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The weekly communication of Providence Presbytery

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“Looking back now, I mourn the mutual wounds inflicted in verbal battles with the “unsaved.” In fact, I have chosen to delete that particular term from my vocabulary as I have learned that even with my \$500 European-designer bifocals, I cannot see into a person’s heart to know his spiritual condition. All I can do is tell the jagged tale of my own spiritual journey and declare that my life has been the better for having followed Christ.”

[Ron Hall](#) in [Same Kind of Different as Me](#)

National Donor Sabbath Month Coming Soon

November 2009 has been designated as National Donor Sabbath Month. This annual observance has been established to raise awareness - through religious communities – about the urgent need for organ and tissue donation. Religious leaders can play a vital role in the National Donor Sabbath observance by addressing the issue of organ and tissue donation sometime during the month - in a sermon, in the bulletin, in educational classes or in making literature available to congregations.

[More information available online.](#)

Board of Pensions Fall Update Available Online

Check out the Fall 09 issue of Church Treasurer and Business Administrator News [online](#).

Mission News

We have recently received an update from Tito in Guatemala. Read it on our [Mission Live Blog](#).

Register to Attend the Older Adult of the Year Luncheon

Don't miss this wonderful annual event when the gifts of some of our presbytery's older adults are celebrated. With great food, music and fellowship, the Older Adult of the Year Luncheon is not to be missed. The event will be held at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center on September 15 at 10:30AM. Reservations are required. Contact Jacquie at Bethelwoods 803-366-3722 or by e-mail at jacquie@bethelwoods.org. Deadline for registration is September 8th.

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Are you Planning to Attend Spiritual Foundations for Fruitful Churches (or the Joan Gray Workshop)? **Register Today!** [\(Online Registration Available Here\)](#) Register now for Spiritual Foundations for Fruitful Churches Workshop September 26 from 9:30AM-1PM. Joan Gray, author of *Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers* and moderator for the 217th General Assembly, will lead this important workshop for churches. Pastors, Elders and other church leaders are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held at Grace Presbyterian in Lancaster and will include lunch. Cost is \$5 per participant. Questions? Contact Inez at the Presbytery Office 803-328-6269. [Wondering if your church would benefit?](#)

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Looking for something different this Advent Season?

Frank Williams, retired Presbyterian Minister is available to present his "Star of Bethlehem Seminar." A long-time astronomy hobbyist, Williams began studying the mysteries of the ancient Bethlehem sky and found the star's appearance to be more telling than he had imagined. Contact Williams at (803)374-6394. [Read more about the seminar.](#)

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- 9/10 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Mt. Zion Baptist, McConnells)
- 9/13 Hunger Action Team—6:30PM (Presbytery Office)

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From Sometimes He Calms the Storm by [Scott Krippayne](#)

Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Wednesdays!

Don't miss out on the Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Wednesday for your area. Union County churches will meet at Mount Tabor at 6:30PM on 9/16. Three areas will meet on 9/23: Eastern York County churches will meet at Doby's Bridge at 6:30PM; Kershaw County churches will meet at Camden 2nd at 6:30PM; Lancaster County churches will meet at Van Wyke at 6:30PM. Two areas will meet on 9/30: Chester County churches will meet at Uriel at 6:30PM; Western York County churches will meet at Beth Shiloh at 6:30PM.

Are you a steward of the Earth?

Please join us for a free workshop entitled “Caring for Creation” at Riverbanks Zoo at the Nokia Lodge Sunday, November 1st from 2:30pm – 6:30pm. Learn what other congregations are doing to conserve our natural resources. Speakers will offer information on making the physical place of worship less consumptive and ways to make congregants better stewards of the Earth. Come and enjoy inspirational speakers, educational exhibits, refreshments and learn how YOU can make a difference in your community, home or place of worship. [More information available online.](#)

Need a place for a great Fall Retreat?

Bethelwoods has availability due to some cancellations on the weekends of October 8-11 and October 22-25. If you are interested in bringing a group to camp for those or any other weekends, please call Jaquie at Bethelwoods (803)366-3722 or info@bethelwoods.org. To preview the camp facilities, check out their newly re-designed website at www.bethelwoods.org.

