



# Grand Canyon View

A quick look at presbytery news & events.

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The Presbytery of Grand Canyon

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Presbytery of Grand Canyon mission: to “celebrate and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ...” is carried out 24/7 within our bounds where there are opportunities each and every day to celebrate community, multicultural ministry, service and commitment so that, together, we may seek to bear witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ and to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church.



## The Rev. Karen Muenich installed as presbytery moderator

Above Karen Muenich responds to the installation questions as her husband Jerry and members of her congregation, Heritage PC, look on. Below, left, Glyndon Morris lights the Peace Candle; center he presents the Moderator’s Cross to Rev. Muenich; right, Elder Ann Lodge and others after the installation.



## Grand Canyon representation at 219th General Assembly

*All submitted statements of faith along with their understanding of the role of the church in today's world*



*Kyle Harding*



*Bob Orf*



*Annabelle Smallcanyon*



*Rev. Mary Saylor*



*Rev. Trina Zelle*

Two Elder and two Minister Commissioners from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly were elected from the four nominees in each category accepted at the November presbytery meeting. The ministers elected are the Revs. Mary Saylor and Trina Zelle; elders are Elders Anabelle Smallcanyon, Leupp First, and Bob Orf, Orangewood. These four will

be joined by second-time Youth Advisory Delegate Kyle Harding, Mesa First, who participated as a YAD at the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2008. The 2010 GA (219<sup>th</sup>) will be held in Minneapolis, July 3 – 10.

All minister and elder nominees were required to submit written statements to the Nominations Committee about their

confession of faith and knowledge of current issues before the denomination. They were also asked to answer questions related to their relationship with Jesus Christ and its effect on their lives; what they believe to be the role of the church in today's world; and why they want to serve as a GA commissioner. Statements were included in the call to the January meeting.

### *"Funding Mission Today and Tomorrow,"*

is a conference for elders, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers interested in looking for new ways to encourage stewardship in support of our churches. It will be held in

***Indianaapolis,  
March 15 – 17.***

*The Synod of the Southwest is a sponsoring partner.*

*Small scholarships available.*

*Information is available at  
[www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org](http://www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org),  
or from Mary Lynn Walters,  
602-955-7281.*

## Elder Gloria Young named moderator-elect

Elder Gloria Young, a member of Southminster Presbyterian Church since 1960, became Moderator-Elect by vote of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in January. In addition to being an elder, she is also a deacon, and has served Southminster in numerous capacities, including clerk of session.



*Elder Gloria Young*

Currently she is serving on the Presbytery's Planning, Personnel and Review of Records Committees. She has been Moderator of the Presbyterian Women in Grand Canyon Presbytery, vice-moderator of the Committee on Ministry, and a member of the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee.

Nationally, Gloria is a member of Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA), a ministry of the PC(USA) Peace and Justice Ministries, serving as co-moderator and treasurer of the Presbyterian Association for Community Transformation Network (PACT), community-based ministries of compassion, justice, worship and witness.

In addition to her work for the Presbyterian Church, Gloria worked for the State of Arizona, Department of Economic Security for 43 years in numerous capacities, while pursuing bachelor and master's degrees at Arizona State University in the process. She retired in 2003, but when boredom set in she returned to work and now serves as a human resource analyst with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Gloria has two sons and five grandchildren.

Started 22 churches while presbytery executive  
***Life of Bob Chapman hailed for service to Presbyterian Church***

The life of the Rev. Dr. Robert V. Chapman was filled with devoted service to the Presbyterian Church and his family. His life—November 24, 1931 to January 21, 2010—was celebrated on January 27 at Valley Presbyterian Church.

Educated in California, most of Bob Chapman's 41-year active career in ministry was in service in Arizona, most as the first executive presbyter for the newly formed Presbytery of Grand Canyon. Installed in 1972, his tenure was one of growth as he guided 22 new church developments. Yet he claimed that his greatest joy in ministry was "that I had the privilege of calling thousands of colleagues and friends in ministry by name."

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Occidental College in 1953, Bob earned a master of divinity degree at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1956. The first church he served was Fruitvale Presbyterian Church, Oakland, beginning in 1955 as a student assistant. He was there until 1964 when he became the East Bay Urban Consultant for the Synod of California. After three years, the Chapman family moved to



*Bob Chapman, first installed executive of Grand Canyon Presbytery*

Arizona so that Bob could serve the Synod of Arizona as the Field Administrator of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions.

