

A.E.C Synod/Synodical of Southwestern Ontario



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2011

Greetings,

Spring has officially arrived! With the coming of this season of new growth and new life, we look forward to warmer days as we enjoy the beauty and gift of God's wonderful creation. This newsletter has resources and information to assist you with planning for summer and fall programs. The 2011 Vacation Bible School Comparison Chart is included in this mailing.

I have listed below some of the new curriculum that will be available for the fall. You can check the websites below for a preview.

"Dwell – Awaken Kids Ongoing Story of God." Age graded. Downloadable. Check the website:
www.DwellCurriculum.org

"Feasting on the Word." A new online lectionary based curriculum. Age graded, multi-age, youth, young adult and Adult. Website: www.feastingontheword.net/curriculum

"Being Reformed:"—Faith Seeking Understanding, a new curriculum for helping people to understand the Reformed faith. Topics include: Disciplineship: The Way of Jesus, Worship as Evangelism. Leaders guide and participants book are required. Congregational Ministries Publishing PCUSA.

If I can assist you with your Christian Education needs or help you in looking for helpful resources for your ministry, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance, by phone: 905-308-8306, email: synodaec@on.aibn.com mail: 19 Pearl St. N., Hamilton, Ont. L8R 2Y6

Grace and Peace,

REV. ANNE

Mission Awareness Sunday May 1, 2011. Theme: “Ambassadors”.

Resources for the worship service available at www.presbyterian.ca

Recommended Books

Home Grown Handbook for Christian Parenting. 111 Real Life Questions and Answers. Karen De Boer. Faith Alive.

99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children. Kathleen Long Bostrom. Westminster John Knox Press

“Shaped by God” – Twelve Essentials for Nurturing Faith in Children, Youth and Adults. Edited by Robert J. Keely. Faith Alive

“What the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian.” A Guide to What Matters Most. Martin Hielen. Westminster John Knox Press

Educational Opportunities

- Manna Day Crieff Hills “Confrontation to Co-Operation” Speaker Dr. Andrew Irvine, May 12, 2011, 11am-3pm. To register call 1-800-884-1525
- Crossing Cultures Together Forum (VII) Church in Transition: Moving Beyond Mono-Cultural Church. Monday, May 16, 2011, 1:00 – 6:30 p.m. Keynote Address: The Changing Face of Canada. Presenter: Ratna Omidvar, President Maytree. Excellent Workshops. To register call 416-978-0371 or knoxasian.centre@utoronto.ca
- National Presbyterian Women’s Gathering, “Look IN Shout OUT”, Richmond Hill, (GTA), Ontario, May 20-23, 2011.
- Synod Congregational Life Committee Workshop, “Worship with All the Senses”, with Dr. Brian Wren and Dr. Susan Heafield, Saturday, May 28th, 2011, Knox Church, Woodstock. 9am-3pm. Cost 25.00/person. To register call Shirley Miller 519-442-7570.
- The 19th Annual Summer Training Institute for Church Leaders, Waterloo, Ontario. Spiritual Leadership: Helping the Church to Live From its Centre, With Dr. N. Graham Standish. June 14-16, 2011. For further information contact: Nan Cressman phone 519-742-2280 or email nanecressman@sympatico.ca
- Synod Mission Committee Workshop “All God’s People” September 24th, 2011, Knox Woodstock. 9am-2:30p.m. Watch for more information!
- APCE Annual Event “God’s Surprising Wonders” Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 1-4, 2012. Leadership to include: Rabbi Sandy Sasso Author and Illustrator, Dr. Carol Bechtel, Western Theological Seminary, Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Financial Assistance to attend is available from The Vine 1-800-619-7301.