#### **NEW WILMINGTON** MISSION CONFERENCE 229 S. Market Street

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Are you receiving the Chatter Emails?

- Text NWMCMAIL to 22828 to get started.
- Or, email the office at: office@nwmcmission.org and we will sign you up!

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Receive monthly prayer requests by e-mailing: ddawson@pts.edu

To the end that all may know.....

## To The Church Triumphant

Rev. Syngman Rhee Rev. Dr. Harry van Fleet Mrs. Pat Milligan Dr. Samuel Moffett Mrs. Janet Dawson

Dr. John Mansell Mrs. Nola Faye Loomis Other events to attend during your time at NWMC ...

> Stop Hunger Now Monday, July 20th

Blood Drive Tuesday, July 21st

Golf Outing Thursday, July 23rd

#### Future Dates -

## Mark your calendars NOW!

- July 18 25, 2015
- July 23 30, 2016
- July 22 29, 2017 • July 21 - 28, 2018
- July 20 27, 2019
- July 18 25, 2020

Spring, 2015

#### 110TH NEW WILMINGTON MISSION CONFERENCE JULY 18 - 25, 2015

#### THEME VERSE ~

"I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6b)

An update from Tom English - Chairman of the Board ....



This just confirmed -"Chocolate with the Chairman" gatherings! What? Yes! As promised, chocolate fountains will appear at random times and places at NWMC this year! Maybe with Tator Tot Casserole ... not sure, still working on that. Other exciting changes are planned too! Register now!

#### ~ REMINDERS ~

- Register on or before May 1st for the best rates!
- ♦ Super Saver Youth Group Discount, Save \$15/person for groups of 10 or more registering together and the Youth leader comes FREE!
- ♦ First-Time Youth Leaders attend NWMC for FREE!
- Bring a Friend—bring someone who has never attended NWMC and BOTH of you receive a \$20 discount! (You must note this on your registration form.)
- ♦ High School and Young Adult students working in the dining hall receive a \$120 credit, limited to 90 students.
- Grants are available for churches that have not been involved with NWMC before.
- Ask your church if there is any help available through your Mission Committee.

## ~ BOARD MEETING **HIGHLIGHTS** ~

- ♦ The Board met March 20 21, 2015 at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.
- Westminster College student, Rachel Shussett, will be working on an internship with NWMC. Her focus will be on promotion and publicity from April to August.
- ♦ Wi-Fi access will be available for all delegates in the YA program and above. A password will be given at registration.
- ♦ We learned that several mission networks plan to attend Conference representing Israel/Palestine, Egypt and Central Asia.
- ♦ We spent Saturday continuing our work with our consultant Caroline Kurtz. We reviewed the results of Caroline's phone interviews of a cross-section of our NWMC family. Caroline will be conducting focus groups during Conference, giving everyone an opportunity to share his/her thoughts as we move forward.

### See You in New Wilmington

Jaimasiha! (Victory in Jesus!") This is the regular Christian greeting in Nepal.

How wonderful it is to greet brothers and sisters in Christ with a declaration that is so powerful and so central to the Christian faith. We sometimes use "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" on Easter; but we use it only on that day. Consider what impact using that greeting might have on us individually and on the church as a whole. "Jaimasiha" would certainly make us more conscious of Jesus. He would be a more significant part of our daily lives.

"Victory in Jesus" would help us focus on "Resurrection Power". Is it surprising that 70% of Nepalese Christians came to faith through a healing miracle? I think not. They are focused on the transforming power of the Gospel. Maybe it would help deepen our faith. Should we try it for Conference week? The greeting along with the Bible teaching, the worship, and the "Jaimasiha" stories of God at work in the world do have power to change.

When I start reflecting in this way...I get excited and can hardly wait for July 18th to come. How about you? Are you registered? Who do you need to invite to participate in this Spirit-filled week?

To the end that all may know the love of Jesus,

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PS - Our World Mission Initiative (Pittsburgh Seminary) team was hosted last month in Nepal by Rev. Mangal Maharjan, NWMC speaker in 2012 and leader of the Koinonia Patan Church. They also hosted our 2013 Summer Service team, whose members are still celebrities in the village they served. Their picture hangs above the door entering the church.