In retirement Bob Chapman continued his life of service. He was chair of the Finance Committee and held the post of treasurer for the Arizona Ecumenical Council, and he served on a committee promoting clergy exchange between countries. Habitat for Humanity also benefited from his volunteer efforts. Bob enjoyed singing with the "Tremble Clefs" and was a charter member of "Geezers."

A licensed pilot, Bob often visited the geographically dispersed churches in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on flying trips.

Bob is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol, three children—Debbie, Sharon and Paul and their spouses—nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

## Ordination Anniversaries Recognized

The Rev. Francis Rhoades topped the list of ordination anniversaries recognized at the January presbytery meeting with 70 years; followed by Jack Prichard with 65; Harold Borhauer and John Fredrick, 60 years; and Robert Bigler and Donn Jann, 55 years.

Other anniversaries, in descending order include:

Fifty-years—Glenn Atchinson, Jim Bruening, Dennis Clarke, Robert Dulaney, David Lodge and David Wallace; 45 years—Ken Kimberlin and Lloyd Evans; 40 years—Bud Engstrom and Al Gephart; and 35 years—Jay Confair and John Coy Cook.

Thirty-year anniversaries—Ken Moe, Richard Nielsen, Paul Soderquist and Trina Zelle; 25 years—Robert Fuehrer, Deborah Hubbard and Mark Tully; 20 years—Robert Blincoe, Tom Lineweaver, Jim Noble, Ken Page, Donald Porter and Leslie Vogel; 15 years—Janet Arbesman, Deborah Kehle, José Olagues and Shelly Moe.



Sanctuary  
Dedication  
for  
*Mission  
del Sol*

*Presbyterian Church:*

**Sunday, February 14**

**Worship 10 a.m.,**  
followed by lunch  
(\$6 per person);

**Community service 3 p.m.**  
featuring Mission del Sol  
music groups.

## Grand Canyon VIEW

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## Pastors discuss baptism prior to service of renewal



*Speaking with the Baptismal Font in the foreground, the Revs. Nathan Byrd (Historic First) and Debra Avery (Palo Cristi) shared thoughts about baptism prior to a Service of Renewal of Baptism held during the presbytery meeting. Their papers are available on the presbytery's website under the Theology and Worship Committee. Avery reminded commissioners that in baptism "...we are engaging in a fundamental act of faith and trust that says something about who we are and to whom we belong ... we are engaging in a fundamental act of faith and trust that says something about who we are and to whom we belong." Byrd said that in encountering danger he "finds a level of comfort and peace because I know that I belong to a relationship with God that cannot be broken ... We share a common identity ... a common faith history, faith tradition, and faith identity in a world that consistently tells us that we as human beings can't come together as one people.*

## Essay contest on domestic violence open to Presbyterian high school students

Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN), a ministry of Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association, requests essay submissions from Presbyterian youth in grades 9 through 12 for inclusion in their 2010 Congregational Domestic Violence Packet. Essays will be reviewed by the PADVN leadership team and three essays will be selected. Each selected recipient will receive a \$100 award and have their essay published in the 2010 PADVN Congregational Domestic Violence Awareness packet in October. Essays should be 200 to 300 words in length and answer one of the following questions:

1. Have you ever been in a disagreement with your parents/guardian where you've spoken or acted

out in anger? How did you repair the relationship?

2. What factors do you think promote violence in relationships?

Essays must be submitted in electronic format no later than April 15, 2010 to Joan Fenton, rfenton5@cox.net. Award recipients will be notified by the PADVN Leadership team in August.

The Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee is looking for a male pastor who would be interested in speaking to men in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, empowering them to work to end domestic violence. Training will be provided. Contact Joan Fenton, 602-942-0504, or rfenton5@cox.net.

## Council, committee positions filled

Nominees for council as well as committees were approved by the presbytery in January. Unless otherwise noted, all are for the class of 2012.

Council—Jeanette Miller, University, member-at-large, 2010;

Educational Ministries—Rev. Constance McIntosh, Chinle Trinity, and Carolyn Snell, Payson;

Evangelism and Church Development—Rev. John Sabbagh, 2011, and Ron Brockman, Desert Hills;

Committee on Ministry—Paul West, Palo Cristi, 2010; Jim Miller, Chandler; and Rev. Paul Soderquist, Fountain Hills;

Native American Ministries—LaBerta Collins, Salt River;

Preparation for Ministry—Rev. Kristin Willett, Pinnacle;

Representation—Priscilla Vargas, Betania;

Social Justice and Peacemaking—Bonnie Smith, Mission del Sol, 2010;

Rev. Walter Clark, 2011; and Jane Wahlers, John Calvin;

Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development—Gayle Park, Celebration of Life, 2011; Tom Krehbiel, Mission del Sol; Jean Montgomery, Desert Palms;

Theology and Worship—Rev. Deborah Kehle, Sun City First; Martha Lopez, Memorial; and Rev. Grif Vautier, Kingman;

Women's Ministries—Susan Brooks Morris, Southminster; Heidi Longwell, Memorial; and Bev Roselieb, Mountain View.

