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This newsletter is sent to all congregational contact persons and others interested in the latest church news and information. This newsletter may be printed, photocopied and distributed.



## PWS&D

### PWS&D Sunday Coming Soon!

PWS&D Sunday is coming up on February 7, 2010! This is an important time to highlight the development and relief work of our church to your congregation. You can order resources such as our bulletin-sized Annual Report, Gifts of Hope bulletin insert, offering envelopes and worship resources. Please email Zuzka Tatiersky at [ztatiersky@presbyterian.ca](mailto:ztatiersky@presbyterian.ca) or call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 293.

### Gift Giving with Meaning

You have the opportunity to give gifts that change lives and have a meaningful impact for others through PWS&D. Make birthdays, memorials or weddings extra special by celebrating with friends and family in a true spirit of generosity. When you make a gift in some-

one's honour, we'll send them a Gift of Hope card. Gift options include providing families in need with goats and rabbits, mosquito nets, vitamin supplements, skills training, clean water and education.

Help promote alternative gift giving by ordering PWS&D's free Gift of Hope bulletin inserts for your congregation and help alleviate poverty around the world. To order, please email Zuzka Tatiersky at [ztatiersky@presbyterian.ca](mailto:ztatiersky@presbyterian.ca) or call 1-800-619-7301 ext. 293.

### Download Bulletin Bits for Your Sunday Bulletin

Looking for some great news to insert into your Sunday bulletin? Every week, PWS&D posts a new Bulletin Bit—a piece of news or a story, a photo and a power-point slide—that you can download and include in your church's bulletin. Visit [www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/bulletin\\_bits](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/bulletin_bits) to download the latest Bit!

## JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### Healing and Reconciliation Seed Funding Application Deadline January 31, 2010

Seed funding is available to help church groups (youth groups; WMS groups; mission committees, presbyteries and others) wishing to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. The deadline for seed funding application submission is January 31, 2010. Application forms and project criteria can be found on the Healing and Reconciliation website at [www.presbyterian.ca/healing](http://www.presbyterian.ca/healing). The Healing and Reconciliation Program Animator, Lori Ransom, welcomes opportunities to discuss your project ideas. She can be reached at 1-800-619-7301 ext 283 or by email at [lransom@presbyterian.ca](mailto:lransom@presbyterian.ca).

### Applications now being accepted for year 3 of The Peace and Human Security Internship with Project Ploughshares

The Presbyterian Church in Canada and Project Ploughshares invite applications for the third year of the Peace and Human Security Internship with Project Ploughshares in Waterloo, Ontario. The third year of the internship will run from September 2010 to April 2011. A stipend will be provided to the intern. Applicants must be members or adherents of The Presbyterian Church in

Canada, and have completed a post-secondary degree in political science, international studies or a related discipline. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2010. Internship qualifications and procedures are outlined on the application form. This program is made possible through undesignated bequest gifts to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Contact Katharine Masterton at [kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca) for more information or view the internship announcement online at <http://www.presbyterian.ca/getinvolved/employment/4753>

### Turn Your Lights Out at Earth Hour

Climate change is one expression of how our dependence on oil and gas harms people and the environment. We can take practical steps in our homes and in our churches to reduce our ecological footprints. Earth Hour (8:30p.m. - 9:30 p.m. local time, Saturday March 27, 2010) is a global initiative and an opportunity to focus on responsible stewardship of God's creation. Resources will be available February 1, 2010 at [www.presbyterian.ca/justice](http://www.presbyterian.ca/justice). Please let Katharine Masterton ([kmasterton@presbyterian.ca](mailto:kmasterton@presbyterian.ca) or 1-800-619-7301 ext 250) know about your involvement in Earth Hour!

## The Vine

### Workshop on Ministry Among Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

Are you reaching out to people with intellectual disabilities? Could you benefit from the support of others doing the same and the expertise of a professional in the field? Then plan to attend this one-day workshop being offered by The Vine and Crieff Hills Community. Nella Uitvlugt, Executive Director of Friendship Ministries, leads participants in exploring strategies and resources for this crucial ministry.

Nella writes, "As an interdenominational ministry, we offer extensive consulting services to help start and enrich Disability Ministries, as well as a comprehensive set of Christian formation materials designed specifically for our

"Friends," persons who have intellectual disabilities."

The workshop runs at Crieff Hills Community, near Guelph, Ontario, from 9am to 3pm.

Choose one of the following four dates:

Friday, February 19th

Saturday, February 20th

Friday, April 9th

Saturday, April 10th

A \$25 registration fee includes lunch.

For more information and to register for a workshop, download the brochure here

<http://www.presbyterian.ca/pconnect/daily/4918>.

To learn more about Friendship Ministries, visit their website: [www.friendship.org](http://www.friendship.org)

## PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

### Continuing Theological Education, February 15-19, 2010

Dr. Anthony B. Robinson

Mon. 15th afternoon *It's a Whole New World: Being Church in a New Time*

Tues. 16th morning *Leading Change and Living to Tell the Story*

Tony is an ordained Minister of the United Church of Christ, who has served four congregations. His present ministry is a multi-faceted one. He travels throughout North America as a speaker, teacher, preacher, consultant and coach serving congregations and their leaders. He has taught at several schools including Emmanuel College/Toronto School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University and Vancouver School of Theology. He is the President of Congregational Leadership Northwest, a Seattle-based ecumenical group that offers leadership education and support for congregational leaders.

