

News and Information About Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

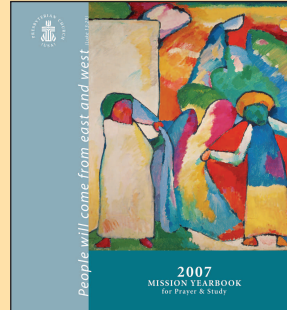


Bettie J. Durrah Honored by ITC

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary has recommended Bettie J. Durrah to receive a doctorate of humane letters from the Interdenominational Theological Seminary (ITC).

The constituent seminary from each of the six denominations of ITC (United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church of God in Christ, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Baptist) may recommend members of its denomination to receive an honorary degree from ITC. Bettie will receive the award at ITC's commencement ceremony on May 6, 2007.

ITC recognized Bettie's dedication to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to community and ecumenical organizations. Bettie served for nearly 10 years as the women's ministries associate for synod support for the Synods of South Atlantic, the Mid-Atlantic, the Trinity and Living Waters. She was previously awarded three honorary life memberships in Presbyterian Women as well as a Woman of Faith Award from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



2007 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

The *2007 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* is now available. Themed "People will come from east and west," the 2007 edition celebrates

changes and growth in the community of believers. Synod and presbytery maps and mission partnership maps show where Presbyterians are and ways that they are engaged in mission. The yearbook also features demographic profiles of countries, suggested outlines for daily prayer and Sunday lectionaries with hymn selections. A companion resource, the *Reader's Guide*, offers additional ideas for how individuals and groups can use the *Mission Yearbook*.

For the fifth year in a row, a *Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* is also available. The *2007 Children's Mission Yearbook* follows the same theme—"People will come from east and west"—and includes scripture, prayers, games, puzzles, recipes, a "word of the week" and activity ideas. It is divided into 53 two-page weekly spreads; each spread contains mission stories and photographs about one domestic presbytery and one overseas mission locale.

Order all *Mission Yearbook* resources through Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612 or

www.pcusa.org/marketplace.

- *2007 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, item 1571530711; \$8.50 each for 1–9 copies; \$7.50 each for 10 or more copies; plus shipping
- *Readers' Guide to the Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* and *Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, item 7061206425; free
- *2007 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, item 1571530703; \$5.50 each for 1–9 copies; \$4.00 each for 10 or more copies; plus shipping



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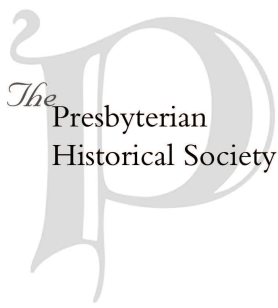
Don't forget to get the new online resource, "Make the Most of Your Magazine," for this issue. The resource,

available at www.pcusa.org/horizons, will help you dig deeper into the articles and be ready to discuss them with your group or friends.

SarahLee Morris, a certified associate Christian educator and the resource center coordinator for Palo Duro Presbytery, offers creative ideas for discussing the articles in each issue, and recommends additional resources related to many of the subjects.

The resource contains a brief overview of why the theme is important to you, your faith and the world. SarahLee then provides programming suggestions on how to use the articles for personal or group study and discussion.

This valuable resource is only available online, and is completely free! Get it at www.pcusa.org/horizons.

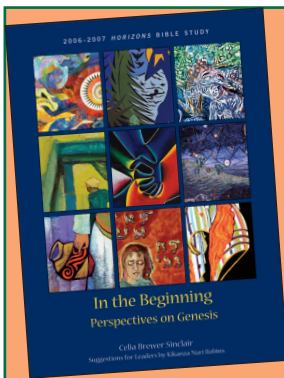


Church History Seminar

The Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its 29th annual local church history seminar at William Black Lodge in Montreat, North Carolina. The event is designed for persons interested in the management and preservation of records, and writing congregational history. The seminar features workshops on Presbyterian history, oral history, researching and writing a church history, managing and preserving congregation records, disaster planning, exhibits and anniversary celebrations.

Three scholarships are available for participants from small churches: two granted by the society and another sponsored by the board of directors of the William Black Lodge. Each scholarship covers the seminar fee and the housing costs. Only members of congregations in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic are eligible for the lodge scholarship. All scholarships are available to congregations that have no more than 250 members, have been in existence for at least 50 years and demonstrate financial need.

For additional information about the seminar, scholarships and housing at the William Black Lodge, or to get a seminar registration form, visit the Presbyterian Historical Society Web site, www.history.pcusa.org/cong/lchs or contact PHS, 215/627-1852 or refdesk@history.pcusa.org.



Help Shape a Horizons Bible Study!

The annual *Horizons* Bible study relies on help from members of Presbyterian Women. A

committee of women, appointed by the moderator of the Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women, selects a topic and an author for future *Horizons* Bible studies. Then, members of Presbyterian Women further aid in the development of the Bible study by field testing the first draft of a manuscript for the upcoming year.

Field test groups are usually selected in May or June and applicants are contacted by July, letting them know whether or not their group was selected. The goal is to enlist as diverse a group of field testers as possible. The diversity sought includes race, ethnicity, size of congregation, age of participants, urban/suburban/rural communities and more.

If your group would like to apply to field test a future *Horizons* Bible study, contact Leah Bradley, senior associate editor, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396; 502/569-5366; Lbradley@ctr.pcusa.org.



U.S.A. Mission Experience

In 2008 Presbyterian Women will have its first U.S.A. Mission Experience. The U.S.A. Mission Experience offers the chance for at least one woman from each synod to connect the concerns raised by the Global Exchange with similar issues in the United States. April 12–19, 2008, participants will visit El Paso, Texas, and while there, will learn about immigration and its relationship to violence, poverty, racism, global economic policies and the exploitation of women and children.

Applications and cover letters are available on www.pcusa.org/pw and through PW synod moderators as well as leaders of the National Network of Presbyterian College Women (NNPCW) and Racial Ethnic Young Women Together (REYWT). Applications are due back to synod moderators, NNPCW or REYWT leaders no later than June 1, 2007. Synod leadership will choose no more than three candidates from their synod to recommend to the planning team. Final selections for candidates will be made in September 2007.

PW Global Exchange

The triennial PW Global Exchange will occur in September of 2008. Participants will travel to the Czech Republic, Ukraine and Hungary, and like previous exchanges, will listen to stories of the joy and suffering that their sisters experience and share their faith stories and ministries with each other. The trip is an exchange because the following year women from that part of the world are invited to attend the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women.

The theme of the 2008 trip to Eastern Europe is “Joined and knit together in love,” based on *Ephesians 4:15–16*. At least one woman from each synod will be chosen to participate. Information and applications will be available in February 2007 on www.pcusa.org/pw and through PW synod moderators and synod representatives of PW’s Churchwide Coordinating Team (CCT). Applications are due to synod moderators by June 1, 2007.

