



Presbytery of Yukon

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As The Body of Christ We Pray Together

If you are coming to Anchorage for hospital treatment and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Presbytery office.

- Beulah Nowpakahok's brother Wade and great granddaughter Zelma
- George & Lydia Agnasagga

And our military chaplains:

- Rev. Ted McGovern
- Rev. Patrick Bracken
- Rev. Kevin Wainwright
- Rev. John Kaiser

Presbytery of Yukon at GA

The 221st General Assembly of the PC(USA) was held in Detroit last month. The Presbytery of Yukon had its own booth at GA and was therefore much more "front and center" than usual. The booth focused on two particular ministries: the Gambell Presbyterian new church building, and the presbytery sponsored Climate Change Conference scheduled for this September. Both ministries invite Presbyterians from across the country to participate.

Danna Larson from the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, and Mike Apatiki from the Gambell Presbyterians Church traveled to Detroit to staff the booth. Both are members of the presbytery's Gambell Church Building Committee. Other members of the presbytery were present and also helped staff the booth from time to time:

- Tiffany Immingan was present as the presbytery's advocate for the overture promoting Sustainable Living through Guiding Development through the Precautionary Principle, which passed unanimously. Tiffany was also a great help at the booth.
- Ruling Elder Jan Burger (Palmer United Protestant Church), Teaching Elder Ian MacInnes-Green (at large member of the Presbytery), and Youth Advisory Delegate Samuel Ahsuak (Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church) were present as voting commissioners to General Assembly. Despite their busy schedules, each spent at least a small part of their time staffing the booth.
- Stated Clerk Sharon Rayt and Presbytery Executive Curt Karns were present as presbytery staff, and also helped with the booth.



The memorial service for Louise Weeks will be held on July 27th at 3pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Louise, the wife of the late Rev. Ralph Weeks, passed away in March.

Hallelujah! The building materials for the new church building in Gambell will be on the next barge! Here they are packaged for shipping.



The Reynolds Brothers pre-fabbed the building and packaged them for shipping, and will assure that they are properly assembled. The Reynolds are also members at Jewel Lake Parish, one of Gambell's partner churches in the presbytery.

The projects featured at the booth garnered a great deal of attention from the Exhibit Hall visitors. The Gambell New Church project will need volunteers from across the country next summer. Although a construction company based in Nome will put up the outer shell this summer, volunteer work teams will construct the interior and prepare the building for use in the summer of 2015. A number of people signed up at General Assembly to receive more information about how their churches could send a work team next summer. More information about the project, and about registering a work team next summer, is available at the presbytery's web site for the [Gambell New Church Building Project](#).

The presbytery is also hosting the Presbyterians for Earth Care's Regional Conference in Alaska Sept. 2-7 of this year. Presbyterians from across the country will be coming to hear from some of the University of Alaska's scientists about the urgency of the climate change crisis. Scientists, Christian faith leaders and leaders from Alaska's villages will be present to give guidance on how climate change is affecting Alaska and to ask how we can effectively respond as disciples of Jesus Christ. There is still room new registrants. Interested people were directed to the presbytery's [web site on the Regional Conference](#) to register.

Several visitors to the booth expressed gratitude for booths like ours that focus on specific ministries happening in various regions of the country. The Exhibit Hall provided a wonderful opportunity to taste a bit of the variety of the ministry that is happening in so many different contextual settings through the PC(USA).

For a day-by-day account our representatives experiences at General Assembly, please check the [Presbytery of Yukon Facebook Page](#). For more information on the business conducted by the 221st General Assembly, please check the [Office of the General Assembly's GA pages](#). Anyone with questions concerning this year's General Assembly are invited to direct them to Curt Karns and Sharon Rayt at the presbytery office (907-276-1095).

Alaska Center for the Environment - Youth Organizer Summit

The Alaska Center for the Environment is hosting a Youth Organizer Summit from September 19-22, 2014 at the Victory Bible Camp in Sutton. Transportation from Anchorage will be provided. This event is open

to all rural and urban teens in grades 8-12 who are ready to be Youth Organizers and lead AYEA's 2013-2014 statewide campaign.

Youth Organizers commit to working on the collaborative statewide campaign throughout the school year by attending regular conference calls, participating in skill trainings, and leading campaign actions in your community! YO's are the main point of contact for AYEA's statewide campaign in their community.

At the Summit, teens will:

- Learn about Climate Change (how is it affecting Alaska, what policies could make a difference?)
- Develop skills in community organizing (public speaking, project planning, outreach, fundraising)
- Design AYEA's statewide campaign plan, decide what actions we will take throughout the year

The cost is \$100 tuition + travel to Anchorage. Half and full travel scholarships are available. If you need a travel scholarship, please indicate this in your application. Deadline to apply is July 15. For more information and to download the application, please visit: <http://akcenter.org/ayeayoy/>

Gambell Presbyterian Church

New Home for a Missional Church
on the Last Frontier



A Space for worship and faith formation...
A Space for cultural celebrations ...
A Space for a food bank...

A Space for support groups to gather...
A Space to connect to the internet...
A Space for a Pastor to live...

...for a community with many challenges.

What We're Asking For:



Volunteers. Construction begins this fall and continues next spring after a hiatus through the winter. Volunteers with construction experience will be needed in the summer of 2015 to finish the building.



Financial Support. \$3,000,000.00 is needed for the project, of which we have raised one third. We are proceeding on faith — the faith that God will inspire many faithful brothers and sisters to contribute to this offering for the saints in Gambell. Don't you feel God's calling on you?

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Mark Your Calendars...

September 2nd - 7th, 2014:

2014 PEC Regional Conference

Eco-Tour sponsored by the Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care

Visit our website for registration information.

October 10th - 11th, 2014:

Fall Presbytery Meeting

New Hope Church - North Pole, AK

October 14th - 16th, 2014:

Pacific Northwest Small Church Conference

Rockaway Beach, Oregon

Click here to visit the website for more information.

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