Local Ministry Needs Help!

Catawba Care Coalition (CCC), the local HIV/AIDS service organization, has had a partnership with the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) for the past 9 years to provide a “pantry” for people living with HIV/AIDS. This pantry provided things that food stamps wouldn't pay for, such as cleaning supplies and toiletries. RAIN recently informed us that they can no longer support this project due to budget cuts. We, at CCC, do not have the staff capacity right now to take on coordination of this so we have been talking with some leaders within the faith community about helping with this ministry, but opening it to the entire community, not just CCC clients. We are having a **kick-off meeting on September 17th** at 10:00 am at Catawba Care Coalition, located at 1151 Camden Avenue, Rock Hill to get this off the ground. We are asking for representatives from the faith community who might be interested in sharing in this ministry to be present. It might mean helping to stock the pantry once a month or making a monetary donation. We would like to invite one representative from any interested church to join us for this. For more information, please contact Anita Case at 803-909-6363 x221 or by email at acase@catawbacare.org.

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Did You Know ...

Did you know that Providence Presbytery ranks 7th in Per Member Validated Mission Expenditures for 2008 among all of the presbyteries in the PC(USA)? Providence Presbytery has consistently ranked in the top 10 year after year. We moved up two spots in the ranking from 9th in 2007 to 7th in 2008.

Oops! Correct the Dates on Youth Flyers

We sent out two flyers from the presbytery office for presbytery youth events by email and snail mail last week. In our excitement to get these pieces to you, we inadvertently included incorrect dates. You may access the correct flyers on our website at: Youth Rally & Youth Worship: http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Youth/worship4Youth_web.pdf and Common Ground:

<http://www.providencepres.org/Communications/Events/Youth/commonground.pdf>. Please note that the Youth Rally is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** from 4-7 pm and Common Ground will meet the first Sunday of Oct, Nov, Dec, & Feb, which makes the November date, **Sunday, Nov. 1**. We apologize for any confusion. Please feel free to contact [Kathryn McGregor](#) with any further questions. We are asking that you register your group with Kathryn for the Youth Rally this year so that we will

have enough food. Please email her your church name, adult advisor contact and estimated number of youth and adults by Sept. 22.

Fall into Art at Montreat

Cheryl Keefer, whose 4-week series of classes in oil and watercolor painting begins Wednesday, September 9, is an award-winning, experienced painter and teacher. Well-known potter Martha Nelson will teach a series of beginning/intermediate wheel and hand-building pottery classes beginning Sunday, October 11. Fees for classes will vary. [Find out more.](#)

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- 9/21 Bethelwoods Ministry Team—5PM (Bethelwoods)
- 9/21 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—9AM (Lancaster 1st)
- 9/22 Administrative Ministry Team—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 9/24 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11AM (Allison Creek)
- 9/25 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Oakdale)
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- 10/1 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Union Baptist, Rock Hill)
- 10/3 Presbyterian Women Spiritual Retreat (Bethelwoods)
- 10/11 World Mission Challenge Peacemaker speaks at Uriel (with Carmel) 9:30AM
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- 10/18 Presbytery Meeting –2:30PM(Bethelwoods)
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[Rev. Fleming Rutledge](#) in [Help My Unbelief](#)

Dimes for Hunger is coming to your town!

Six churches in Providence Presbytery are hosting Wednesday night suppers to kick off the Dimes for Hunger season in Providence Presbytery in each of the 5 counties of our Presbytery. Please call the Host Church in your County and reserve your place today! UNION County was last week at Mt. Tabor; KERSHAW County Churches are being hosted by CAMDEN SECOND Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Sept 23 at 6:30 pm (803-713-5933 Rev. Joyce Wright, Pastor); LANCASTER County Churches are being hosted by VAN WYCK Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Sept 23 at 6:30 pm (803-285-1895 Rev Randy McSpadden, Pastor); CHESTER County Churches are being hosted by URIEL Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 (to be confirmed) (803 581-0448 Rev. Fred Powell, Pastor); Eastern YORK County Churches are being hosted by DOBY'S BRIDGE Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 pm (803-547-5240 Rev. Edgar McCall, Pastor) **(This is a corrected date since last week's In the Know)**; Western YORK County Churches are being hosted by BETH SHILOH Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 (803-684-4046 Rev Tom McPhail, Pastor)

