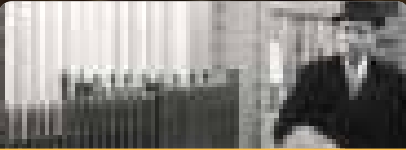


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# The VOICE

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## Pledging for the First Time by Tim Palmer

*This year I am making my first pledge to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.*

I'm not a member; I'm staff. I'm not even Presbyterian; I'm a former-Catholic-now-Episcopalian. I worship at another church, on the Upper West Side, those Sundays I'm not working here.

So why am I giving back part of my salary?

It goes back to something I learned in a New Thought church more than a decade ago. (If you are familiar with Unity, or Religious Science, that's "New Thought." I was finding my way back to Christianity at the time.) The church I attended in the late '90s talked about stewardship and tithing not so much as a way of keeping the lights on, but as a means of nurturing our personal, spiritual growth.

The rule was simple: Give to your spiritual source—to whatever individual or institution that inspires you, feeds your soul, nourishes your faith. Investing in that source is a way of giving thanks, yes. But it is also an investment in ourselves.

Working here is more than a job to me. The preaching, the music, the classes—and above all, the relationships—are making me a better Christian, and a better human being. What price can I put on that?

As a new Pledge Campaign season gets underway, I invite you to read this month's VOICE with your own FAPC experience in mind. This issue is about some of the people who pass through this place—some for just an afternoon, others who spend a lifetime. They are pastors and missionaries, students and scholars. They contribute to the "joyful noise" that rings within these walls, echoes in the streets outside, and calls back to us from some of the remotest parts of the world.

If you sense the Spirit in this place, whispering in the pipes, consider how it touches your own spirit, your individual soul. What price can you put on that?

*Tim Palmer is director of communications. Make a Joyful Noise: The 2012 Pledge Campaign begins Sunday, Oct .2.*

# REMEMBERING KEN JONES

by John Crane

### Editor's Note:

It's likely there has never been an associate pastor with a stronger influence on Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church than Kenneth Owen Jones.

Dr. Jones served here for 33 years—longer than any senior or associate pastor in the church's history. He is the only associate to be included among the portraits of senior pastors that line the walls of Jones Auditorium (an auditorium named for... you guessed it).

Even if his name and image were not already part of the church fabric, his memory would exert a powerful presence. Longtime members still remember his Welsh-accented voice, whether raised in song or hushed in prayer. Untold numbers of people who never worshipped here, who never knew Dr. Jones himself, knew that voice from FAPC's Dial-a-Prayer service.

"Ken really was Mr. Dial-a-Prayer," recalls the Rev. Randy Weber, who served with Jones for five years. "It wasn't like we shared that responsibility among the clergy. Ken did that ministry day in and day out. This is how he ministered to the wider city. He was the voice of Fifth Avenue in many ways."

Jones' presence looms even larger this month. On Oct. 4, during a recognition dinner for former officers of the church, FAPC will introduce the Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Award, created to recognize individuals who have followed Jones' example of selfless service to the congregation. Also this month, the church will bring out a second edition of Jones' popular book of daily prayer, *Lean Back on the Everlasting Arms*.

Clearly, Ken Jones is trending these days. So *The VOICE* asked John Crane—a Trustee and member of the congregation for nearly 50 years—to help introduce Jones to a generation of congregants who know the man by name only.

Who was Ken Jones? Read on.

It wasn't that long ago that people relied on the telephone to contact friends, family and business associates. Since there was no e-mail, Internet or texting, the phone was the best way to arrange an appointment, share some news or discuss business. When someone needed solace or a spiritual lift, day or night, that person would telephone a 24-hour Dial-a-Prayer.

In New York City, as many as 500 people a day called Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church's Dial-a-Prayer, which offered a different recorded prayer every day, Monday to Friday, for over 40 years. The comforting voice at the other end of the phone was generally that of the Rev. Dr. Kenneth O. Jones, who was FAPC's associate minister from 1963 until his death at age 77 in 1996.

"When listening to these beautifully written, lovingly delivered prayers, I often thought that someone should put these prayers



in a book," says Kathy Henderson, a former FAPC Elder and long-time member. Elder Carol Malsch convinced the always modest Dr. Jones to allow the church to publish a devotional guide consisting of one of his prayers for every day of the year. *Lean Back on the Everlasting Arms* appeared in 1995.

