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## Mission Handbook

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### Greetings

The "Mission Handbook" was developed by the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Council and its Mission Committee to assist, educate, and engage Presbyterian Men in mission for the Glory of God. The Handbook is divided into eight sections for easy reference:

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The Handbook is intended to be "user friendly" offering some suggestions and opportunities, but is not intended to be all inclusive. This edition is an update of the previous Handbook. The Handbook is also available on our website ( <http://www.faithwebsites.com/midatlanticmen/> ) .

As a suggestion to help communicate the information in the Handbook, set up a breakfast meeting with one or more representatives from Presbyterian Men's groups and introduce the Mission Handbook to them. Several similar meetings might be arranged throughout the year. Another suggestion is to hand out mission flyers at men's meetings to advocate Presbyterian Men getting into mission and directing them to our website. Mission flyers are available to download from the website.

***23 Whatever your task, put yourself into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, 24 since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.***

*Colossians 3: 23-24 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

In Jesus Christ,

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Presbyterian Men Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

# Synod of the Mid Atlantic - Presbyterian Men's Council

## Mission Outreach Handbook

### Handbook Purpose

This Handbook was developed by the Synod of Mid Atlantic Men's Council in order to give all men insight into some of the mission opportunities that are available for their participation and support. The hope is that this Handbook will stimulate men into pursuing a mission when called by the Holy Spirit *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28-30*

### Outreach Purpose

- Purpose: To pursue mission outreach in order to share the abundance of God's love which was freely and unselfishly given to us.
- In a way: that bears witness to God's love for the whole world.
- So that: by helping others, we to will be enriched and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- Products: To support and encourage men to develop or pursue a relationship with God through mission.

### Mission Statement

Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic provides men in each area of life, with:

- Tools for Christian Discipleship
- Avenues for Vital Fellowship
- Opportunities for Transforming Mission

All under the Lordship of Jesus Christ

### Mission Priorities

#### Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

Bible Study:

Presbyterian Men Bible Study Series- <http://www.pcusa.org/browse/resources-resource/tag/presbyterian%20men%20bible%20study/>

Camps & Conference Centers:

Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center- <http://www.massanettasprings.org/>

Disaster Assistance:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance- <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/>

Eradicating Human Trafficking:

General Assembly Mission Council Human Trafficking Roundtable- <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/human-trafficking/general-assembly-policy-human-trafficking/>

Men's Conferences:

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference- <http://www.midatlanticmen.org/visitconference2011.cfm>

Mission Trips:

2012 Kenya Mission Trip- <http://www.midatlanticmen.org/kenyamission.cfm>

# Synod of Mid Atlantic Men's Council

## Mission Handbook

### Prayer

Prayer is the corner stone of our spiritual life and especially our decision making process. God truly expects us to commune with him in prayer before we embark on any decision. Before you consider any mission activity, remember to come to God in prayer. Put your request before him. Ask for guidance, support and knowledge to pursue a mission objective. It is requested that you and/or your group pray together to determine the “who”, “what” and “where” of your mission pursuit. Also, continue to pray together during the pursuit of your mission objective.

In the following pages in this Prayer section you will find “Being People of Prayer”. Rev. Eric Hoey Director of Evangelism and Church Growth PC(USA) tells us that “A vibrant connection with God through prayer is essential to many aspects of healthy vibrant ministry. In Prayer, we are confirmed of God calling upon our lives....”

Also in this Prayer section you will find:

- Prayer for Camp and Camp Staff
- Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking
- Prayer to Eradicate Human Trafficking
- Prayer for Victims of Famine
- Prayer for Victims of Hurricane Irene
- Prayer when There is a Natural Disaster
- Prayer of the Oppressed

The prayers may be adapted to particular uses and needs in your men’s ministry.



## BEING PEOPLE OF PRAYER

Eric Hoey is the Director of Evangelism and Church Growth for the General Assembly Mission Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He hopes to build a culture of faith sharing among individuals in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who have a passion for church growth. This blog considers what the gospel asks of the church in the 21st century.



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### Being People of Prayer



*At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.*

*He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. (Acts 10:1-2)*

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In today's lectionary reading, Cornelius, an Italian centurion, is described as "God-fearing." There is much scholarly debate as to what it meant that Cornelius was a "God-fearer." But for some reason Cornelius was attracted to the Jewish ethics, theology, and worship. He participated and lived his life as a faithful Jew. As an "outsider," he was labeled as a God-fearer that included practices of generosity and prayer. As a person of prayer, he was noted to practice the regular traditional Jewish prayer times. (v. 30)

I am struck at how Cornelius was labeled a person of prayer. What would it take to raise the bar of my own prayer life? Time!!!! You have seen the statistics that only 80% of pastors pray less than 15 minutes a day. I have tried to practice the discipline of making my life a continual offering of prayer throughout my day, but often my thoughts are centered around the issues at hand. I wonder what it would look like if Presbyterians were known to be people of prayer.

*He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Luke 10:2)*

A vibrant connection with God through prayer is essential to many aspects of healthy vibrant ministry. In prayer, we are confirmed of God calling upon our lives. In prayer, we pray for the lost. In prayer God delights in our petitions. In prayer, we partner with God to see where God is already active in our communities resulting in Holy Spirit guided discernment. Are we missing something? Could we solve the decline of our denomination if we renewed our commitment to God and spent more time in prayer? I believe we can move the mark. When people look at you do they see a person who lives their life as a total expression of prayer? Let's be more like Cornelius. We have much to learn from him.

Rev. Eric Hoey

## PRAYER FOR CAMPS AND CAMP STAFF

Brian Frick is the Associate for Camp and Conferences Ministries with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has been involved in camp and conference ministry since high school. For the past ten years, Brian has served as program director of Johnsonburg Center in New Jersey, Westminster Woods in California, and Heartland Center in Missouri. Camp and conference ministry compliments and partners with other ministry aspects of our church to foster faith development and reflection. As our communities and our church changes, our ministries need to grow and adapt with creative and emergent programming and leadership to meet new realities.



These blogs entries, though varied, are intended to spur thought and conversation around the opportunities and challenges before us.

### Prayer for summer staff



Maria Shupe (Executive Director of Highlands Camp and Retreat Center in Allen's Park, CO) sent an email asking leaders, pastors and others to write notes to the Highlands summer staff that she would share to inspire them. Well writing it inspired me and reminded me of my time on summer staff and how transformative that experience was for me. I thought I would share my letter to the Highlands staff with you. Maybe it will inspire you or maybe you would like to share it with your summer staff.

