra parking lot.
- Thank you to PCC Moderator Greg Boyer for playing piano!

Ministry

Congratulations to our Certified Earth Care Congregations!

Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago and River Glen Presbyterian Church, Naperville were certified through February 2017 as Earth Care Congregations by the Presbyterian Church (USA) Environmental Ministries.

Structure

Please Note: Every church should verify their 13-digit county property tax PIN (Property Index Number), address, and tax-exempt status each year.

Boundary Training

Upcoming dates:

- July 1 - August 31 - Online Training
- October 19 - Hanover Park
- November 15 - Book Discussion

Check Assembly Papers to verify that you are up to date.