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

• The family of Rev. Charles White in his passing

And our military chaplains:

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

The Residents of St. Lawrence Island Need Our Immediate Assistance

This spring the St. Lawrence Island communities of Gambell and Savoonga were declared an economic disaster area due to the extremely low walrus harvest this year. The unusually wet and cold weather, coupled with ice pack around the island, lead to only 36% of the average yearly harvest. These communities rely on the walrus for food and the ivory from the walrus tusks is vital to the local economy. This year's low harvest has placed an extremely heavy economic burden on the people of these communities, as they lack both the food and cash needed to support themselves and their families.

The Presbytery of Yukon is in the process of applying for an Immediate Needs Grant through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). We are also pursuing other courses of assistance, as the PDA grant is only a drop in the bucket compared to the assistance that is required.

With that concern in mind, we are asking for cash donations to help support the people of St. Lawrence Island in this time of need. Individual donations can be sent to the Presbytery office at 616 W. 10th Avenue, Anchorage, AH 99501. Please make the checks payable to the Presbytery of Yukon and be sure they are designated "St. Lawrence Assistance". Individual churches may also set up a special offering fund designated to help the residents of the island. Thank you so much for your assistance and please keep the communities in your prayers.

The First Korean Presbyterian Church in Anchorage is looking to hire a temporary English minister. Responsibilities would include performing a Sunday sermon (in English) and leading youth activities on Friday evenings. If you are interested in applying for the position, please mail your resume to: **First Korean Presbyterian Church**

ATTN: Elder Bang 3300 Wyoming Drive Anchorage, AK 99517

You can also contact Elder Bang at 907-727-1057 for more information.



This is a kairos moment for the church, a time of urgency and opportunity to hear and heed the call for peace coming from the Holy Land. In faithful and hope-filled response, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program's Mosaic of Peace conference invites Presbyterians to experience this remarkable and troubled region, encounter its diverse people, explore its rich history and complex current situation, and engage with those who seek its peace.

For more information and to apply online go to <u>pcusa.org/mosaicofpeace</u>. <u>THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN EXTENDED</u>. <u>The new deadline is November 15, 2013.</u>

Priority will be given to first-time visitors to the Holy Land. You must be 18 years or older to apply.



Where: Sound View Camp & Retreat Center (near Tacoma, WA)When: November 22-24, 2013Cost: \$60

For the first time ever, the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association's (PCCCA) Focus Event is coming to the west coast!

This event gives you the opportunity to learn more about camp ministry, meet folks in the field, and spend time exploring God's call for your life. The Focus Event is designed for people of all ages - whether you're planning a second career in camp and conference ministry, a summer camp staffer who is interested in the field, a church professional who is considering a change in ministry, or anyone in between.

You can check out the Focus Event brochure for more information or register online.

Save the Date! Ecumenical Advocacy Days: March 21-24, 2014



You're invited to the 12th annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days, a four-day conference in Washington, D.C. that brings hundreds of participants from the Christian community together with policy experts, faith leaders, and advocacy specialists. Participants in the 2014 gathering, which will take place from March 21-24, will explore the theme of *Jesus Weeps: Resisting Violence, Building Peace* through workshops, plenary sessions,

issue analysis, advocacy training, and meetings with elected officials. Join us! Click here to learn more or register for the 2014 gathering.

Mark Your Calendars...

| November 22-24: |
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| Camp Ministry Discernment Event |
| Sound View Camp & Retreat Center (near Tacoma, WA) |
| For more information or to register online, click here. |
| November 28: |

Thanksgiving Day (Presbytery office will be closed)

December 1: 1st Day of Advent

December 23-27: Presbytery office will be closed for the Christmas holiday

December 25: Christmas Day



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