*Dear summer staff -*

*Remember, all of you who have given of your time and talents this summer to serve in ministry at camp, that you are God's hands and feet, God's shoulder to cry on, God's hands to high five, God's face to smile, God's arms*

*to hug (side hugs of course!), and God's heart to love among so many other things.*

*I pray you will overcome your fear if you are new staff and be emboldened no matter what year you are on your staff to speak the Truth. To spread the Good News. To invite their campers and each other into a community that is walking "on The Way" together.*

*Rely on your leadership. They are experienced and there to help you. Rely on your judgment. Your campers are looking up to you. Rely on God to be there to help you when you don't know what to say or are afraid to say it "wrong."*

*I like to say that ministry is "dirty." Strange I know, but if you don't get in there and try it, even if you are not ready (or should I say, don't think you are ready) you will never experience the joy of sharing God's love. When it comes to leading Bible Study and sharing scripture, answering questions –remember that you are learning and growing in the Word every time you are with your campers helping them learn and grow in the Word. You won't hit it out of the park every time – you are not supposed to. You are making it real and available to your campers in a way that may not happen very often, if ever for them.*

*I wish I could be there with you now to encourage you, but also at the end of the summer, when you are tired, when you never want to smell another sweaty cabin, itch another mosquito bite, or walk another camper to the dining hall. Because it is then, maybe a few months after then, that I hope you will look back at the person who came into Highland in May/June who had the same name you do. Because you will be so shocked at how different you are and how much of an impact this summer had for you, when you gave all you had to your campers.*

*May God bless all that you do.*

*Peace,*

*Brian*

## **PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

### **A prayer for the human tragedy behind immigration**

Many thanks to our colleague in ministry, the Rev. José Luis Casal, General Missioner of [Tres Rios Presbytery](#) for sharing this prayer.

Holy God,

Your presence transcends all human made borders and your love crosses all boundaries. Help us join you at the borders and help us to extend some hope to those who live without future and dignity at the border. We pray that you help us to promote laws that protect the rights and dignity of everyone, especially those most vulnerable.

God of justice

Your loves transcends our limitations and our unfair rules that discriminate against human beings and divide humankind. We pray that the dignity of all God's children will be acknowledged and protected in every country of the world but especially in our country

God of mercy

Your wisdom transcends our limited understanding and our conditioned charity. Help us to end the violence and poverty that displaces so many people from their homes and homelands to find new dreams and horizons. We pray that employers and corporations may choose the dignity and worth of each human person over profit and power.

God of all peoples

Your merciful compassion transcends our unlimited selfishness that condemns millions of people around the world to lives of misery, hunger, sickness and hopelessness.

Creator and Sustainer, we offer our prayer...

For the children who cross the border looking for a better education because of the lack of opportunities in their own countries.

For those victims of human trafficking forced to slave labor and prostitution while they pursue the American dream

For the multitude of refugees, forced from their homes to alien places through war or through the destruction of their environment.

For the migrant workers, who are forced to travel to other countries looking for better salaries because there are not fairly remunerated jobs in their countries.

God of all nations

We are indeed a nation of nations. Help us to incorporate newcomers into the ever growing and diverse body we call the United States of America. You made us different yet all bearing your image. As we work to live in community with our brothers and sisters help us to discern that image in those around us.

God of all cultures, races and languages,

Give us the wisdom to find the way to comprehensive immigration reform to restore the dignity of millions of men and women who live in darkness and to reshape the image of the country that is proud to be the land of free and the house of the brave.

In your Holy Name we pray. Amen

## PRAYER TO ERADICATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, June 2008  
Campaign against modern-day slavery  
Resources for preachers  
Part C

Gracious God

In Jesus Christ there is neither male or female,  
slave or free: all are equal, precious and beloved.  
Break open our hearts  
to live for your justice in the world;  
hope for the hopeless, liberty for your children;  
for the glory of your holy name:  
most blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### ***The Intercessions***

Petitions offered might include prayers for those enslaved, for perpetrators, for church, government and other authorities; for the creation of policies that build up communities not of disadvantage, but of inclusion and opportunity; where the innate dignity of every child and adult is honoured and celebrated in freedom; seeking the blessing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit as we live out our baptism with conviction, wisdom and courage. If 'chains' have been distributed among those present these may be brought up, surrendered, and placed at the 'prayer focus' noted above. Alternatively, as each prayer is offered, a length of chain is laid and a candle lighted.

The following is one framework to encourage your own creative prayer. Each intercession may be introduced with a paraphrasing of Luke 4:18-19. In naming our concern, we follow with a brief silence. A Taizé chant (eg. *Within our Darkest Night* or *O Lord, Hear my prayer*), or another suitable stanza, may be sung at the beginning, end, and in between each intercession and action. Alternatively a shared response may be said.

Holy God, as you sent your Son Jesus,  
hear the yearnings of our hearts  
and send us, as Christ's Body into the world:

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer**

Lord, you have chosen us to bring good news to the poor:  
We remember and pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer**

Lord, you send us to proclaim liberty to those held captive:  
We remember and pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer**

Lord, you send us to bring recovery of sight to the blind:  
We pray for all whose hearts are hardened ...

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer**

Lord, you send us to free the oppressed:  
We remember and pray for ...

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer**

Lord, you send us to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
for God will save his people:

Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*The author offers these liturgical resources for use freely within parishes. When reproduced in any print form, the author asks that acknowledgement be made in the name of the 'Anglican Diocese of Melbourne'.*

### **Possible Hymns:**

"Live Into Hope"

## **PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF FAMINE**

### **Situation Report**

#### **Horn of Africa – Somalia**

#### **July 22, 2011**

On July 20, 2011, the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs formally acknowledged that two regions within Southern Somalia are suffering from famine. "We still do not have all the resources for food, clean water, shelter and health services to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of Somalis in desperate need," Mark Bowden, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, said.

No relief of the drought conditions leading to the famine is anticipated until this December or January of 2012. This family has walked for five days through Somalia to reach the Ethiopian border.

The dire situation in Somalia is forcing people from agro-pastoral areas to flee to the capital, Mogadishu, even though it is severely damaged by years of fighting. An unprecedented number of Somalis are crossing borders into neighboring countries. More than 140,000 Somalis have been forced to cross the borders so far this year. In June alone, more than 55,000 people fled across the borders into Ethiopia and Kenya – three times the number of the preceding month. Somali refugees are also arriving in Djibouti and the total number of Somali refugees in the three neighboring countries now stands at 582,000.



### **PDA response**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has provided \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds to help meet the immediate and basic humanitarian needs of people affected by the drought. PDA is responding to this crisis as a member of ACT Alliance. Fellow ACT Alliance members with programs in Somalia are planning to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance to newly displaced people in Mogadishu, drought affected people in Gedo region, refugees in Dadaab camp in Kenya and host communities in both countries.

ACT members are already in the process of distributing 262 tons of flour and 52 tons of cooking oil to the hardest-hit areas of Gedo province in Somalia. This initial delivery will assist more than 30,000 people in four villages for a month.

### **How You Can Help**

We ask you to stand in the GAP for families affected by disasters and help the PC(USA) in its response.

**GIVE.** The generous sharing of your financial blessings through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and special designated giving provides resources needed to assist with immediate and long-term recovery needs.

Individuals may give through your local Presbyterian congregation, on the secure PC(USA) Web site, or by sending a check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P.O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Please include the special designated giving account [DR999999 - International Response](#).

Congregations should send donations through their normal mission giving channels.

**ACT.** Stay informed and share information about the need with others. [Sign up to receive PDA Rapid Information Network](#) (PDA-RIN) email notices to alert you of additional needs.



Photo courtesy of ACT/NCA/Laurie MacGregor

**PRAY. Our best response is prayer. 1 Thessalonians implores us to pray without ceasing, so your prayers are requested above all else. Please pray for families who are hungry, thirsty, displaced, or need medical care because of this crisis. Also pray for the people responding to the disaster, and for those whose lives are closely linked to both the disaster survivors and the workers who minister to them.**

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The Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations is engaged in conversations within the UN community about the international response to the crisis in the Horn of Africa. Visit [the Swords into Plowshares blog](#) for updates and for prayers produced in collaboration with the Office of Theology and Worship.



**PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IRENE**  
**Church leaders call for prayer and support following Hurricane Irene**

August 31, 2011

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Louisville

Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly (2010), Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council, today released a call to prayer for all those impacted by Hurricane Irene: The strong winds and heavy rain of Hurricane Irene left a trail of devastation along the eastern seaboard from North Carolina to southern New England. While the immediate level of damage from Hurricane Irene did not meet that which was feared or predicted, the storm continues to wreak havoc by causing significant flash flooding. Thousands of families are still without power. The full extent of the storm and its damages will continue to unfold in the days and weeks ahead.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in contact with mid-councils (presbyteries) along the East Coast as communities begin to assess hurricane-related damage. Four teams of PDA National Response Team (NRT) members were positioned prior to Irene making landfall to help support presbyteries in carrying out their disaster recovery plans, to help connect them with broader response efforts, and to help with spiritual and emotional care.

Assessments are still in the early stages, and the amount of damage seems to vary widely from place to place. Assessments include emerging needs that have been identified, the ability of the community to respond, and the availability of resources.

Christ by the Sea Presbyterian Church in New York City Presbytery has lost its roof. Newton Presbytery (New Jersey) has identified at least six churches and one manse with significant flood damage (one with boilers under water). They are continuing to contact congregations to determine needs. PDA is waiting to receive reports from other presbyteries that were in the path of Hurricane Irene.

While we wait further assessment, gifts and prayers are needed in response. Laurie Kraus, pastor of Riviera Presbyterian Church in Miami, Florida, and a member of the National Response Team for PDA, has prepared a prayer for this time. Please join us in praying:

***God of our life, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the aftermath of storm and distress, we welcome the restoring power of your love and compassion. We open our hearts in sorrow, gratitude, and hope: that those who have been spared nature's fury as well as those whose lives are changed forever by ravages of wind and water may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come.***

***We are thankful for the generous grace of days of preparation; for the wise counsel of experts and the generous collaboration of so many communities, that in the face of the storm kept many out of harm's way, and lessened the effects of wind and water on others. We are grateful that dire predictions did not result in the worst case scenario for all, yet still served to support our best efforts at preparation and immediate relief.***

***At the same time, we open ourselves to the stories of those for whom Hurricane Irene was not a near miss: communities deeply affected, whose livelihood, homes and stability have been destroyed. We pray in grief, remembering the lives that have been lost in the Bahamas and here in the United States. We lift our voices in sorrow and compassion for families who have lost loved ones, homes, or livelihood.***

***We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we, your people, respond to the deep human needs beginning to emerge in the wake of the storm.***

***In these days of relief, assessment and response, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the needs of your children and the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.***

***In the name of Christ the Healer we pray,  
Amen.***

For more information on the PDA response, and how you may support it, visit the [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website](#).

## Prayer When There Is a Natural Disaster

God of earthquake, wind and fire,  
Tame natural forces that defy control,  
Or shock us by their fury.

Keep us from calling natural disasters justice;  
and help us, in good times or in calamity,  
to trust your mercy which never ends,  
and your power,  
which in Jesus Christ stilled storms,  
raised the dead,  
and put down demonic powers.

Amen.

Pg 414, Book of Common Prayer, PC(USA), 1993, Westminster John Knox Press

## Prayer For the Oppressed

Look with compassion O God,  
upon the people in this land  
who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death  
as their constant companions.

Have mercy upon us.

Help us to eliminate cruelty to these our neighbors.

Strengthen those who spend their lives  
establishing equal opportunities for all.

And grant that every one of us may enjoy  
a fair portion of the abundance of this land;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pg 452,, Book of Common Prayer, PC(USA), 1993, Westminster John Knox Press

## Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Council Mission Handbook

### Kenya Mission Trip

This section includes some helpful materials and links for planning, organizing, and promoting the Kenya Mission Trip. The first mission trip to Kenya offered by the Synod Men's Council was conducted in 2010. The second mission trip to Kenya is this year in 2012. The mission trip open for up to 12 people and is hosted by The Outreach Foundation, a covenant partner of the PC (USA). We help with construction of chapels and school buildings, and with re-forestation in N'Dalani and other localities in Kenya.

#### Materials included in this section:

Kenya Mission Trip Poster

Kenya Mission Trip Brochure

Kenya Mission trip Fund Raising Letter

#### Synod of the Mid—Atlantic Presbyterian Men

Kenya Mission Trip Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men. <http://www.midatlanticmen.org/kenyamission.cfm>

**See Pg 26 of this Manual for more Kenya information.**

#### The Outreach Foundation Contacts

Home. <http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/>

Church Construction.

[http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=248:mabati-church-construction](http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=248:mabati-church-construction)

School Construction.

[http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=165:mabati-school-construction-in-kenya](http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=165:mabati-school-construction-in-kenya)

Vision, Organization, Discernment, Relationships, Resources Help.

[http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=5:we-can-help&Itemid=208](http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=5:we-can-help&Itemid=208).

East Africa Coordinators.

[http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=22:stu-and-linda-ross](http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=22:stu-and-linda-ross)

#### Presbyterian Church USA)

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/global/kenya/>

[http://www.kenyanetwork.org/Kenya\\_Network/Welcome.html](http://www.kenyanetwork.org/Kenya_Network/Welcome.html)

#### Presbyterian Church of East Africa

<http://www.pceaheadoffice.or.ke/>

[http://www.pceaheadoffice.or.ke/Contact\\_us.html](http://www.pceaheadoffice.or.ke/Contact_us.html)

# 2012 KENYA MISSION TRIP

- June 4 to June 16, 2012
- Assist in Construction of Churches, Clinics, and Schools, and Re-forestation.
- Worship, Fellowship, Working with Kenyan People. Presbyterian Church of East Africa.
- Help Strengthen the Kenyan People's Capacity for Mission in Their Own Context

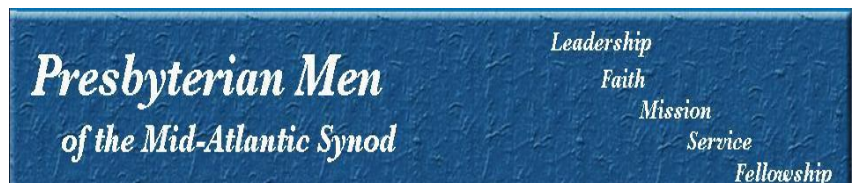


- Limited to 12 People
- Hosted by "The Outreach Foundation of the Presbyterian Church, Inc., Fully Escorted and In-Country Transportation Provided by Outreach Foundation Mission Personnel



- Offered by Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

- Information & Registration:  
Contact Mr. Wendell Hill, Presbyterian



Men Kenya Mission Trip Coordinator, 3212 Periwinkle Ct, Charlotte, NC 286 29, 704-599-6456 (H), 704-921-5016 (C), 704-494-2764-(W)  
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### *Purpose o(Mission*

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Council has set a goal of raising \$15,000 to cover the cost of building and furnishing a new chapel in Kenya. In addition, we will plant and commemorate 1,000 trees throughout Kenya.