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The Providence Presbytery Mission Outreach Ministry Team, Presbytery Council and Presbytery have all endorsed the request of the Glocal Committee to seek funding for a four-year scholarship for one student at the Near East School of Theology. We need YOUR help. The cost for training one student for one year is \$10,000.00. The program has a four-year requirement. If just 100 of us in Providence Presbytery would commit \$100 a year for 4 years, we could reach this goal and in the process make a faith statement to resound for decades to come. A gift of \$100 a year is only \$25 per quarter or only \$8.35 per month. Of course, ALL GIFTS will be appreciated. Please join us as we take this bold step in faith! If you have questions about this opportunity, please call Barbara Kurz, chair of the Glocal Committee, at 329-7362. [Read more online.](#)

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Equipping the Saints Seminar

The African American Caucus Group of Trinity Presbytery would like to invite all presbyteries in South Carolina to the Equipping the Saints Seminar. This Seminar will be held at the Calvary Church in Winnsboro on October 10, 2009 from 8:30 A.M. --2:00 P.M. Dr. Mark Lomax, Dean of Johnson C. Smith Seminary in Atlanta and Trinity Presbytery's Dr. Allen Arnold will be our presenters. [Click here for more information and to register.](#) The cost of registration is \$10.00. Register by October 1, 2009.

Union-PSCE's "Faith Seeking Understanding Series" features Rev. Fleming Rutledge

"The Subject of the Sentence: What do We Preach?" is the title for the Union-PSCE at Charlotte Workshop Series, Faith Seeking Understanding to be held October 11-12 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. For More information on this seminar, [visit the Union-PSCE Website.](#)

Plan to Attend the 2009 Continuing Education for Commissioned Lay Pastors & Preachers Conference

To be held at Montreat Oct 21-23, this conference brings together the leaders and resources needed by commissioned lay pastors and preachers to enhance and strengthen their ministry of preaching, to better understand congregations, for inspiration, and for networking. [Find out more and register online.](#)

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Youth ministry is a calling. Those who answer the call to serve the church as youth leaders — as volunteers, as staff members, as clergy — find their calls strengthened and their ministry supported through participation in lifelong learning events. Acknowledging the need for dynamic, relevant programs that support excellence in youth ministry, the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and Columbia Theological Seminary designed a non-degree program, the **Youth Ministry Leadership Initiative (YMLI)**, for pastors and lay leaders who are committed to developing strong church youth programs. Find out more about this program [online.](#)

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Mission -Driven Budgeting Approach offered in New Study from Presbyterian Leader

New from The Presbyterian Leader is a 1 session study entitled Mission-Driven Budgeting. The study is free to subscribers, \$5 for non-subscribers — see www.thepresbyterianleader.com

World Mission Celebration comes to Providence Presbytery

Hundreds of Presbyterians will gather in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 22-24 for "World Mission Celebration '09: Branches of the Same Vine," a conference for people passionate about mission. Come connect with people who share your interests, learn about mission, share wisdom from your mission experience, and embrace your call to mission service and support. You might want to

consider sending a representative from your church or presbytery's mission committee. Register online at www.pcusa.org/missioncelebration or call (888) 728-7228 x5729 to receive registration materials through the mail. Our Presbytery will join the celebration with the visit of two peacemakers to our area. Dr. Ingrid Reneau and Rev. Orozu Lokine Daky will visit October 8-11. [Currently scheduled events can be found online.](#)

Presbyterian Foundation Group Sponsors Charlotte Symphony Performance

The Presbyterian Foundation Group is again sponsoring a special performance of the *Magic of Christmas* by the Charlotte Symphony. In December 2008 the Foundation was blessed with the opportunity to share the joy of the Christmas season with Presbyterians in the Charlotte community. Based on the success of the event last year, the sponsorship will continue this year with a private concert, which will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte. Over the last two years, through the cooperation of many churches in the Charlotte area, the Foundation was able to give back over \$24,000 to the churches whose members purchased tickets. In the true spirit of Christmas and in appreciation for the support and participation of Presbyterians, the Presbyterian Foundation will again donate proceeds back to participating churches and organizations. Tickets are now available through the Symphony Ticket Office. Call 704-972-2000 or email ValM@charlottesymphony.org. Ticket prices are \$25 for Orchestra and \$50 for the Grand Tier. (Grand Tier tickets include complimentary parking and a pre-concert VIP reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and desserts.)

