

**OUTREACH DIVISION**  
**October 22-23, 2009**

**MISSION COMMITTEE:**

**Becca Young**—a current PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Indonesia, whose salary is supported 50% by this presbytery, has been through two earthquakes and a bombing in the past few months. Please keep her and her work at the Jakarta Theological Seminary in your prayers. A portion of her time is also spent with PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) in Indonesia. To learn about PDA's response in Indonesia to the recent earthquakes and how you can help, go to [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

**Barbara Nagy**—a current PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Malawi, whose salary is supported 80% by this presbytery, is in the U.S. on "Interpretation" for the 2009-10 school year. Barbara, Melia, Anna, and Happiness are living in Morganton, NC. If you would like Barbara to speak at your church, please contact Barbara at: [banagy@globemw.net](mailto:banagy@globemw.net) or (H) 828-438-6287. The following speaking schedule is a work in progress:

September 12 Acts Gathering  
September 13 Waynesville FPC  
September 16 Lenoir FPC  
September 20 Fairview  
September 22- October 9 PCUSA Mission Challenge (New England Presbytery,  
Albany Presbytery, Northern NY Presbytery)  
October 11 Montreat Presbyterian Church  
October 11 Malawi Team Reunion  
October 17 Montreat Historical Society  
October 18 Mayland Fellowship at Crossnore  
October 21 Waldensian Wednesday Youth Club  
October 23 Presbytery meeting (Lake Junaluska)  
October 23-24 Cincinnati for Mission Celebration  
October 25 Bridgewater  
October 27 Meet with partners from Guatemala  
November 1 Burnsville FPC  
November 7 Etowah (& Mills River) Presbyterian Women  
November 8 Swannanoa FPC  
November 15 Bryson City  
November 16 GAP (Gaston Area Presbyterians)  
November 19 Morganton FPC Prime Timers  
December 6 Trinity  
December 13 FPC Morganton Alternative Gift Fair  
January 13 at Shelby  
January 30 Presbytery meeting (Waldensian)  
February 9 PW Black Mountain  
March 7 Cherryville FPC  
April 10 School of the Laity (1 hour)  
April 17? Frozen Chosen Thawed Out  
April 24 Presbytery PW gathering at Black Mountain Home for Children  
April 27 Presbytery Meeting (Montreat)  
July 1 Return to Malawi

**John McCall**—a former PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Taiwan has accepted a position at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, and will be leaving our presbytery. Please keep him in prayer for his transition.

**Ellen Dozier**—a former PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Guatemala is finishing up her year with Mission Challenge '09 in the PCUSA Center in Louisville and returning to the Presbytery of Western NC.

**Frank Dimmock**—a current PCUSA Mission Co-worker serving from this presbytery, in Lesotho is finishing up his three months of “Interpretation” in the U.S. and returning to Lesotho to reunite with Nancy and the children.

**Rachel Brown**—a former PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer in Mission in Kenya has moved to Seattle, WA. She will return to speak at the January 30, 2010 meeting of Presbytery. Her family are members of Mills River Presbyterian Church.

**Lisle Gwynn**—a member of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church and a student at Davidson College has returned from a summer mission trip to Kenya with Davidson College Presbyterian Church. The PWNC Mission committee provided scholarship help for her trip. She is interested in sharing her experiences with churches in the presbytery. Contact her at [ligwynn@davidson.edu](mailto:ligwynn@davidson.edu). “I cannot thank you enough for your support for my recent travel to Kenya with the Davidson College Presbyterian Church. I greatly appreciate your helping me fund this trip, especially during this time of economic hardship—I know there is little money in the church to give away right now. I am glad to know the Presbyterian Church is still willing to fund mission endeavors even when budgets are tight.” For her full letter see the Presbytery’s November Monthly Update.

**Upcoming PWNC Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Trip.** October 31-November 7 a group from our presbytery will be heading to the PDA camp in Kopperston, WV. Please remember them in your prayers.

