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February 2010, Number 1

*A Unifying Voice in the Name of Jesus Christ for the Mission of the Gospel and the Wholeness of Communities*

### New Pastor to the Pittsburgh Presbytery

The Pittsburgh Presbytery has called the Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge to serve as their new Pastor to the Presbytery. Prior to his call to Pittsburgh, Dr. Sorge served as the Associate Director of The Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary where he also served as Adjunct Professor of Worship. He served on the initial design team and continues to serve in the leadership of the Presbyterian CREDO program, which provides opportunities for clergy to examine significant areas of their lives and to prayerfully discern the future direction of their vocation as they respond to God's call in a lifelong process of practice and transformation. From 2000-2006, Pastor Sorge was Associate for Theology, General Assembly Council, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Dr. Sorge earned a diploma in Pastoral Ministry from Elim Bible Institute in 1975 and a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Roberts Wesleyan College in 1981. Duke University awarded him both a M.A. (1983) and a Ph.D. (1987) in Theology and Ethics. In 1993 he was ordained a Minister of the Word and Sacrament by the Abingdon Presbytery. He has served as pastor to congregations in Marion, VA and Elkins, WV.



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### Number of Pittsburgh Youth Affected by Violence Higher Than National Average

The Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, through an informal survey of youth ages 9-18 conducted in October 2009, found that 78.9% of those surveyed had experienced hand-gun violence; either a family member or close friend had been shot. Nationally, an average of 60% of youth report some form of experience with violence and this figure includes all types of violence, including domestic abuse and bullying, not just gun-related violence.

The survey was prompted by the work of MUI and its collaboration with the Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence. Christian Associates Council of Bishops and Executives has been collaborating with the Coalition and the Pittsburgh Youth Futures Commission to engage congregations and individuals in addressing youth violence not only in Pittsburgh but in the entire region.

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# REFLECTIONS ALONG THE WAY



**Dear Siblings in Our Lord,**

Recently I was selecting hymns for an ecumenical service. I grabbed my denomination's new hymnal to type the text, only to find an alternate translation of the lyrics. Our prior hymnal read, *Spread, oh spread, almighty Word, Spread the reign of God the Lord. Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.* To my surprise the new hymnal had changed the second line of the stanza to *Send forth our Creator's call, heaven's gifts extend to all.* What a difference!

I do not dispute that indeed it is the Father's (*our Creator's*) intent to love the whole creation and all humanity. One cannot deny the clarity of John 3:16-18. We need only look to the history of God's covenantal love to Israel, his steadfast faithfulness, even in the face of the nation's and peoples' frequent rebellion to see God's intention. Yes, God loves all humankind and individually every one of us.

But does this new lyric proclaim grace without a cost; abundant life without suffering; eternal life without transformation? Is the author of the new text proposing a new universalism with a sugar daddy god who accepts us as we are without any need for repentance and personal change of heart and behavior? Fortunately, later stanzas remain faithful to Trinitarian confession and the importance of God's Son – his incarnation, death and resurrection so that *heaven's gifts extend to all.*

With the Great Fast (Feb. 15) and Lent (Feb. 17) upon us, I much prefer the older text, *Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.* With violence all around us; with disease, disaster and death claiming lives; with our prisons overflowing and neighbors still bound by guilt and shame one must acknowledge the reality of sin and human sinning. We remain a broken race, alienated from our Prodigal Parent and from one another. Without God's gracious intervention into our dark dilemma, death is our just end and there is no hope for the future of humanity. Yes, *Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.*

This penitential season is indeed a time for both personal and corporate reflection and repentance; a time of genuine turning from sinning and to new obedience to our Father's will. This is not about earning God's favor but about being transformed into the likeness of the Son – obedient, sacrificial love for the other, because he has already given his life for us. For such turning from sin and amendment of life we need God's help. *Tell of God the Spirit giv'n, Now to guide us on to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.*

May the Spirit lead you to reflect upon the costly suffering of Jesus, the price of obedience to the Father's will for him, rejoice in God the Father's mercy and grace to us his errant children, and then to Christ-like love and sacrificial service to our neighbor.

**In Christ's love and transforming grace,**

*Pastor Don Green*

## TV Ministry Programs for Seniors

The physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of seniors is the subject of several new TV programs soon to be produced by the Christian Associates TV ministry. A local family foundation has awarded Christian Associates a modest grant to produce the shows which will air on Comcast Channel 95 in the city of Pittsburgh. Christian Associates will also record the programs to DVD and make them available to retirement and elderly care communities. Some of the grant monies will be used to explore other ways of distributing programs to those who share a concern for seniors.