Stu and Linda Ross are Outreach Foundation Eastern African Consultants. They divide their time between Kikuyu, Africa and San Antonio, TX. The Outreach Foundation is a mission outreach partner with the P.C.(U.S.A.) [www.theoutreachfoundtion.org](http://www.theoutreachfoundtion.org) Stu and Linda will be our onsite advisors. They will handle all the daily logistics to assure our trip will be meaningful, enriching, and successful.

This mission trip will offer the participants an opportunity to meet, work with, and experience the people and culture of Kenya. We will end our trip with a safari to the Masai Mara game preserve.

### *Join This Exciting Mission Trip*

We have room for twelve participants. If you are interested in participating please let us know as soon as possible so that we can reserve a space for you. Each of us will pay our own expenses. The current estimated cost per participant is \$3,400. The cost is based on depalture from either Dulles or Philadelphia Airport. The estimated cost assumes air tickets would be purchased by March 2012. You would be expected to get inoculations depending on your individual needs.

The price includes the following: round trip air travel to/from Nairobi; hostel lodging & food; internal transportation; bottled water; safari and optional MedJetAssist insurance.

### *Additional Copies of This Brochure*

Additional copies may be downloaded from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Council site:  
[www.rnidatlanticnmen.org](http://www.rnidatlanticnmen.org)



**2012**

*"Go into all the world  
and proclaim the good news,  
and I am with you always,  
to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19-20*

**Synod of the Mid-  
Atlantic Men Kenya  
Mission Trip**

June 4-16, 2012



Mission Statement

*To work with, listen to, and learn from our Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ in a way that we share the abundance of God's love for all people, so that together, we will be enriched and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.*

For More In(ormation)

Please contact one of the following:

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*Trees (or Kenya)*

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In response to this crisis, the Presbyterian University staff and students in Kikuyu, Kenya, have begun planting trees. We wish to expand on their idea and therefore are offering trees for Kenya.

Donors may name a "tree" for \$100 in memory or honor of a person, persons, or group. We will plant the trees as part of our trip with the help of the local people there. The people will take ownership of the care and nurturing of the trees when we leave.

A service of commemoration will be held when the trees are planted. This is a wonderful way to honor an individual or group and show your commitment to the future of Kenya.

Monetary donations of any size are accepted and appreciated.

How to Name a Tree (or Kenya)

Please complete the following information.

Please plant \_\_\_\_ tree(s) @ \$100 each.

Tag the tree(s) with the name(s) listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check made payable to:

Synod of Mid-Atlantic Men's Council  
C/O Ken Krall  
617 Nottingham Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

A receipt will be sent to you.



# PRESBYTERIAN MEN



*Synod of the Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Mens Council*  
 Massanetta Springs Conference Center  
 712 Massanetta Springs Road, Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
 Tom Allen, Director of Missions, 10219 Pepperhill Lane, Richmond, VA  
 23238, 804-740-8624, [jt-sma@att.net](mailto:jt-sma@att.net)  
 Mission Committee Members: Tom Allen, Richmond, VA, Ron Crick,  
 Hockessin, DE and Sam Reid, Newell, NC

August 10,

2011 Dear

Pastor

Presbyterian Men Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (SMC) is planning a Mission Trip to Kenya in 2012. This will be our second visit to Kenya. The mission trip is hosted by The Outreach Foundation, a covenant partner with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

We will be helping to construct a chapel, a school building, and plant hundreds of trees for re-forestation. We will be working with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ndalani, Kenya to help support and encourage the mission outreach of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa for the Glory of God. A brochure telling about the 2012 Kenya Mission Trip is enclosed.

Funds are needed to help with building materials and the trees that are to be planted. Think of this funding as "gleaning". Most of us have more than we need. We may not miss what we "leave at the edge of the field", but to those in need it means a lot. Our blessing comes with responsibilities and if we have the means to give some of what we have been given, we recognize our blessing.

Please prayerfully consider asking your Session for a small gift of \$100 or any amount to help with the purchase of building materials and trees... and consider giving a small gift yourself. You can send your check payable to: **"Presbyterian Men Synod of Mid-Atlantic"**; c/o Ken Krall, Treasurer SMC, 617 Nottingham Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452; memo "Kenya Project". We would appreciate receiving your gift on or before Friday, September 30, 2011, if possible.

Please keep this mission in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact Wendell Hill, Mission Trip Leader, 704-599-6456 (Home), 704-560-4501 (Cell), [wendell.hill@bankofamerica.com](mailto:wendell.hill@bankofamerica.com).

***"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'***

Matthew 25:40 New International Version 1984

In Christ,

  
 Tom Allen  
 Director of Missions

*Wendell J. Hill*  
 Wendell J. Hill  
 Mission Trip Leader



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Neeshard Ahamad  
 President Synod Men's Council



# Synod of Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Council Mission Handbook

## Synod of the Mid Atlantic Mission Opportunities

Welcome  
to  
The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Located at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church  
3601 Seminary Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23227  
804-342-0016

### Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic serves 14 Presbyteries, 1,440 churches and 296,408 members located in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia's panhandle, D.C. Maryland and Delaware.

### Camps and Conference Centers <http://www.synatlantic.org/>

- Camp Albemarle, Newport, NC (*Presbytery of New Hope*)
- Camp Meadowkirk, Middleburg, VA (*National Capital Presbytery*)
- Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC (*Charlotte, Salem and Western North Carolina Presbyteries*)
- Camp Hanover, Mechanicsville, VA (*Presbytery of the James*)
- Camp Hat Creek, Brookneal, VA (*Presbytery of the Peaks*)
- Camp Kirkwood, Watha, NC (*Presbytery of Coastal Carolina*)
- Makemie Woods Camp and Conference Center, Lanexa, VA (*Presbytery of Eastern Virginia*)
- Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA (*Massanetta Springs is a ministry of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.*)
- Camp Monroe, Laurel Hill, NC (*Presbytery of Coastal Carolina*)
- Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC (*A ministry of the PC(USA)*)
- Camp New Hope, Chapel Hill, NC (*New Hope Presbyterian Church [New Hope Presbytery]*)
- Camp Paddy Run, Star Tannery, VA (*Shenandoah Presbytery*)

### Disaster Assistance <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/>

### Presbyterian Homes

<http://web.pensions.org/Publications/pensions/Home/Forms%20%26%20Publications/Booklets%20%26%20Brochures/PAHSAdirectory.pdf>

### Synod Presbyterian Men <http://www.faithwebsites.com/midatlanticmen/>

### Synod Presbyterian Women <http://mid-atlanticsynodsummergathering2011.com/>

### Synod Ministry Resources

- *Atlantic Korean-American Mentoring Partnership Committee*  
The purpose of the Mentoring Partnership Committee is to act as a bridge between AKAP and the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic for communications and cooperation and to help AKAP meet the responsibilities of a functioning presbytery.

Co-Chair  
SUNG SAM KIM (AKAP)  
[sungsam@msn.com](mailto:sungsam@msn.com)

Co-Chair  
JAMES FIELDS (JAMES)  
[james.h.fields@worldnet.att.net](mailto:james.h.fields@worldnet.att.net)

- *The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Black Presbyterian Caucus*

The purpose of the Mid-Atlantic region of the Black Presbyterian Caucus is to use its influence and collective powers to achieve full and equal participation of Black people in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in general and in the Synod of Mid-Atlantic in particular.