**2009 Malawi Team Speakers:** Have you invited one of the Malawi trip participants to speak at your church? They have wonderful pictures and stories to share. Contact one of them at:

Jonathan Axtell (member of Lowell Presbyterian Church) 704-824-4900

Tommy Burleson (member of Fletcher Presbyterian Church) 828-733-4107

Tom Kilgore (member of FPC Morganton) 828-438-0844

Teresa Locke (member of Southminster Presbyterian Church) 704-867-8135

Alice Salthouse (member of FPC Morganton) 828-448-0667

The tentative dates for the 2010 Malawi trip are May 18-June 1.

**Clean Water:** Two Presbyterian organizations involved in clean water issues around the world are Marion Medical Missions and Living Waters for the World. Marion Medical Missions works with Shallow Wells in Malawi, and Mission Co-worker, Jim McGill, helps facilitate their work in Malawi. To learn more go to [www.marionmedical.org](http://www.marionmedical.org). Living Waters for the World is a project of the Synod of Living Waters. To learn more go to [www.livingwatersfortheworld.org](http://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org).

## **PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE:**

The focus of the Presbytery's portion of the 2009 Peacemaking Offering will be Multi-Cultural work. With that in mind, the committee would like to let you know about the following opportunity.

**The Regional Multi-cultural Conference**, sponsored by all the presbyteries in North Carolina, will be held October 30-31, 2009 in Charlotte at First Presbyterian Church, 200 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. Registration cost is \$60, which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. For a registration form go to [www.presbyofcharlotte.org/Portals/722/MulticulturalConference2009.pdf](http://www.presbyofcharlotte.org/Portals/722/MulticulturalConference2009.pdf).

"God is bringing all nations and tongues to our church doors... Do we embrace this adventure with hope?"

Workshops will include:

- Intentional Leadership – Leading with Purpose and Vision
- Walk Together Children: Youth and Children Building Community
- That's No Way to Dress for Church! 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 in its Multicultural Context
- Building Beloved Community: Dismantling Racism
- We Have to Preserve Our Identity! Fear of Change in a Multicultural Context (Deuteronomy 7:1-6)
- A Time of Change: Immigration and the Church
- Whosoever...: a Model of Inclusion and Embrace
- Contrasting African-American and Latino Experiences in America

## **HUNGER COMMITTEE:**

"**Reclaiming Christmas**" is a way of putting Christ and God's mission back into the season. This can be done through Alternative Gift Fairs, spiritual practices, and choices about how you celebrate Advent. Four helpful web resources are [www.pcusa.org/globalmarketplace/partners.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/globalmarketplace/partners.htm), [www.partnersforjusttrade.org](http://www.partnersforjusttrade.org), [www.pcusa.org/advent](http://www.pcusa.org/advent), and [www.pcusa.org/justliving/seasons/advent.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/justliving/seasons/advent.pdf) where you can order the Just Living resource "Ideas for Reclaiming Advent and Christmas."

Information about this year's presbytery projects will be presented during the oral report.

**Faces of Hunger:** At the Let's Celebrate event in August, several committee members led a workshop entitled the "Faces of Hunger." The committee felt that the information in that power point, and especially the statistics of hunger in NC and our counties, would be helpful for everyone to see. The committee has included this as their presbytery report. Their goal is to get the powerpoint presentation onto the presbytery website so that it can be downloaded and used in local congregations.

## Faces of Hunger

Presented by:  
PWNC Hunger Committee

## The Miniature Earth

[http://www.miniature-earth.com/me\\_earth.htm](http://www.miniature-earth.com/me_earth.htm)

## Course Objectives

- Facts and Figures
- What We Are Doing Here in the PWNC.
- Goals of the PWNC Hunger Committee

## Committee Responsibilities

- Liaison with Congregations
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Nickel a Meal Program
- Hunger Action Enabler
- Enough for Everyone
- Souperbowl of Caring
- Re-Claiming Christmas
- Advocacy for Hunger

## Committee Members - 2009

- Jane Hansel – Swannanoa
- Teresa Locke – Southminster
- Rev. Bill Heck – Calvary
- Cindy Moore – Rutherfordton
- Rev. Wirt Skinner – Columbus
- Dennis Stamper – First, Hickory
- Margarette Kennerly – Etowah
- Marla Patchel – Green Street
- Annette Carrigan – First, Dallas
- Rev. Dr. Kevin E. Frederick – Valdese (Ex-officio)
- Grace Boyer – PWNC Associate Presbyterian

## Isaiah 58:10

*If you offer your food to the **hungry** and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom will be like the noonday.*



### What is Hunger

- **Hunger:** The want or scarcity of food.
  - The uneasy or painful sensation caused by want of food.