Tony is the author of nine books, the most recent *Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations*, published by Eerdmans Publishing Company in 2008. He is at work on two new books, one on preaching and leadership, the other on Scripture and ethics. He is also a frequent contributor to various magazines and journals, including *The Christian Century*, *Congregations*, and *Perspectives*. Tony also writes for the Northwest on-line newsource, [crosscut.com](http://crosscut.com).

Tony is a graduate of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. He holds a Master's degree in European Cultural and Intellectual History from the University of Oregon. His Mas-

ter of Divinity degree is from New York's Union Theology Seminary. He has done post-graduate study at Harvard Divinity School as a Merrill Fellow.

Dr. Jonathan J. Bonk

Tues. 16th afternoon *Missions & Money: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem ... Revisited*

*Thinking Small: Toward a Missiology of Interruptions*

Wed. 17th morning *The Gospel & Ethics: Pre-Christendom Faith in a Post-Christendom World*

*Africa and the Future of Christianity: Ecclesiastical Cartography and the Invisible Continent*

Dr. Bonk is the Executive Director of the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut, and editor of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. Before relocating to the United States in 1997, he served for twenty years as Professor of Global Christian Studies at Providence College and Theological Seminary in Canada. He was raised in Ethiopia by missionary parents, serving there with his wife in famine relief from 1974–1976. A Mennonite, he has served as President of both the American Society of Missiology and the Association of Professors of Mission, and is currently President of the International Association for Mission Studies. He is the author of numerous articles and reviews, has published five books, and edited several others. He is best known for his book, *Missions and Money: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem* (Orbis 1991/2007), reprinted eleven times before publication of a revised and expanded second edition in 2006. As Project

Director for the Dictionary of African Christian Biography, a multilingual, electronic, non-proprietary reference tool ([www.dacb.org](http://www.dacb.org)), he travels extensively in Africa. He is editor of the Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries, Volume 9 in Routledge's Religion and Society Series (2007), and serves as regular visiting professor of Missions and Evangelism at Yale Divinity School.

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

Wed. 17th afternoon      *Prophecy to the Bones:  
Preaching as a Ministry of  
Hope*

Thurs. 18th morning      *Prophecy to the Bones:  
Preaching as a Ministry of  
Hope (continued)*

Rev. Powery is the Perry and Georgia Engle Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Music with a concentration in vocal performance from Stanford University. He has a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Theology from Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto. His teaching and research interests are located at the intersection of preaching, worship, pneumatology, performance studies, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. He is the author of *Spirit Speech: Lament and Celebration in Preaching* (Abingdon Press, 2009), and a member of the lectionary team for The African American Lectionary, a project funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. In addition, he is the present Secretary of the Academy of Homiletics. Nurtured in the Holiness-Pentecostal tradition, he is an ordained Baptist minister who has served in an ecumenical capacity in churches throughout Switzerland, Canada, and the United States.

Dr. Ian H. Henderson

Thurs. 18th afternoon      *'She began to serve them':  
Gospel perspectives on the  
ministry of leadership*

Ian Henderson has taught and studied Historical Jesus Research, early Christianity and the New Testament at McGill University since 1988. The author of *Jesus, Rhetoric and Law* (1996), he publishes regularly, especially on Mark's Gospel and on public-speaking culture (rhetoric) in the religious life of the Greco-Roman world. He also has research interests in Argumentation Theory and Translation Theory in relation to contemporary Christian receptions of Scripture.

A native of Winnipeg, he studied also in Scotland (St. Andrews), Ontario (McMaster), England (Oxford) and Germany (Heidelberg). He has taught as a Guest Professor at the University of Erfurt, Germany—and at the Big Beaver House Bible Camp, Kingfisher Lake, Diocese of Keewatin.

More recently he has been a Visiting Researcher at the University of Strasbourg, France, engaged in a study of Mark's Gospel as a manual for leadership training. For many years Honorary Faculty of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, Prof. Henderson is a lay Christian active in the evangelical tradition.

Dr. Ellen Bradshaw Aitken

Fri. 19th morning      *To Remember the Lord  
Jesus: Leadership & Memory  
in the New Testament*

Professor Ellen Aitken is Dean of the Faculty of Religious Studies at McGill University and has been a Faculty member since 2004, teaching in the area of Early Christian History and Literature. Prior to coming to McGill, she was on the faculty of The Divinity School, Harvard University. She holds degrees from Harvard University and the University of the South, with training in Folklore and Mythology, the Classics, and Religious Studies. Her current research, funded by SSHRC, investigates the relationship between Greco-Roman hero cult and ancient Christianity.

Professor Aitken has served on numerous committees at McGill, including chairing the B.Th. Committee in the Faculty of Religious Studies. She is a member of McGill's Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR) and an honorary faculty member of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. She was ordained in the Episcopal (Anglican) Church in 1986 and has been recognized widely as a leader in both scholarly and ecclesial communities. She has also received two awards for teaching excellence.

The programme starts at 1.30 p.m. on Monday and ends at noon on Friday. Details and times of lectures will be mailed to registrants.

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## CRIEFF HILLS COMMUNITY

“Take This Moment” . . . Winning Strength Out of Weakness - February 18, 2010

A Manna Day Event with Rev. Dr. Herb Gale. Join our day as Herb leads and reflects on how our “disability” can bear witness to God’s “ability”. “They were weak but became strong” – Hebrews 11:34

Church Administrators Conference - May 10-12, 2010

We Are One In The Spirit” A time of learning tasks geared toward a Church Office as well as a time of fellowship with others who share the unique job of Church Administrator

Workshop Leader Heather Card - Supporting Ministry Together

Workshop Leader Pat Martin - Looking Good In Print

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