The 2010 Directory for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon will be distributed at the March presbytery meeting. Does the presbytery office have correct information about you? Call Carolyn at 602-468-3820 with all changes.

## 2 overtures go to 219th General Assembly for consideration

Two of five overtures presented to the presbytery at its January meeting will be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration at its 219<sup>th</sup> meeting in Minneapolis, July 3 – 10.

Four overtures came from Desert Hills PC, the fifth from Desert Palms PC. All had been studied by the presbytery’s Bills and Overtures Committee, made up of the commissioners to the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which provided rationale and recommendations on voting.

The overture titles, and final action by the presbytery are:

- Restoring and Guarding our Diversity – disapproved;
- Amending the Process for Establishing Social Witness Policy and Resolutions – approved with amendment;
- Key Christian Principles for Social Witness – disapproved;
- Strengthening the Role of Particular Churches – disapproved;
- On Taking Our Lord’s Name In Vain – approved with amendment.

Debate on the above overtures was lengthy and complicated, requiring show-of-hand votes on each of the several amendments offered from the floor or from the Bills and Overtures Committee.



July 3 – 10  
Minneapolis

Overtures are the means, in the Presbyterian form of government, by which presbyteries may request the General Assembly to take a particular action or approve or endorse a particular statement or resolution.



Erin Tamayo, left, won approval to move from Inquirer to Candidate status. She was introduced to the presbytery by Preparation for Ministry Committee vice chair Rev. Rob Johnston. Erin is a student at San Francisco Theological Seminary’s Pasadena campus.

## How should Christians respond to immigration issues? Crossing Borders — Encountering God

Religious leaders from both sides of the U.S.—Mexico border will take part in Crossing Borders – Encountering God, April 15 – 17, in Phoenix at the Airport Hilton. The bilingual meeting is open to everyone in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. Conference registration, including room and board, is \$275; commuters may skip the room and register for \$140. Participants must provide their own travel.

The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008), PC(USA), heads the list of speakers. Others include the Rev. Minerva Carcaño, Bishop, Desert Southwest Conference, United Methodist Church; the Rev. Mark Adams, mission co-worker, Frontera de Cristo; Ms. Julia Thorne, attorney and Manager



Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218th General Assembly.

for Immigration Services, PC(USA); Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Columbia Theological Seminary; and the Rev. Saul Fera, National Presbyterian Church in Mexico (INPM).

Sponsors of the conference are the Synod of the Southwest, Synod of the Sun, General Assembly Council Office for Multicultural Ministries, Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana de Mexico, and Frontera de Cristo.

Registration forms and more information are available at [www.synodsw.org](http://www.synodsw.org).



## Commissioning of Consultants for Native American Ministry

*The Revs. Martha Sadongei, center, and Norma McCabe, right, were commissioned to serve as 2010 Native American Consultants, replacing Elder Bob Lewis whose health forced his resignation as Interim Associate for Native American Ministry. Rev. Sadongei, who is pastor of Central PC, will work with churches in the southern part of the presbytery, while Rev. McCabe, pastor of Kayenta PC, will serve churches on the Navajo Reservation. Newly installed Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. Karen Muenich, left, led the commissioning.*

## Original jurisdiction returned to Ganado Presbyterian Church

Elder Nan Campbell, acting on behalf of the Ganado Commission, reported that the membership of Ganado Presbyterian Church has grown from 20 to 41 since installation of Audrey Jefferson as their commissioned lay pastor. This, and other factors, led the commission to move that the presbytery restore original jurisdiction to the Ganado Presbyterian Church session. Motion approved.



Audrey  
Jefferson

## Nominees for Senior Awards luncheon sought

Congregations are encouraged to honor senior members by nominating one, or a couple, for recognition at the presbytery's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Service Awards luncheon, Thursday, April 29 at Valley PC. Nominees and lunch reservations are due by April 19. Forms are available online at

[www.pbygrandcanyon.org](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org).

## Facing overwhelming disaster, how should Christians respond?

“GAP” according to Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008); Gradye Parsons, stated clerk, PC(USA); and Linda Valentine, executive director, General Assembly Mission Council PC(USA).

GAP is the acronym for Give, Act, Pray.

