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APCE 2009

In just about nine days, we will gather in San Antonio for our Annual Event. At this moment we will be over 1,000. Although hotel space is limited, we would still love to see you in San Antonio.

We're having a heat wave. Weather today is a balmy 77 degrees. But by the time we arrive, the temperatures will range from a high of 77 to a low of 35. My advice, check www.accuweather.com while you pack. Please check your e-mail for reminders from regonline.com

Thank you for your commitment to the educational ministry in the life and witness of the Presbyterian Church family. I'm looking forward to our time together as we continue to empower ourselves to be "a light to the nations."

Safe Travels!
Dianna

Annual Event News

Thanks to all of you who responded so quickly to the dinner at Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, being sponsored by the S. Central Region of APCE.

The leadership has asked me to let everyone know that the reservations are at capacity. If you have not already mailed a check, please do not do so now.

For those of you who do not yet have dinner plans for Thursday night, plan to meet up with Miriam Kishi, APCE Cabinet member, immediately following the plenary in the East Wing Room of the Municipal Auditorium. Miriam will be there to give you ideas for dining out and help with forming groups to go out together.

It has come to my attention that a good website you may wish to check out about San Antonio is <http://visitsanantonio.com/visitors/play/history-heritage/index.aspx>.

Have a good weekend and watch for more announcements next week!

Judy Ferguson
Chair, AE 09

Union-PSCE

Union-PSCE invites alumni/ae and friends to a reception during the APCE annual event in San Antonio. Please join us on Thursday, January 29th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Casa Rio Restaurant, located on the Riverwalk between Commerce and Market Streets. We are delighted to welcome President Brian Blount as this year's speaker. This is an event you won't want to miss! There is no charge for the reception, but please register online at <http://www.union-psce.edu/alumni>. Questions? E-mail alum@union-psce.edu.

See you in San Antonio!

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation will be holding its annual APCE Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29 th. The program will include a light breakfast, an introduction to new books and resources for Christian education, and an update on The Thoughtful Christian.com. Participants will also have an opportunity to hear some exciting news about a new web site for Presbyterian leaders, www.ThePresbyterianLeader.com. In addition, W. Eugene March will discuss his newest book, *God's Tapestry: Reading the Bible in a World of Religious Diversity*. Although seating is still available, it is limited to 250, so register today by calling 888-728-7228, ext. 8160.

PRAYER CORNER -

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sue Moore on the loss of her husband Jade Moore. Sue is currently serving on the APCE cabinet as Secretary.

After a long struggle, Tom Malone's mother went home to be with the Lord. Tom is currently pasturing in Belton, SC. I know you will want to join in praying for the family as they say goodbye to their Mother and celebrate her life.

**Columbia Theological Seminary
The Center for Lifelong Learning
Celtic Christian Spirituality for Today
featuring J. Philip Newell, John Bell, and Cynthia Matyi
January 27-29, 2009**

Please share this information with congregations and church leaders in your area - all are welcome to register.

The final day to register for this event is Friday, January 16! We are looking forward to two days of engaging lectures, energizing discussions, enlightening worship and encouraging fellowship.

January 25 – April, 2009 Celtic Art Exhibit featuring artist [Cynthia Matyi](#). Reception with the artist on January 27, from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Harrington Center on the seminary campus.

[January 27-29: Celtic Christianity for Today](#) featuring J. Philip Newell, John Bell and Cynthia Matyi. The “January Seminars” at CTS is a popular event – register NOW to save your space. Campus housing is full; please refer to the list of area accommodations in the [Visitors](#) section of the seminary website.

**Columbia Theological Seminary
The Center for Lifelong Learning**

January is Jam-Packed With Lifelong Learning Opportunities!

As we look ahead to the end of 2008, take a moment to think ahead to 2009. Make time for renewal and refreshment - to care for yourself so you may care for others. We invite you to look at these and other courses on [our website](#).

Nurture a passion for preaching, contemplation, theological reflection and reading – and more! As the new year approaches, remember the words of 1 Chronicles 22:16 b: “Now begin the work, and the LORD be with you.”

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[January 29-February 1 Certificate in Spiritual Formation – Immersion Experience: An Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life \(Weekend\)](#) Come and join us for this feast for the soul. Explore the origins of the Christian Spiritual Tradition. This course is the starting place for the certificate in Spiritual Formation; occasional students are welcome. [Housing available on campus](#).

