Inviting Evangelism
Vital, Missional, Relational, Invitational

Last week’s missive in this Eastertide series on inviting evangelism introduced the work of Bishop Leslie Newbigin, who argued the need to reclaim our missionary zeal for the West and suggested creating a missionary encounter between a congregation and community. While retaining one’s theological tradition – (nowatered-down Gospel!) – Newbigin counseled congregations to learn the language of the culture in which they live and move and have their being, learning the inner working and outer expressions of that culture, and able to understand at a depth level the yearnings of their neighbors.

Newbigin’s challenge to our congregations is to live deeper into our missional calling to reclaim a Gospel zeal for the West be moving away from consumeristic models of church and moving toward holistic, service-oriented models of being the Christ community. Adding to last week’s list of symptoms of congregations that invite evangelism, Newbigin suggests:

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WEEKLY FEATURE

Grand Canyon Partners in Mission

Celebrate our Racial Ethnic Ministries at a Pentecost Extravaganza

Saturday, June 3, 2017 – 4-7 P.M
Orangewood Presbyterian Church
7321 N. 10th St. Phoenix

The Hispanic Ministry Network invites all to a celebration of cultural sharing among the Racial Ethnic Churches and Ministries of Grand Canyon Presbytery. There will be food, music, dance, and more.

In each weekly edition of EFOCUS in the coming year, we will be featuring mission work done by one of our congregations. We are calling it GRAND CANYON PARTNERS IN MISSION. We want to hear from you! Please email a mission story and photos for a project you want to share with your brothers and sisters doing Christ’s work in the Presbytery and beyond! pbyoffice@gmail.com

ARCHIVE OF MISSION STORIES

PENTECOST OFFERING

We want to thank and celebrate those who have participated, and invite you to share with us in this journey. Contributions from the 2016 Pentecost Offering helped raise over $717,000 for ministries for the younger members of our Church and world, and for that we are incredibly thankful! There are more stories and resources for you and your congregation at www.presbyterianmission.org/pentecost

3rd ANNUAL NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
WearOrange was inspired by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old Chicago highschool student killed by gunfire, who decided to honor her life by wearing orange – the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. On June 2, 2015, what would have been Hadiya’s 18th birthday, more than 200 organizations and influencers asked people nationwide to join them by wearing orange to honor her life, the lives of the more than 90 Americans killed by gun violence and the hundreds more who are injured every day. Continue reading

The Peace and Justice Network is making plans for hosting an International Peacemaker again this year! The timeframe is September 27 – October 2, 2017. The three Peacemakers we identified (in order of priority) are: Phares Nyaga Mithamo from Kenya, Mphatso Nguluwe from Malawi, or Nora Carmi from Palestine. Each of these people would have exciting messages that we’re sure would be of great interest. We always include meetings at churches around the valley, so if you are interested in holding an event, or if you can host the Peacemaker in your home while he/she is here, please contact Phebe Packer by email at phebepacker@cox.net.

REGISTRATION OPEN

It’s time to register your kids for summer camp at Camp Colton, Flagstaff.

Sr Hi 1  6/19-6/24
Jr Hi 1    7/10-7/15
Jr Hi 2   6/12 - 6/17
Juniors 6/25 -6/29

Registration is also open at our Traveling Day Camps around the Valley. Please contact the host sites directly to find out how many spots are available.

June 5th-9th: Orangewood Presbyterian Church (North Phx/Central Valley)
June 19th-23rd: Christ Presbyterian Church (Tucson)
June 26th-30th: University Presbyterian Church (East Valley)

We are still hiring for multiple paid-staff positions for both Traveling Day Camps and Overnight Camps. Ages 18+. Please forward to any college students home for the summer, or anyone looking to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Click here for more information/to apply, or email camp@montlure.org for questions.

RESOURCES

This Week's PC(USA) News
Jobs - NEW - UPC, Montlure
Weekly Calendar
Clerk's Corner
Board of Pensions - May
Hymnals, robes, Organs and other things

Hymnals, robes, Organs and other things
to give away
Presbytery-wide events

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TIDBITS: Church News from around Presbytery

News and Events

**May**
21- Ordination and Installation of Betty Ricardo Gomez- Betania- 5 p.m.

**June**

Pentecost Extravaganza, Orangewood PC

**August**

Travel study seminar to focus on climate justice and faith in Central America