

2015 JOINT ARMSS/POAMN CONFERENCE

THE SPIRIT SUSTAINS:

PURPOSE, CALL, MISSION & MINISTRY

NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED...THE SPIRIT THAT IS FROM GOD, SO THAT WE MAY UNDERSTAND THE GIFTS BESTOWED ON US BY GOD. 1 CORINTHIANS 2:12 (NRSV)

OCTOBER 13-16, 2015

CROWNE PLAZA, 1901 UNIVERSITY BLVD, ALBUQUERQUE NM 87102



SCHEDULE - (subject to change)

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 AM - 2 PM Golf Tournament
(optional, extra fee)
2:00 - 5:00 PM Registration
4:00 - 5:30 PM OAM 101
7:00 PM Conference Opening - Dessert
Reception / Ice Breakers
8:00 PM Opening Worship

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 AM Water Aerobics
7:30 AM ARMSS Presbytery Reps meet
8:30 AM Morning Worship
9:00 AM Plenary Session
10:30 AM Break
11:00 AM - noon Q&A Session
11:00 AM - 12:30 Workshops
12:30 PM Lunch (on your own)
2:00 PM Mission Tour & Local Dinner
(choose one of three, extra fee)
8:00 PM Mission Presentations
8:00 PM Sharing Our Stuff

Thursday, October 15

6:00 AM Water Aerobics
7:30 AM ARMSS Presbytery Reps meet
8:30 AM Morning Worship
9:00 AM Plenary Session
10:30 AM Break
11:00 AM - noon Q&A Session
11:00 AM - 12:30 Workshops
12:30 PM Lunch & Business Meetings
2:30 PM Workshops
3:30 PM Break
4:00 PM Workshops
6:30 PM Banquet
Installation of Officers
Entertainment

Friday, October 16

9:00 AM Closing Worship & Communion
11:00 AM Close of Conference

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, serves as Director for Public Witness at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC. Dr. Nelson is married to the Reverend Gail Porter Nelson and the father of daughter, Alycia Yvette Nelson. He is a third generation Presbyterian Pastor, who, before coming to Washington, served as Founder/Pastor of Liberation Community Presbyterian Church (LCC) in Memphis, Tennessee. LCC was chartered on April 11, 1999 and was the first African-American Church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in forty-six years. J. Herbert, as he is commonly known, serves as preacher, workshop leader, consultant and writer. He is a featured conference preacher at Montreat, Mo Ranch, Highlands-Colorado, and Massanetta Springs Conference Centers in the Presbyterian Church. His writings have appeared in *Presbyterians Today* and *The Outlook*.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Rev. James Foster Reese is Minister for Specialized Interpretation for the Presbyterian Foundation. Jim is a past president of ARMSS and currently serves as the Strategic Planning Committee Chair for the organization. He is supply pastor of Germantown Community Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Married to the former Neola Parrish, the Reeses are the parents of three children and six grandchildren and live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

MUSIC LEADER:

Ms. Karmen Van Dyke has a long history of music, worship, and conference teaching at all levels of the Presbyterian Church. She worked at the national level on the resources that culminated in the Book of Common Worship, and has written for publications in worship, *Mission Year Book of Prayer*, and *Horizons*. She is grateful to have been in charge of worship for the 1996 General Assembly, to have directed Presbyterian Association of Musicians Albuquerque Conference that same year, planned summer worship for the Montreat Conference Center, and chaired the editorial board for the Presbyterian publication *Reformed Liturgy and Music* for 5 years. Her workshops have been hosted by Montreat PAM Conference, Presbytery of South Dakota, Synod of Missouri River (Omaha, Nebraska), National Historical Society in New Orleans, and Women's Gatherings for Synod of the Southwest and national gatherings in Purdue (twice), as well as musician at the Ames' Gathering. A variety of synod and presbytery events and "schools", often find Karmen either planning, playing, or both. She is currently part of the re-constituted Presbytery of Santa Fe Worship Committee. Karmen is married to John, a systems analyst, has three children, and is raising a grandson. She is Music Director for Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, a multicultural, bilingual congregation. Karmen regularly accompanies musicians of all ages and teaches a few piano students.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE GUEST:

