



## E-FOCUS-Presbytery at a glance

a Resource for Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Weekly Missive



### Inviting Evangelism The Gospel of Machiavelli

What does Machiavelli have to do with Jesus? Great question! Thanks for asking.

There is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more difficult to handle, than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all those who would profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new.

In the above quote, written in 1516, one of the great (if nefarious) managerial geniuses of the past millennium describes the condition of today's Church.

Today's Church lives between times, which has always been so in an eschatological sense – God's kingdom both here now and not yet fully arrived – but is now also true in a cultural sense: from "Christendom" to "post-Modernism," from needing to be "attractual" to becoming "missional." And, as Machiavelli astutely notes, transitions are difficult!

Bishop Leslie Newbigin's argued the need to reclaim our missionary zeal for the West and suggested creating a missionary encounter between a congregation and community. While retaining one's theological tradition – (no watered-down Gospel!) – Newbigin counseled congregations to learn the language of the culture in which they live and move and have their being, learning the inner working and outer expressions of that culture, and able to understand at a depth level the yearnings of their neighbors.

Newbigin's challenge to our congregations is to live deeper into our missional calling to reclaim a Gospel zeal for the West by moving

away from consumeristic models of church and moving toward holistic, service-oriented models of being the Christ community. Helisted several symptoms of a healthy, missional congregation:

- 1) *The Sending of God* – missional congregations understand, affirm and embrace (which are three, distinct, ever-deepening levels of Gospel engagement) that the God of heaven sends us into the world. How does your church cultivate a “sent-ness” among your people, or are folks mired in the quicksand of consumeristic religion?
- 2) *Incarnational Models of Ministry* – missional congregations dwell among their neighbors, communicating in ways that connect, that relate, that invite others into a deep engagement with the brokenness of the world. How does your church “dwell with” your neighbors, or are you a kind of religious ghetto?
- 3) *Heightened Community* – missional congregations are relationally rich, a richness which flows from our participation in the Trinitarian communion – it is who we are! How does your church express relationships that are “really real” and invite others to do life together, or are there aspects of your congregation’s friendships that still swim in shallow waters?
- 4) *Hospitality Abounding* – missional congregations offer radical hospitality and cultivate with intentionality and perseverance a welcome of others. Being a welcoming presence is not the job of the pastor alone but of the entire faith community! How does your church practice hospitality – (what percentage of your members are trained in the art and expectations of offering welcome?) – or do you allow strangers in your midst to remain distant, unnamed and unknown?

What on earth are we doing for heaven’s sake,  
Brad Munroe



**The Presbytery of Grand Canyon  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
And  
The Congregation of  
Betania Presbyterian Church**  
**Request the honor of your company at the service of worship ordaining  
Betty de Jesús Ricardo Gómez**  
**As  
Teaching Elder**  
**Sunday, May 21st, 2017 anno domini**  
**At five o’clock in the afternoon**

2811 N. 39th Ave  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**Grand Canyon Partners in Mission**

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# Korean Centered Ministries in the PC(USA)



The 222nd General Assembly (2016) approved a report of the Task Force for Korean Speaking Congregations. Recommendation 4 directs the Presbyterian Mission Agency to seek to lift up the heritage and history of Korean Americans through events such as retreats and joint worship services. A worship service was recently held in the Presbyterian Center Chapel, led by representative of the Coordinating Committee for Korean American Presbyteries, to do just this, lift up this important and significant heritage and history.

There are many models of Korean American congregations, including large 1st generation churches, 1.5 and 2nd generation English Ministries, intercultural congregations, and new worshipping communities. A focus in Korean Ministries is to provide opportunities for the many gifted Korean American clergymen in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This is a goal of the Office of Korean Intercultural Congregational Support and also of the National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC). NCKPC held its annual meeting in Seoul, Korea in April. And, National Korean American Clergymen will hold their annual meeting in June in Greensboro, NC. There are numerous Korean ministries, such as campus-town ministries, the English Ministries network, and intercultural ministries. Twenty years ago, there were less than 200 Korean American ministries in the PC(USA). Today, there are 380 Korean American ministries, including new church developments, Bible study fellowships, and congregations.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a better place because of the Korean American Presbyterians in our midst. The PC(USA) continues to grow deep and wide in diversity.

