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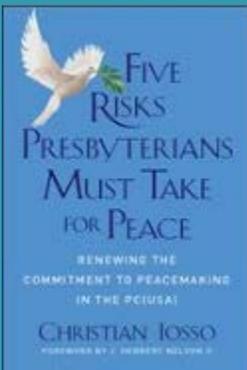
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*Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, March 1, 12:30 AM, Erie Pastor's Gathering, Belle Valley
- ❖ Monday, March 5, 2:00 PM, Nominating Committee, First Church, Edinboro
- ❖ Saturday, March 10, The Big Event, 9:00 AM, First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie
- ❖ Tuesday, March 13, 2:00 PM, Congregational Life, Corry
- ❖ Tuesday, March 13, 4:00 PM, Committee on Ministry, First Church, Titusville
- ❖ All upcoming events can be found on the Presbytery websites [Important Dates](#)

*RESOURCE CENTER REVIEW

Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace
Iosso, Christian



The Presbyterian Church recently spent six years reflecting on peacemaking. Building on past policy documents, people at all levels of the church studied and discussed what peacemaking policies needed to be modified given the

world context today. The 2016 PC(USA) General Assembly affirmed five affirmations the church must make to fulfill its peacemaking calling. Those affirmations become risks when truly taken, because their message collides with the demands for continued sacrifice by the powers that be. In



"Empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit through Scripture, our confessions, and conscience the Presbytery of Lake Erie journeys with congregations, ruling elders and teaching elders as we live, grow, fellowship and witness to the work of God through Jesus Christ in today's changing world. Recognizing that we are called to serve all of God's children, we do this through shared prayer, worship, training, evangelism, and mission to strengthen the dynamic Body of Christ."

*The Big Event: Registration extended to March 4th.

Discovering Joy Right Where You Are

March 10th the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 250 West 7th Street Erie, will be hosting The Big Event 2018. Keynote speaker David Hansen will add to a day filled with learning and worship. Registration begins at 9 with the option to choose your morning and afternoon workshops. Registration is available online at www.pbylakeerie.org. You can [Click here](#) for more information and to register by mail.

*Minister ID Cards are in

You can pick them up from Rev. David Oyler over the next few weeks. If you are able to stop into the Presbytery office please let Melinda know so that she can make sure it will be in the office. They will also be available for pick up at the next Presbytery Meeting April 24th in Bradford.

Book of Confession pre order

The Presbytery is looking to make a large order of the Book of Confession as well as a few more copies of the Book of Order. It includes the text of twelve confessional documents, including the Confession of Belhar. The cost will be \$10; we can save you shipping. Please let Melinda in the office know if you would like to place an order, adminasst@pbylakeerie.org

*2018 Book of Common Worship Coming this Spring

Would your church be interested in preordering the 2018 Book of Common Worship? If you would like to place your order with the Presbytery the cost would be \$50, you will save on shipping. Orders must be to Melinda in the Presbytery office by May 1st. New features include; music suggestions, unified ordination services, three new sections (Creation and Ecology, Justice and Reconciliation, and Interfaith Events), all 150 psalms, illustrations for leaders and readers, and more.

2018 Technology Grant

this timely resource, author Christian Iosso explains what the five risks are, how they differ from previous positions, and what taking each risk might look like today. Includes questions for reflection and discussion.

The Resource Center is staffed Monday & Tuesday, 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. and is open Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. It is located in Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2816 Elmwood Avenue, Erie. Phone: 814 868-4891 ext. 5; Email: elaine@pbylakeerie.org
Stop in or check online on the Presbytery website to find something to suit your needs.

Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings for 2018:

For planning purposes the Coordinating Committee and Presbytery meetings have been announced for 2017:

Coordinating Committee meetings

Tuesday, March 20, 3pm, Gravel Run

Tuesday, June 5, 3pm, Cooperstown

Tuesday, August 28, 3pm, TBA

Tuesday, October 30, 3pm, Port Allegany

Presbytery meetings

Saturday, February 24, 10am, Edinboro First

Tuesday April 24, 3pm, Bradford First

Tuesday, June 26, 3pm, Wayside, Erie

Saturday, September 22, 10am, Oil City Second

Saturday, November 17, 10am, Fairview, Church of The Cross

*Prayers for Your Colleagues in Ministry

I Thessalonians 5:17 encourage believers to 'pray without ceasing.' In your unceasing prayers for others you are encouraged to pray for your colleagues in Lake Erie Presbytery as well as beyond. The eNews this year will carry the prayer list which has also been distributed to the churches of this presbytery. Pray without ceasing for these partners in ministry.

March 4
Erie Belle Valley and Elmwood Avenue
Rev. Dave Edmunds, Temporary Supply Pastor
Marsha MacKinnon
Presbytery Webmaster

March 11
Tidioute and Irvine
Commissioned Pastor Dennis Ledebur
Rev. Chuck Cammarata (HR)
Rev. John Dyke (HR)

In an effort to be supportive of evolving and new technology related ministries, the Administrative Committee is making technology grants available to congregations. Applications are being accepted and will be reviewed during the committee's bi monthly meetings. [Click here](#) for the application or call the office for more information.

Confirmation Curriculum

The Christian Education Committee is wondering if your church might be interested in discussing a joint effort on Confirmation. You can reach out to any committee member or contact Melinda in the presbytery office. adminasst@pbylakeerie.org. [New Curriculum](#) coming soon from the PCUSA, check it out.

- A word from your Christian Education Committee Moderator.
 - Friends, this has been an excellent research project over the last few years. Their final reports are starting to be shared. This can be a guide for knowing if you are on track with other PCUSA churches. Peace to you, Keith Sundberg [Click Here](#)

Pastor's Canoe Trip

Howard Gaston, former pastor at Oil City, Second Church, is again leading a wilderness canoe trip/study leave experience September 23 to October 1 in Canada. Registration is due June 1st with a \$50 nonrefundable deposit. Over the years several pastors from Lake Erie have participated in this week long venture in Christian community. [Check out the details.](#)

One Great Hour of Sharing Update

The season of giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is rapidly approaching. As your church considers faithful giving to this special offering in the Easter season it may be helpful to a bit of how your neighbor churches participate in this offering. In Lake Erie Presbytery:

- 43 out of 58 congregations received this offering in 2017 (an increase from 41 churches in 2016).
- Lake Erie Presbytery gave slightly above the national average per member OGHS. The denominational average was \$3.76. Lake Erie Presbytery, on average, gave \$3.80 per member.
- The Mill Village Church gave the highest amount per member; Tidioute was second; Kane third.
- A total of 8 congregations – Fairview, Harmonsburg, Kane, Mill Village, Port Allegany, Ripley, Tidioute and Tionesta – all gave more than \$10 per member.

As your church prepares to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering you are encouraged to use the materials provided by the denomination and be creative! Your gifts make a difference!

First Deadline for Young Adult Volunteers

Apply before March 1st for international placement options. National site applications remain open until June 1st. Program benefits include a regular stipend, housing, transportation and [student-loan repayment options](#) throughout the duration of the service year. For more info, visit the FAQ tab at the top of the [YAV homepage](#). The 2018-19 recruitment season for the [Young Adult Volunteer program](#) is ongoing! Applications can be accessed online at youngadultvolunteers.org/apply. Also, following [@yavprogram](#) on social media is a great resource. Help plants seeds of service and spread the word!