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Around the Presbytery

The **Cane Creek Presbyterian Church** will celebrate a 200th anniversary on Sunday September 27th. The service will begin at 11AM and dress will be causal. Dr. Tom Horton will preach. A nursery will be provided and a meal will follow the service. Cane Creek is located in the Santuc community about 9 miles south of Union overlooking highway 215.

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- 9/21 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team—6PM (Grace L)
- 9/22 Administrative Ministry Team—5:30PM (Presbytery Office)
- 9/23 Salary Studies—7PM (Presbytery Office)
- 9/24 Resource Center Preschool Bookmobile—11AM (Allison Creek)
- 9/25 [Second Harvest Partners Mobile Food Pantry](#) (Oakdale)
- 9/26 Prayer Fellowship—9:15 (Presbytery Office)
- 9/26 Fruitful Churches Workshop 9:30-1PM (Grace-Lancaster)
- 9/27 Youth Rally and first Worship 4 YOUth Event—4-7 (Bethelwoods)

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Last Set of Dimes for Hunger Kickoff Wednesdays This Week!

In September, six churches in Providence Presbytery are hosting Wednesday night suppers to kick off the Dimes for Hunger season in Providence Presbytery in each of the 5 counties of our Presbytery. The final groups are meeting this Wednesday. Please call the Host Church in your County and reserve your place today! CHESTER County Churches are being hosted by URIEL Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 (803 581-0448 Rev. Fred Powell, Pastor); Eastern YORK County Churches are being hosted by DOBY'S BRIDGE Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 pm (803-547-5240 Rev. Edgar McCall, Pastor); Western YORK County Churches are being hosted by BETH SHILOH Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 (803-684-4046 Rev Tom McPhail, Pastor).

Be Inspired to Work for Peace and Justice

Our Presbytery will join the World Mission Celebration with the visit of two peacemakers to our area. Dr. Ingrid Reneau and Rev. Orozu Lokine Daky will visit October 8-11. Hear the Peacemakers speak at Winthrop; October 8—7PM at Barnes Recital Hall and October 9—Noon at Presbyterian Student Center.

On Sunday, October 11, Reneau and Daky will be filling the pulpits at Uriel (Joint service with Carmel Presbyterian) at 9AM and Hermon at 11:15AM. Please don't miss these opportunities to hear about the ways God is working in Sudan.

Have You Purchased a Quilt Opportunity Ticket?

October 3rd is the day for the Presbytery Quilt created by the Presbyterian Women to be given away. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this fund raising event. The monies raised will go to the Capital Campaign for the benefit of Bethelwoods and Faith New Church Development. If you would like to purchase an opportunity ticket, they are available at the Presbytery office, from [Barbara Kurz](#), and from Harriet Brown. If you need tickets to buy or sell to other church members, Email Harriet at ralphbrown@mybluelight.com and she will get them to you. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project so far. [See the Quilt!](#)

Presbyterian Women's Annual Spiritual Retreat October 3

Many Presbyterians would say that church wouldn't be "church" without the Lord's Prayer. Christians the world over begin their mornings or kneel before heading to bed repeating the prayer which they memorized during childhood. At the Providence Presbytery Presbyterian Women's Annual Spiritual Retreat, participants will encounter Matthew 6:9-13 through the senses of sight, sound and touch. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity on Saturday, October 3, 2009 at Bethelwoods' Horton Lodge. Registration begins at 9:00AM. All women church members in Providence Presbytery are invited to

attend. Lunch and a nursery will be provided at no cost. Those desiring the nursery should contact Shirley Harris at 803-684-3733 by September 25. The Retreat leader will be Rev. Elizabeth McGregor Simmons (sister of Rev. Sam McGregor) who is the minister at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, North Carolina. After lunch Ann Barnwell will conduct a workshop on Joshua, our new circle Bible study.