A wealth of expertise has come to the table to advise the TV ministry on relevant topics and available experts for the programs. Representatives of faith-based senior service agencies and wellness, hospice, and palliative care organizations are meeting with Christian Associates to brainstorm ideas and offer guidance. The shows are the first funded step of a potential connection between Christian Associates and southwest Pennsylvania's older persons and their caregivers.

*For information on Christian Associates Television programming call Christian Associates Director of Television Ministry, Monica Kao at 412-688-9070.*

### Organist/Choir Director Opening

East Liberty Presbyterian Church is accepting applications to fill a 3/4-time position for Organist/Choir Director. Primary responsibilities include Sunday service, Thursday rehearsals, handbell choir, and periodic special events. Four manual, 120-rank Aeolian-Skinner/Goulding & Wood organ. Salary guided by AGO standards. Contact ELPC Search Committee at 116. S. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 or call 412-441-3800 or see [www.cathedralofhope.org](http://www.cathedralofhope.org).

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## The Way Forward in Darfur and South Sudan

**Featured Speaker: Special Envoy to Sudan, Maj. Gen. (Ret) Scott Gration**

The Way Forward in Darfur and South Sudan, a very important national conference from the standpoint of both inter-Sudanese dialogue and policy and advocacy, will take place on March 19-21, 2010, at Carnegie Mellon University -- one month before critical Sudan-wide Elections. The Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Committee is especially pleased to note that the President's Special Envoy to Sudan, Major General (Ret) Scott Gration will be participating in a public event in connection with the conference on Saturday, March 20.

Over the course of the past year, nearly 100 southern Sudanese and Darfuri leaders living in the U.S. have expressed interest in coming together to discuss the future of their country and how they can lead for peace from the U.S. While Pittsburgh-based southern Sudanese had attended local rallies before last year, their strong turnout at the Save Darfur Coalition's April 2009 event in Washington D.C. indicated a serious convergence of interests and aims between their community and the Darfuri Diaspora. The collaboration between Darfuris, southern Sudanese, and other U.S. activists was strengthened in common G-20 advocacy efforts and a pre-conference planning meeting on Oct. 17-18, 2009. For more information and to register go to [www.pittsburghdarfur.org](http://www.pittsburghdarfur.org).

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# ECUMENICAL EVENTS

## East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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[www.cathedralofhope.org](http://www.cathedralofhope.org)

### "Why Do God's People Sing?"

Dates: Fri. Mar. 12 – Sun. Mar. 14

Times: Fri. evening 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Sat.  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Sun. 10:30 a.m.  
worship at Church of the Redeemer,  
5700 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA --  
412-422-7100

Fees: Fri. only \$5; Saturday workshops  
with lunch \$40

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## Pittsburgh Compline Choir

Heinz Memorial Chapel  
University of Pittsburgh campus  
412-682-6886

[www.compline.lucpgh.com](http://www.compline.lucpgh.com)

### Compline: Choral Prayer at the Close of the Day

Dates: Sunday evenings  
Time: 8:30 p.m.

### Guest Organists:

Feb. 14 – Jon Tyillian, Organ Scholar, East  
Liberty Presbyterian Church  
Feb. 21 – Alastair Stout from Coraopolis  
United Methodist Church and  
Pittsburgh Compline Choir Composer-  
in-Residence  
Feb. 28 – Nicholas Capozzoli from Our  
Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

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## Music in Pittsburgh

### Music in a Great Space

Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
5121 Westminister Place, Pgh 15232  
Admission \$10 adults, \$5 seniors,  
students & children free  
[www.shadysidepres.org](http://www.shadysidepres.org)

### Philip Brisson, Organist

Date: Sun. Feb. 14, 4:00 p.m.

## The Kent Camerata

Date: Sun. Mar. 14, 4:00 p.m.  
Professional vocal/instrumental ensemble  
affiliated with Kent State Univ.

## Heinz Memorial Chapel, University of Pittsburgh campus

### Free Organ Concerts

Dates: Sundays 3:00 p.m.  
Sun. Feb. 28 – Jeanne Kohn  
Sun. Mar. 28 – Paul Weber

## Organ Artists Series

East Liberty Presbyterian Church  
118 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh 15206  
Regular admission \$12, student \$5

[www.oas-series.com](http://www.oas-series.com)

### Jane Parker Smith, organist from the UK

Date: Sun. Mar. 21, 4:00 p.m.

## Tiffany Concert Series

Calvary United Methodist Church  
971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh 15233  
Call 412-323-1070 or 412-279-6022  
for tickets

### "Cappella Music from Around the World," Heinz Chapel Choir, Jerry Goldsmith, Director

Sun. Mar. 21, 4:00 p.m.

