



# Presbytery of Yukon

October 9, 2020

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## Presbytery-Wide United Worship: October 11, 11:00 a.m.

Many congregations across the presbytery have cancelled their local Sunday worship service for October 11 in order to join with Presbyterians from across the state for a united, online worship service.

Sunday's worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be aired via Facebook Live and YouTube, and may now be accessed through Zoom for participants without internet but yearning to listen to the service through their phone.

*To join the Sunday, Oct. 11th 11:00 am closing worship service:*

- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCafQzvG2fjPnzDcFEJiTA4g>
- <https://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofYukon/>
- Zoom (for audio only): use one of the phone numbers listed above and the same meeting ID.

*To join all Zoom sessions via the Internet:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7959606340>

Meeting ID: 795 960 6340

*To join all Zoom session via phone (audio only):*

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

877 853 5257 US Toll-free OR

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 795 960 6340

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## Board of Pensions Annual Enrollment



It serves as a yearly checkup for your benefits. To check up on changes in the Benefits Plan, and opportunities pastors and religious workers may wish to pursue, [GO TO THIS LINK](#)

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## Stepping Up with COVID Arrives



Because of Alaska's geography—especially the lack of roads to so many communities in the state, our villages have been largely insulated from the COVID virus...until just recently.

In the past weeks, several of Alaska's more remote communities have seen COVID-19 begin to make inroads into their communities. In our presbytery, the St. Lawrence Island community of Gambell has been especially hard-hit, with new cases appearing almost daily in the past few weeks.

At last count Gambell, a community with 700 residents, had 23 cases in the community, and a real shortage of places for quarantining patients who test positive for the virus.

Besides deciding to shut down face-to-face worship once again, the church leaders also decided to make their church manse available as a quarantine center. Since Pastors Beulah Nowpakahok and Merle Apassingok have their own homes, the session believed the manse to be an ideal place for people needing to quarantine. At press time, three Gambell residents were quarantining in the Gambell Presbyterian manse.

Please keep the church, its leadership, and the whole community in prayer as they continue to take the steps needed to stop the spread of this virus on St. Lawrence Island. Pray also for the many other communities affected across Alaska, and across the world.

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## Healthy Boundary Training

In October, the Presbytery of Yukon will be joining with the Alaska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America for online Boundaries Training for church professionals. Rev. Henry Woodall of the Presbytery of Yukon and Rev. Sandy Van Zyle of the ELCA have been planning this event and will be presiding. The training is required for pastors and others in the Presbytery of Yukon.

This training will be held using the Zoom platform online in three 2-hour blocks, October 12, 14 and 21. Pastors and church leaders will be contacted directly regarding the Zoom address they will need to join the class meetings.

Professional boundaries are the limits that help us to develop effective relationships in the workplace. Normally, they relate to issues of power, authority and attitudes in the workplace.

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## A Conversation on Black Theology

Join the Presbyterian Historical Society Live on October 22 from 2-3pm on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#) as they welcome [The Reverend Dr. Charles Lattimore Howard](#) for a conversation about Black Theology and its role in mass movements of the past and today...

[Read More...](#)

## PHS: A Conversation on Black Theology

The Insurance Board has released a COVID-19 Video Training, "Re-opening during COVID-19: Considerations for Church Leadership and Clergy" to help ministries with their decision making process regarding re-opening during COVID-19.

This resource includes two videos: one for church leadership and clergy and a companion video for ministry staff. Each participant will also receive Insurance Board's COVID-19 TOOLKIT. The training video bundle is available to Insurance Board policyholders at no cost; each ministry insured by IB, will have access to 25 licenses.

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### Prayer Requests



Please pray for Anders (Iyaka) Apassingok of Gambell, father of Commissioned Pastor Merle Apassingok, who is being treated for stage 3 cancer.

Please pray for Curt & Cindee Karns as they are recovering from Covid-19.

### Mark Your Calendars

**October 5th - 11th**

**Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery**  
Virtually via Zoom

**October 11th  
at 11 am**

**Presbytery-wide Virtual Worship Service**

- [Via Youtube](#)
- [Via Facebook](#)

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