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Weekly Missive

Board of Pensions Update

Following the difficult but necessary conversations on how to engage ethical discussions about the border in ways that promote respectful dialogue and seek to build empathy, I would like to talk about something on which we can all agree: The Board of Pensions rocks! One of the best things about the BOP is their commitment to service and communication – I'm looking at you, Clayton Cobb, BOP church consultant for the LA / AZ region!



Clayton will be present in July and August to serve our churches. In July, he will be at Orangewood in Phoenix on Wednesday, July 17 and at Northminster in Tucson on Thursday, July 18. Both events will be from 11:45-1:30, with lunch provided. Please RSVP with Clayton at ccobb@pensions.org or 267-844-2411. These luncheons will anticipate the opening of the "Employer Agreement Season" in July and is appropriate for pastors, church administrators, treasurers, personnel and finance leaders, and benefits decision makers. The agenda for the July luncheons will include:

- Review of the theological values that shape our benefit offerings,
- Review of the Employer Agreement Process and how to tailor benefits per employee classification (this is especially helpful to those new to their positions in the church),
- Specific information about optional benefits: Flexible Spending Accounts, Group Term Life Insurance, Vision Eyewear, and Dental – what to pay for vs. what to make available, and
- Share feedback with the Board and meet other decision makers from sister congregations!

In August, Clayton will be with us at the Big Event, August 24, at Mission del Sol in Tempe. Clayton will present two workshops:

- **Healthy Congregations/Healthy Pastors:** Aimed at key Congregational Leaders (Pastors, personnel and finance elders, Clerks, and other key Session leaders) for those congregations that have enrolled in the Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregation program with the Board of Pensions. (Those congregations and pastors wishing or are interested in enrolling in the program are invited but need to bring the appropriate leadership in order to fulfill the program requirements.) For more information see: <https://www.pensions.org/your-path-to-wholeness/healthy-pastors-healthy-congregations/>.) By the way, the "carrot" for this program is a cool \$10,000 for the pastors who, along with their congregations, participate. Who doesn't want an extra \$10K?
- **Pastor Finances 101:** Learn the basics of personal budgeting, as well as the varied benefits offered by the Board of Pensions that can help pastors address debt, increase their savings, and defray taxes and healthcare expenses. It will also offer an overview of the Minister's Education Debt Assistance and the Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregations Programs.

Registration for the Big Event will be available soon. Watch for the link to register!

The Board of Pensions seeks to help our pastors be healthy, our churches be healthy, that the Gospel we live in the world might express what we believe about the importance of community, stewardship, and compassion. Let's do this...together!

Grace and peace,
Brad Munroe

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Suspicious emails

Both Bob Schulz and Brad Munroe continue to experience emails being sent out in their names. The language in the suspicious emails is clearly not Brad or Bob and the emails have referred to Brad as Rev. and Fr. and Bob as Rev.. They may have begun with "Many Blessing (your name)". Should anyone receive one of these suspicious emails from someone at the Presbytery they should not open it and absolutely not reply. They should also let us know if they receive one and feel free to check with us to confirm the legitimacy of an email.



Montlure Summer staff and volunteer applications are open for 2019! Applications can be found at Montlure.CampBrainStaff.com

Register for Overnight and Traveling Day Camps at Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com

Overnight Camps:

Junior High: June 23-28

Juniors: July 7 -11

Day Camps:

Casa Grande/First Presbyterian: June 17-21

Green Valley/Valley Presbyterian: June 24-28

Tucson/Christ Presbyterian Church: June 24-28

More to announce, soon!

More details at: Montlure.org



SAVE THE DATE- Note revised location and dates

Native American Presbyterian Women's Conference

Join this gathering of Native American Presbyterian women as we come together to share and to give honor and praise to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Help us to embrace one another, our similarities, our differences, our concerns and joys. Let the Lord weave love into our fellowship together, that we may overflow with grace and allow truth to light up our lives anew!

[FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE](#)

CHURCH NEWS

ST. JOHN ON THE DESERT

Do you need Children-sized choir robes? St John on the Desert has 21 white cotton choir robes for your little angels. Free. Call Pastor Lesley at 520 749-3615 to make arrangements.

FAITH

will host a Star-Spangled Potluck and Sing-Along on June 30th to celebrate our country by having a picnic potluck and patriotic sing-along during coffee hour. Members are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue.

Wanted: Teaching Elders for Pulpit Supply

Many of our churches need someone to fill in for their pastor from time to time at a Sunday service. Would you be willing to help out? If so, your name and contact info will be added to an updated list which will be posted to the de Cristo website. This a great way for HRs, Members At-Large, those in Validated ministry and CREs to contribute to the life of the Presbytery. The more names on the list, the better the chance that a fellow pastor will have a stress-free way to find qualified pulpit supply. Please email Beth Kath

(pbyassoc@gmail.com) to be included on the Pulpit Supply List.



Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregation Initiative

To help PCUSA pastors address the growing financial challenges to ministry, the Board of Pensions has developed Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations. This initiative, designed to help ministers and congregations work together for financial stability, provides education and financial resources. This program combines pastor and congregational leader education with grants up to \$10,000 to qualifying pastors.

[Click here for a brochure with more info](#)



A new way to support Triennium online!

There is a link on the de Cristo homepage WWW.PRESBYTERYDECRISTO.ORG along the right-hand edge. Click on the Link "Donate to Triennium 2019" or [CLICK HERE!](#)



Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Rev. John Cheek, as he becomes interim at The Holy Way

Job Opportunities- New listings

Goods and Services

Upcoming Events

JULY

Native American Women's Conference
18- Board of Pensions luncheon

AUGUST

24-The Big Event/Presbytery- Mission del Sol

OCTOBER

4-6 PWS Fall Gathering- [Registration](#)

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