President

Addie Peterson  
[revaddiep@aol.com](mailto:revaddiep@aol.com)

- *The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Caucus*

The purpose of the Mid-Atlantic region of the Hispanic Presbyterian Caucus is to use its influence and collective powers to achieve full and equal participation of Hispanic people in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in general, and in the Synod of Mid-Atlantic in particular.

Moderator

Cesar Carhuarchim  
704-724-6560

Treasurer

Alfredo Miranda  
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Secretary

Eduardo A. Moreno  
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- *The Korean Presbyterian Korean Caucus/Council*

The purpose of the Korean Presbyterian Korean Caucus/Council is to use its influence and collective powers to achieve full and equal participation of Korean people in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in general, and in the Synod of Mid-Atlantic in particular.

Moderator

JAE HEUNG CHUNG  
[kfpc@k1pc.org](mailto:kfpc@k1pc.org)

- *Jubilee Fund Committee*

The Jubilee Fund is a Synod designated fund that was created in 1982 as a gift from the sale of the Jubilee Health Center in Henderson, North Carolina. The income from the principal is to be used for mission projects in the areas of African-American clergy recruitment; African-American Christian Education; African-American congregational leadership and development; African-American youth ministry. The programmatic use of this fund must benefit African-American congregations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its constituent communities within the geographical bounds of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

- *Presbyterian Men*

The Committee's purpose is to lead men into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ, develop their understanding of the mission of the church, assist congregations in nurturing men of the church to mature discipleship, encourage men in the church through their commitment to Christ, fulfill the ministry to which men are called in their families, in their daily work, and in their ministry to other people in the community and the world and involve men of various racial/ethnic backgrounds and men of different ages

Moderator

Neeshard Ahamad

[Neeshard@oclmedia.com](mailto:Neeshard@oclmedia.com)

- *Presbyterian Women*

The purpose of the Committee is to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It is organized at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in congregations, presbyteries and synods as well as General Assembly. The Committee is committed to nurturing faith, supporting the church's mission, working for justice and building community.

Moderator

Carolyn Sprinkle

[Sprinkle89@skybest.com](mailto:Sprinkle89@skybest.com)

- *The Committee of Women of Color*

The purpose of the Committee is to identify and research issues of concern to women of color, and to develop strategies, including programs, resources and legislative action to respond to these issues. To promote shared partnership and power in the mission of the church to eliminate all barriers created by prejudice, racism, classism, and ageism as they impact the lives of women locally, regionally and globally.

Moderator

AVYS MASSEY (SALEM)

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**Synod Resource Centers- Hunger Action**

*Abingdon Presbytery –*

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Phyllis Canter – [picanter@aol.com](mailto:picanter@aol.com)

*Coastal Carolina Presbytery –*

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

Kaye Bledsoe

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*Eastern Virginia Presbytery (PEVA)*

Ellen Clements

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*National Capital Presbytery –*

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

LaJuan C. Quander, Director

*James Presbytery –*

[www.resourcingchurches.com](http://www.resourcingchurches.com)

Judy Bennett, Executive Director

Instructional Resource Center

Union-PSCE Library

(804)278-4324

*New Hope Presbytery –*

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

Rene Baker

Marilyn Hein

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Denise Pillow – [office@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:office@peakspresbytery.org)

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Beth Hayes

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# Presbyterian Men of the Mid-Atlantic Synod

Leadership  
Faith  
Mission  
Service  
Fellowship

Presbyterian Men represent all men of the Presbyterian Church from Delaware to North Carolina. This website contains information about our Mission and Purpose, our work with overseas missions, and programs of the men, including our annual conference.

You can also link to the 15 Presbyteries within the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic to find out what is going on locally. Access the "Resources & Links" page to connection with various other organizations that may be of interest to you. You may also link to our quarterly newsletter and our Facebook page. If you wish, we will add your email to our address list for future newsletters and other communications.

We hope you find the time spent on this site to be enjoyable and worthwhile. If you have any comments, please direct them to [presmensma@gmail.com](mailto:presmensma@gmail.com)



## Conference Pictures

[Conference Detail Group  
Photo](#)



[Read the latest edition of our newsletter](#)

For a PDF copy of the newsletter, [click here](#)

## Overseas Missions

*Presbyterian Men in action abroad*

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Located at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church  
3601 Seminary Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia 23227  
804-342-0016



***Point & Click Map of the Presbyteries  
in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic***

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## **Mission & Purpose**



A meeting of the Synod Men's Ministry Committee

### **The Mission Statement Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic**

*"Presbyterian Men of the  
Synod of the Mid-Atlantic" provides  
men in each area of life with: Tools for  
Christian Discipleship  
Avenues for  
Vital Fellowship*

What is the purpose of "Presbyterian Men Synod of the Mid-Atlantic"?  
Five key words describe the purpose of Presbyterian Men of the Mid Atlantic Synod:  
*Leadership - Faith - Mission - Service - Fellowship*

## **Mission Priorities: Ministries Selected for Attention Before Others for Direct Service, Education and Advocacy**

### Bible Study

- *Presbyterian Men Bible Study* - [click to learn more](#)
- *The Present Word* - [click to learn more](#)
- *The Daily Lectionary Sender* - [Request by email](#)

### Camps & Conference Centers

- *Massanetta Springs Conference Center* - [click to learn more](#)

### Disaster Assistance

- *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* - [click to learn more](#)

### Eradicating Human Trafficking

- *General Assembly Mission Council Human Trafficking Roundtable*
  - *General Assembly Policy on Human Trafficking* - [click to learn more](#)
  - *Roundtable site* - [click to learn more](#)
  - *News Archive on Human Trafficking* - [click to learn more](#)

### Men's Conference

- *Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference* - [click to learn more](#)

### Mission Trips

- *2012 Kenya Mission Trip* - [click to learn more](#)
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Carson Rhyne, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the James addresses the Synod Men

**The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
is the third of four levels of governance in  
the Presbyterian Church (USA).**

**Its geographic boundaries include:**

Delaware - North Carolina - District of Columbia - Virginia -  
Greater Baltimore - Northeastern West Virginia - Maryland

Included in our service area are 1,485 churches in 13 Presbyteries, or geographic districts.

There are over 100,000 Presbyterian men in the Mid Atlantic Synod. These men are the clients of our Presbyterian Men organization. Presbyterian Men is a lay-led, non-profit organization, affiliated with the National Council of Presbyterian Men, the official men's organization of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Website - <http://www.synatlantic.org/>  
Presbyterian Church USA Website - <http://www.pcusa.org/>

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# Visit PM's Conference 2011



The conference allows time for golf, an historical tour, hiking, tubing, biking or time to inspect your eyelids for cracks



Presbyterian Men Attend 2011 Conference at Massanetta Springs

## Presbyterian Men From Delaware to North Carolina Come Together for the 2011 PM Conference

Men representing churches throughout the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic came to Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA for the annual Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's conference. About 90 men attended the event for a weekend of teaching, singing, discussion and enjoy find food and recreation.

The theme of the conference was "**The Greatest of These is Love,**" taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13. "...So faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love."

