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August 13, 2017

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Iraq Partnership Network seeks congregations in the U.S. to pray for cities in Iraq. In response to an invitation from the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Baghdad, the Rev. Dr. Joanne Sizoo, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, and coordinator of the Iraq Partnership Network (IPN), is requesting every city in Iraq be covered in prayer by congregations in the U.S. **Will your congregation pray for a city in Iraq?** To adopt a city in Iraq in prayer for at least one year, email [Joanne Sizoo](mailto:Joanne.Sizoo). To learn more about the Iraq Partnership Network, visit the network's [Facebook page](#). [Read the complete Presbyterian News Service article here.](#)



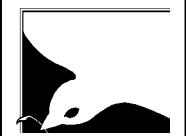
Princeton Women in Ministry Conference to be held in October. Princeton Theological Seminary to host "Telling our Stories: Breaking the Mold, Taking Risks, Paving the Way," a women in ministry conference for women from a variety of denominations in both lay and ordained ministries who serve God and others, from pastors to civil servants, from Christian educators to workers in non-profits, from chaplains to teachers, from artists to social justice advocates, from church officers to congregation members from October 23 4:00 p.m. till October 25 at noon, 2017. Keynote speaker is Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, the first African American woman ordained in what is now the Presbyterian Church (USA). Interested? [Find out more.](#)

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Conflict in the Church Workshop to be Held in September. The Conflict in the Church workshop teaches some basic skills that will help participants manage conflicts within their congregations in a healthier manner. The Five Presbyteries of SC are offering this two day workshop Sept. 29-30 at the Trinity Presbytery Office. [Check out the Brochure and Register today.](#)



Presbyterian Writers Guild Contemporary Parables Book available on Amazon. Jesus often told parables that challenged the assumed wisdom of society but did so in a manner that entertained as well as hooked the reader into considering alternative perspectives. In less than 320 words, Jesus engaged his listeners in probing our response to violence, bigotry, and hypocrisy in the parable of the Good Samaritan. In approximately 200 words, Jesus probed the destructive impact of materialism in the parable of the Rich Fool. The Presbyterian Writers Guild invited fifteen writers from thirteen states across the country, including Ann White in Providence Presbytery, to create contemporary parables to address some of the significant issues in our church and society. The result is A Progressive Feast in Parabolic Story that is [available on Amazon](#). [Check it out!](#)

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Board of Pensions offers Help with Transitional Expenses for College Freshmen to Benefits Plan Members. The Transition-to-College Assistance Grant is a one-time grant available to help offset transitional expenses — such as the purchase of a computer or dorm-room furniture — incurred by families of college freshmen. All Benefits Plan members with dependent children who may be entering college in the 2017-2018 academic year are welcome to apply. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$1,000, and eligibility is based on financial need, Medical Plan participation, and enrollment of a dependent child as a full-time freshman in an accredited college or university. [Find out more by reading this month's BOP Newsletter.](#)

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Campus Ministry Needs Your Help in Contacting Students. Are there students in your congregation who will be attending one of our colleges? Help our State-wide Campus Ministries connect with your students by submitting contact information for those students to one of the contacts below. They will need: Name, email, home address, name of home church and the year in school. USC UKIRK --Rev. John Cook - jcook@shandonpresbyterian.org; JOURNEY (College of Charleston and the Citadel)--Colin Kerr - charlestonjourney@gmail.com; Clemson PSA--Rev.. Al Masters - afmasters@gmail.com; Furman UKIRK--Rev. Erin Farry - ukirkfurman@gmail.com; Spartanburg UKIRK (Wofford and Converse)--Rev. Rae Epps - secondpresrae@gmail.com.

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8th Annual "Gospel & Spirituals with Grace." Join us Sunday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2955 W. Hwy 160, Fort Mill, for our 8th Annual "Gospel & Spirituals with Grace" concert. This year's theme is "For the Love of Gospel" as we focus on the diverse genre that emerged from the spirituals tradition. From the Grace Notes Choir you will hear Dorsey's iconic "Precious Lord", as well as arrangements of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah!" and "Total Praise". There will also be great selections from the Grace Notes Quartet and Joyful Noise! We will include a special emphasis on our partnership with the Thornwell Home for Children.

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Center for Lifelong Learning offers Fall Courses. Registration is open on over 30 classes. Upcoming courses include travel seminars, spiritual formation, topical conferences focusing on the Reformation, justice and inclusion, certificate and leadership programs, on site and online. Check out the complete list [here](#)

Pause for Peace. In order to promote peace in our community, members of the community are gathering at Fountain Park, Rock Hill on Thursday, August 24 at 7:30PM (farmers market and a free hour of yoga provided by synergy yoga starting at 6:30PM). Join us. [Flyer is available for download.](#) This event is hosted by the Palmetto Peace Project.



Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Offers Workshops for Church Leaders. We would like to invite you to Healthy Congregations, a one-day workshop, and/or Mediation Skills Training Institute, a five-day seminar, sponsored by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Both of these outstanding interdenominational training events are designed to equip clergy and laypersons with constructive ways to deal with chronic anxiety and conflict between individuals and among groups. The details are as follows:

Healthy Congregations (HC)--November 3-4, 2017, Union United Methodist Church in Irmo, SC; Especially designed for Clergy and laypersons interested in ways to counteract the negative, reactive forces that disrupt relationships in their congregation and hinder the mission of their church

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (MSTI)--March 12-16, 2018, Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC; designed for Clergy and all persons in positions of church leadership who wish to learn practical strategies for minimizing the harmful effects of conflict within their congregations. More information is available at <https://www.lmpeacecenter.org>

New Offerings from Pinnacle Leadership Associates. DiscipleFlow Clergy Cohort--:Rock Hill Area Cohort meets at Woodland United Methodist Church on the 3rd Monday, Sept-May.. Learn more here - <http://www.pinnlead.com/events.html>. **Holy Experiments Clergy Cohort: Discovering and Joining God's Mission In the World--Multiple area cohorts are under development.** . Learn more here - <http://www.pinnlead.com/events.html> To find out more about Pinnacle Leadership Associates, check out our [website](#).

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Office of Public Witness Invites you to Come to Washington to demand a Faithful Budget! 9:00: Briefing, 11:30: Press Conference, 12:30 – 3:30: Meetings with Congressional Offices, 3:30: Closing Worship and Debriefing. [Click HERE to RSVP](#)--Live Streaming on Office of Public Witness Facebook page

Seminary for a Day Coming Soon. The time is drawing closer for Seminary for a Day at Union Presbyterian Seminary! On Saturday, September 23, 2017, you will have the opportunity to listen to two keynote addresses, attend two workshops led by UPSem professors, and enjoy a delicious lunch on our beautiful campus in Richmond. All of this costs only \$25, including the lunch! [Find out more..](#)

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