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August 4,



# LAS NOTICIAS



## On Being Presbyterian Partners in Mission: What Can WE Do?

Last week I wrote about God's call upon the church to act through shared mission partnerships, highlighting John 17:20-21 where Jesus prays,

I pray...that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

I hear in these verses both Jesus' expressed ideal for our unity, that it may reflect the Triune Oneness of God, and Jesus' intention that our unity may be expressed in our mission, that our "sentness" by Jesus in John 20:21 reflect his own mission of redemptive love, salvation and shalom, justice and joy.

Within the Presbytery de Cristo we have eight\* shared missions: one ministry works with youth (Montlure),\* two ministries work on the border (Frontera de Cristo and Companeros en Mision), two ministries work with young adults (YAVs or Young Adult Volunteers, and PCM, or Presbyterian Campus Ministry), and three ministries work as immigrant or racial-ethnic congregations (Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship, the Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson, and the Papago United Presbyterian Church of Sells).

In asking what folks such as yourself, Gentle Reader, think needs to happen to express our unity in faith through unity in mission with these our brothers and sisters, I have heard certain interests expressed that suggest possible action steps. This week I will focus on what you and your church can do; next week I will focus on what our mission partners can do.

Interest: Increase knowledge of and contact with our mission partners.

- Action Step: Get all elders and, especially, all mission committee members signed up for Las Noticias, where there is a weekly news item on one of our mission partners.
  - What's needed from you: can you (yes, I mean you) send names and emails to Carolyn McBurne to register your elders and mission committee members (they can always unsubscribe)?
- Action Step: Mission committee create a mission partner booklet (with photos!) that can be e-distributed to our churches and Sessions.
  - What's needed from you: can you ask your Session to read about one of our mission partners at each Session meeting and include information about them in every newsletter and at least once a month in the bulletin?
- Action Step: Invite a mission partner to preach, teach a Sunday School class, speak at a fellowship event or present to your mission committee.
  - What's needed from you: as you plan your annual calendar, can you schedule one event per quarter for which you invite one of our mission partners? For solo pastors, wouldn't it be nice to hear someone else preach now and then? For PW, men's ministry, youth groups, et. al., our mission partners await an invitation...from you!

Grace and peace,  
Brad Munroe

\*A big apology shout-out is owed to Montlure Ministries, as I neglected to list them as one of our mission partners.

in last week's missive! (The irony that I wrote that week's missive from a Presbyterian camp (Ghost Ranch) is r  
lost on me.) Hey, Montlure: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa!

# THE **Big** EVENT

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE Extended through  
AUGUST 6th**

**We need a headcount for food and classroom size,  
please pre-register!  
*Over 20 Workshops from which to choose!***

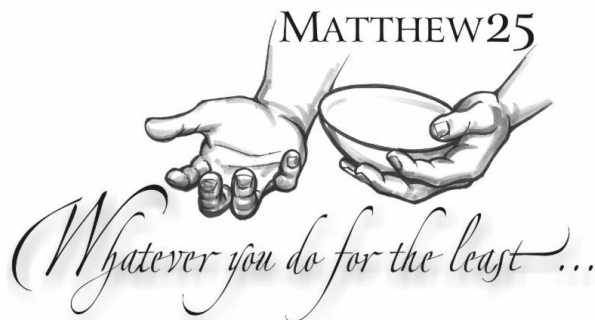
**Saturday, August 12 in conjunction with the  
Stated Presbytery meeting**

*Valley Presbyterian  
6947 E. McDonald Dr.  
Paradise Valley*

[List of Workshops](#)

**REGISTER**

(Deadline August 6)



**ANNUAL MATTHEW 25 OFFERING  
TO Benefit Border Ministries  
August 12 at the Presbytery  
meeting**

Food Packs  
Socks Adult and Children (Children ages 6-12)  
Hygiene Packs  
Cleaning Supplies

## CHURCH NEWS

### NORTHMINSTER

is hosting a Blood Drive Sunday, August 6 from 7i:00-11:30am  
To register, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use Sponsor Code: Northminster.  
Walk-ins are also welcome -come to Room 9, through the Children's Courtyard.

### FAITH

STEWARDSHIP GATHERING ~ Sunday, August 20 After worship In Stevenson Hall! Congregants will share their vision of what Faith's Stewardship direction should be. Lunch will be Provided!

### CHRIST

Robin Gilbert presents "The Painting Styles of Georgia O'Keefe". Have you ever wanted to try a painting class? Now is your chance. Join Robin Gilbert in Fellowship Hall on Saturday SEPTEMBER 16th from 1-2:30 pm. A \$5 supply kit will be offered. It contains everything you need to paint your own masterpiece. Sign up with Sally Brandon by September 9th. at [brandosally@gmail.com](mailto:brandosally@gmail.com)

### TRINITY

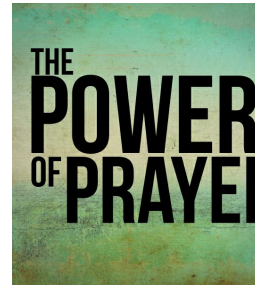
will host Elmarie & Scott Parker at a Mission Coworker Luncheon on Wednesday August 23 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Elmarie is the regional liaison for Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. The luncheon will be a catered lunch. RSVP to [office@trinitytucson.org](mailto:office@trinitytucson.org) by Monday August 14 so that they will have the number for catering.

**Want your church's activities promoted? Add us to your newsletter mailing list!**  
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It won't be long now until University of Arizona students return full force to campus!  
Please PRAY for all college students everywhere to know God.  
And, Please PRAY for Presbyterian Campus Ministry as it prepares to welcome students!

[Our Mission Partners](#)



## PRAYERS

- The family of Pauline Ohden, who passed away on July 14. She and her husband Rev. Dick Ohden served Immanuel Presbyterian.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(Click on each event for more info)

### AUGUST

[11-Ignite the Spark- Communications Workshop](#)  
12- [The Big Event- Valley, Paradise Valley](#)

### OCTOBER

28- Nov 4- [Border to Border Event- Frontera de Cristo](#)

[Click to see Jobs](#)

## JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mark's Facilities Coordinator

St. Andrew's- several positions

Hymnals to give away

Click the link above for a listing of jobs and other opportunities

## HELPFUL LINKS

**Donate to MEPF**

Board of Pensions- August

La Prensa- **PW Newsletter**

Weekly PC(USA) News

Brad Munroe, Presbytery Pastor

Bob Schulz, Assoc/Stated Clerk

Carolyn McBurney, Office Manager

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