



Presbytery of Yukon

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Prayer Requests



Rev. Piper Cartland and family in the passing of her father on April 6th

The villages of Anaktuvuk Pass and Utqiagvik as they cope with losses over the last week

The family and friends of Eunice "Roberta" Lott in her unexpected passing on March 20th

The family and friends of Dr. John Carey who passed away on March 2nd

From our Executive Presbyter

This week I was asked by leaders in two different congregations to come to their churches and explain the per capita and mission pledges that the presbytery collects from congregations. It occurs to me that a fresh description would be useful to more than just these two churches. For this newsletter, let me just describe per capita. I'll put the mission portion in the next eNews.

Per Capita

Presbyterians have long divided their offerings to the larger church [1] between administration and mission. The idea has been that if the administration portion is paid for up front (usually paid in the first two months of the calendar year), then members can be certain that 100% of the money they give to mission-every dollar-can be counted on to go to mission and not to administration. We pay for administration (staff salaries, presbytery/synod/GA office expenses, and meetings of presbytery/synod/GA and their committees, including travel to those meetings) through per capita. This comes to churches as a bill, calculated according to the church's official membership.

Per Capita is a sign of the connectional nature of our church, reflecting the fact that we work together in covenantal partnership. The costs of our common ministry is a burden we must share, and per capita giving provides a concrete way for the sharing of that burden. Therefore, Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly each pay the administrative portion of their budgets through this shared per capita giving.

This year, per capita (administrative costs per member) are calculated as follows:

<u>Presbytery</u>		<u>Synod</u>		<u>GA</u>		<u>Per Capita</u>
\$37.00	+	\$1.50	+	\$7.50	=	\$46.00/member

If your church reported 100 members, then your total per capita = \$46 X 100 = \$4,600

Once again, this pays for the administrative portion of the presbytery/synod/GA budgets, but not the mission portion. I will describe the mission portion in our next eNews.

In the meantime, let me point out we are recommending each church to set a minimum standard for itself of giving at least 10% (the biblical tithe) of their revenues to mission beyond your congregation. As Presbyterians, a significant part of that tithe go to presbytery. We also recommend that you

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consider the Fair Share amount as a real possibility when you are planning the financial part of your ministry this year.

Indeed, many of us are celebrating the creative ways some of you raise money to stay engaged in important mission.

- Kaktovik (and other villages) are famous for cake walks.
- North Pole is famous for auctions.
- Anaktuvuk Pass is famous for providing collection points in the local stores for people to give.

Each place has found ways to support mission that fit their own location.

Our goal needs to be to ask what ministry it is that we believe God wishes us to do just now, and to be energetic in seeking ways to go after that ministry. I believe the churches of our presbytery are asking this question in one form or another. May God bless you and inspire you pursue practical ways of continuing God's mission.

In Christ's service,
Curt Karns

[1] that is, to regions beyond the local congregations, but in the PC[USA]

*** Host Church Needed ***

We are seeking a host church for our next presbytery meeting which will be held on October 6th & 7th, 2017. If your church is willing to host the presbytery meeting, please contact the office at office@pbyukon.org or our Stated Clerk, Sharon Rayt at sharon@pbyukon.org. Thank you!

Yukon Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering



All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting our sins against us. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5: 18-19

WHERE:

United Protestant Church (713 Denali St., Palmer, Alaska)

WHEN:

Friday May 5, 6-8pm:

Pot Luck Dinner and Guest Speaker Rev. Tim Carrick

Saturday May 6, 10am-3pm:

Morning Fellowship time

Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

Lunch (provided by host church)

Presentation/Discussion about PC(USA) Apology in Utqiag'vik

Worship

All Women Are Invited/Encouraged to Attend

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

This summer the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary will be offering three online courses for Commissioned Ruling Elders. Each fall and spring, UDTS regularly offers all eight core courses.

- Reformed Theology - Dr. Gary Eller
- Introduction to New Testament - Rev. Grant VanderVelden
- Presbyterian Polity - Dr. Scott Nesbitt

The summer term runs from June 5 to August 25, 2017. The tuition rate is \$390.00 per course. As always, current students can register by going online and paying via PayPal at <http://udtslearning.net/mod/viepagew.php?id=15076> or by contacting Carla Gibbons at CGibbons@dbq.edu or 563-589-3630 / 1-888-207-8218, to pay by credit card or check. We also would ask you to pass this on and encourage anyone you may know with gifts for ministry to consider exploring their call through our CRE program. Application, program, and course information for Dubuque Seminary's CLP/CRE program can be found at the above link as well.

Mark Your Calendars

May 5-6, 2017

Yukon Presbyterian Women Gathering

United Protestant Church, Palmer

**October 6-7,
2017**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location TBD

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