In giving, the trio suggests that donations may be made through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at PDA's website: <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/>

Congregations and individuals may also put together hygiene kits and baby kits to be distributed through Church World Service.

Prayer—God of compassion, please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible events wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heals wounds and gives hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer. Through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

*Projects large and small, expensive and inexpensive are needed to help with the Haitian earthquake relief and rebuilding effort—here is one that any group can accomplish. Check Presbyterians for Disaster Assistance website for details.*



## Presbytery says "Thank you"



Elder Shirley Randolph, left, and Rev. Art Campbell, far right, received plaques recognizing their service to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. Shirley completed two three-year terms as treasurer, while Art finished the sequence of Moderator-elect, Moderator of Presbytery and Moderator of Presbytery Council. Committee chairs and others rotating of the Council were presented with copies of the book, "The Great Emergence" by Phyllis Tickle. They include: Elder Ann Lodge, at-large; Elder Shelly Core, Education; Rev. Gonzalo Ramos, Hispanic Ministry; Elder Heidi Longwell, Women's Ministries; Rev. Shelly Moe, Committee on Ministry; Elder Milinda Benallie, Native American Ministries; Elder Bill Quigley, Property; Rev. Bob Simmons, Personnel; Elder Amy Davis-King, Representation; and Rev. Dave Van Arsdale, Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development.

Next Meeting  
**Presbytery of  
 Grand Canyon**  
*March 19 & 20*

Host church  
**Crosswinds  
 Presbyterian  
 Church**

Watch for information  
 about special guests, Elder  
 Carol Adcock, chair of  
 General Assembly Mission  
 Council, and Rev. Eric  
 Hoey, director of  
 Evangelism and Church  
 Growth for GAMC.

*PW's spring gathering set for February 27 at Southminster PC*

### Theme: Living into the next Generation

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering, February 27 at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, will follow the theme: "Living into the Next Generation: Young Adults in Christ's Service." The \$10 cost includes lunch. The Guest speaker is the Rev. Amy Poling Sutherland, pastor in Huntington, WV, the daughter of Jackie Poling, former moderator of PW, and the Rev. John Poling, interim pastor of Wickenburg Presbyterian Church.



Amy Sutherland grew up and was ordained in Sierra Blanca Presbytery. While a student at Austin College she received scholarship support from PW

to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer in Malawi and to attend the 1997 Churchwide Gathering. Since its inception in 1994, the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer Program has enabled more than 800 young adults (ages 19 to 30) to serve in mission locations in the U.S. and around the world.

Door prizes, a mission marketplace, authors and book signings, workshops and worship, plus the introduction of the 2010-2011 Horizon Bible Study complete the program. For more information call Roberta Fogel, 623-546-2779, or Jackie Poling, 623-556-9388.



*Montlure Presbyterian Camp, summer and winter—the camp council hopes to increase revenue for the 80-year-old facility as a retreat site and by renting to outside groups. The camp is jointly owned by the Presbyteries of Grand Canyon and de Cristo.*

## Montlure readied for another camping season

Stephanie Hamilton, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, who is under care in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and lives within de Cristo boundaries, is looking forward to her second summer as program coordinator for Montlure Presbyterian Camp. She will report to a yet-to-be-hired director, and will work with paid as well as volunteer counselors.

Montlure is a Christian camping ministry for children and youth, grades 4 to 12. For more than 80 years God has used the facility, located in Greer in eastern Arizona's White Mountains, as a place for young people, along with adults, to grow their faith in Jesus Christ. The Montlure Camping Council believes that their hybrid leadership model, combining

paid and volunteer staff, has created a higher level of overall staff training, discipleship and leadership.

In 2009, 390 campers from throughout Arizona, eastern New Mexico and Mexico, representing 50 different congregations, participated in faith-based camping experiences. Among the campers were 31 from a foster home system in Glendale as well as youth whose parents are incarcerated.

Registration fees paid by campers provide half of the funding support for Montlure. The balance is partially met through private, church and presbytery donations. A camp director will be charged with responsibility to focus on marketing to and communicating with

churches to increase connection and partnership with churches for 2010. In addition, the Camp Council is evaluating plans to utilize the camp throughout the year as a retreat and rental facility.

Montlure, owned jointly by Arizona's two presbyteries—de Cristo and Grand Canyon, is located on 13 acres of National Forest land that slopes down toward the town of Greer where the west fork of the Little Colorado River runs just south of the camp lodge. The camp received high marks last summer when reaccredited by the American Camping Association.

The camp schedule for 2010 is available on the Montlure website: <http://www.montlure.org/>



*After graduating from high school many Montlure campers return as counselors; church work teams help maintain the property.*