

TRINITY NEWS

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We're enclosing a copy of a letter from the Regional Synod Executive Minister received in July. Luis is a fine administrator and familiar with all the churches, and their problems, many of which will sound very familiar. I agree with his observations and have heard the appalling statistical report on "main stream religion in America" before. Think over what he says. Pray for our own church and its plans.

As many of you know, I was involved with Prison Fellowship Ministries and participated in many in-prison seminars from 1992 through 1997. I receive regular updates from our director, Charles, "Chuck" Colson, and I include a statement from the most recent one.

"Today Americans find themselves swept up in the perfect cultural storm: a financial meltdown caused largely by moral failures in government, Wall Street, and the public; decades of self-indulgence fueled by rampant relativism; rejection of the Christian work ethic; materialism; and the continuing threat from extreme Islamic jihadists eager to destroy Israel and the western world."

--- Jubilee Newsletter, June, 2009

I think Colson pretty well describes the current situation, and Rev. Luis Perez pretty well tells us what to do about it. All of this of course, is biblically established long ago, and it remains for us to simply obey what we *do know*. Interesting times await us this fall. See you in church.

Pastor Dave



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July 10, 2009

Dear Pastors, Consistories and Congregations:

I am writing because of my concern for the state of many of the churches within the Regional Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. The synod Personnel and Executive Committees acknowledge that the burden of declining churches, economic stresses, and other factors can take a toll on many of our leaders.

Psalm 4:5 says to "put your trust in the Lord." In Matthew 16:18 Jesus Christ says, "I will build my church". No matter how bleak the political landscape or how uncertain the economic scene, we can take refuge in God's promises, knowing that the work of the Lord is not dependent upon the leadership of the government or upon the prosperity of Wall Street. The work of the Lord is dependent upon the character of our immutable, promise-giving God; He will build His Church. Feel assured that the church is in the hands of the Lord.

Regardless of what we face or how we feel, the Holy Spirit sustains those that seek His will. During the time of the Judges, Israel had to contend with both internal and external stresses. Internally, Israel was disobedient. Externally, they needed to take control of the new land. What sustained them, however, was the Shekhinah of the Lord (the dwelling or settling presence of the Lord). Where do you see the presence of the Holy Spirit working in your church?

Churches should be vibrant centers where we minister to the total person by preaching, teaching and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ; where sinners find salvation in Jesus Christ, not social clubs or groups formed for humanitarian purposes. Such places have already begun the walk toward closure. Internally, we are called to help build up His church and to grow to spiritual maturity in Jesus Christ. Externally, the greatest calling is to pronounce the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and denounce anything that is contrary to the good news. As we seek the presence of the Holy Spirit and act, doors will begin to open and those to be added will come.

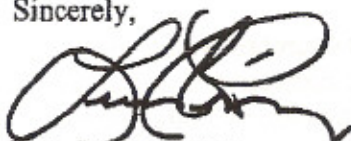
We cannot underestimate how difficult times are for the church therefore the synod has formed a Faithfulness Task Force, consisting of members from each classis, to take a fresh and deep look at the issues our churches are facing. They will work to determine how we can best help classes and congregations nurture faithfulness, restore spiritual well-being, and revitalize our congregations.

We know, however, that transformation requires both attitude and behavior change. Attitude is a person's inner thoughts and feelings, while behavior is the outward expression of attitude, the two are not always in harmony. Resolving the dissonance between the two requires good communication. Bringing change and balance happens when all parties understand that there is a covenantal relationship that binds us together for the purpose of seeking God's will. Clearly this transformation requires that we pray together.

If together we can change our attitudes we can also change the behaviors of our churches. I therefore **urge pastors and other church leaders to meet together on a regular basis, to commit to praying for positive change, and making personal and corporate attitude and behavioral changes that would lead to transformation in our churches and communities.**

May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,



Rev. Luis R. Pérez



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, September 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Library Lounge.

BROEK Cooks will have Italian Flag Soup available for pickup on October 11th. An order form is on the hall Bulletin Board.