### "CFC Goes to the Movies," Children's Festival Chorus

Sun. April 18, 4:00 p.m.

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## Franciscan Spirit & Life Center

3605 McRoberts Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15234  
412-881-9207

[www.osfprov.org/FSLC](http://www.osfprov.org/FSLC)

### Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection

Date: Wed. Feb. 17  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$15, includes lunch

## Group Spiritual Direction

Date: Thursdays, Feb. 25 thru Mar. 25  
(5 weeks)  
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Presenter: MaryAnn Garfold  
Free will offering

These weekly sessions will be based  
on the book *Home Tonight: Further  
Reflections on the Parables of the Prodigal  
Son* by Henri Nouwen. Book will be avail-  
able.

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## Kearns Spirituality Center

9000 Babcock Blvd  
Allison Park, PA 15101  
[www.divineprovidencweb.org](http://www.divineprovidencweb.org)

### Lenten Breakfast: Busy Women Cultivating Inner Peace

Date: Wed. Feb. 17  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Anne Kernion, MA  
Fee: \$25; registration requested, please  
call 412-635-6313

Discover new approaches to inner har-  
mony from a woman who "walks the  
walk." The breakfast and presentation  
will be followed by an optional distribu-  
tion of ashes.

### Prayer and Hospitality: East Meets West

Date: Thur. Mar. 4  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Facilitator: Marian Senish, CDP, MA  
Fee: \$25, includes lunch

In this time, we use a reality and a meta-  
phor which comes to us from the Greek  
tradition – the Poustinia, a crossroad in  
our hearts where hospitality and solitude  
meet. This retreat will be at Providence  
Villa, 10745 Babcock Blvd.

### Book Discussion, Prayer and Faith Sharing

Dates: Weds. April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5  
Times: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. or  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.





# ECUMENICAL EVENTS

Facilitator: Joan Coultas, CDP, Ph.D.  
 Fee: \$20 series or \$5 per session,  
 plus book

The book for discussion is Eternal Echoes: Celtic Reflections on Our Yearning and Belonging by John O'Donahue. We will examine the need for belonging and how it comes about or is absent in one's life.

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## Eastminster Presbyterian Church

250 N. Highland Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
 412-361-7788

[www.eastminsterchurch.net](http://www.eastminsterchurch.net)

## Commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King: A Service of Word and Song

Date: Sun. Feb. 21, 2010  
 Time: 4:00 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public

John Welch, Dean of Students at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be reading some of Dr. King's sermons and a combined choir will be singing several spirituals.

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## St. Joseph Spirituality Center

A Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph  
 1020 State Street  
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 724-869-6585

Registrations: Sister Ann Francis Hanley:  
 724-869-6587

[www.stjoseph-baden.org](http://www.stjoseph-baden.org)

## Lenten Day of Prayer: Women of the Passion

Date: Tues. Feb. 23  
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 Speaker: Sister Donna Marie Tahaney, CSJ  
 Fee: \$20, includes lunch

Many women were among those who were with Jesus on the day of his Passion and Death. This day of prayer is a time to

walk with these women as they journeyed with Jesus.

## Women in the Workplace

Date: Sat. Mar. 6  
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 Presenters: Sisters Mary Catherine Cudnik, Diane McCalley, Melania Polensky, and Jeanne Scott  
 Fee: \$50, includes meals

This weekend retreat is for women involved in work outside the home. For those who wish to extend the retreat through Sunday morning, it is an additional \$15.

## Beginning Experience

Dates: Fri. Mar. 19 – Sun. Mar. 21  
 Time: Fri. 7:00 p.m. – Sun. 4:00 p.m.  
 Presenters: *Beginning Experience* Team  
 Fee: \$160, includes meals, lodging and program materials

*Beginning Experience* is a program for adults grieving the loss of a spousal relationship through death, divorce or separation, who are ready to come to terms with their loss and begin to move forward with their lives. To register, call Susan Jolley-Ackerman, 724-334-0118. This weekend will be held at Gilmary Retreat Center in Coraopolis.

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## Martina Spiritual Renewal Center

5244 Clarwin Avenue  
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 412-931-9766

[www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com](http://www.sistersoftheholyspirit.com)

## Women's Retreat Weekend: "What's In a Name?"

Dates: Fri. Feb. 26 thru Sun. Feb. 28  
 Time: begins 8:00 p.m. Fri. and ends with Sun. brunch  
 Presenter: Jo Ann Paradise, D.Min  
 Offering: \$160; registration required by Feb. 12th

We will explore the use of names in the Scriptures and listen for our own name to be spoken.

