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

- Ron Bower

And our military chaplains:

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

Now Hiring!

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Yukon Native Treasures Wins National Award!



Last year the Presbytery of Yukon's Self-Development of Peoples Committee entered into a partnership with the Native Alaskan Business Leaders of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The Native Alaskan Business Leaders is an organization within the School of Business at UAF helping train leaders from Alaskan villages. This year they chose a Presbytery of Yukon project as a part of their training.

The plan was to take an important need identified by the Presbytery of Yukon and develop a business plan to address the need. The need was to provide a better way to bring ivory carvings and other crafts from the villages of St. Lawrence Island to market. Gambell and Savoonga, the two villages on the island, do not enjoy a strong cash economy. Recent surveys indicate the average household income on the island to be about half of what is reported anywhere else in the presbytery. The presbytery wished to help improve the cash economy on the island by helping find a way to connect artists with customers.

For the UAF business students an added incentive for this project was the desire for the Native Alaskan Business Leaders to win the annual competition on Business Plan Design offered at the American Business Leaders National Conference. The Native Alaskan Business Leaders had come close to winning this award in the past,

now accepting resumes for a part-time position as the **Director for Children's Ministries**. If you are interested in applying, please contact Tammy at tamaraletts@trinityalaska.org.

The **Presbytery of the Inland NW** is looking for someone to serve as their

Stated Clerk. The position is for 10 hours per week with a salary of \$12,625 per year. Resumes/PIF's will be accepted until August 18th and can be submitted directly to the presbytery at: joyce@presbyinw.org.

but had never actually won. The group had high hopes that this plan, addressing an important need, might just win the prize. After polishing up the plan for presentation, the Yukon Treasures business plan was entered into the competition. Sure enough, Yukon Treasures won! The Presbytery of Yukon sent a letter of congratulations to the Native Alaskan Business Leaders Group. The letter indicated the presbytery was thrilled for their success, and grateful for their hard work.

Now the plan returns to the presbytery's Self-Development of Peoples committee to be reviewed, possibly revised, and then presented to the people of St. Lawrence Island. If the local folks approve of the project, the committee hopes it will lead to greater access to markets, and increased income for artists from the St. Lawrence Island Yupik Native tradition.

Welcome to Our New Pastors!

Everyone please join us in welcoming the following new pastors to the Presbytery of Yukon:

- Rev. Matthew Schultz at First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage
- Revs. Trent and Linda Baggett as co-pastors for the University Community and New Hope Presbyterian Churches



Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2013

Last week's Youth Triennium was a great success! Our delegation of 11 youth (and two adult advisors) would like to thank all of you for your support in making this event a reality for them.

The following is an excerpt from an article by Samuel Locke the Director of Special Offerings:

Danna Larson, an educator and adult advisor at First Presbyterian in Anchorage is grateful for your support:

"It's exciting to know that there are people from all around the church who are supporting this event. You're making a difference in the life of the Presbyterian Church and our youth. Thank you."

Without you, events like this wouldn't be possible. You truly make a difference:

"Triennium helps youth realize that they are the church. That God has plans for them. That they can be part of our reconciling world today. Especially now, in their time, our youth have an opportunity to shape what it means to be Church."

"Parents know that when we as a church invest in something like this, their youth are going to come back changed. They're going to be stronger in their faith. Parents want to have children who love God as much as they love God."

You've truly helped give Presbyterian youth a very special opportunity. For the youth in Alaska, who because of distance often feel disconnected and like they aren't as important as others, the chance to connect at the national level helps them feel empowered and connected.

Curt's blog is on a possible new ministry in our presbytery. He offers the sample, below, as an invitation to go his blog and read the whole article.

A New Ministry? Time to Learn From Some Good Samaritans

What a year for weather!

After living in Eagle River for five years, Cindee and I thought we knew what to expect. We had already formed the Permaculture Learning Center teaching practical skills for living sustainably on this planet, and it was time to schedule some classes. We were confident, last fall, when we scheduled a class on Clay-Straw Construction for the weekend of June 1-2 that we would have several weeks to prepare. All we needed was to get the roof up, so the clay would stay dry if the weather was wet.



Class learning to lay Clay-straw

Of course this was the year when winter wouldn't die....

I believe it is time for a new Christian ministry based on God's call for right relationships. It is time for a ministry based on creating a sustainable future. I currently am employed to work part-time (80%) for the presbytery. In my 20% personal time, I have been pursuing this idea of forming a Christian witness for sustainable living.

What, I am wondering, shall a faithful witness to God's love for the world look like in this context? Do you have thoughts on this? Contact me at exec@pbyukon.org.

Mark Your Calendars...

September 16 - 19:

2013 National Evangelism and Church Growth Conference
Tradewinds Island Grand Resort
www.ECG2013.org

September 2013 - June 2014:

Certificate in Lay Ministry Program
Whitworth University
Click [HERE](#) for further information about this program.

September 2013 - June 2014:

Certificate in Teaching the Bible
Whitworth University (Online Course)
Click [HERE](#) for further information about this program.

October 11 - 12:

Presbytery Meeting
Anchorage Area - Location to be Announced

October 14 - 17:

Western Christian Educators' Conference
Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe
Click [HERE](#) for more information about this event.

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