Despite the popularity of the prayer book, it eventually fell out of print. But requests for copies never stopped coming. That's why Judy Briggs, an FAPC member since 1992, spearheaded a reprint of Dr. Jones' book of prayers.

"Although I never knew Dr. Jones personally, I often listened to his recorded prayers on FAPC's Dial-a-Prayer," Briggs says. "His prayers ministered to me as a New Yorker, and his strong voice still speaks to my supplications, my hopes and my instructions for daily living. I am hoping that the prayers in his book will now speak to others as they have spoken to me."

Kenneth Owen Jones was born in a small Welsh community outside Madison, Wisconsin. He received undergraduate degrees from the University of Wisconsin and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago before being ordained by the Madison Presbytery in 1943.

## DAILY NEWS

NYDailyNews.com

On July 16, 1985, Dr. Jones was featured in a New York Daily News article headlined "The Holy Hotlines." An excerpt follows.

One woman telephones every day from Paris, at a cost of anywhere from \$1.63 to \$2.17 a call, to hear the taped one-minute Dial-a-Prayer message from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

That kind of devotion is rare. Most of the 500 or so calls made each day come from the New York City area.

And just what do callers hear?

"For the lack of a better word, call it a spiritual or moral booster shot," says the Rev. Kenneth Jones, who has written and spoken the daily prayer for nearly 20 years. "Some people use it to start their own prayerful reflections. Some are curious, others are victims of pranks. Some call in the mistaken belief that a real person is on the other end of the line."

Jones often fields telephone calls from people who want to speak with the voice on the Dial-a-Prayer tape. "These can turn into long counseling sessions," he says.

The single busiest day of the week is Wednesday, which may support the theory that people turn at midweek to Dial-a-Prayer for a pious pick-me-up.

"We've got one of the oldest 'Dial-a-Prayers' in the country," says Jones. "We started ours about 25 or 30 years ago, and now it costs us about \$2,500 a year."

Is it worth it? "Sure," he says, "anything that helps people feel better, or less alone, or raises their spirits is worth the money."



Jones with FAPC members Eleanor Ashton and Ethelwyn Hinckley, ca. 1960s. (Undated photo from the FAPC Archives)

Dr. Jones served churches in Ohio and New York City for 20 years before joining the clergy of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. He was involved in many areas of ministry in the church, including Christian education, pastoral care and counseling.

"Ken was a very compassionate, caring soul," Weber says. "He had an extensive list of people he would call or visit every week, especially the elderly, the homebound, or anyone he felt was on their own. He was their rock."

Dr. Jones died at his desk on Jan. 7, 1996, shortly after the first edition of his prayer book was published. A few days later, John Howard Sanden and his wife Elizabeth returned from a trip to find a note from Dr. Jones, beautifully handwritten in the same penmanship he used to write his prayers.

"For us, it was a little like receiving a letter from heaven," says Sanden, who painted the portrait of Jones that hangs in Jones Auditorium. "He had written a beautiful note just a couple of days before he died to thank us for his portrait. We treasure that letter and are honored to have known Dr. Jones in the years we were at FAPC."

### DETAILS

The second edition of *Lean Back on the Everlasting Arms*, Dr. Jones' book of daily prayer, is available for purchase in The Shop at FAPC. The first Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards will be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Bonnell Hall.

## What He Meant to Us

"Ken was visible everywhere during my early adult 'life' at FAPC. After my years of wandering, I wasn't comfortable returning to 'the church.' But Ken was gently sensitive to my earliest inquiries and helped me find a church home where I could contribute."

—Jeanne Pape

"I remember Ken's love of hymns. We in the choir knew that the Welsh hymn 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah' was his favorite. Every time we sang this hymn, the baritone section would always sing an echo towards the end of each verse in his honor."

—Josie Lawrence

"I was out of town when I was supposed to be ordained an FAPC deacon. So Ken held a special ordination service one Sunday afternoon. He ministered to each one of us individually, members and non-members alike."

—Jack Cole

"My husband, Andy, and I had a special connection with Ken, since he performed our marriage ceremony in 1994. We loved Ken, and he still lives in all our hearts."