Be Part of the Presbytery's Video Christmas Card

Youth Groups, Bible Study Groups, Men's Groups...anyone! We invite you to join us as we create a Providence Presbytery video Christmas card for our website! Any group in Providence Presbytery is invited to shoot a 30 to 45 second Christmas Card. You can be as creative as you like to share your Christmas wishes or Christmas "commercials" with others in the Presbytery and beyond. Submit your digital movie file (can be QuickTime, Windows Movie File, Flip video...whatever) to jill@kreashuns.com by Nov. 23. In the email, please tell me the following: Subject: Your Church, Your Group Name—Video Christmas Card. Contact person, Contact phone and Contact Email Address. Submissions must be received by November 23rd to be included in the Video to debut at the Presbytery Christmas Open House on December 6 and added to the website. If you have questions, contact Jill Wilson at jill@kreashuns.com or at the Presbytery office, Extension 8.

Help Fund the Calvin Scholarship for NEST Seminary Student

The Providence Presbytery Mission Outreach Ministry Team, Presbytery Council and Presbytery have all endorsed the request of the Glocal Committee to seek funding for a four-year scholarship for one student at the Near East School of Theology. We need YOUR help. The cost for training one student for one year is \$10,000.00. The program has a four-year requirement. If just 100 of us in Providence Presbytery would commit \$100 a year for 4 years, we could reach this goal and in the process make a faith statement to resound for decades to come. A gift of \$100 a year is only \$25 per quarter or only \$8.35 per month. Of course, ALL GIFTS will be appreciated. Please join us as we take this bold step in faith! If you have questions about this opportunity, please call Barbara Kurz, chair of the Glocal Committee, at 329-7362. [Read more online.](#)

Metrolina offers Adult, Youth and Children's Ministry Tracks at October Workshop

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, Oct. 1 at Bethelwoods. Three great tracks to choose from as we "Re-invision Christian Education." Flyer with online registration is available on the [Providence Presbytery website](#). Please note the change in time. We have tried to respond to the request by some of you to finish up a little earlier in the afternoon as well as utilize the lunch break as a time to process what we've learned so far and give an opportunity to ask more questions as we delve deeper after lunch. We are still using PayPal to collect credit card payment for preregistrations, but are doing it a little differently in an attempt to respond to problems in the past. Please note that you will submit your registration to me online and I will send you a confirmation email with the link to pay on PayPal. You are always welcome to mail a check made out to Providence Presbytery to my attention at the address below or call me with a credit card number. We look forward to seeing you on October 1!

Presbytery Meeting scheduled for October 18

Don't miss the upcoming Presbytery Meeting on October 18 at Bethelwoods. Registration begins at 1:30PM. Parking is in the front field with shuttle service to Horton. Handicapped parking is at Horton.

Rob Bell to Appear in Charlotte Oct. 9

How many of the most significant moments in your life came not because it all went right, but because it all fell apart? It is strange how there can be art in the agony...The Drops Like Stars tour is a two hour exploration of the endlessly complex relationship between suffering and creativity—Rob Bell will be in Charlotte October 9th, 8:00 p.m. at Ovens Auditorium. Tickets are \$16 per person. [Read more online.](#)

Participate in Bread for the World Sunday Oct. 18

There is still time to involve your church or faith community in Bread for the World Sunday on October 18 – or another Sunday in the fall. If you haven't ordered or downloaded your resources yet, please [order them today](#).

Please Complete Montreat Survey for Meeting Congregation Needs

Please give us five minutes of your valuable time and Help us help you. As you budget and plan for time away at Montreat Conference Center, we want to help by providing the information you need...when you need it! [Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey](#). The more we know about you and your needs, the better we'll be able to serve you. Thanks in advance!

