



July 2009

PCUSA Monthly Hunger Fasts

July 3-5

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. To look at the materials for previous months, go to www.pcusa.org/foodcrisis/archive.



LEGACY OF LOVE EBENEZER SCHOOL BUILDING FURNITURE

First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, as part of their Legacy of Love building campaign, raised the money to build the first school building in Nkhoma. (The Hospital was having difficulty retaining their staff because there was no place to send their children to school.) The building is finished, but we are now trying to pay for the furniture. Love's Chapel gave 5 chairs and 2 cubbies, and Mariella Provost provided a copier. Below is a list of furniture being built by a local carpenter in Malawi, but needs to be paid for. For more information contact Dorothy McKenzie (FPC Gastonia) 704-865-8170, dotmckenz@aol.com. You can send money to the Presbytery office, specifying it is for furniture for the Ebenezer School in Malawi.

MK 1.000 = \$7 approximately

- Automatic Voltage Regulator MK 15.000
- Teacher desks for each classroom MK 27.000 each
- Desk for Teachers room and administrator's desk MK 32.000
- Coffee table in teachers room MK 27.000
- 3 teachers chairs MK 20.000 each
- 4 Tables for students nursery class MK 9.000 each
- 12 tables for students reception class MK 3.000 each
- 40 chairs for students MK 1.200 each
- 2 Floor mats for children to sit on during story time MK 25.000 each
- 40 cubbies for backpacks and books MK 2.500 each
- 6 unit shelves MK 13.000 each
- 3 cupboards MK 20.000 each
- 3 book shelves MK 18.000 each
- Play kitchen MK 4.000
- Crib for Doll MK 2.500
- Bench with lid to tidy play clothes MK 5.000
- Plastic table and two chairs (child size) MK 4.000

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.

FREE MISSIONAL CHURCH LECTURES JULY 20-24 The information below was copied from the following website: www.montreat.org/press/faithful-mission-in-a-new-age-lecture-series-in-montreat-july-20-24

“Faithful Mission in a New Age” Lecture Series in Montreat, July 20-24

“Columbia Theological Seminary, in cooperation with Montreat Conference Center, the Presbyterian Heritage Center, and Montreat’s Adult Summer Club Program, will offer a series of five lectures, “Faithful Mission in a New Age,” July 20-24, at Montreat Conference Center. The lectures will be presented from 2:00-3:30 PM each afternoon, with a special Adult Summer Club program, “Hymns of the Mission Field,” on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. All afternoon lectures take place at the [Presbyterian Heritage Center](#). The Wednesday evening program will be in Assembly Inn’s Convocation Hall. All programs are free of charge, and the public is welcome.”

“The presentations for this series will address the ways in which the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition has and continues to engage mission both in North America and around the world. “The lectures promise to help us learn from the past and cast a new vision for the future,” said series organizer Charles Raynal. “We are very pleased with the speakers this summer,” he added. The schedule features a slate of respected presenters:

- Monday, July 20, Darrell Guder, “Missional Church Theology and Praxis in the Global Church.” Dr. Guder is the Academic Dean and Henry Winters Luce Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- Tuesday, July 21, Bruce Reyes-Chow, “Presbyterian Mission in a New Generation.” The Rev. Reyes-Chow is the founding pastor of Mission Bay Community Church, San Francisco, CA, and Moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Wednesday, July 22, Linda Bryant Valentine, “Patterns of Global Mission – Past, Present, and Future.” Dr. Valentine is Executive Director of the General Assembly Council (GAC), the national mission program arm of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Thursday, July 23, James A. Cogswell, “Mission in a World of Hunger.” The Rev. Cogswell, former missionary to Japan and retired minister of the PC(USA), served as the Director of the Task Force on World Hunger, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), beginning in 1971.
- Friday, July 24, Erskine Clarke, “John Leighton Wilson’s Mission Vision.” Dr. Clarke is Professor Emeritus of American Religious History, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA.

MALAWI NETWORK FACE-TO-FACE GATHERING

August 13-16 at Simpsonwood retreat Center in Atlanta. The Malawi network is for Presbyterians interested in Malawi. If you have gone on a presbytery trip to Malawi, or you have a connection there, you are one of those “Presbyterians interested in Malawi.” The network was formed to share ideas and best practices. To learn more go to www.malawinetwork.org/meeting2009.htm. Deadline to register is July 13.