## Lenten Day of Reflection: "Tempered with Humility: Our Loves as an Offering to our Lord"

Date: Sun. Mar. 7  
 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Presenter: Angela Gaughan  
 Offering: \$30; registration required by Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Lenten Evening of Reflection: "Embracing the Cross in the World Today"

Date: Mon. March 22  
 Time: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
 Presenter: Fr. David Moczulski, OSF  
 Offering: \$20 with dinner, \$7 for 6:30 arrival; registration required by Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>

Fr. David will explore how we are called to not only revere the cross, but to embrace it, to make the cross a means to new life and resurrection.

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## Taizé Services

### Christ United Methodist Church 44 Highland Road, Bethel Park

[www.christumc.net](http://www.christumc.net)  
 Dates: First Wed. of each month  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.

### East Liberty Presbyterian Church 116 S. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh 15206

[www.cathedralofhope.org](http://www.cathedralofhope.org)  
 Dates: Every Wed.  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

### Hope Lutheran Church of Forest Hills 353 Ridge Avenue at Braddock Road

[Hope@Lutheran.com](mailto:Hope@Lutheran.com)  
 Dates: First Fri. of each month  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.

# Earned Income Tax Credit Puts Money in Pockets, Boosts Economy

The federal government estimates that approximately \$38 million in Earned Income Credits is left unclaimed by eligible taxpayers in Allegheny County each year. The United Way of Allegheny County and the Money In Your Pocket Coalition are partnering to provide free tax preparation services to low-income individuals and families to put more of this money in local pockets.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is the nation's largest anti-poverty program. For a full-time minimum wage worker, the EITC could represent as much as three months of take home pay.

## EITC Eligibility:

- Families with one child who earned less than \$35,463 in 2009 (or less than \$40,463 for married workers) are eligible for a refundable credit of up to \$3,043.
- Families with two children who earned less than \$40,295 in 2009 (or less than \$45,295 for married workers) are eligible for a refundable credit of up to \$5,028.
- Families with three or more children who earned less than \$43,279 in 2009 (or less than \$48,279 for married workers) are eligible for a refundable credit of up to \$5,657.

- Workers without a qualifying child, who earned less than \$13,440 in 2009 (or less than \$18,440 for married workers) are eligible for a credit of up to \$457.

There are several ways that local taxpayers can access free tax services. For families with incomes up to \$40,000 and individuals with incomes up to \$20,000, The Money In Your Pocket – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites provide tax preparation services at four locations: Just Harvest, South Side; Just Harvest at CCAC, Boyce Campus, Monroeville; Parental Stress Center, East Liberty; and Goodwill of Southwestern PA at McKeesport. At these sites, IRS-certified volunteers will assist taxpayers with federal, state, and local taxes and offer referrals to other community services which may assist people in achieving or maintaining financial stability.

For households with incomes up to \$58,000, a free website is available to e-file federal and state returns. Visit [www.myfreetaxes.com/pgh](http://www.myfreetaxes.com/pgh) to file for FREE!

For more information on EITC and referrals to free tax preparation sites near you, call the United Way Helpline at 412.255.1155 or visit [www.eitcpg.org](http://www.eitcpg.org).

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## Oikocredit

Oikocredit, a worldwide cooperative society founded by the World Council of Churches in 1975, promotes global justice by challenging people, churches, and others to share their resources through socially responsible investments and by empowering disadvantaged people with credit.

**Oiko** refers to the classical Greek word, *Oikos*, meaning *house, the place where people live together*. **Credit** not only refers to the financial credit; it also refers to the “credo” of Oikocredit; the *belief* that economically poor people are reliable business partners who can create jobs and income for themselves, if only given credit.

Oikocredit is the largest international private provider of Microcredit in the world. Small loans for income-generating projects to poor people in Asia, Africa, and Latin America go a long way to improving health, nutrition, education, housing, and self-esteem. Oikocredit provides loans to over 400 microfinance institutions, which then loan to millions of people in 65 countries.

Oikocredit also provides loans to over 65 Fair Trade cooperatives around the world. Perhaps your church serves and sells Fair Trade coffee or chocolate, much of which is coming from Fair Trade cooperatives funded by Oikocredit. Oikocredit receives its capital for making loans to the world's poor from socially responsible investments primarily from Christian communities and individuals. Since Oikocredit's start, all investors have received annual interest plus their full investment returned to them upon redemption. The lives of the poor are changed through economic participation and they maintain their local economies by paying back their loans.

If you or your church would like to invest in or contribute to Oikocredit, please visit our website: [www.oikocredit.org](http://www.oikocredit.org), or write to us at Oikocredit/Western Pennsylvania Support Association, 5401 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. If you need more information or have further questions, call 412-826-5824 or e-mail [jpeffer642@aol.com](mailto:jpeffer642@aol.com).