### What is Hunger

- **Malnutrition:** The lack of some or all nutritional elements necessary for health.
  - Undernutrition: another term, means the same



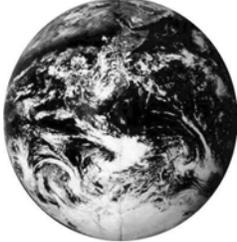
### What is Hunger

- **Protein-Energy Malnutrition (PEM):**
  - The lack of calories and protein.
    - Most lethal form of malnutrition



### World Hunger

Each major cause of hunger could be averted or overcome if the human community were to act cooperatively and decisively... Conversely, the persistence of hunger reflects a lack of sufficient political will to eliminate its causes. If decisions and actions well within the capacity of nations and people working together were implemented, it would be possible to eliminate the worst aspects of hunger and malnutrition by the year 2000.



- Presidential Commission on World Hunger -1980

### World Hunger (2006)

- 854 Million Undernourished People
- 12.6% of the 6.6 Billion People
- 820 Million Reside in Developing Countries
  - 70% Asia
  - 26% Africa
  - 4% Latin America and the Caribbean
- 22.7 Million Displaced People



United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

### World Hunger (2006)

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

- Children are the Most Visible Victims
  - Suffer an average of 160 days of illness per year
  - Undernutrition plays a role in 50% of all child deaths/year
    - @5.4 million child deaths



### **World Hunger (2006)**

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

- World Produces Enough Food to Feed Everyone!
  - Agriculture produces 17% more calories per person than it did 30 years ago.
- Principle Problem Is:
  - Many people do not have sufficient land
  - No Income to purchase enough food.
    - 982 million people in developing countries live on \$1.00 a day or less. (2008)



### **In Today's World**

**In our world, one of every six people lives on less than one dollar a day.**

**What does it mean to live on less than a dollar a day?**



**You won't need a closet because you have only one set of clothes and no shoes.**



**You won't need your house keys.**



**You won't need your car keys.**

**There's no running water and limited access to clean water, which is often miles away.**





**Firewood is needed for cooking.**



**There's little time for school, especially for girls**



**Less than \$1 a day provides little food.**



**With little food & clean water, you're sick a lot, and healthcare is limited.**

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

-John 6:35



■ There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.

- Mahatma Gandhi, recipient Nobel Peace Prize

## Hunger in America



## Hunger in America

- America is the richest country in the world. And yet tonight, thousands of your neighbors will go to bed hungry. It may be your child's schoolmate who is undernourished and has difficulty learning on an empty stomach. Or it could be a co-worker, a working mother whose low-wage job doesn't make ends meet. Perhaps it's an elderly neighbor who has to make a decision whether to delay filling a prescription or buying groceries. The faces of hunger are as broad as the faces of America.

– David Nasby, General Mills

<http://www.cbn.com/media/index.aspx?s=/vod/HSE145v2#>

## Hunger in the United States (2007)

- 36.2 million people lived in food-insecure households, including 12.4 million children.
- 8.2 million adults and 3.7 million children lived in households with very low food security.
- 37.7% Incomes below the official poverty line of \$21,027 for a family of four.
  - 30.2% Households with children, headed by a single woman
  - Black households (22.2 percent).
  - Hispanic households (20.1 percent).
- Also must consider the Homeless.

## Food for Thought

- 35 million people in the US are hungry or don't know where their next meal is coming from, and 13 million of them are children. If another country were doing this to our children, we'd be at war.