—Jean Erish

## TOWARD AN EARTH-HONORING FAITH

*On either side of the river is the tree of life with its 12 kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.*  
—Revelation 22:2b

You can't tell from the course listings alone, but there is a common theme to three parts of the Adult Education curricula this fall—one that invites us to find God's presence in the natural world, and challenges us to be faithful stewards of the Creation.

These three courses may be the impetus for new "green" initiatives and a focus on environmental ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. And it all begins this month.

### Creation and the Celts

The Rev. Randy Weber's three-week class, "Celtic Chant and Prayer" (Oct. 16, 23 and 30) is the latest in his recent series of courses in Celtic spirituality. The courses have all been inspired by his 2009 pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland.

"Celtic spirituality is very aware of how God can be known through the natural world," Weber says. "The Celts would hold Creation in one hand and Scripture in the other and believe that the Word was revealed in both."

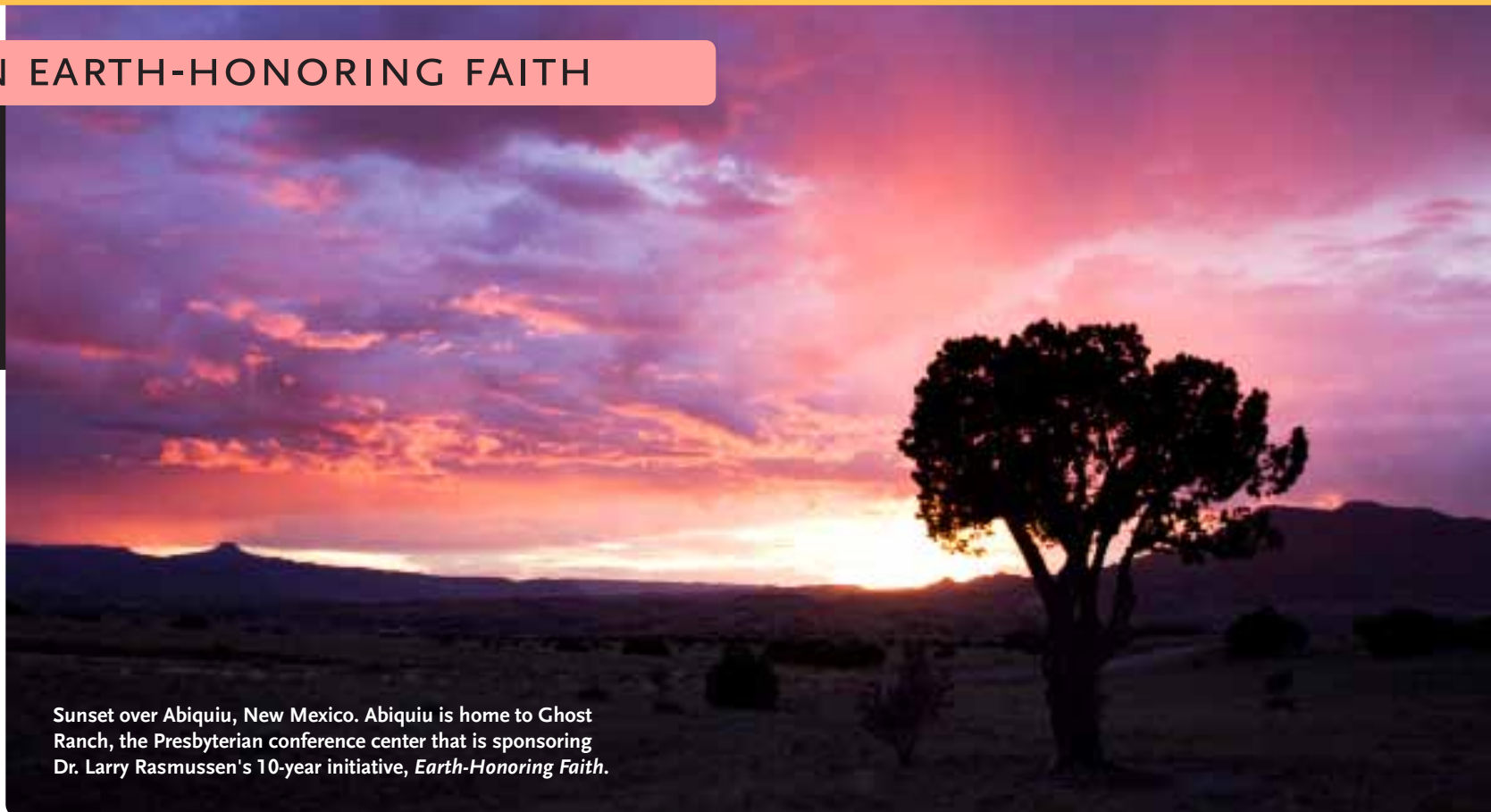
Each of the three class sessions will include Scripture, meditative chant and prayer, and will focus on one of the central concerns of the Iona community—Justice and Peace, Healing, and the Goodness of Creation and Care for the Earth.

