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Weekly Missive

SWERV 2020



There have been many casualties in 2020: loved ones are first and foremost, but mental health, economic well-being, and social harmony also come to mind. Beyond these casualties there have been disruptions: to our work rhythms, our social rhythms, our travel rhythms, and, of course, our church rhythms.

For Presbytery de Cristo, one of the casualties, (at least for the 2020 – 2021 program year) is the Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteers program (TBYAV). The Stated Clerk of General Assembly place a travel moratorium on all General Assembly staff, which means the YAVs are unable to travel to their work destinations. The YAV program nationally was originally pushed back to October, then January, and finally it has been postponed until August 2021. Yikes!

Fortunately for Presbytery de Cristo we have an experienced, creative, and resilient TBYAV leader in Alison Wood. Ali and the TBYAV board are unwilling to accept that the young adult volunteers who had graduated college with hopes of giving “a year of service for a lifetime of change” would not have the opportunity to participate in this life changing year. The TBYAV board is required to shut down the YAV program for the coming year but that doesn’t mean ministry can’t happen. Enter SWERV.

SWERV stands for SouthWest Emergent Resource Volunteers. It is a ministry of Presbytery de Cristo, which has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the TBYAV board to provide the formal structure through which young adults can come to Tucson and the Borderlands region to volunteer as presbytery level mission co-workers. They will live in community, work in the community, discern God’s calling upon their lives, and grow more deeply aligned with the rule of God’s sovereign love in who they are. *I. Am. So. Psyched!*

Presbytery de Cristo will provide the legal structure through with the SWERVettes will live, work, receive a small living-expenses stipend, and insurance. The TBYAV board will provide staff leadership, program, housing, and pay staff salaries associated with SWERV. Together “we” are making this happen, and by “we” I really mean Alison and her board, who are amazing in making this happen so quickly and so well. Let me end by paraphrasing one of my favorite movies, *Braveheart*: The Covacalypse may be able to take away our rhythms, but it can never take away our desire to serve Jesus!

Grace and peace,
Brad Munroe

P.S. You have the opportunity to support the SWERV program, if you desire. You can send checks payable to Presbytery de Cristo with “SWERV” in the memo line. And, if you can’t send a check, then say a prayer. Better yet, do both!

P.P.S. I was hacked! Please disregard emails from me asking you to run an errand or purchase a gift card! It’s not me! Promise.

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OCTOBER

17- Presbytery meeting via Zoom
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6-8- Border Event- [Register](#)



REGISTER FOR BORDER MINISTRIES EVENT

1- Registration for the 2020 Presbyterian Border Region Outreach (PBRO) event, "**Gospel Hospitality & the Kingdom of God,**" is now open!

This **online event** will be hosted by the ministry site *Pasos de Fe y Esperanza* in Ciudad Juárez, and presented through Zoom. **The conference begins on Friday, November 6 and will conclude with morning worship on Sunday, November 8.**

Registration is \$20 per person or \$40 for a household of 2 or more. Each individual or household will receive a Zoom link in order to participate.

The registration fee includes: pre-conference workshops, 3 worship services, Saturday lunchtime workshops, a special concert on Saturday evening and interpretation services during regular conference sessions.

www.presbyterianborder/events

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TRAINING OFFERED

We are pleased to announce in partnership with the Insurance Board the release of Insurance Board's COVID-19 Video Training, "Re-opening during COVID-19: Considerations for Church Leadership and Clergy" to help ministries with their decision making process regarding re-opening during COVID-19.



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AN INVITATION FOR THE WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

You are invited to a Cluster Cafe Meeting. We will have an awesome opportunity to hear from Susan Jackson-Dowd, Executive Director of PW Churchwide, and Sarah Azibo, Program Coordinator at Center for Refugee Support, a Thank

Offering recipient.
Hope to see you at the Cluster Cafe 10/31/2020.
See the attached flyer for registration and more information.
Blessings,
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PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT NETWORK

First National Zoom Conference

Shaping Faith in Crisis: Peace by Piece

October 27-28, 2020

The current pandemic has made pastoral care an even greater challenge with the need for SIP (Shelter In Place) and social distancing. This event will bring together leaders and experts on aging, spirituality, and pastoral care, as well as leaders from communities of faith, seminaries, academia, and community organizations.



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2020 Stewardship Scholar Essay Contest

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) is excited to announce our Fall 2020 Stewardship Scholarship Essay Contest.

Students are invited to write a 750-1250 word essay on the topics of Land Stewardship or Trust in the More-Than-Human world for a chance to win a cash scholarship toward your education. There will be one grand prize scholarship of \$1000 and two semi-finalist scholarships of \$500 awarded. Complete essays or excerpts may be printed in SUWA's Redrock Newsletter. [Click here for more information](#)



IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

- The family of Marge Shepherd, wife of Rev. Don Shepherd who passed away this week. Cards may be sent to Don care of his daughter Janet at 6704 Ruth, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.
- The Presbytery meeting next week as we discern our future direction.

Job Opportunities

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