Dr. Heath K. Rada is the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He is a retired executive of the American Red Cross and a former president of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now Union Presbyterian Seminary) in Richmond. As an active church member, Dr. Rada has served in numerous capacities on the local, presbytery, and national levels of the PC(USA). Currently he serves on the boards of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Montreat Conference Center, and the Presbyterian Homes of North Carolina. Moderator Rada will be our special guest on Thursday, and will address the conference attendees during our awards banquet.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION:

Attendees are invited to use their inspired, creative talent for the conference based on its theme and scripture. We welcome your creations in liturgy (prayers, poems, responsive readings, personal reflections/devotions), music, artwork, drama, and dance. You will have an opportunity throughout the conference to share these gifts with others.

WORKSHOPS:

- **Starting from Scratch: Older Adult Ministry 101:** From the time Boomers were being born, the study of aging became a hot topic. Now Older Adult Ministry in our congregations is an intergenerational group. Developing intergenerational and ministry opportunities for aging adults and “new seniors” is no longer optional: It is an absolute necessity! Why? The Future is Aging! There is no doubt about it! The newest diversity issue on the block is generational diversity. Age has taken its place beside gender, race, and culture as a way to define what binds some groups of people together and drives others absolutely crazy. The question we face in our congregations is how to mold this generational hodgepodge of ages, faces, values, and views into a productive, collaborative group. People of all ages can worship, serve and work together side by side and draw from a rich mixture of skill and experience. These are days of tremendous opportunity in the community of faith. **Leader: Ms. Michele Hendrix** is the President of Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) PC(USA) and a Master Trainer for Powerful Tools for Caregivers and has worked for over 25 years to advocate, educate, involve, and motivate people in the process of aging and self-care.
- **Morning Water Aerobics:** Designed for all levels and abilities, water aerobics will give you a total body workout with little or no impact. Class includes cardio, toning and stretching. Water Aerobics will help you to improve your endurance, strength and balance while having fun! **Leader: Ms. Jan McGilliard** is a long-time member of POAMN, and serves as Coordinator of the OAM Certification Program for the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- **ARMSS Presbytery Representatives:** PR's will have the opportunity to sign up in 20 minute intervals both Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you are currently an ARMSS PR or are interested in becoming one, plan to attend an interactive time of sharing. **Leader: Rev. Doug Potter** currently serves as the Chair of the ARMSS Governing Body Network. He is Honorably Retired living in Albertville, Minnesota.
- **Caring for the Caregiver:** This workshop will look at several elements of caring for the caregiver. Included will be support through a group setting, active listening and problem solving, seeing care through the eyes of the care receiver, ministering to the caregiver's needs, and dealing with loss and grieving. **Leader: Ms. Pat Baker's** career in the aging field spans 42 years including the positions of activity director in a nursing home, project director for an Older Americans Act nutrition project in south Texas and planner at an Area Agency on Aging in southwestern Oklahoma.
- **Making our Third Thirty a Great Thirty:** Life expectancy continues to rise but this also brings challenges. How do we live safely as our mental and physical faculties decrease? How do we minimize the worry and burden to our children? How do we mentally prepare for what's ahead? Hear some perspectives to help address this reality that faces us all, and share your concerns and experiences. **Leader: Mr. Chris Pomfret** is an Aerospace Consultant from Dayton OH whose experience of witnessing the last decade of his aging parents provided him with an Epiphany. Chris has been a Ruling Elder at his Church for 20 years and was Treasurer for 15 years.

WORKSHOPS CONTINUED:

- **For Adults Only: Hymns for Worship:** Mature leadership in the church has the advantage of being able to risk trying new things in new ways. This workshop, resourced by the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, will try out new and old hymns and possible “settings” for the enhancement of our worship and faith. **Leader: Ms. Karmen Van Dyke.**
- **Chaplain’s Track:** The Chaplain’s Track, will focus around the gifts that each of the chaplains bring to the work that we do. It will be an opportunity to share our work together and act as a support group to each other. **Leader: Rev. Tom Tickner** serves as Chaplain at Grace Presbyterian Home located in Dallas Texas.
- **The Art of Listening:** Listening is an art; a life skill to be treasured. One person talks, the other listens. Most of us believe we are better listeners than we are. Let’s explore this together in order to make the most of our “listen-ability”, and thus improve, repair, and build relationships with all ages. **Leader: Ms. Helen Morrison** is a career life consultant who also conducts seminars on leadership, management development, communication skills, team building, work/family issues and many facets of older adult ministry. Helen is the past president of POAMN and a long time member.
- **Opening Doors to Transformative Neighborhood Ministry:** Hear the story of how a small, Midwest, urban neighborhood congregation has survived and thrived in a community where other mainline churches have given up. By opening its doors to the neighborhood, Grandview Park Church has been transformed into a multi-lingual, multi-cultural gathering of mission and ministry. Hear the story and discuss the ways in which this model might help transform other small churches. **Leader: Rev. Rick Behrens** has served Grandview Park Presbyterian Church for 33 years.
- **Blessed are Those Who Mourn, for They Shall be Comforted:** Grieving the death of a loved one is a multi-faceted process of moving from the first weeks of loss to reconciliation and new life after the death of a loved one. In this workshop participants will explore several aspects of mourning and grieving loss. **Leader: Pastor Lynn Fonfara** is a Lutheran (ELCA) solo pastor in central Florida. Her ministry has led her to work with many individuals and small groups as they grieve.
- **Developing Opportunities for Older Adults:** As the proportions of older members rises, our Churches need to take seriously their responsibility to structure opportunities for aging adults and “new seniors”, who see retirement as a time for work, study and service. By exploring the future of Older Adult Ministry, participants will be able to break down the stereotypes of aging and develop opportunities that will increase spiritual growth and membership. **Leader: Ms. Anne Adams** is the Director of Christian Education & Older Adult Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach, FL. Anne is a recent graduate of POAMN’s Older Adult Ministries Certification process.
- **Viva Cuba: What Happened in the US-Cuba Relationship and Its Significance:** The dramatic shift in relations between Cuba and the U.S. announced on December 17, 2014 by Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro have potentially enormous impact but the scope and process of change has not been well understood. We will unpack what was done as well as what was not done, as well as the impact on the church in Cuba and our U.S. Presbyterian partnerships, including the ARMSS partnership. **Leader: Rev. Dean Lewis** established the Presbyterian Cuba Connection in 1996 and has made almost 50 visits to the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba since then, including leading four ARMSS partnership visits.
- **Developing a Ministry with Persons Who have Dementia and Their Caregivers:** We will look in depth at the ministry of persons who have a dementia and their caregivers. We will cover the challenges of congregations who have an increasing number of members with cognitive impairments and what are some possible roles of the minister, elders and deacons. **Leader: Ms. Pat Baker**

WORKSHOPS CONTINUED:

- ***I Am Who I Am:*** Our images of God shape who we believe God is and what our God can be and do in our lives. We commonly refer to God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity. Scripture includes images as Rock, Shepherd, Fortress, She-bear, and Mother Hen. How many more images can we identify, from Scripture and from our own lives? **Leader: Pastor Lynn Fonfara** is a Lutheran (ELCA) solo pastor in central Florida. She loves to create and lead workshops in various topics leading to greater faith in participants.
- ***Listening to Younger Generations and Sharing Wisdom:*** How do those over 65 share their experiences of God at work in their lives over a lifetime with a younger generation (those under 40) who are seeking connections to God or the divine in their lives? This workshop will examine possibilities for intergenerational sharing as well as ways for older adults to reflect on their journey with God. **Leader: Rev. June Begany** has been an Associate Pastor for 24 years and now serves as an interim pastor. During that time she worked, among other responsibilities, with new members, young families and couples getting married. June currently serves as secretary to the POAMN Executive Committee.
- ***Discovering the Creative Spirit of God Within:*** At each stage in our lives God's Spirit is revealed and expressed in some way. In this workshop participants will explore the creative nature of God's Spirit and how it can be expressed. This will include interactive experiences as well as discussion, and will focus on the later chapters of our lives. **Leader: Rev. Dr. Kathy Barlow Westmoreland** has been a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA) for over 30 years. In that ministry she has served older adults as a chaplain in a retirement community and as a pastor.
- ***What Disaster Response Has to Tell Us About Caring for Caregivers:*** For almost 20 years Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been responding to communities impacted by disaster, both natural and human caused. Coming out of that work are several insights that may help others dealing with the stresses of life transitions, congregational needs and personal 'disasters' of every kind. The workshop will briefly review the work of the PDA Care for Caregivers curriculum and then follow with interactive exercises for participants to experience this important work. **Leaders: Rev. John Robinson, Jr.** is the recently retired Associate for Disaster Response U.S. **Mrs. Helen Robinson, MSW, LCSW** is a psychotherapist and a member of the National Response Team of PDA.
- ***Making Connections with Social Media:*** We will focus on the use of social media for connection with friends, colleagues and family. This will be very hands on, so attendees are invited to bring a computer, phone or tablet that will allow them to access social media platforms and learn how to put them to effective use. **Leaders: The Communication Advisory Taskforce (CAT)** of the Presbytery of Santa Fe is composed of a group of volunteers who see their calling as helping the body of the church connect with others through the use of new technologies like social media.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Complimentary airport transportation will be available for those conference participants arriving at the Albuquerque International Sunport airport, on Monday afternoon/evening, October 12 or Tuesday, October 13 and leaving on Friday, October 16. All flight arrangements will be collected at time of registration. All persons submitting information for transportation will be assigned a corresponding pick-up and drop-off time and will be notified of those times no less than 5 days before the start of the conference. All times are assigned at the discretion of conference registrar based on peak arrival/departure times, and may require up to a one hour wait at the airport. Every effort will be made to minimize this wait time. **Attendees arriving earlier or leaving later will need to make their own transportation arrangements to and from the hotel.**