This past summer, Weber found a natural home for Celtic theology at Ghost Ranch, the Presbyterian conference center in Abiquiu, New Mexico. In June Weber and his wife Cindy attended a week-long seminar, "This Planet as Paradise: Beauty & Ecological Restoration," led by Dr. Larry Rasmussen.

Dr. Rasmussen, a retired professor of Christian social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York, is director of a 10-year initiative at Ghost Ranch called *Earth-Honoring Faith*. He will discuss this initiative, and the challenge of 21st century environmentalism, during a presentation at FAPC on Sunday, Nov. 20.

### Earth-Honoring Faith

In his award-winning, 1996 text, *Earth Community, Earth Ethics*, Dr. Rasmussen laid out the dimensions of our ecological challenge. He noted that throughout eight millennia of human history, the majority of people lived by growing food and herding animals. That ecological reality came to an end in the third quarter of the 20th century.



Sunset over Abiquiu, New Mexico. Abiquiu is home to Ghost Ranch, the Presbyterian conference center that is sponsoring Dr. Larry Rasmussen's 10-year initiative, *Earth-Honoring Faith*.

With the rapid acceleration of the human population, most of us now rely on global food production and distribution systems, which are taking a toll on the natural balance. By some estimates, the world population will reach 10 billion by the year 2030—five times the global population of 1950.

"The relationship of the human world to the rest of earth changed fundamentally and dramatically from the onset of the 20th century to its close," Dr. Rasmussen writes. "Techno-economic power sufficient to destroy the material conditions of human and other life is the hallmark of that change." \*

The *Earth-Honoring Faith* initiative is intended to recommit human civilization to a responsible stewardship of nature. Each year of the program takes a different focus. This year, it has explored the theology of earth as paradise, creating rituals and spiritual practices to cultivate a right relationship with creation.

### Revelation and the Tree of Life

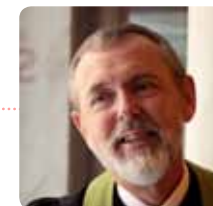
Even before Dr. Rasmussen arrives, the Rev. Kate Dunn is offering a three-week course that will explore Biblical themes of creation in what may seem an unlikely source—the Book of Revelation.

Dunn's course, "Discovering the Book of Revelation" (Nov. 6, 13 and 20) is based on a curriculum created by the Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing, professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and, with Dr. Rasmussen, an instructor in the *Earth Honoring Faith* program.

\* Rasmussen, *Earth Community, Earth Ethics* (Orbis, 1997), 4.



Rev. Kate Dunn



Rev. Randy Weber



Dr. Larry Rasmussen

Dr. Rossing's scholarship has sought to reclaim *Revelation* from those who interpret it as an apocalyptic text. She argues that, for all of its violent imagery, *Revelation* employs sacred symbols of nature to create a vision of hope.

"What speaks to me most is Chapter 22, about the River of Life," Dr. Rossing says. "On either side is the Tree of Life, and the leaves of that tree are for the healing of our world. I think that opens up an incredible vision of hope for each one of us."

### The Greening of FAPC

From all of this thoughtful, prayerful work, Weber hopes new ideas will sprout. One of the goals of the *Earth-Honoring Faith* initiative is to inspire Presbyterian congregations to launch their own green initiatives and expand environmental awareness throughout the denomination.

"My hope is that all of us at FAPC will become more environmentally conscious," he says, "perhaps focusing on new forms of ministry in response to our particular urban environment."

## New Wednesday Morning Class

Scott Black Johnston is happy to be back in a classroom. Although his new, Wednesday morning group, "Eccentric Existence," is more of a conversation than a traditional class, it represents a return to the senior pastor's scholarly side.