To contact AZ Korean Presbyterian Church, [click here](#).

*In each weekly edition of EFOCUS in the coming year, we will be featuring mission work done by one of our congregations. We are calling it **GRAND CANYON PARTNERS IN MISSION**. We want to hear from you! Please email a mission story and photos for a project you want to share with your brothers and sisters doing Christ's work in the Presbytery and beyond! [pbyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pbyoffice@gmail.com)*

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The Peace and Justice Network is making plans for hosting an International Peacemaker again this year! The timeframe is September 27 – October 2, 2017. The three Peacemakers we identified (in order of priority) are: Phares Nyaga Mithamo from Kenya, Mphatso Nguluwe from Malawi, or Nora Carmi from Palestine. Each of these people would have exciting messages that we're sure would be of great interest. We always include meetings at churches around the valley, so if you are interested in holding an event, or if you can host the Peacemaker in your home while he/she is here, please contact Phebe Packer by email at [phebepacker@cox.net](mailto:phebepacker@cox.net).



## REGISTRATION OPEN

It's time to register your kids for summer camp at Camp Colton, Flagstaff.

Sr Hi 1 6/19-6/24

Jr Hi 1 7/10- 7/15

Jr Hi 2 6/12 - 6/17

Juniors 6/25 -6/29





## PENTECOST OFFERING

We want to thank and celebrate those who have participated, and invite you to share with us in this journey. Contributions from the 2016 Pentecost Offering helped raise over \$717,000 for ministries for the younger members of our Church and world, and for that we are incredibly thankful! There are more stories and resources for you and your congregation

at [www.presbyterianmission.org/pentecost](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/pentecost)



*Registration is also open at our Traveling Day Camps around the Valley. Please contact the host sites directly to find out how many spots are available.*

*June 5th-9th: Orangewood Presbyterian Church (North Phx/Central Valley)*

*June 19th-23rd: Christ Presbyterian Church (Tucson)*

*June 26th-30th: University Presbyterian Church (East Valley)*

*We are still hiring for multiple paid-staff positions for both Traveling Day Camps and Overnight Camps. Ages 18+. Please forward to any college students home for the summer, or anyone looking to make a difference in the lives of young people.*

*[Click here for more information/to apply](#) , or email [camp@montlure.org](mailto:camp@montlure.org) for questions.*



## RESOURCES

[This Week's PC\(USA\) News](#)

[Jobs- NEW - UPC, Montlure](#)

[Weekly Calendar](#)

[Clerk's Corner](#)

[Board of Pensions](#)- May

[Hymnals, robes, Organs and other things to give away](#)

[Presbytery-wide events](#)



- Joy Evans, Mingus View, experiencing health issues

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## GRANT SEEKERS UNITE!

Come join the Cook Native American Ministries Foundation (CNAMF) staff and friends as we share information about CNAMF's Seed Grant opportunity and to learn more about the grant process.

New Executive Director/CEO, TJ Hansell, will be on hand to share his expertise in the grant profession and to help you understand the process to receive funding from Cook.

The workshop is free to you and lunch will be provided. All we ask is you come prepared to learn about Cook and eager to submit a LOI/Concept Paper. The goal is to have each of you that attend to have 70-95% of your Letter of Interest completed before you leave.

[Click here to register](#)



TIDBITS: Church News from around Presbytery



## News and Events

### May

16- NOTE: The Saving Lives at the Border event at Faith has been cancelled

21- Ordination and Installation of Betty Ricardo Gomez- Betania- 5 p.m.

### June

Pentecost Extravaganza, Orangewood PC

### August

[Travel study seminar to focus on climate justice and faith in Central America](#)