MISSION & HISTORICAL TOURS

Choose one from three planned tour options on Wednesday afternoon. There is an extra cost for the planned tour you choose. The tour fee must be included with your conference registration fees.

Tour 1: Acoma Sky City - \$50 includes transportation, admission, & authentic Indian meal.

Board a coach bus to travel approximately 70 miles (1¼-1½ hour ride) to Acoma Sky City. Discover the centuries-old history of New Mexico's southwest Indians. Acoma Pueblo offers a window in time where Native people carry on the customary traditions of their ancestors through Native American pottery making and tribal celebrations. An authentic Indian meal will be served following the tour. **Please note:** Pueblo of Acoma tours are privileges granted by the Acoma Tribal Council, therefore your cooperation is requested in adhering to all rules and regulations of the Pueblo. Spiritual leaders live on the mesa year-round, and you are asked to wear proper attire out of respect for them (no revealing clothing). Permits for cameras must be purchased at the Sky City Cultural Center prior to photographing on the Acoma lands. No photography is allowed inside the Church or within the cemetery courtyard. Permission must be obtained prior to photographing tribal members or their artwork. Wear comfortable walking shoes, as the tour is ¾ of a mile long.

Tour 2: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center & Old Town Albuquerque - \$15 covers transportation.

Board a coach bus to be taken to the Pueblo Cultural Center, where you will be able to explore the exhibits in the museum and galleries; purchase authentic Indian arts and crafts; and visit the library to learn about the history and culture of the Pueblos of New Mexico. **Extra admission is required (\$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors).** After your visit to the Center, your coach will transport you to Old Town Albuquerque where there are plenty of cultural activities, shops and restaurants. Enjoy dinner on your own and strolling the plaza of historic Old Town. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered!

Tour 3: International Balloon Museum & Old Town Albuquerque - \$15 covers transportation.

Board a coach bus to be taken to the Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum, where you will explore exhibits that combine historic artifacts with modern multi-media technology to create a sense of excitement as well as an educational environment. See how hot air and gas balloons have been used for adventure, scientific experiments, the arts, warfare, espionage, and the exploration of space. **Extra admission is required (\$4 for adults, \$2 for seniors).** After your visit to the Museum, your coach will transport you to Old Town Albuquerque where there are plenty of cultural activities, shops and restaurants. Enjoy dinner on your own and strolling the plaza of historic Old Town. Quiet hidden patios, winding brick paths, gardens and balconies are waiting to be discovered!