"I'm a pastor, but I'm also a teacher," he says. "I taught in a seminary for 10 years. I love what happens in classrooms, seeing light bulbs go 'click.'"

"Eccentric Existence" is inspired by the recent *magnum opus* of the same name by Dr. David Kelsey. The author is Dr. Black Johnston's former theology professor at Yale Divinity School. The two-volume "theological anthropology" also is the inspiration for the senior pastor's Fall Sermon Series, *Dancing in the Spirit*.

"'Eccentric Existence' is about how to live as a Christian in a post-Christian world," Dr. Black Johnston says. "That's what our Wednesday morning conversations will be focused on. We may read some articles together, and it may be a venue for me to try out ideas for a sermon. But we will always end in prayer for each other as we go out and start the day."

### DETAILS

"Eccentric Existence" meets this month on Oct. 12 and 26, beginning at 7:07 am in the Romeyn Room. Additional dates in November and December will be announced.



### The Courses

#### Celtic Chant and Prayer

Rev. Randy Weber, Oct. 16, 23 & 30.  
9:30 am, Boardroom.

#### Discovering the Book of Revelation

Rev. Kate Dunn, Nov. 6, 13 & 20.  
9:30 am, Boardroom.

#### Earth-Honoring Faith

Dr. Larry Rasmussen, Nov. 20.  
12:30 pm, Jones Auditorium.

### Outside Reading

J. Philip Newell, *Celtic Prayers from Iona* (1997)

Barbara Rossing, *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* (2004)

Larry L. Rasmussen, *Earth Community, Earth Ethics* (1996)

## THE MISSIONARIES' LIFE



On Sunday, Oct. 16, missionaries Nancy and Frank Dimmock will be our special guests at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Dimmocks will describe the particular initiatives, funded by FAPC, that are helping to save children in the Congo and western Ethiopia. Read about the Dimmocks here—then come to meet them and learn more.

On the day they married—June 1, 1985—Nancy and Frank Dimmock were appointed missionaries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). That calling has defined and shaped their life together.

The Dimmocks were first assigned to Lesotho, the tiny kingdom within the borders of South Africa. They have also lived in Malawi and traveled extensively with their mission work throughout Africa. Along the way they have reared a family of eight children.

Today the Dimmocks are based again in Lesotho, where Frank serves as the PCUSA's Africa Health Liaison. He partners with churches and ecumenical agencies to develop programs for children—work that requires frequent travel to Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, South Africa, Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Nancy works with Ministry of Hope Lesotho ([www.ministryofhope.org](http://www.ministryofhope.org)), an organization she helped to establish. Ministry of Hope seeks to reduce child mortality and abandonment, ministers to families with young children, and coordinates adoptions and family reconciliations on behalf of displaced children.

Although they serve the wider Presbyterian Church, the Dimmocks are in some respects “our” missionaries. Through our outreach funding, FAPC supports several of the programs that the Dimmocks have created to shelter and save some of Africa’s most vulnerable children.

In Mbuji-Mayi, in the central DRC, FAPC helps to maintain a safe house for young girls from the streets. Many of the girls have been abandoned by their families or run away from abusive situations. This program, *Foyer wa Dibindi*, provides clothing, regular meals and safe, temporary shelter. The girls attend a local school as staff members explore the possibility of reuniting the girls with their families or finding other options for them.

Last year, funding from FAPC enabled the launch of two early childhood development centers in western Ethiopia, near the Sudan border. Similar in concept to Head Start programs in the U.S., these centers aim to reach children early (and through them, their families), providing basic education and health interventions to three- to seven-year-olds.

The Dimmocks are singularly prepared for their mission. Frank holds a master of public health degree in epidemiology and tropical medicine from Tulane University School of Public Health in New Orleans. He served as a mission volunteer and as a mission specialist in public health in Zaire before being appointed as a full-term mission co-worker.

Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nancy is the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries David and Polly Miller, who



Above: New early childhood development centers opened last year to serve children in western Ethiopia. Below: Students from the local school in Mbuji-Mayi, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

served in Africa for 40 years. She has a master's degree in international agricultural development and animal science, and worked as a livestock manager with the Peace Corps in Lesotho before her marriage.