## Disaster Response

Member judicatories of Christian Associates and their denominations have been responding to the devastating earthquakes in Haiti. A marvelous collaboration of faith-based agencies, political leaders and government, corporations, hospitals and medical personnel enabled the evacuation of 54 orphans to Pittsburgh.

But disasters also continue locally. Flooding last June in the Turtle Creek Valley has left many unmet needs in the nearby communities. Since this was not a declared disaster by FEMA, victims were not eligible for any government assistance. A long-term recovery team has been established to address the needs of those communities. Christian Associates is administering raised funds, and also serves as the fiscal and administrative agent for the Western PA VOAD (Volunteers Active in Disaster).

Recently Pastor Don Green convened a meeting of VOAD members, major first responders including the Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, United Way, and Region 13 Emergency Management representatives to review the Turtle Creek flooding response. The participating VOAD members and responders agreed to a more efficient and expeditious sharing of information to avoid duplication of services to disaster victims.

Christian Associates is committed to establishing a Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee with representatives of each of our member judicatories. A chair person is needed for the Committee. To offer your assistance either as the chair or as a committee person from your judicatory contact Pastor Green at [dgreen@casp.org](mailto:dgreen@casp.org).

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### *Violence, from page 1*

Respondents to the survey were drawn from several Pittsburgh after-school programs dealing with school-age youth and East End area congregations. The purpose of the survey was to get some idea of what young people think concerning violence and what is important to them. The survey also asked other questions about favorite subjects in school, ways to stop street violence, people youth admired, favorite entertainers, and what they pray for the most. Asked for suggestions for stopping street violence, 18.9% thought that banning or reducing access to guns or tightening gun control laws would be helpful.

When asked about their prayer habits, youth who either indicated that they did not pray or were unable to provide examples of prayer in their everyday lives were most likely to provide no solutions as to how to reduce violence or to

indicate that they did not believe it was possible to stop or reduce the violence. All youth who identified a practice of spiritually-rooted prayer provided suggestions regarding how to reduce violence and expressed belief that healing was possible.

Pastor Don Green joined Dr. Ron Peters, Director of MUI; Rev. Saleem Ghubrill, Pittsburgh Promise; and M. Gayle Moss, Pittsburgh NAACP at a press conference to announce the results of the survey. All agreed that continued collaboration by churches and schools, parents and community organizations, law enforcement, and government is needed to create positive futures for our youth marked by success in education, ability to find employment, and stable homes.

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### *Sorge, from page 1*

“Sheldon Sorge has passion for Jesus Christ, for people and for the world.” wrote Betty Meadows, General Presbyter, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. “With his gift of music, both voice and piano, and with his gift of theological scholarship, Pittsburgh Presbytery would be blessed indeed to have such a fine Pastor to Presbytery.” The President of Louisville Seminary, Dean K. Thompson commented, “Dr. Sheldon Sorge impressively embodies the major callings and responsibilities of ministry in our Reformed tradition: the minister as preacher, teacher, pastor, and leader.”

Dr. Sorge is married to the Rev. Tammy Wiens, also an ordained PCUSA minister and currently the Associate for Spiritual Formation for the PCUSA. They are the parents of two grown and married daughters, and have two grandsons.


In making his statement of faith to the presbytery, Sorge declared, “I believe I have been called by God as a servant of this good news, to proclaim it in word, to demonstrate it in deed, and to guard it in love. In the power of the Holy Spirit, I strive to fulfill this high calling from God in Christ Jesus. To God alone be the glory. Amen.”

## Prepare-Enrich Training

The Kiski Area Association of Churches, a Ministerium based in the Kiski School District area, near Vandergrift, PA invites you to come to a Prepare-Enrich Certification Workshop that the Ministerium is sponsoring on Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pleasant View Brethren Church on 1156 Pleasant View Drive, Vandergrift, PA (Kepple Hill area of Parks Township).


Prepare-Enrich ([www.prepare-enrich.com](http://www.prepare-enrich.com)) is a powerful tool for clergy to assist premarital couples and married couples in deepening their relationships to each other. Dr. Terry Snyder, from Erie, PA, is a pastor certified to train pastors and key leaders in this instrument so that they can be certified to use it. The cost for the training and life-long certification is \$175.00.

The Kiski Area Association of Churches is providing refreshments in the morning and lunch for all participants, for which there will be a free will offering. For questions or to get the registration material for this event, you can call St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 724-567-7781 or email [pastorphilg@verizon.net](mailto:pastorphilg@verizon.net).



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