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tuesday morning, October 13, will offer a golf tournament for those interested in participating. Prizes will be given for best team scores, fewest putts, longest drive, closest to the hole, etc. Lunch will be served at the half way mark of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded at the banquet on Thursday night. Tournament fees from ARMSS members will go into the John Rhea Scholarship Fund being awarded to first time attendees at ARMSS conferences or those who cannot attend due to financial hardships; and tournament fees from POAMN members will go into the Mission in Ministry Grant fund, which provides grants to help start up or continue programs ministering to older adults. The extra \$70 tournament fee must be included with your conference registration fees.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Association of Retired Ministers, Their Spouses, or Survivors; and The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network are pleased to announce the availability of partial scholarships to small church leaders or first time attendees of the ARMSS/POAMN Conference. **A limited number of scholarships are available.** For more information or to receive an application for a partial scholarship, contact Ginny Nyhuis at gnyhuis@frontier.com or call (615) 426-1545. Deadline for completed scholarship applications is August 15, 2015.

REGISTRATION FORM

October 13-16, 2015

Crowne Plaza, 1901 University Blvd, Albuquerque New Mexico 87102

Please complete one registration form per attendee

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Presbytery: _____

_____ First time attending an ARMSS or POAMN conference

_____ Please include my contact information in the conference directory for conference attendees

Name as you wish it to appear on your name badge: _____

Conference Fees:

ARMSS Members or Non-Members

(Must be retired clergy, spouse or survivor; retired missionary; or retired educator)

_____ ARMSS Member Early Registration Fee (before August 26) - - - - -	\$145
_____ ARMSS Member Regular Registration Fee (August 26 - September 26) - - - - -	\$155
_____ ARMSS Member Late Registration Fee (after September 26) - - - - -	\$165
_____ ARMSS Non-Member Early Registration Fee (before August 26) - - - - -	\$165
_____ ARMSS Non-Member Regular Registration (August 26 - September 26) - - - - -	\$175
_____ ARMSS Non-Member Late Registration (after September 26) - - - - -	\$185

POAMN Members or Non-Members

_____ POAMN Member Early Registration Fee - - - - -	\$200
_____ POAMN Non-Member Early Registration Fee - - - - -	\$250
_____ POAMN Member Registration after September 26 - - - - -	\$250
_____ POAMN Non-Member Registration after September 26 - - - - -	\$300

Local attendees may participate in the conference on a per day basis. Please indicate your choice of day(s):

_____ Tuesday, October 13 (includes dessert reception) - - - - -	\$ 30
_____ Wednesday, October 14 - - - - -	\$100
_____ Thursday, October 15 (includes business lunch & banquet) - - - - -	\$125
_____ Friday, October 16 - included in registration of another day	
_____ Extra Meal Package for non-registered spouses or friends (dessert reception, lunch & banquet) -	\$ 75

Sub-Total page 1 - - - - - \$ _____

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REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

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Optional Add-ons:

_____ Round Trip Airport Transportation ----- \$0
(Please complete flight information)

Arrival (Monday or Tuesday only):

Airline: _____ Flight # _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Departure (Friday only):

Airline: _____ Flight # _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Cell Phone number you will be traveling with: _____

_____ Tuesday Golf Tournament ----- \$70

_____ Wednesday Tour 1: Acoma Sky City (fee covers transportation, admission & meal) ----- \$50

_____ Wednesday Tour 2: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center & Old Town (fee covers transportation only) ---- \$15

_____ Wednesday Tour 3: International Balloon Museum & Old Town (fee covers transportation only) ---- \$15

Sub-Total page 2 ----- \$ _____

Sub-Total from page 1 ----- \$ _____

Total Due (page 1 & 2) ----- \$ _____

Check Number: _____ Date: _____ Amount: _____

Please mail checks payable to ARMSS / POAMN to:

ARMSS / POAMN, c/o Ginny Nyhuis, P.O. Box 700311, Oostburg WI 53070

For credit card payment, log on to www.poamn.org to use our online registration and PayPal payment option (there is a small fee to pay online)

MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS BY CALLING THE CROWNE PLAZA: 866-384-4934. MENTION ARMSS/ POAMN TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATE OF \$99 PER NIGHT (PLUS TAX).

HOTEL ADDRESS: 1901 UNIVERSITY BLVD, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

HOTEL RATE INCLUDES FREE HOT BREAKFAST AND PARKING.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED RATE.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations with full refund minus a \$25 administrative fee, will be honored through September 26, 2015.
No refunds will be given for cancellations received after September 26, 2015.