Over the decades, the Dimmocks have shared their lives in letters, writing a couple of times a year to report on their mission activity to the PCUSA. Many of their letters are available online at the General Assembly Mission Council website ([gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/](http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/)).

To the right are some excerpts—dispatches from the field that provide a glimpse into the lives of “our” missionaries, and an understanding of the work they do in our name, and the name of Jesus.

### DETAILS

Nancy and Frank Dimmock’s Adult Education class, “Responding to the Needs of Africa’s Children,” will begin at 12:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 16, in Jones Auditorium.

March 8, 2011

The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) is doing a special on Extreme Worlds entitled “The Best and Worst Places in the World to be a Woman.” Among the list of worst places is the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where soldiers—and men in general—rape with impunity. I (Frank) am just back from a trip which included the DRC, where I participated in a workshop on trauma healing.

My first morning in Kinshasa, I met an 11-year-old orphaned girl who lives with her widowed grandmother. In January she was sent to buy bread one afternoon and didn't return home. She had been dragged into an abandoned building and brutally raped. She was found later in the evening by her teenage brother. Though she has been physically repaired, her spirit remains battered, and she is now ashamed to face her friends and return to school. I listened to story after similar story, and my heart was literally torn open. Oh, God. Look down on your world with mercy—and teach us how to be merciful.

March 9, 2010

Through the nudging of the Holy Spirit, a family in the United States asked about the possibility of adopting a particularly vulnerable child from the orphanage. His name is Sechaba. He is 7 years old, but severely stunted because of malnutrition and curvature of the spine. The discernment process about his future requires extensive medical evaluations and building him up nutritionally. Since these things cannot be done at the orphanage, the director asked if we would be his caregivers during this process. We agreed and have been blessed with a new ‘imp’ in our household! He is settling in quickly and is now comfortable enough to argue with and even tease Isaac and Jackson! As a result of his presence, our Sesotho and his English are improving by the day. He is a blessing. His major assessments will be done in South Africa on March 25. If you happen to think of it, please pray for him on that day.

[Sechaba was placed with a family in the U.S. by Christmastime last year.]

June 12, 2008

Frank is just back from a month-long trip which took him to Tanzania, Kenya, Congo, and Ethiopia. The contrast of his meetings struck him hard. In Tanzania he was meeting with the leaders of 14 Christian health associations of Africa together with the World Health Organization, the Global Fund, and others. Held in a beautiful and comfortable resort hotel, the discussions centered on macro interventions and the efficient disbursement of millions of dollars to impact the health of nations. By contrast, at the end of his trip, his meetings in Ethiopia were held under a lone shade tree with two or three village chiefs asking for help with a clean water source, or enough food for the extra children in their care. He feels privileged to have the opportunity to examine such important issues from diverse perspectives.

## MEET THE INTERNS



Three new interns—all from Princeton Theological Seminary—will be working with NEXT Ministries and Family Ministries during the coming academic year. Allow us to introduce them to you, left to right:

### Alex Turpin

**Hometown:** San Francisco **College:** Azusa Pacific University **Studied:** Sociology and Theology **Year in Seminary:** Second **Role at FAPC:** Youth and Young Adult Intern

My ministry plans are rather atypical: vocationally I plan to work in the social work field or do some sort of chaplaincy. I am very passionate about mentoring students in their journey through adolescence. At FAPC, I look forward to being involved in NEXT. Young adults represent a new demographic of parishioners for me, and I am excited for the opportunity to let my ministry mature. I have been blown away by their commitment to each other and Christ (and rumor is their fellowship outside the church usually involves a happy hour!).

### Nikki Burks

**Hometown:** Denver **College:** Colorado State University **Studied:** Philosophy and Religious Studies **Year in Seminary:** Fourth **Role at FAPC:** Family Ministries Intern

Up to this point I have been a bit unsure of my place in the church and struggled to identify what God is calling me to. For a little over a year now, I have been babysitting for a family in Princeton. My time with this family has challenged me to look more closely at a vocation that involves working with kids and teens. This is where FAPC comes in. I am absolutely thrilled to be at FAPC and cannot think of a better community to test the waters of this potential call!