Speakers included **Rodney Sadler**, Associate Professor of Bible at the Charlotte NC campus of Union Presbyterian Seminary; **Bobby Jones**, former professional basketball star; **Byron Wade**, Pastor of Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC; **Jefferson Ritchie**, Associate Director for Mission, Outreach Foundation; **The Rev. Dr. David McKee**, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk; and **The Rev. George Goodman**, retired Associate Presbyterian, Presbytery of the Peaks in Lynchburg, VA.



The conference begins with registration in the lobby of the hotel.



Attendees were awoken each morning to the sound of the Pipes.



One of the highlights of the



Among the speakers, was former professional basketball player Bobby Jones, who spoke about his career and how his love of Jesus Christ had played a part in that career.



Rodney Sadler, Associate Professor of bible at the Charlotte NC campus of Union Presbyterian Seminary, took conference attendee through a study of the meaning of love as seen in 1 Corinthians 13, This was the conference theme, "---the Greatest of These is Love." Prof. Sadler started with the Old Testament references to loving neighbor and matched them with the lessons on love as taught by Jesus. Finally, he brought the whole concept together in the "love" chapter written by Paul.



Jocelyn Thompson, Director of Music/Organist at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC, provided the music for the conference. Each session began with hymns of praise and adoration. Ms Thompson also provided the leadership for the Men's Choir.



Photos of the 2011 Conference.

*conference was the excellent food provided by the chefs at Massanetta.*



*Men joined together to form a choir for the Sunday Service.*



*Conference attendees enjoy a cup of coffee before the start of the day's program*



*Singing is a big part of the conference with hymns of praise before each event.*

# Kenya Mission

## Presbyterian Men - Trip to Kenya

Men from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men travel to Kenya, Africa last year to help build a church, plant trees and join with their fellow Christians in worship together. The video below gives you a look at the work of this project and the results. We hope you enjoy it.

**[Next Kenya Mission Trip June 2012.](#)**  
[Scroll down for more information](#)

## *Kenya Mission Statement*

*To work with, listen to, and learn from our Kenyan brothers and sisters in Christ in a way that we share the abundance of God's love for all people, so that together, we will be enriched and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.*

The next Kenya mission trip is in June 2012. See information below. [Download our brochure.](#)

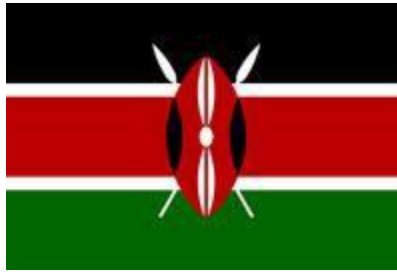


## Presbyterian Men Kenya Mission Trip 2012

The Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, in cooperation with The Outreach Foundation, will be sponsoring another trip to Kenya, June 4 to 16, 2012. The purpose of the trip will be to assist in construction of Churches, clinics and schools, plus the planting of trees for re-forestation. This will be a time of worship, fellowship, and working with the Kenyan people of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa.

Your financial support is requested to help pay the costs of construction and materials, include the cost of tree planting. Your contributions may be made to:

Presbyterian Men of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
c/o Kenneth B. Krall, Treasurer  
617 Nottingham Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452



The Mission Team will be composed of twelve volunteers from Presbyterian Men, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, who are willing to pay their individual expenses estimated at \$3,400. This price include round trip airfare from either Dulles or Philadelphia, hostel lodging, food, internal transportation, bottled water, safari and optional MedJetAssist insurance. Interested volunteers are being sought. If you are interesting in being a part of this life-changing project, contact Team coordinator Wendell Hill via email.



Synod men build a church in Kenya

**Purpose of Mission Trip**

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Council has set a goal of raising \$15,000 to cover the cost of building and furnishing a new chapel in Kenya. In addition, we will plant and commemorate 1,000 trees throughout Kenya.

Traveling with the team will be Stu and Linda Ross of The Outreach Foundation. Stu and Linda are experts on East Africa and work in both Africa and their headquarters in San Antonio, TX. They will handle all the daily logistics to assure the team will have a meaningful, enriching, and successful trip.



[The Outreach Foundation](#) is a mission outreach partner with the PC(USA) and with Presbyterian Men in the Mid-Atlantic Synod. The Foundation's Missions to engage Presbyterians and global partners in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The Vision of the Foundation is to create dynamic relationships that deepen mission passion and build mission capacity.

It is through mission trip like this one that such partnership are spread throughout the world.

*(For more information on The Outreach Foundation, click on the logo to right.)*



### Trees for Kenya

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### **For More Information**

Please contact one of the following:

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Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Men's Council Director of Mission  
J. Tom Allen

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Men's Council Treasurer  
Kenneth Krall  
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## Synod of Mid Atlantic Men's Council Mission Handbook

### National Council of Presbyterian Men Inc.

The National Council of Presbyterian Men Inc. (NCPMI) is a covenant organization of the Presbyterian Church (USA) with voice and vote on the General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) and is the official men's organization of the Presbyterian Church (USA). NCPMI is also in covenant with the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS). More information about NCPMI is contained in this section of the Handbook and also on <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/men/> .

#### Who we are

The former Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the National Council of Presbyterian Men formed a Covenant of Agreement. The Council was officially established in 1948 but can trace its beginnings to 1906-1907. The mission of Presbyterian Men is to lead men into a vital relationship with Christ and to assist them in their spiritual, personal and community development.

#### History of Presbyterian Men

In 1895 the first mandate for a ministry with men came from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Presbyterian Men can trace their roots back to 1906-1907 with three major men's groups: The Presbyterian Brotherhood (UPCUSA), the Men's Missionary League (UPNA), and the Layman's Missionary Movement (PCUS).

In 1923, Northern church men's work began in congregations and presbyteries.

In 1932, the General Assembly of the PCUS declared men's work as "men working in the church."

In 1948, the church set up the National Council of Presbyterian Men and UPNA reorganized men's work. Both thrived before merging in 1972 into United Presbyterian Men. In 1949, the PCUS set up a Division of Men's Work, which thrived for twenty years. Reorganization in 1972 abolished it from the General Assembly structure. In 1982, several PCUS synods worked together to hold a convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and established the Men of the Church Council. In 1984, the Men of the Church Council and the United Presbyterian Men merged into a new National Council of Presbyterian Men, with each synod sending a representative to serve on the National Council and the National Board.

In 1997, the National Council of Presbyterian Men restructured to streamline its administration in an attempt to work closer with synods, presbyteries and congregations. The National Council of Presbyterian Men continues to hold annual Council meetings, plan and coordinate men's assemblies, assist with the development of resources for men's ministries, and promote the use of denominational resources for men's ministry for use by all men's groups throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In 2002 the National Council of Presbyterian Men Inc. were incorporated in the state of Wisconsin and received a federal tax exemption under section 501 (c) (3) from the IRS.

In 2007, the National Council of Presbyterian Men Inc. (a/k/a NCPMI, Presbyterian Men), adopted an extra alternative name, National Presbyterian Men's Ministry (NPM), to more fully describe the purpose of Presbyterian Men.

