

MAY 2009



PCUSA Monthly Hunger Fasts May 1-3

Were you aware that a number of denominational staff and divisions are participating in a once a month fast? That they are using this time to be in prayer for hungry places in this world, to seek spiritual discernment, and to learn about world conditions. You can join them and join with Presbyterians around the country in these monthly 40-hour fasts to help discern ways to respond to the Global Food Crisis. The fasts typically take place on the first weekend of every month, beginning on Friday evening and ending with Communion or a communal meal on Sunday. A different country and issue is highlighted each month and at the www.pcusa.org/foodcrisis website you can find prayers, liturgy, and fact sheets. May 1-3 will focus on Debts and Economics but the country is TBA.



PCUSA Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Weeks

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is building upon the success of last year's "Father & Son" week, and adding a "Family week."

Who: June 14-20 Family Week; June 21-27 Father & Son Week

What: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Relief work

Where: Olive Tree Presbyterian Volunteer village, New Orleans

How: Minimum age is 14 and the cost is \$20 per night per person (includes meals and lodging). Call 866-732-6121 to register or for more information. Also read about it at

www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gulfcoast/index-gulfcoast.htm.

At this site is also information about youth weeks.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES:

"Embracing God's Call to be Green"

The Faith & the Environment Conference, July 7-11 at Montreat Conference Center. This conference is sponsored by Presbyterians for Restoring Creation and Montreat Conference Center. For more information or to register, go to www.montreat.org/current/2009-faith-and-environment.



Young Adult Ministries (YAM Jam) Conference May 27-30, 2009 at Austin

Presbyterian Seminary. YAM-Jam is an event for people seeking creative ways to be in ministry with young adults and college students in the PCUSA, and is sponsored by PACHEM and the

Office of Collegiate Ministries, PC(USA). Speakers include Carol Howard Merritt, Bruce Reyes-Chow, and Ted Wardlaw. The classic problem facing young adult ministry in the PCUSA is feeling isolated from the rest of the denomination. As our church adjusts to issues of culture and structural changes, YAM-Jam is a way to bring those who care about young adults together to share, learn, worship, and play. Visit www.pachem.org/YAMJamConference/tabid/40218/Default.aspx for conference information or to register online.