– Jeff Bridges, actor



## Hunger in Our State...



## North Carolina Statistics

- Food insecurity rate 12.9 %
- Child food insecurity rate 19.4 %
- Under age 5 rate 24.1 %
- Population 9,061,032
- Poverty rate 15.5 %
- Child poverty rate 21.0 %
- Unemployment rate 10.8 %



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### North Carolina Statistics

- The Poorest Counties in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina based on poverty rates
  - State Average 15.5%
  - Graham 22.2%
  - Cleveland 19.8%
  - Jackson 18.6%
  - Avery 17.6%
  - Cherokee 17.4%
  - Swain 17.3%

### North Carolina Statistics

- Poverty Rates by County in PWNC
  - State Average 15.5%
  - Buncombe 14.0%
  - Burke 16.0%
  - Caldwell 13.6%
  - Catawba 11.1%
  - Clay 14.2%
  - Gaston 14.8%
  - Haywood 13.4%
  - Henderson 10.9%
  - Lincoln 10.5%
  - McDowell 14.7%
  - Macon 14.7%
  - Madison 16.2%
  - Mitchell 15.8%
  - Polk 11.5%
  - Rutherford 16.4%
  - Transylvania 12.9%
  - Yancy 15.5%

Where do you live?

Poverty Rates for Western NC (from 2007)



### Food for Thought

"As God as my witness, as God as my witness... I'm never going to be hungry again. No, nor any of my folks. If I have to steal or kill --as God as my witness, I'm never going to be hungry again."

-Scarlett O'Hara in *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

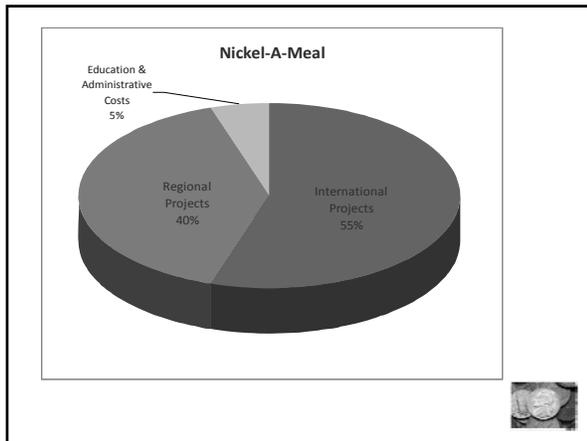
What lengths would you go to ensure that your family had enough to eat?

At what point would you trade your morals/values to put food on the table?



How far would you go?

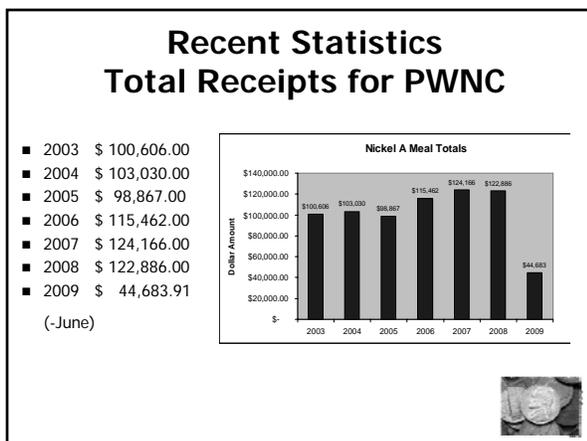




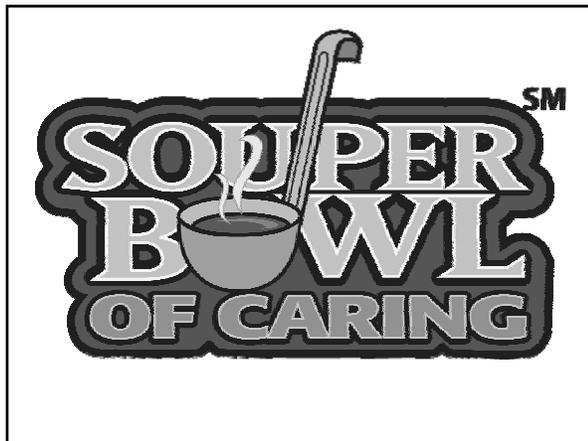
- ### Nickel a Meal Grants
- Applications are Available thru the Presbytery Office
    - Due by April 15 and October 1
  - Ministries must meet guidelines adopted by the Presbytery
  - Sponsored by Local Presbyterian Churches
  - Must Meet with the Hunger Committee
    - On Site Visit
    - Scheduled Interview