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JACOBA CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, September 21st. at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Deena Zolkiwsky.

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THANK YOU

Special thanks to all for your cards, concern and, especially, your prayers during the many months of my illness. The support you've shown me and my family will always be close in my HEART.

Don Zolkiwsky



Throughout the summer our worship in the Chapel is always an intimate setting (and much cooler than the Sanctuary).

Being able to have a hymn sing each Sunday lets the congregation describe their own faith in music, including a reflection of how they are feeling on a given Sunday.

One Sunday that comes to mind was July 26th. Each hymn that morning reflected our grateful thanks to the Lord.

"When Morning Gilds the Skies, May Jesus Christ be praised."

"The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord."

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."

Our hearts were exploding with joy! We all heard the glad news that Don Zolkiwsky was the recipient of a heart transplant! Thanks be to God for this precious blessing and for giving the medical team great knowledge and skill.

It was wonderful for all of us to worship and share our faith by singing!

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 begins rehearsal for this new Christian year of worship and we welcome new members!

Joan Beil



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- 11. Richard Botberg
- 13. Gordon Wich
- 18. Joel Kenderdine
- 27. Tom Sheppard



"In Memoriam"
 Marie Wermann
 at rest June 10, 2009

Please remember in your prayers those members and friends who cannot be with us on Sunday.

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| Joanna Agnone | Cyril Macauley |
| Ruth Carreno | Pastor Rosie and |
| Marianne Clark | Dennis McLelland |
| Corey Coleman | Sally McGahey |
| Joan Cornish | The Nikorak Family |
| Jim Dever | Denis O'Hara |
| Cassie Forgash | Margaret Rubas |
| Christopher Flood | Resi Sheppard |
| Jill Gaddis | Jean Taylor |
| Belle Hayles | Henrietta Wermann |
| Doris Hiebeler | Don Zolkiwsky |

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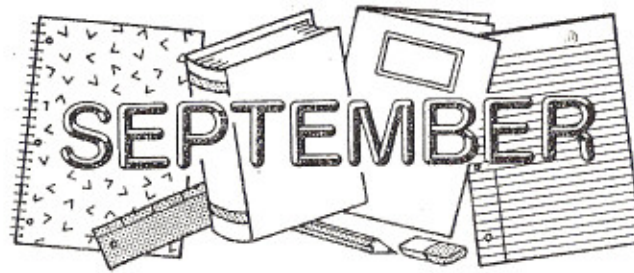


Church Plant Update



God is working through Trinity Reformed Church. Things are moving right along with the new church soon to be planted among us. The Resource Team, comprised of members of the New Brunswick Classis and Trinity Reformed Church, has been working diligently to reach our goal of presenting a church plant plan to the Classis this coming Fall. We are currently working on a detailed five-year budget for the plant, and reviewing profiles of prospective church planters. Our next step is to interview those church planters who have profiles which match up to our vision. Once that planter is chosen, we will work closely with him or her to fully develop a plan for the start and growth of a new congregation. That plan will include specific milestones for the new church, and lay out clear boundaries for Trinity Reformed Church as parent, and for New Brunswick Classis as overseer. The time will soon come when our church planter will be off and running. We ask for your continued prayers during this last all-important phase of the process. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Kenderdine, Joel Kenderdine or Jim Beil.

NEWSLETTER Deadline for October:
 SUNDAY, September 13th.





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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. Broek Chapel						
6.	7. LABOR DAY 	8. Choir 7:30	9.	10.	11.	12.
13. * NEWSLETTER Deadline	14. Broek 1 pm Consistory 7:30 pm	15. Choir 7:30	16.	17.	18.	19.
20.	21. Jacoba 7:30 pm	22. AUTUMN  Choir 7:30	23.	24.	25.	26.
27.	28.	29. Choir 7:30	30.	October 4 - WORLDWIDE COMMUNION Worship in Sanctuary October 11 - FISH Hospitality Week		