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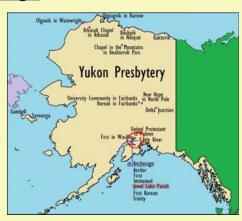
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Jewel Lake Parish, Anchorage

From Jewel Lake Parish:

We've recently been changing how we address food insecurity in our community. After more than a year trying to relaunch our food pantry, we've decided to move in new directions. We have officially closed the food pantry. In its place, we have a monthly collection for Lutheran Social Services in Spenard, which was the neighborhood where most of the few patrons of our old pantry came from. When school resumes



this fall, we'll be providing food for weekend backpack food program there. We've also added two new hands-on ministries related to food insecurity, by encouraging members of our congregation to volunteer at the Alaska Mobile Food Pantry distributions at Jewel Lake Nazarene and Lutheran Church of Hope.



Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Anchorage

Immanuel Presbyterian Church has many mission projects and we will highlight one that is long-term, one that is intermediate-term, and one that is just starting:

Long-Term: Support for Nunaka Valley Elementary School

For the past generation, the church has supported its neighborhood elementary school. Part of this effort has been in recognizing and supporting the staff by providing a



continental breakfast on the first and last day of the teachers' contract as encouragement and a thank you for the important work they do. The church also has donated requested materials that teachers need in performing their job. In addition, the church had given assistance to families in need that the school has identified by providing food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas, providing presents for Christmas, and donating food and clothing (especially winter clothing) for children in need. And some church members have been 'guest readers' to the kids on special days, and given assistance to students in learning how to buy items and stick to a budget.

Intermediate-Term: Addressing the Problem of Hunger

Starting five or six years ago, the church began holding semi-annual food drives for the Food Bank of Alaska. Both at the beginning of the calendar year and in the middle of it, one-month would be set aside for members of the church to bring canned goods to the church and the donations would be taken to the Food Bank of Alaska at the end of the month. Then, several years ago, it was decided that the food drive should be on-going, and bags were placed in the back of the sanctuary and members were encouraged to bring canned goods to the church continuously and when the bags were filled up the donations would be taken to the Food Bank of Alaska. And in September of 2014, the youth of Immanuel joined in the mission with its 'Cents-Ability' campaign by giving boxes to members to take home and put spare change in and then

bring the boxes to the church on the last Sunday of each month. The money collected was divided equally between the Food Bank of Alaska and the National Presbyterian Hunger Relief Project. And last February, as part of 'Souper Bowl Sunday' the youth collected money and canned goods for the Food Bank of Alaska with \$120 and 65 pounds of canned goods being given.

New Mission Project: The Landstrom Community Garden

Immanuel has a small physical plant and a relatively small membership, but it does have quite a bit of land and, over the past year, part of this land has been divided into plots for community gardens which have been made available for renting to both members of the church and members of the community. More plots will be created in the future. This project is just getting starting and where it will lead in the future is not certain.



Mission Work Update: Rev. Joshua Kim

Reverend Joshua Kim has been called to minister in Kenya, Africa, sponsored by the Korean Community Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. He left for Kenya last week and has asked for our prayers as he begins his mission work in the northwestern regions of Kenya.

Office of the General Assembly Job Posting



The Office of the General Assembly seeks a **Manager of Administration** for the Office of the General Assembly to provide administrative

leadership within the Office of the General Assembly in the areas of human resources,

financial management and policy. The successful candidate will have significant administrative leadership experience in office operations, budget development, and personnel administration. Skills in problem solving, team building and interpersonal relations are beneficial.

This position is full-time. This job reports to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and pays a salary of \$53,000.00 - \$68,000.00 per year, plus benefits. Relocation is provided and travel is required occasionally

The application deadline is July 1, 2015.

Contact Bobbie Montgomery, <u>bobbie.montgomery@pcusa.org</u>, Office of the General Assembly, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202

Travel Study Seminar - Russia 2016

Exploring the Life, Faith and Ongoing Challenges of the Christian Church in Russia



The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is pleased to announce the 2016 Travel Study Seminar to Russia, May 23 - June 4, 2016.

The cost of this 10-day seminar (including 2 travel days) is \$1950 per person, double occupancy. This includes all seminar expenses including meals, accommodations, programs, tours, and in-country transportation. The cost of airfare from the US to Russia is not included.

Applications are available and may be submitted until December 31, 2015. For more information, please view the seminar brochure.

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October 9-10, 2015

Our Next Presbytery Meeting
Location United Protestant Church, Palmer

Presbytery of Yukon - 616 W. 10th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99577 - 907-276-0914