- ### 2008 International Programs
- \$ 45,245.00 was dispersed.**
- Nkhoma Synod (Malawi); Seed and Fertilizer for the Caregivers of AIDs Orphans.
    - \$ 20,000.00
  - Guatemala Partnership Health Program and Children's Nutrition Program.
    - \$ 12,500.00
  - Haiti – Road to Life Yard Project
    - \$ 5,245.00
  - Haiti – Stop Hunger Now Project of Burke Sunrise
    - \$ 7,500.00

- ### 2008 Regional Programs
- \$42,400.00 was dispersed**
- City of Refuge, Catawba County
  - Cherokee County Sharing House, Cherokee County
  - Dulatown Food Pantry, Caldwell County
  - Community relief Organization of Mt. Holly, Gaston County
  - Ridgeview Breakfast Program, Catawba County
  - Rutherford Life Services, Rutherford County
  - Welcome Table, Buncombe County
  - Homeward Bound of Asheville, Buncombe County
  - Eastern Catawba County Christian Ministry
  - Burke United Christian Ministries, Burke County
  - Interfaith Assistance Ministries, Henderson County
  - Linc Home Meals, Lincoln County
  - S.O.C.K.S., Gaston County



- ### Goals for Nickel a Meal
- Continue to Encourage Participation.
  - Liaison with Local Congregations.
  - Create and Maintain Hunger Web Site for the Presbytery. (Work in Progress)
  - The Nickel-A-Meal Mission Program has the potential of raising almost a half a million dollars a year if every member of our Presbytery participates!




### Souper Bowl

- Join the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.
- Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes congregations to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. 100% of the collections are donated directly to the charity of each group's choice.



### Souper Bowl

•Nickel A Meal also funds a matching offering for National Super Bowl of Caring Program.

\$0.50 per dollar  
\$0.25 per can

Amount collected must be reported to Souper Bowl of Caring by the end of February.

You can report your total on the Souper Bowl website or by phone.



### The Souper Bowl of Caring began with one youth group and a simple prayer:

*“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”*



### The Vision:

Transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving




### Why Super Bowl Weekend?

**140 million American viewers**

**Largest one-day sporting event in the world**





## Participati on is Easy!

- Register at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) to receive free promotional materials
- Collect donations on Super Bowl Sunday
- Report your results to the Souper Bowl of Caring so ALL of the totals can be added together and the country can see the power of caring
- Donate 100% to the charity of your choice!

Witness what one \$1.00 or one can good will do when we all unite to give.



*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

-Matthew 25:40



## SBoC is local in impact...

- Youth experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others
- Local food banks, shelters and soup kitchens receive donations and awareness




## and national in scope.



## Support the efforts of your youth group as they lead this movement of caring.



- If you don't have youth in your church, the YOUNG AT HEART can participate TOO!





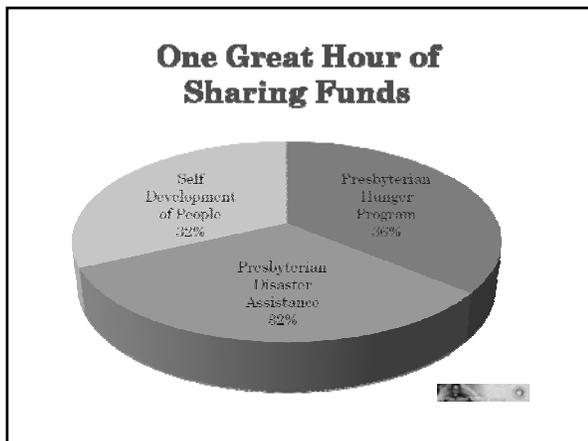
**What's for dinner?**

 **One Great Hour of Sharing**

**WHY SUPPORT ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING IN YOUR CHURCH?**

 **One Great Hour of Sharing**

**You are pooling your gifts with Presbyterians all over the country to make a difference in communities like yours!**



 **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM** 36%

This program helps alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes.