York County CROPWALK is Easy, Fun, and Really Impacting

Many in our community are hurting and more than ever people are needing food assistance. 25% of the money raised on the walk stays right here in our community and the other 75% goes all over the world. The 75% is designated for Church World Service but if you would rather yours go to a Presbyterian outreach or Heifer International or something like that, you can do that as well. On Wednesday, October 14th Barbara Thomas of the Charlotte area office will be speaking at 7 pm in Tillman Auditorium of Winthrop University. There are two CROPWALKS in the area this year- one in York on October 18th and one in Rock Hill on October 25th. If you would like more info on CROP, please contact Narcie Jeter at winthropwesley@gmail.com or 803-327-5640. T-shirts are \$3. For more information go to <http://www.winthropwesley.com/CROPWALK/CROPWALK.htm> or www.cropwalk.org.

Thornwell Update Available Online

As of this writing, we have 92 children, youth, and college-age young adults enrolled at Thornwell. Six of our college students are away at school, with five pursuing two-year degrees here in the Clinton area. We've had ten new admissions over the past few weeks, so please keep these children and their Family Teachers in your prayers as they settle into life here at Thornwell. [Read More Online](#).

Education Opportunities: Remember EEMT offers [Leadership Development Scholarships](#) for pastors, church staff and lay persons to attend most educational seminars!

Equipping the Saints Seminar: This Seminar will be held at the Calvary Church in Winnsboro on October 10, 2009 from 8:30 A.M. --2:00 P.M. [Click here for more information and to register](#). The cost of registration is \$10.00. Register by October 1, 2009.

Union-PSCE's "Faith Seeking Understanding Series: "The Subject of the Sentence: What do We Preach?" October 11-12 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. For More information on this seminar, [visit the Union-PSCE Website](#).

2009 Commissioned Lay Pastors & Preachers Conference: October 21-23 at Montreat, bringing together the leaders and resources needed by commissioned lay pastors and preachers to enhance and strengthen ministries. [Find out more and register online](#).

Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry Scheduled for November 3-5, 2009

Join IYM at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC for the Forum on Youth Ministry November 3-5, 2009. [For more information or to register, visit us online](#).

CTS offers 6-Weekend Youth Ministry Training Program

Youth ministry is a calling. The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and Columbia Theological Seminary designed a non-degree program, the **Youth Ministry Leadership Initiative**

(YMLI), for pastors and lay leaders who are committed to developing strong church youth programs. Find out more about this program [online](#).

“Emergence NOW” event at Columbia Theological Seminary, January 26-29
"Emergence NOW," Columbia Theological Seminary's annual January Seminars, takes place January 26-28, 2010, on the seminary campus in Decatur, GA. Leaders include acclaimed editor, author, and lecturer Phyllis Tickle, along with pastor and moderator of the PC (USA) Bruce Reye-Chow, and author/ theologians Tony Jones and Philip Clayton Jones. Barbara Brown Taylor, renowned preacher and author, will lead worship on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Offered by the Center for Lifelong Learning, "Emergence NOW" will feature plenary sessions, daily worship, and workshops. The \$265 program fee includes two lunches. More information and online registration for the event and housing is available [here](#). You may also register by calling 404.687.4587.

Around the Presbytery

Tirzah Presbyterian (York County) invites you to their Fall Bazaar – October 17th, 8AM-3PM in the Fellowship Hall. They will have crafts, vendors, baked goods, frozen foods, breakfast (provided by the Men of the Church) and lunch (provided by the Youth), an Opportunity to Win, and a Silent Auction. The event will feature 23 vendors and the congregation has been busy making crafts. All funds go toward the church's D.C. Mission Trip scheduled for June 2010. Tirzah is located just off Highway 161 between Newport and York.

Opportunities to Serve

- The **Clover Presbyterian Church** is looking for our next *Director of Christian Education*. We are committed to providing educational opportunities that are thoughtful and engaging, encouraging and challenging; programs that build up the Body of Christ, and strengthen the bonds of covenant faithfulness that make us Christ's community of witness. We are seeking a faithful, talented, and energetic person to lead our Educational Ministries. If you think you might be that person review our position description here: <http://www.cloverpres.org/f/docs/DCE-CloverPresbyterianChurch.pdf> and submit your resume to our search committee (Attn: DCE Search Committee, 202 Kings Mountain Street, Clover, SC 29710).
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