For additional registration information, please contact **Pat Roper**, Lifelong Learning Registrar at 404.687.4587 or roperp@ctsnet.edu.



Union Theological Seminary &
Presbyterian School of Christian Education

2008 – A Year of Discernment for Union-PSCE

Under the leadership of President Brian Blount and a Strategic planning Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, Union-PSCE's mission, vision, and long term plans have been thoughtfully explored throughout 2008.

[\[Full Story\]](#)

Cornucopia of Community

Union-PSCE student, Andrew Taylor-Troutman, reflects on the blessings of community and service.

[\[Full Story\]](#)

Theology of Hospitality

Three students preach, teach, and live out a theology of hospitality on the Richmond campus.

[\[Full Story\]](#)

Howie Conference is Jan. 22-24

Three Scholars Offer Three Perspectives

An artist, a psychologist, and a theologian will explore the question, "What is Imagination?" during the next conference for the Carl Howie Center for Science, Art, and Theology at Union-PSCE.

[\[Full Story\]](#)

STUDENTS IN MINISTRY

[Student Spotlight:](#) Meet Chris Lee, M.Div. student and an Elo Henderson Scholar on the Charlotte campus.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WITH GIFTS FOR MINISTRY?

Weekend to Inquire

All those considering a call to ministry are encouraged to attend a upcoming Weekend to Inquire.

- March 5 – 8, 2009 -- Richmond, VA
- February 27 – 28, 2009 -- Charlotte, NC
- [Arrange your visit.](#)

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Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Immersion Weekend, Feb. 12-15 During this weekend, participants are introduced to the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program. Offered annually, this year will be a weekend format (7:00 pm Thursday until 4:00 p.m. Sunday). Time will be spent on the program's four components: academic, communal, personal, and practical. The weekend will consist of readings, lectures, discussion in groups, and personal reflection on your spiritual journey. Betty Voigt, spiritual director and pastor in the PC(USA) will lead the group. Cost is \$300 while room and board are extra. Limited housing is available on campus. For more information on the Spiritual Formation Certificate program, visit [http://www.pts.edu/Spiritual Formation](http://www.pts.edu/Spiritual_Formation).

The Resurrection of Ministry: Service in the Joy and Hope of the Easter Lord, March 12 Based on a new book by Dr. Andrew Purves, this class will center on the theme of ministry in the light of an awareness of the victory of God in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Following on his earlier work on *The Crucifixion of Ministry* , this course will focus on what the life of Jesus as the resurrected and ascended Lord means for us. Questions for discussion include What was, what is, Jesus' ministry in its resurrection and ascension aspects? What does our ministry look like in the mood of Easter Sunday and Ascension Thursday? The Rev. Dr. Andrew Purves, Professor of Reformed Theology at PTS will lead the discussion. Cost is \$50. The program is held 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Engaging Stories to Lead God's People: Narrative Leadership in Changing Times, March 18-20 The value of story-telling has long been recognized, but the benefits of integrating story into the practice of ministry are only now being developed fully. This program is being co-sponsored by the Alban Institute. Leaders for this program are Larry Goleman, research associate at the Alban Institute and ordained pastor in the PC(USA); Carolyn Jones, director of Field Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and retired interim associate executive; and Robert Anderson, interim pastor to the Pittsburgh Presbytery. Cost is \$385 (\$350 before Feb. 18); room and board extra.

Biblical Interpretation: A Church Educators' Certification Course, Marxh 23-27 Intended for Christian educators, this course meets one of the requirements for certification as an educator in the PC(USA). Persons from other denominations are welcome. The course will focus on the basics of interpreting

the various kinds of literature in the Scriptures in appropriate and life-giving ways. The Rev. Dr. James E. Davison, director of Continuing Education and lecturer in Greek Language and Exegesis at PTS will lead the group. Cost is \$225; room and board are extra. Limited housing is available on campus.

Celtic Christianity, April 16-19 Led by Rebecca Cole-Turner, a spiritual director and workshop and retreat leader, this course will undertake a journey of the heart, a pilgrimage following along the spiritual way of Celtic Christianity. It will begin with the third century and explore the roots of this tradition as it grew from within the British church to the present day. The class will also trace both the past and present expressions of this vibrant spirituality in its faith communities and sacred spaces. Cost is \$300; room and board extra. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at ConEd@pts.edu or 412-441-3304 ext. 2196 for more information on any of these offerings.