Also in 2007 NPM and National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS), entered into a covenant relationship with the goal to bring men and youth to a more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. This Relationship is a partnership to cooperate to seek and perform the goals of our mutual objective of service of men and youth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responsible for leader and resource development in the Church's ministry with men.

Presbyterian Men remains a strong arm of the total program for Men's Ministries.

### **Purpose of Presbyterian Men**

The Mission of Presbyterian Men is to lead men into a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and to assist them in their spiritual, personal and community development. The goals of Presbyterian Men are as follows:

- To develop their understanding of the mission of the Church and to assist congregations in nurturing men of the church to mature discipleship;
- To encourage men through their commitment to Christ, to fulfill the ministry to which men are called in their families, in their daily work, in their ministry to other people and in the community and world;
- To involve men of various racial and ethnic backgrounds and men of different ages.

### ***Men's Bible Studies***

Men of the Church in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides 13 Old Testament and 11 New Testament Bible studies to aid congregations in this area of ministry. Each study is inspired by a book of the Bible and includes seven sessions for open discussion. [You can download these Bible studies free of charge from our website http://www.faithwebsites.com/midatlanticmen/](http://www.faithwebsites.com/midatlanticmen/). Here are some passages from the bible study inspired by First Samuel.

#### ***Fathers, Brothers, Friends, and Others: A Study of Male Relationships***

A Seven-Session Bible Study for Men

by H. Michael Brewer

#### **The Reason for This Study**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life . . .

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture.

These words from "A Brief Statement of Faith," adopted officially by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1991, state a primary conviction of Presbyterians. Presbyterians believe that God's Spirit actually speaks to us through the inspired books of the Bible, "the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word" (Book of Order, PC(USA), G 14.0516) to each of us.

Recent studies, however, have shown that many men know very little of what the Bible says; yet many do express a desire to learn. To help meet that need, this Bible study guide has been prepared at the request and with the cooperation of the National Council of Presbyterian Men of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and its president, Youngil Cho.

#### **Session One: Men as Fathers and Sons**

Fatherhood? Sonship? Why begin our discussion there? After all, not all men are fathers. True. Although most adult men may be fathers in our culture, by no means is every male called to fatherhood. However, every male begins his life as a son, and our relationship (or lack of relationship) with our fathers has a lifelong impact on our personalities, our possibilities, our outlook on the world and our self-image. We can hardly begin a discussion of male relationships

1. without considering what is ideally our first relationship with another man.

# Synod of Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Council

## Mission Handbook

### PC(USA) Mission Opportunities

Information about the eight Mission & Ministry Areas and two Covenant Organizations is contained in this section of the Handbook. More information is available by clicking the links under the Program Areas if you are on line, or copying the links to your search engine's address box.

Mission Opportunities in the PC(USA). Hundreds of mission opportunities are currently available within the Mission and Ministries Areas of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and its covenant organizations.

A list of the mission opportunities within the Mission & Ministry Areas follows:

#### MISSIONS & MINISTRIES PROGRAM AREAS OF THE PC(USA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION COUNCIL (GAMC)

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/>

- [1001 New Worshiping Communities](#)
- [Compassion, Peace and Justice](#)
- [Evangelism and Church Growth](#)
- [Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries / Presbyterian Women](#)
- [Stewardship](#)
- [Theology Worship and Education](#)
- [Vocation](#)
- [World Mission](#)

#### 1001 NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/1001/>

- [1,001 Worshiping Communities video Start the Discussion](#)
- [Ten Dynamic New Faith Communities](#)

#### COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/>

- [Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy \(ACSWP\)](#)
- [Child Advocacy](#)
- [Enough for Everyone](#)
- [Environmental Ministries](#)
- [Human Trafficking](#)
- [Jarvie Commonweal Service](#)
- [Mission Responsibility Through Investment](#)
- [Office of Public Witness](#)
- [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#)
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## Who we are:

The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters ("NAPS") is a denominational Scouters association recognized by the Boy Scouts of America.

The association was incorporated in the state of Texas in May, 1986. In 1988 NAPS became linked with the Education and Congregational Nurture Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA), but continues to recognize and work closely with all autonomous Presbyterian Congregations.

NAPS has a regional structure consistent with that of the Presbyterian Church, and is represented on the Religious Relationships Committee and the Protestant Committee on Scouting of the B.S.A. NAPS also has good relationship and representation with Programs for Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.)

## Who may join:

Membership is limited to individuals only.

Regular membership is comprised of those individuals who are active members of a Presbyterian congregation and are registered adult members or youth members of Venturer age of the Boy Scouts of America who support NAPS objectives as listed herein.

Associate membership may be obtained by individuals not meeting the requirements for individual membership, but who wish to support the goals and objective of the association. Associate members do not have voting privileges nor may they hold office within the association.

## Our objectives:

To encourage and support Presbyterian congregations and their ministries with youth in using the programs of the Boy Scouts of America by:

1. Encouraging Presbyterian congregations to become chartered partners for all levels of the Scouting program, incorporating it into their ministries with youth and thereby extending their programs of leadership training and community outreach.
2. Assisting local councils of the Boy Scouts of America in the promotion, chartering, establishing, and support of Scouting units in Presbyterian congregations.
3. Fostering young people's individual religious growth through the programs of the Church Commission on Civic Youth Serving Agencies through the God and Country award program (God and Me for Tiger Cubs through Bears; God and Family for Webelos; God and Country for Boy Scouts; God and Life for older Scouts and Venturers), through the use of the Chaplain's Aide position in the Boy Scouts of America and through providing

events and resources highlighting the Scout's and Scouter's duty to God.

4. Promoting the use of the unit Chaplain position in the Boy Scouts of America.

5. Supporting the camp chaplaincy program of the Boy Scouts of America.

6. Encouraging the use of the adult recognition program (The God & Service Award) of the Church Commission of Civic Youth Serving Agencies.

#### **Awards:**

Presbyterian Scouts and Scouters are recognized through several awards programs from NAPS, P.R.A.Y., and the National Council, BSA. For more information, see the "Awards" section.

#### **Presbyterians and Scouting**

Presbyterian congregations have used the Scouting program in conjunction with the other phases of the youth ministry for nearly 80 years. The program has served as a catalyst for strengthening relationships among youth, family, and the congregation. More than 140,000 youth members are involved in more than 3,800 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews.

Since 1920, Presbyterian congregations have recognized that the Scouting program not only renders a service to the youth but also is extremely beneficial to the congregations that act as chartered organizations. The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS) was formed in 1986 to assist and encourage congregations in becoming chartered organizations, in presenting the entire Scouting program, and in promoting the religious growth programs as well as to serve as a liaison between Scouting and the church.

In 1988, NAPS became officially linked through a covenant with the Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). NAPS has a regional structure that coincides with the boundaries of the Synods of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It represents its membership on the Religious Relationships Committee of the Boy Scouts of America. Additionally, NAPS has representation on the P.R.A.Y. (Programs of Religious Activities With Youth) board in St. Louis, Missouri.