March 18
Woodcock Gravel Run Church
Commissioned Pastor Rose Hilliard
Commissioned Pastor Cheryl Larson
Rev. Seth Agidi,
Moderator of General Assembly, Evangelical
Presbyterian Church, Ghana

March 25
Waterford Church
Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey, Pastor
Rev. Sheldon Logan (HR)

*Prayer Concerns

- Ruth McCord, mother in law of Rev. Larry Myers passed away late February. Please pray for Debbie and Sandi and their families.
- Rev. Virginia Miner died on February 19. Rev. Minor is not known to many of you but she was the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Lackawanna in northeastern Pennsylvania. Prayers are welcomed for her family and the presbytery she served.
- Joan McClung, wife of Rev. Charles McClung, New Hope, is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Rev. George Johnson, Honorably Retired, continues to address health concerns with his eyes. After time in a Pittsburgh hospital he was home for a few days and then spent time at Hamot Hospital. Please pray with George, and his wife Connie, as he continues to deal with these issues.
- Pray for the continuing conversations around racism and violence that the power of God might be brought to these difficult conversations.



Pray for wisdom to engage radical missional thought in each of our communities. The time to act for the Kingdom of God is NOW!

Please note: The presbytery office is seeking to complete a significant overhaul of the eNews.

1. If you do not receive the eNews please contact (adminasst@pbylakeerie.org). We will make every effort to update/correct

Eastern Region of APCE Spring Event

Save the date for David LaMotte and Jon Brown at the APCE Spring event to be held April 30th through May 2nd at the Rhodes Grove Conference Center, 7696 Browns Mill Rd Chambersburg PA. [More Info Here](#). Register early as spaces are limited and scholarships are available through Melinda in the Presbytery Office. To view the available workshops [Click Here](#)

*North Shenango use of "Seed Money"

North Shenango Presbyterian Church used their \$214 to start a Whiffle Ball League. What a great way to engage your community to get together and have some fun.

Seed Money put to good use at Eastminster

Eastminster Presbyterian Church used the "Seed Money" of \$214 to purchase vegetable seeds for the community garden hosted by the church. The garden is being worked by Bhutanese refugees who live in the nearby John E. Horan Garden Apartments, which is owned and managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Erie.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come. The internationally acclaimed storyteller Tracy Radosevic will be the key note speaker on April 28th. Hands on mission work, fellowship, breakfast and registration to begin at 8:30, the event to follow at 10:00AM. Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Road, Erie will be hosting this gathering you won't want to miss.

Wheels for Joshua, PCUSA Ghana Mission Co-worker

Lake Erie Presbytery is taking the lead in raising funds to provide a durable and reliable vehicle for Josh Heikkila. Josh travels extensively in Ghana and to neighboring countries of Niger, Togo and Nigeria in his work and ministries. The Presbytery has already committed an initial \$5,000 and will match funds contributed within Lake Erie Presbytery (up to \$5,000) and from other Presbyteries (up to \$5,000). \$5105.35 has already been received in donations between the Presbytery of Lake Erie and surrounding Presbyteries. Funds will be matched between now and March 31, 2018. Josh continues to be a vital partner in the Lake Erie Ghana Partnership. Will you go the extra mile to help Josh go the extra miles? Please consider contributing and/or creatively raising funds. Contributions may be sent to: 2816 Elmwood Ave, Erie, PA 16508 - mark for VEHICLE for Josh Heikkila

Mission and Per Capita Report

To read the January report [Click Here](#)

Synod of the Trinity

The latest eNews for the Synod of the Trinity is available. [February 8th Enews](#) You can also email Mike Givler at mgivler@syntrinity.org to be added to the eNews list. [Job Opportunities around the Synod](#)

*Association of Presbyterian Church Educators

The weekly newsletter from the APCE: [From the archives: Fear Not](#) is available online. Click the link above to sign up for the Enews. It's not just a great resource for spiritual formation leaders but for anyone looking to

the oversight.

2. If you know of someone who you believe should be receiving this eNews you are encouraged to invite them to send along their email address.
3. If you no longer desire to receive the eNews please inform Melinda and she will remove your name from the list.

Thank you for your patience as we seek to undergo this upgrade.

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