### Melanie Smith

**Hometown:** Spokane, WA **College:** Whitworth University **Studied:** Religion/Theology **Year in Seminary:** Second **Role at FAPC:** Youth and Young Adult Intern

I worked as a youth director in California for two years before returning to Whitworth, where I earned a master of arts in theology. Last year I moved east for the first time to start working toward an M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary. This year, while at FAPC, I will be working with NEXT and the youth program. I'm excited to be working in an urban church and to be a part of the community at FAPC!

October

- 2 **Make a Joyful Noise.** The 2012 Pledge Campaign begins.  
**Auditions for the Christmas Pageant.** 10:15 am, Christian Education Center.  
**Adult Education: Sometimes We Wear Jeans: Getting to Know Your Pastors.** A conversation with our five pastors, led by Tim Palmer, director of communications. 12:30 pm, Jones Auditorium.  
**Adult Education: The Philippines: An Overview of its History, Culture and Religion.** A two-session class presented by the Mission Trip Committee in anticipation of the 2012 trip to the Philippines. 9:30 am, Corning Logan Room. (Concludes Oct. 16)  
**Ordination and Installation.** Charlene Han Powell becomes a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is installed as Associate Pastor for Christian Education. 3 pm, Sanctuary.
- 3 **Mom's Bible Study.** Sponsored by Family Ministries, this study group meets at 9:30 am on the first Monday of the month. For information, contact Mollie Duggal ([mollieduggal@yahoo.com](mailto:mollieduggal@yahoo.com)).
- 4 **Recognition Dinner Honoring Former Officers.** A new, annual fellowship event, including presentation of the first Kenneth O. Jones Distinguished Service Awards. 6:30 pm, Bonnell Hall.  
**Employment Advisory.** 6:30 pm, Corning Logan Room.



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- 16 **Adult Education: Celtic Chant and Prayer.** A three-week class by the Rev. Randy Weber that combines Scripture, meditation and prayer in exploring three major themes in Celtic spirituality—Justice and Peace, Healing, and Care for the Earth. Concludes Oct. 30. 9:45 am, Boardroom.  
**Adult Education: Responding to the Needs of Africa's Children.** A special presentation on mission projects supported by FAPC, from Presbyterian missionaries Nancy and Frank Dimmock. 12:30 pm, Jones Auditorium.
- 18 **Employment Advisory.** 6:30 pm, Corning Logan Room.
- 22 **Parents Night Out.** 3:30 pm, Christian Education Center.
- 23 **Adult Education: Parenting Without Power Struggles.** Author, therapist and parenting coach Susan Stiffelman offers practical strategies and insights that promise to transform your parenting life. 9 am, Jones Auditorium.  
**Bowery Mission.** FAPC volunteers have led worship and served dinner once a month at this historic shelter for more than 40 years. 5:45 pm, 227 Bowery, between Prince and Rivington Streets on the Lower East Side.
- 26 **Eccentric Existence.** A new discussion group on faith, prayer and discipleship, led by senior pastor Scott Black Johnston. Every other Wednesday throughout the fall. 7:07 am, Romeyn Room.
- 29 **Family Ministries Fall Festival.** 10 am, Christian Education Center.
- 30 **Adult Education: Lost in Translation: Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the King James Version.** An exploration of the politics, and artistry, of Biblical translation, by Princeton Theological Seminary professor Choon-Leong Seow. 12:30 pm, Jones Auditorium.  
**Pledge Sunday.** 9:30 am, Kirkland Chapel; 11 am, Sanctuary.  
**Installation Service.** The Rev. Kate Dunn is installed as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Outreach. 3 pm, Sanctuary.

November

- 1 **Feed Your Soul.** The annual event hosted by the Outreach Committee. Dinner at 5:30 pm, Bonnell Hall. Communion service at 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel.
- 4-5 **Joy of Christmas Bazaar.** Annual sale benefiting the Women's Association's benevolence program. 10 am – 5 pm (Friday) and 10 am – 4 pm (Saturday), Christian Education Center.
- 6 **Adult Education: Discovering the Book of Revelation.** Three-week class led by the Rev. Kate Dunn. Concludes Nov. 20. 9:30 am, Boardroom.  
**Adult Education: What We Believe.** New members' class led by the Rev. Randy Weber. 12:15 pm, Jones Auditorium.
- 13 **Adult Education: A Historical and Architectural Tour of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.** Led by Gail Crane, a member of the church for nearly 50 years, and Derek Maddalena, director of facilities. 12:30 pm, Jones Auditorium.