



# Presbytery of Yukon

January 20, 2017

## In This Newsletter

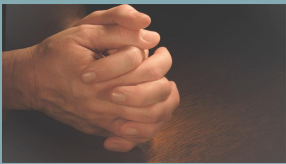
[Presbytery Meeting](#)  
[Hallelujah!](#)  
[Renewal Program](#)  
[2017 Thompson  
Scholars](#)  
[From the Board of  
Pensions](#)

## \*\*\* Upcoming Presbytery Meeting \*\*\*

Our next presbytery meeting will be held on February 24 & 25, 2017 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Anchorage. Look for the call to the meeting and registration information early next week. If you know you are attending and are out of town, please contact the office as soon as possible to make travel arrangements.

CHURCHES: Please remember to elect your Elder Commissioners for the meeting and let us know as soon as possible! Thanks!

## Prayer Requests



Barrow Healing Event  
in February

## Celebration and Praises to God

Celebrations are in order! Our requests for grant money for the Gambell New Church building have been fruitful. We have been approved for a \$500,000 Rasmussen Grant! Please join us in praising the Lord for this and continued prayers for the project.

## The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program is seeking applications for this year's rewards. The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary provide funds to congregations to support renewal leaves for their pastors.

Congregations may apply for grants of to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family, with up to \$15,000 of those funds available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away.

There is no cost to the congregations or the pastors to apply; the grants represent the Endowment's continued investment in renewing the health and vitality of American Christian congregations.

Interested parties can find more information at  
<http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal>.

## Stay Connected



Visit Our Website:  
[www.PBYukon.org](http://www.PBYukon.org)

## Applications for 2017 Thompson Scholars

Thompson Scholars 2017, *Evangelism and Social Justice*, will take place May 2-5, 2017 at the Center for Lifelong Learning on the Columbia

Theological Seminary campus.

The United States and the global community have recently witnessed an amplified outcry for justice. This seminar will address the issues of social justice and evangelism as intersecting points for addressing this outcry. The call and role of the Church as a witness in this age, along with how we are to witness, become critical questions.

Adam L. Bond, Associate Professor of Historical Studies and American Baptist Liaison at The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University; and Mark Whitlock, pastor of Christ Our Redeemer AME Church and Director of Community Initiatives at University of Southern California, Center for Religion and Civic Culture will be keynote speakers. Local pastors and community leaders will serve as panelists and workshop leaders. Dr. Ralph Basui Watkins, the Peachtree Associate professor of evangelism and church growth at Columbia Theological Seminary will serve as organizer, moderator and opening speaker.

"The seminar will empower church leaders to explore ways their churches can have conversations around evangelism and social justice, and equip them with the theological resources to guide this work," states Watkins. "We'll look at practical models that support congregations and faith communities as they seek to make a real difference in their communities in ways that are directly linked to their presence within those communities."

To complete an application, [click here](#). **The application deadline is February 15, 2017** and applicants will be notified before the end of the month. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in previous Thompson Scholar seminars. For additional information, including a link to the application, click here.

A program fee of \$150 covers all course-related fees, eight meals on campus during the event, refreshments, and access to the online course site. Pre-course preparation will include required reading and participation in online discussions. Participants are responsible for their housing and transportation; on campus housing is available.

---

## From the Board of Pensions

New this year, active plan members and your covered family members can consult a Teladoc physician anytime (24/7) for a \$10 copay. Provided through Highmark, Teladoc offers phone and video consultations with doctors for common, acute issues, such as ear infections, sinusitis, or the flu. Although not meant to replace your primary physician or pediatrician, this care option can be especially helpful when symptoms develop in the middle of the night or while traveling.

Watch your mail later this month for more information on Teladoc. Make sure to pre-register with Teladoc soon - there is no charge and you can even earn Call to Health points for registering. Then, when you or a family member needs care, call 800-835-2362. You won't have to spend time registering, and help is just a phone call away!

---

## Mark Your Calendars

**February 24-25,  
2017**

**Our Next Presbytery Meeting**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Anchorage

