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Project Homecoming builds 100th house

[Project Homecoming](#), a rebuild ministry of the [Presbytery of South Louisiana](#) in partnership with [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), recently celebrated completion of its 100th house.



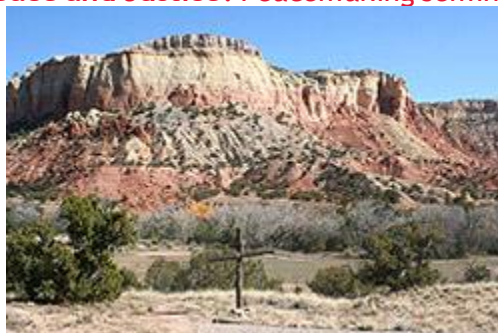
The home is located in the Lower 9th Ward and is owned by Wesley Hall, 72. After Hurricane Katrina, Hall did not have an easy road home. He survived both the storm and the Superdome, buried his wife about a year after Katrina swept through, and lost all of his insurance and retirement savings to a crooked contractor. He was left hopeless in a half-finished house.

That's when Project Homecoming came in. Wesley Hall now lives in a safe, beautiful home large enough to accommodate his niece, daughter and granddaughter, but built smart so that his utility bills are always affordable.

"I cannot put into words how much this means to me," Hall told dozens of blue-shirted PDA volunteers during the home's dedication. "It is great to be back home."

Read the *Times-Picayune* [article](#) about the celebration. See more information about Project Homecoming's work [online](#) [PDF].

Compassion, Peace and Justice: Peacemaking seminar calls believers



Generations of Presbyterian peacemakers from across the country will gather for a joyful homecoming among the mesas of northern New Mexico at the [2010 Peacemaking Seminar](#), "Re-Membering Peace: Still the Believers' Calling." The event, Aug. 25-28 at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu,

N.M., celebrates 30 years of Presbyterian peacemaking. The seminar is designed for young adults and adults and especially seeks to call forth a new generation of Presbyterians committed to building those things that make for peace. Registration is limited. For more information or to register for the event, contact Dayna Oliver at (888) 728-7228, extension 8700 or [by email](#).

Evangelism & Church Growth: Former PC(USA) associate accepts White House appointment



[Phil Tom](#), associate for [Small Church and Community Ministry](#), has been appointed by the [White House](#) to serve as the director for the [Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives](#) for the [Department of Labor](#), effective April 5. Tom will work at building partnerships with faith-based and community groups to improve the lives of workers, particularly around livable wages and working conditions. Tom served the [General Assembly Mission Council](#) since 2000, working with small, rural and urban congregations, building relationships for congregational and community renewal.

Vocation: Apply now for “For Such a Time as This”



Applications are now available to pastoral candidates seeking their first call - and who have been certified by their presbytery ready to receive a call - for [For Such a Time as This](#), the innovative new pastoral residency program through the PC(USA)’s office of [Vocation](#), which seeks to pair small, under-served congregations with recent seminary graduates. The presbyteries of [Heartland](#), [St. Andrew](#), [Northern Plains](#) and [South Dakota](#) will each have two to four residency churches for a total of nine openings. Pastoral residents will be ordained as ministers of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). All positions are full-time, designated pastor positions and will be compensated at presbytery minimum salaries. Application and recommendation forms - due no later than April 23 - are available on the program’s [website](#).

Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries/Presbyterian Women: Join AllWomen in the church



Are you a woman eager to deepen and widen your community of faith? Join the [award-winning AllWomen in the church](#) social network! [Join](#) more than 750 other members, and create a membership profile or share your thoughts in the [forum](#) around topics of interest. Post photos and videos, chat with one another and join groups. Read and reflect on [devotionals](#) and [stories of women](#) working in all corners of the church.

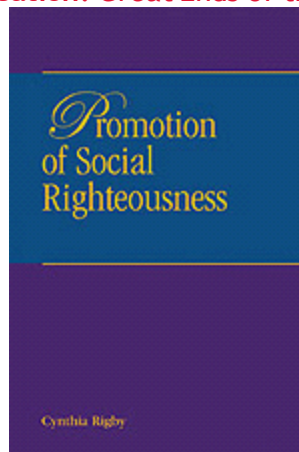
Stewardship: Save the date: 2011 Kaleidoscope Conference



Attendees at the 2010 Kaleidoscope Conference, held last month in Indianapolis, learned new ideas for stewardship campaigns, and found ways to share the theology and spiritual meaning of stewardship.

It's not too early to plan for the 2011 event, to be held Feb. 28-March 2 in Phoenix. Mark the date on your calendar and reserve funds to attend. [Watch the Stewardship Kaleidoscope website for updates.](#)

Theology Worship & Education: Great Ends of the Church series completed



[Witherspoon Press](#), an imprint of [Congregational Ministries Publishing](#), has just completed a series of six books on the *Great Ends of the Church*. The recently published and final installment of the series, written by Presbyterian scholar Cynthia L. Rigby, focuses on the [Promotion of Social Righteousness](#).

Each of the books in the Great Ends of the Church series embodies one of the six great mission purposes of the church, found in the [the Book of Order](#).

[Order the series of books](#) and discover the core values that are part of the PC(USA) and the General Assembly Mission Council's rich heritage.

World Mission: Protect human rights in the Philippines: Seek peace by advocating for human rights



Our sisters and brothers in Christ in the [United Church of Christ in the Philippines](#) have requested prayer and letters to President Arroyo's government following the arrest of 43 health workers, including a lay leader in the church's health ministry. Online you can find a [prayer](#) for the people of the Philippines, a sample letter, and [addresses](#) for government officials in the Philippines. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the World Council of Churches, and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches are among those that have sent letters on this issue.

Also in response to a request from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the [Presbyterian Peacemaking Program](#) and [Presbyterian World Mission](#) will send two individuals to the Philippines to serve as observers during the [May presidential election](#).

In other World Mission news, watch for the May issue of [Presbyterians Today](#) which offers glimpses of the church's life-changing work around the world, as well as an in-depth look at how recent changes in the mission enterprise herald an exciting new chapter of mission history.

Announcements:

Going to Presbyterian Writers' Guild Conference?

There's still time to register for the Presbyterian Writers Conference. It will be held from Wednesday through Thursday, April 28-29, at the [Scarritt-Bennett Center](#) in Nashville, Tenn.

The conference is aimed at helping writers produce marketable articles or books, develop a freelance career, and "impact the world with their words." Classes include information on basic manuscript preparation, writing devotions, writing fiction, writing personal experience and other types of articles, song writing, screen writing, stringing for Presbyterian publications, proposals, social networking, how to find a good agent and more.

[Register online today](#) →



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