

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



Caryl Weinberg, former PC(USA) mission coworker in Ghana, takes hold of two new friends, Mercy Chintu (right) from Zambia and Fati Ibrahim Salifon (left) from Niger, at the 2007 Tumekutana Women's Conference.

powerful and challenging presentations by Mercy Amba Oduyoye and Agnes Aboum, two African women theologians. Participants attended insightful workshops on women's health, HIV/AIDS, violence against women, education, poverty and economic justice. The conference also included time for prayer, reflection and worship inspired by African traditions. Dineo Seloaana, a South African participant, wrote and recited a poem on the horrors of colonization and problems that still plague the continent so rich with land and resources that are owned by "citizens of the north." She urged Christian women to speak out, reclaim land and resources, and bring true freedom to Africa.

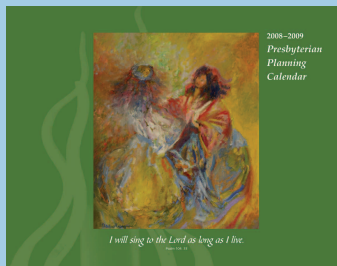
A conference testament outlines the challenges and opportunities Africa faces, as well as the commitment of participants to being change agents in their countries. The conference testament also calls for another Tumekutana in 2010. It is my prayer that by 2010, many dreams and goals of Dineo and other Tumekutana women will be well on the way to realization.

Tumekutana Gathering By Catrelia Steele Hunter

Tumekutana, the first-of-its-kind gathering of African Christian women leaders, was held September 9–13, 2007 in Nairobi, Kenya. The conference included Presbyterian and Reformed Church women from 16 African countries and 17 women from the United States. This gathering was coordinated by Caryl Weinberg, and sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Africa office and the International Health Ministries office, in conjunction with PC(USA) African partners.

Tumekutana, which means "we have come together," asked women to address the theme "Facing the Challenges of Africa—The Christian Woman's Perspective." The week was filled with

2008–2009 Presbyterian Planning Calendar



The 2008–2009 Presbyterian Planning Calendar, themed "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live," features the art of three older adult Presbyterian artists working in different media. These three artists—Joseph Dawley, Martha Jane Petersen, and C. D. Weaver—bear witness to the gifts that older adults offer God and God's people, and to the desire to sing to the Lord as long as one is alive.

The calendar also features:

- monthly calendar pages from June 2008 through December 2009
- lectionary for the Lord's Day and special days
- colors for the liturgical seasons
- liturgical days, programmatic emphases and secular holidays
- monthly planning suggestions and resources
- synod, presbytery and GA staff directories
- foldout synod/presbytery and world mission maps in color

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Corrections

Please note the following corrections to the January/February 2008 issue of *Horizons*.

The email address for Cleda Locey, author of the Devotional (inside front cover), is mclowc@earthlink.net.

"Catching the Wind" (p. 20) incorrectly noted that Barbara Roche is a member of Louisville Presbytery. The correct name is Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Also, *Horizons* launched at Purdue University in Indiana.



Pentecost Offering

In 2008 the Day of Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11, which also happens to be Mother's Day. How appropriate that an offering designed to serve children at risk falls on

that particular day! The Pentecost Offering is unique in that congregations keep 40 percent of what they receive for programs designated by their sessions. The General Assembly uses the remaining 60 percent for ministries with youth and young adults, young adult volunteer opportunities and child advocacy.

How did congregations use their share of the Pentecost Offering last year?

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church in Mount Olive, North Carolina, gave its share to the Southern Wayne Family Center to help fund a Parents Anonymous group offering classes in parenting skills and healthy family dynamics.

Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Berlin, Maryland, sent funds to Tomorrow House, an oceanfront retreat for terminally-ill children.

First Presbyterian Church in Itasca, Texas, partnered with St. John Missionary Baptist Church to start a Youth Alternative Program and build a safe playground for children in their town.

For more information about the Pentecost Offering, visit www.pcusa.org/pentecost or contact Jean Sniffen, 888/728-7228, ext. 5636; jean.sniffen@pcusa.org.

Individual materials and a packet of resources (limit one) are available to promote the 2008 Pentecost Offering. The packet, PDS item 11144-08-030, includes a poster, placemat, bulletin inserts, coin box and more. Order through Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612.



APCE Applauds Joyce MacKichan Walker

The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) has awarded its most prestigious award, Educator of the Year, to Joyce MacKichan Walker for 2008. In addition to serving as the Minister of Education at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey, Joyce is part of the *Horizons* Editorial Committee, writes the *Horizons* Web-exclusive

"Make the Most of Your Magazine," wrote the Suggestions for Leaders for the 2006-2007 *Horizons* Bible study, *Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*, and wrote the workshop for leaders for the 2008-2009 *Horizons* Bible study, *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor*.



Celebrating Our History

In July 2007, Martha Moore, PW moderator at Falls Church Presbyterian in Northern Virginia, suggested that the Presbyterian Women's groups at Falls Church Presbyterian and

Lewinsville Presbyterian meet to celebrate two centuries of joint heritage.

The two congregations began meeting together in the early 1800s, at Salona, the home of William Maffitt, a prominent Presbyterian pastor who participated in George Washington's funeral service. When the first building was erected in Lewinsville in 1846, the folks from Falls Church were concerned about the difficult trek on muddy roads and began to worship in the Falls Church home of Mamzie Coe, one of the first elders ordained at Lewinsville. The pastor at Lewinsville would often travel to Falls Church on Sunday afternoons to preach. Falls Church's first building was finished in 1884.

The 2007 celebration included music, stories, several attendees in period dress, historical displays, ice cream and cake. The cake, made by Effie Shaw of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, had sketches of both of the earlier church buildings. Many historic photos, Bibles and other documents were on display, including a quilt that had been presented to the pastor at

Lewinsville in 1852, with names of all the members written on it. Of special interest to women is the account of how the women at Falls Church organized to enforce the prohibition of alcoholic beverages in the city, and the story of an Army nurse who saved the Lewinsville baptismal font from destruction when her Wisconsin Regiment occupied the church during the Civil War. It was returned more than 100 years later.

The afternoon ended with a brief vesper service led by the current pastors of both churches and singing old hymns, including "The Little Brown Church in the Vale," with accompaniment on a vintage melodeon.