Last year, a Center for Latinos in Henderson County received a grant directly from the Presbyterian Hunger Program to reduce poverty and hunger in the Latino community.

Special projects are aimed at direct food relief, hunger education, development assistance, advocacy, and lifestyle integrity.



32%

This program provides emergency response following a disaster like Hurricane Katrina, the shootings at Virginia Tech, the earthquakes in China, flooding in Canton and Clyde due to hurricanes, and more.



32%

This program assists economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who own, control, and benefit from the funded projects.

- ❖ Support group for Hispanic women working to learn English in Spruce Pine, NC **\$15,000**
- ❖ Mark Park Mobile Home Park improvements in Burnsville, NC **\$20,000**



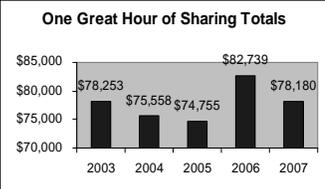
*How and When to Participate*

- Generally collected around Easter or Palm Sunday.
- Order Promotional Materials three months prior
- Begin Promoting OGHS 4 weeks prior to collection.
- Promotional Materials may be ordered Online / Telephone.
  - <http://www.pcusa.org/oghs/order.htm>
  - (888) 728-7228 x5168



### Recent Statistics for PWNC

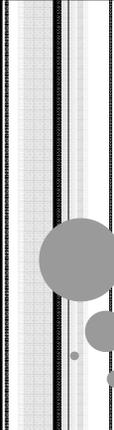
■ 2003	\$ 78,253.00
■ 2004	\$ 75,558.00
■ 2005	\$ 74,755.00
■ 2006	\$ 82,739.00
■ 2007	\$ 78,180.00
■ 2008	\$ 71,135.50
■ 2009	\$ 64,111.43



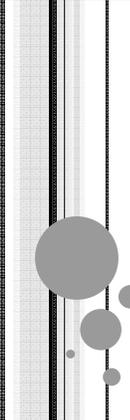

### Goals

- Increase Participation of Churches in PWNC.
- Provide Information for Obtaining Resources
- Resource Information Available on PWNC Website (Work in Progress)
- Liaison with PWNC Congregations

# ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE



## WHY PARTICIPATE IN AN ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE PROGRAM?



### IT'S A PARTNERSHIP

- ❖ among Presbyterians in the US with sisters and brothers in other countries.
- ❖ among national programs of the PC(USA).
- ❖ among the PC(USA) and other organizations.
- ❖ in local churches among various committees and calls to mission.




### SIX PROJECTS

These projects seek to address  
**fair trade,  
sweatshops,  
debt & credit,  
and energy efficiency.**

They are tools by which congregations can  
respond to global economic realities from  
the perspective of Christian faith.




### PROJECT #1

- Congregations that participate are supporting fair trade – ensuring that more of our “coffee dollar” goes to the farmers who do the work.
- Fair trade complements Presbyterian mission with farmers around the world.




### Electric Stewardship: Plug Into Conservation

### PROJECT #2

- Energy audits can identify concrete actions (such as changing light fixtures) that save your church money and reduce the impact of energy use on the natural environment.




### SWEAT • FREE

sweatshop-free t-shirts and more

### PROJECT #3

- Most apparel we purchase is manufactured under harsh working conditions in sweatshops.
- There are alternatives. Check our list of “sweat-free” companies whose employees receive fair wages, benefits, and treatment.





**Investing in Hope**  
Oikocredit & Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**PROJECT #4**

- Invest church funds in Oikocredit, which provides credit to low-income communities, enabling them to become economically self-supporting.




**Eco-Palms**  
*sustainable branches for Palm Sunday*

**PROJECT #5**

- Purchase responsibly harvested eco-palm branches for Palm Sunday.
- The palms come from communities in Mexico and Guatemala where workers are paid fairly and engage in sustainable harvesting in order to protect the local ecosystem.




**GLOBAL MARKETPLACE**

**PROJECT #6**

- Make the Global Marketplace partners your primary sources for gifts and products.
- Whether you're buying for yourself or for others, your purchases benefit not only the people who use and enjoy the items, but also the people around the world who make them – and who often rely on our support to live their lives in dignity rather than poverty.



**WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO...**

- Adopt at least one Enough for Everyone project in your congregation.
- Educate members about the issues through Sunday School, Bible Study, speakers, and special events.
- Promote Enough For Everyone to congregations, camps, conference centers, colleges and universities within our presbytery.




**Hunger Action Enabler**

- Called to serve synods and presbyteries as **educators, motivators, and facilitators** of hunger action.
- Goal is to enable congregations and other groups within the church to gain the knowledge and skills to sustain a long-term commitment to hunger action.
- <http://www.pcusa.org/hunger/hae.htm>



**Hunger Action Enabler (HAE)**

HAE for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:



**Grace Boyer**

If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed one.

- Mother Theresa



**Advocacy**

- Advocacy 101

**Questions ?**

**VISIT OF EDWIN GELISTA & CESAR TARACENA**  
**Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente Partnership Coordinators**  
**November 20-29, 2009**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The highlighted events are open to anyone; but reservations for events that include meals need to be made a week in advance with Ginnie Stevens ([vestevens2@aol.com](mailto:vestevens2@aol.com)).**

Tues, Oct 20: Arrive in ATL on Delta 692 at 6:04 pm.

Weds, Oct 21: Drive to Cincinnati

Thurs, Oct 22: Guatemala Network Meeting and World Mission Conference.

Fri, Oct 23: 8:30-10 am: World Mission Conference

10:15 am: Depart for Lake Junaluska and Presbytery meeting; hopefully arrive by 6 pm for dinner.

**7:15 pm: Partnership Celebration at Presbytery meeting, including short presentations from both coordinators, a commissioning service, and signing of covenant, music etc.**

Sat, Oct 24: **AM: Be available to speak with folks individually at Presbytery meeting.**

At conclusion of Presbytery meeting go with partner churches

Sun, Oct 25:

Cesar at FPC, Asheville through lunch

Edwin at Lenoir & Quaker Meadows until 3 pm

3:30 - 5:00: Meeting with Dr. Doug Michael, Chair of Health Committee

**6:00 – 7:30 pm: FPC, Hickory for contemporary worship service at 6pm (Edwin preaching), followed by supper.**

Mon, Oct 26:

AM: 9-10:30: Meeting with Kevin Frederick

**Noon-2 pm: Lunch meeting, prepared and hosted by FPC, Dallas**

**6:00-8:00 pm: Soup, Salad & Dessert supper, prepared & hosted by Banner Elk PC**

Tues, Oct 27:

9:00 -11:00: Meeting with Barbara Nagy

12:00 -1:00 pm: Lunch with Pastors Alex McLean and Shannon Kershner

1:00 - 5:30 pm: Meeting with Partnership Leadership Team

**5:30 - 8:00: Pizza, Salad & Conversation at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church**

Weds, Oct 28:

Meeting with leadership team in the morning

**Lunch meeting, noon - 2 pm, prepared & hosted by FPC, Hendersonville**

5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner meeting with Franklin (tbc)

Drive to Atlanta

Thurs, Oct 29: Depart on Delta #693 at 9:45 pm



## **COVENANT**

### **Partnership of Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente Presbyteries (IENPG) and Presbytery of Western North Carolina (PCUSA)**

#### **Why We Are Partners**

#### **I. This partnership exists to:**

Glorify God (Romans 15:5-6)

Testify and demonstrate to all the reconciling love of Christ  
(Romans 12:9-21)

Mutually encourage one another (Romans 1:12)

Help our pastors, churches and their members gain a better understanding of God's shalom and experience God's abundant life in all aspects of our lives.

Affirm our integral faith in Jesus Christ, declaring our intention to work as partners in support and mission in our respective countries, learning from each other, sharing our joys and pains in order to appreciate those gifts that each church offers for God's purpose.