#### **Church Functions**

Presbyterian Church bodies work with the Boy Scouts of America to

*Develop and strengthen mutually beneficial relationships with the BSA*

Foster among Presbyterian congregations a regard for Scouting as a resource for ministry and assist congregations that operate Scouting units to use them as effective ministry tools

*Help provide literature related to Scouting and the church's ministry with children, youth, and families*

Provide and administer religious growth programs for Presbyterian youth in Scouting

*Emphasize the religious aspect of the Scouting program*

Promote religious worship at outdoor Scouting functions and a chaplaincy program at Scout summer camps

*Help Presbyterian adults in Scouting understand and carry out their ministry roles and give recognition to those who faithfully serve children and youth through the Scouting program*

### **Religious Growth**

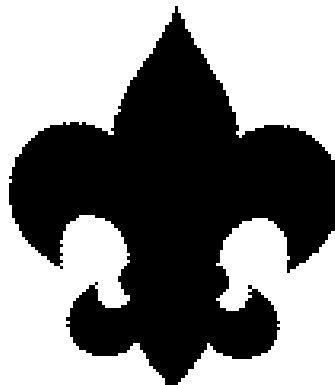
The God and Country religious growth program is provided for Presbyterian youth in Scouting through P.R.A.Y. For more information and details, see the “Awards” section.

### **Resources**

The National Association of Presbyterian Scouters and the BSA have developed several resources to show how Presbyterian Scouting works in local congregations: the brochure *Presbyterians and Scouting, Building Values Together*, No. 5-975, and the New Unit Organization Kit, No. 5-976. In addition, a short videotape, *Presbyterians and Scouting, Building Values Together*, offers specific examples of how local congregations use Scouting as part of their youth ministry program. All resources are available through both the local Scout councils and the Presbytery Resource centers, or contact the Community Alliances Team at 972-580-2071.

P.R.A.Y. has developed the following literature: Duty to God Medals and Duty to God descriptive brochure. Additional videos have been developed that are excellent resource materials: *Promoting Duty to God and Bringing Youth to Christ*.

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### More Mission Opportunities

In addition to the many mission opportunities for men identified in this handbook, here are yet more.

➤ Fix Up and Outreach Missions of Presbyteries.

Abingdon Presbytery. [www.abingdonpresbytery.org](http://www.abingdonpresbytery.org)

- Washington County Habitat For Humanity: [www.helphabitat.org](http://www.helphabitat.org)
- Abingdon Hunger Action Enablers

Baltimore Presbytery. [www.baltimorepresbytery.org](http://www.baltimorepresbytery.org)

- Disaster Preparedness
- NAILS

Charlotte Presbytery. [www.presbyofcharlotte.org](http://www.presbyofcharlotte.org)

- Community Disaster Response Team
- Domestic Violence / Human Trafficking Ministry

Coastal Carolina Presbytery. [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org)

- Camp Monroe Retreat Center Support
- CC—PANDA Disaster Assistance

Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. [www.pcusa-peva.org](http://www.pcusa-peva.org)

- Hunger Ministry
- Makemie Woods Camp & Conference Center Support

Presbytery of the James. [www.presbyteryofthejames.org](http://www.presbyteryofthejames.org)

- Camp Hanover Support
- Disaster Assistance

National Capital Presbytery. [www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org)

- Disaster Assistance
- Hunger Team

New Castle Presbytery: [www.ncpresby.pbworks.com](http://www.ncpresby.pbworks.com); [www.ncpresbytery.org](http://www.ncpresbytery.org)

- Moyer Academy Charter School
- Medical Benevolence Foundation: [www.mbfoundation.org](http://www.mbfoundation.org)

New Hope Presbytery: [www.nhpresbytery.org](http://www.nhpresbytery.org)

- Camp Albemarle Support
- Outreach Ministries

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org](http://www.peakspresbytery.org)

- Hat Creek Conference Center Support
- Appalachia Trail Trek

Salem Presbytery: [www.salempresbytery.org](http://www.salempresbytery.org)

- Hunger Action
- Campus Ministry

Shenandoah Presbytery: [www.shenpres.org](http://www.shenpres.org)

- Camp Paddy Run Support
- Volunteer Farm of Shenandoah

Presbytery of Western North Carolina: [www.presbyterywnc.org](http://www.presbyterywnc.org)

- Camp Grier Support
- School for the Laity & Commissioned Lay Pastor Training

## More & More Mission Opportunities

- American Correctional Chaplains Association: [www.correctionalchaplains.org/main.htm](http://www.correctionalchaplains.org/main.htm)
- American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/>
- Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Ministry: <http://pfm-angeltree.org/>
- Book of Order - Statement on Mission: <http://oga.pcusa.org/publications/boo07-09.pdf>
- Boys & Girls Club of America: <http://bgca.org/Pages/index.aspx>
- Brethren Service Center New Windsor Maryland <http://www.brethren.org/brethrenservicecenter/>
- Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia, Inc. (Denominational Sponsors- Baptist General Association, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, Greek Orthodox Church, **Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Church (USA)**, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Baptist General Convention, Church Women United, Episcopal Diocese of Sothern Virginia, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Mennonite Board of Missions, Religious Society of Friends [Quakers]): [www.chaplainservice.org](http://www.chaplainservice.org)
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Prison Chaplains: [www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Chaplaincy/Prison.aspx](http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Chaplaincy/Prison.aspx)
- General Mission Support: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/give/E053979/>
- Ghana Project: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/global/ghana/>
- Habitat for Humanity's - Global Village <http://www.habitat.org/gv/>
- Highlights <http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/global/pdf/highlightsspringsummer08.pdf>
- Human Trafficking: Eradicate Human Trafficking- <http://www.pcusa.org/resource2011-domestic-violence-congregational-packet/>
- Hunger Program <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger/who-we-are/>
- Mission Connections: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/>
- Mission Mosaic Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: <http://store.pcusa.org/2541209002>
- Net workers <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/internationalhealth/networkers/>
- One Door to Mission Service- Where Does God Lead You: [https://onedoor.pcusa.org/\(S\(wokozx35hxxkusrkqvqgmafi\)\)/user/pages/index.aspx](https://onedoor.pcusa.org/(S(wokozx35hxxkusrkqvqgmafi))/user/pages/index.aspx)
- One Great Hour of Sharing <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering/>
- My Father's Business Messianic Ministry of Teaching and Revival, Rev. Ron Levin, Director, (No website. Mailing Address: 4334 Old Greenville Highway Liberty, SC 29657, 864-646-5689, revron1@aol.com)
- Partnership in Mission Resources  
<http://www.missioncrossroads.org/pdf/partnershipresourceshandout.pdf>;  
<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/presbyterians-do-mission-partnership/>  
<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/developing-mission-partnership/>  
<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/global/protocols-partnership/>
- Presbyterian Technology Ministry: [www.presbytech.org](http://www.presbytech.org)
- Prison Fellowship: [www.prisonfellowship.org](http://www.prisonfellowship.org)
- Prison Partnership Hudson River Presbytery PC(USA): <http://www.hudrivpres.org/index.php?n=7>
- Resources and Advocacy Groups: [www.pcusa.org/resource/2011-domestic-violence-congregational-packet](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/2011-domestic-violence-congregational-packet)  
[www.pcusa.org/padvn](http://www.pcusa.org/padvn)
- When God's People Travel Together: <http://store.pcusa.org/2435807015>;  
<http://store.pcusa.org/7027099009>  
<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/msr/>
- Vacation Bible School <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionyearbook/childrens/>
- World Missions: <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/world-mission/>
- Young Life: <http://www.younglife.org>