



E-FOCUS-Presbytery at a glance

a Resource for Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Weekly Missive

On Being Presbyterian Partners in Mission



What does it mean to be “Presbyterian”? Some will answer this question based on a shared theological consensus reflected in our Book of Confessions: from Nicaea to Barmen and beyond our perspective on the Faith is that all things belong to God – first, last and always! Others will answer this question based on a shared polity reflected in our Book of Order: there is much truth to the old saw about Presbyterians liking to do it decently and in order (but what is “it”?). I want to answer this question based on shared mission.

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THE **Big** EVENT

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
AUGUST 1

Over 20 workshops to choose from!

*Valley Presbyterian
6947 E. McDonald Dr.
Paradise Valley*

A Three Year Cycle of Workshops
Aimed at Initiating
Congregational Renewal

Ignite the Spark



**Building Your Church’s
Communication House from the
Ground Up**

Valley Presbyterian, Paradise Valley
This daylong workshop, conducted by communications professionals on the Presbyterian Mission Agency staff, will give you tips and techniques to better reach

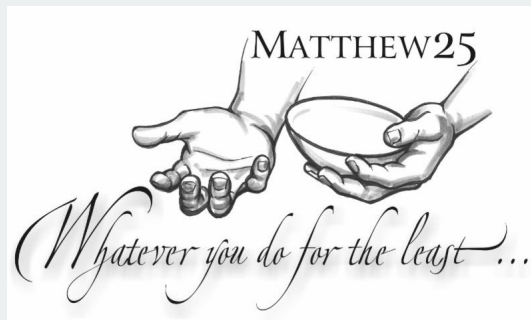
Open to anyone in your congregation.
Register early as classes fill up fast!

[List of Workshops](#)

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your audience. We'll offer insights and guidelines on creating a communications plan for your congregation, discuss the "do's and don'ts" of media relations and "pitching" stories to your local media. You'll learn proven techniques for using social media tools like Facebook and Twitter and leave with tips that will make your communications more effective and help increase your reach.

[Register for Ignite the Spark](#)



**ANNUAL MATTHEW 25 OFFERING TO
Benefit Border Ministries**

August 12 at the Presbytery meeting

Food Packs

Socks Adult and Children (Children ages
6-12)

Hygiene Packs

Cleaning Supplies



Valley Presbyterian has been housing a large amount of music originally belonging to Historic First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. This music is now available for giveaway to any churches with interest. [Click here for information on how to claim some as your own!](#)

RESOURCES

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

[Jobs- MdS, UPC](#)

Weekly Calendar

Clerk's Corner

[Board of Pensions](#)- July

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

Presbytery-wide events



- Rev. Kelly Nieto experiencing medical issues
- Rev. Phil Reller and Trina Zelle- Phil's mother and brother were killed in a fire in Honolulu

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News and Events

August

[11-Ignite the Spark!](#)

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

October

[2-International Peacemaker Week in the Presbytery](#)