



Presbytery of Yukon

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Danna Larson and family in the loss of her nephew, Nate Wadsley, on June 18th.

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Call to the Native Ministries Meeting

The annual face-to-face meeting of the Native Ministries Region will meet in Anchorage August 19 and 20. Each church is asked to send one Ruling Elder, plus your CRE(s) or Teaching Elder Pastor, if you have one. Please plan for the meeting to begin with breakfast on Saturday August 19th, and to end after lunch on Sunday the 20th.

The date for this meeting was set by the officers of Native Ministries Committee, Merle Apassingok, Ida Olemaun and Wanda Slwookoo. We have much to consider at this meeting, and a proposed agenda will come soon. In the meantime, Merle Apassingok, the moderator of the Native Ministries Committee asks us to consider the passage of Joshua 7.

In this Bible passage, God called Gideon to assemble an army to face the combined armies of the Amalekites and the Midianites. But then God acted to stop Israel from thinking, "my own hand (and not God's hand) has saved me!" God reduced the number of warriors in Gideon's army from 22,000 to only 300! Only then did God rout the enemy, with that tiny, select group God chose for that moment.

The ministry needs in our villages may seem powerful, but God calls us together to share the wisdom and the strength that God has placed among us. Like Gideon's tiny army, we are the ones God has brought onto our church sessions, and we few are the ones God has chosen for ministry at this moment. This is an important time to come together.

Indeed, we know that great things happen when God calls us together. We saw this in the 1960s when the International Whaling Commission acted to shut down our bowhead whale hunt. It was then that the first delegates to the Alaska Whaling Commission came together to address this threat to our way of life. God blessed their courage and their work for the people of that generation, and for the generations that followed.

As the church of Jesus Christ, our work is at least as important as that was. The spiritual needs in our villages are strong, but God is stronger. We are the ones God is calling at this time. Please consider prayerfully who God would have you send to our meeting in Anchorage in August. We look forward to meeting with you then, as we join together, worship together and plan for our work together, to glorify God.

In Christ's service,
Merle Apassingok

***** If you are planning to attend the meeting, please contact the presbytery office at office@pbyukon.org as soon as possible to make airfare arrangements. *****

Summer Camp News

Brooks Range Bible Vacation Camp soon!
Crevice Creek-Dwayne King.

July 12-16, 2017 for ages 8-12 yrs old

July 18-23, 2017 for ages 13-19 yrs old

Happy 100th Birthday, Rev. Alice Green!

Rev. Alice Green will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 21st and you are all invited to join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion!

The festivities will be held on Friday, 7/21, at 11:30am at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Anchorage. It will be a salad potluck luncheon. For questions about the event, please contact Vi Markson at 345-1334 or vamarkson@gmail.com.

If you would like to attend and did not RSVP by the deadline of July 10th, please contact the Trinity church office as soon as possible at trinity@trinityalaska.org or by calling 345-4823.

Also, if you'd like to send Alice a birthday card or send in any of your wonderful memories with Alice to commemorate the occasion, please send them to the Trinity church office.



From the Board of Pensions

Well-Being Retreat 2017: Registration Now Open!

Don't miss this opportunity to discover new approaches to spiritual, health, financial, and vocational well-being ... to live in wholeness as the body of Christ. [Register today](#) for Well-Being Retreat 2017!

Customize your retreat experience by selecting the educational workshops, guided activities, and consultations that best support your journey to well-being. Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us Monday through Wednesday, August 21-23, 2017, at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Take a sneak peek at what's in store for you at Zephyr Point in this [video](#), and learn more in the pensions.org article [Registration Now Open: Well-Being Retreat 2017](#).

For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.pensions.org/AvailableResources/FeaturedArticles/Pages/Registration-Now-Open-Well-Being-Retreat-2017.aspx>

Mark Your Calendars

July 21, 2017

Happy 100th Birthday, Rev. Alice Green

Trinity Presbyterian Church at 11:30am

**July 21-22,
2017**

Leadership Team Retreat

Trinity Presbyterian Church

**August 19-20,
2017**

Native Ministries Regional Meeting

Anchorage

If you are attending, please contact the [presbytery office](#) for travel arrangements.

**September 25-
27, 2017**

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

St. Pete Beach, Florida

Trade Winds Island Grand Resort

To register and for more information, please visit:

www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org

**October 6-7,
2017**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location: First Korean Presbyterian Church, Anchorage

Presbytery of Yukon - 616 W. 10th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99577 - 907-276-0914