## II. Needs and gifts:

### A. Needs to be addressed by the partnership:

#### In PWNC, we need to:

1. Better understand how to share our faith with others;
2. Offer the opportunity for our congregations to be in direct contact with Christians living and carrying out ministry in a different culture;
3. Foster greater awareness in our congregations of others' needs and appreciation of their abilities;
4. Gain a fuller understanding of the larger world in which we live; for instance, the impact of globalization and our personal lifestyles on the lives of others;
5. Learn how to better incorporate our Christian faith into all aspects of our personal and social lives in order that we may glorify God;
6. Define God's abundant life as other than "the good life;"
7. Encourage our churches to work together in ministry in order to become credible and effective witnesses to the unifying power of Christ;
8. Learn better how to become multiracial congregations and become more culturally inclusive church families;
9. Continue to develop fellowship with the increasing numbers of Hispanics living within our bounds;
10. Learn to expect the miraculous;
11. Appreciate anew our reformed heritage.

#### In Suchitepequez we need:

1. Workshops in reformed theology;
2. Reformed teaching materials;
3. Education on how to develop a common bank, in order to strengthen the emergency fund;
4. Learn English in order to strengthen communication within the partnership;
5. Develop a library in each church..

#### In Sur Occidente we need:

1. Improve communication;
2. Prepare people in languages (a project in our presbyteries to learn English in Guatemala and Spanish in the United States);
3. A program to have our own means of transporting delegations that visit us;
4. Involve all the pastors in our presbyteries in the partnership;
5. The support of pastors in the different aspects of partnership; leadership and evaluation (workshops) with different representatives;
6. Share Bible studies;
7. Volunteers.

## **B. Gifts we bring to the partnership/opportunities for sharing:**

### PWNC has the following gifts, talents and resources to offer:

1. A commitment to prayer;
2. Leadership of men and women, both clergy and lay persons, in areas such as theology, church polity, administration, etc;
3. A hospitable Christian spirit;
4. Leadership and service gifts of retired persons, in areas such as health care, education, small business, etc.;
5. Experience in youth ministry and care of church professionals and seminary students;
6. Strong interest and some experience in the mission of the Church beyond our bounds;
7. Medical personnel, materials and facility resources;
8. Camp Grier with its facilities and program for children and youth;
9. Montreat Conference Center, with its variety of learning opportunities;
10. Financial resources;
11. Beautiful environment and concern for its preservation;
12. Experience in being in ministry ecumenically;
13. Many kinds of music;
14. Working together on common goals, in spite of strong differences (eg. support of missionary Barbara Nagy);
15. Our citizenship, a gift whose impact carries great responsibility;
16. Organizational skills.

### Suchitepequez has the following gifts, talents and resources to offer:

1. Variety of professionals (teachers, medical personnel, pastors etc.)
2. Service;
3. A ministry of music;
4. Skill to organize: workshops, committees and other activities.

### Sur Occidente has the following gifts, talents and resources to offer:

Human resources, including English speakers, those who can use the computer, teachers, doctors, nurses, musicians, laborers and “missionaries” (pastors, youth and women).

**III. Priorities**

- A. Christian Education
  - 1. Pastor training
  - 2. Develop materials
  - 3. Christian Education in the churches
  
- B. Secular Education for children, youth and adults
  
- C. Church to Church Partnerships
  - 1. Inform churches of the policies and norms
  - 2. Improve communication
  - 3. Focus projects on the communities
  
- D. Youth
  - 1. Involve youth together in partner church visits
  - 2. Have youth on each of the partnership committees
  - 3. Committees support the work of the youth
  
- E. Women
  - 1. Involve women together in partner church visits
  - 2. Have a representative of Presbyterian Women on each of the partnership committees and support the work of the women
  - 3. Receive reports of the mission of the women in each presbytery.
  
- F. Health Ministries
  - 1. Integrate more health and partnership
  - 2. Hold Guatemalan sessions more accountable for the promoters and support them
  - 3. Involve everyone in the community
  - 4. Do more training of health promoters, leading to official certification of some health promoters, with a goal of having a medical kit in the Guatemalan churches with officially certified health promoters.
  - 5. Continue and improve the children's nutrition program
  
- G. Pastoral Support
  - 1. Theological and secular education
  - 2. Sensitize Guatemalan sessions to their responsibility of economically supporting their pastors.

V. **Duration:** The fourth Partnership Covenant begins in January 2010, and ends in December 2014.

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_____ Chair, Partnership Committee	_____ Date