#### **SPEAKERS FOR NWMC 2015**

Morning Meeting: Mike Haddox, Director of Family Ministries, Meridian Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA

Adult 1 Bible: Rev. Dr. Ken Bailey, Presbyterian missionary professor (Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus), now author and

lecturer in Middle Eastern New Testament Studies

**Adult 1 Mission:** "Victory in Jesus" (For security reasons unable to print name or location.)

Adult 2 Bible: Rev. Dr. Michael Carey, Lead Pastor of Trinity Wellsprings Church, Satellite Beach, FL

Adult 2 Mission: Rev. Dr. Richard Haney, Executive Director, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship.

Young Adult: Rev. Lisa Nichols Hickman, New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

High School: Jason Freyer, Director of High School Ministry and worship leader, Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Upper Saint Clair, PA.

Junior High: Rev. Carl Anderson, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Saturday Evening: Marilyn Borst, Associate Director for Partnership Development, The Outreach Foundation

Sunday Morning: Rev. Dr. David Esterline, President, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Sunday Evening: Rear Admiral Timothy Ziemer, Coordinator, President's Malaria Initiative

Highlight: Rev. Ray Buchanan, Founder, of Society of St. Andrew and Stop Hunger Now

Monday Evening: Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, Palestinian Pastor and Founder of Sabeel, (an ecumenical liberation theology movement)

**Tuesday Evening:** Rev. Phil Linton, Director, World Outreach, Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Wednesday Evening: Rev. Dr. Atef Gendy, President, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Cairo, Egypt

Thursday Evening: Rev. Juan Sarmiento, Evangelism Catalyst, Presbyterian World Mission

Friday Evening: Cuba Summer Service Team, Laura Broesamle, leader

#### New Board Members To Serve 3 years on the Board beginning July, 2015

**Barb Gusew-** Wife to Jack. Mom to Emily, Jonathan, and Alison. Teacher in Bellevue, PA. Has served with Dorms/ Hospitality, Counselor, Young Adults, Foundation. Brings gifts for conference history and under-represented demographic (parents of post-grad kids)

**Doug Garner-** Husband to Sue (Craig). Father to Danny, Alex, and Lucas. Independent Coffee entrepreneur, Music teacher and choir director in Reedsville, PA. Has served as staff for Juniors and Dorm director/Hospitality. Brings business acumen and music gifts.

**Tod Custer-** Husband to Donna. Father to Rachel, Hannah, and Caleb. Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City, PA. Serves as host in Anderson with Donna. Brings gifts of leadership and conference history.

# New Board Members to Serve 1 year on the Board beginning July, 2015

Renee Bronzetti- Wife to Marc. Mom to Nico, Marco, and Luca. Lives in Berkley, MI. Has served on the Jrs program. Brings gifts for finance/budget and conference history.

### New Board Member ~ Liaison with PCUSA World Mission beginning July, 2015

**Ellen Sherby** - a former mission co-worker in Nicaragua. Since 2008 she has worked in Louisville for World Mission as Coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement. She is married to Elmer and they have two sons.

# Re-Elected to serve on the Board for a three year term beginning, July, 2015

**Traci Stapleton -** Wife to Chip Stapleton. Mom to Henry, Ian, Charlie and Jack. Has served in the High School Program. Brings gifts of creativity and long time conference attendee.

# NOTE ~ All Junior High and High School Students!

There is a change this year. Students who have completed 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the 2014/2015 school year are Junior High Delegates.

The High School program includes those students who have completed 9th grade through those who have graduated from high school in the 2014/2015 school year.

Staff openings open periodically.

If you have interest in serving on the
Conference Staff, contact:

Don Dawson at <a href="mailto:ddawson@pts.edu">ddawson@pts.edu</a>

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SPRUCE UP ANDERSON AUDITORIUM

Anderson auditorium was built in 1957/58 by volunteers under the supervision of Ted Pollock. Over the years maintenance and improvements to the building has been done mostly by volunteer crews. Immediately following conference this summer, Ted Pollock's son Ed will be leading a crew of volunteers to work on some areas of disrepair. The fiberglass material on both ends of the building will be replaced. The covers over the bottom ends of the arches will be removed and painted. While the arch covers are off, the arches will be inspected for weather damage and repairs made if necessary. Other painting and cleaning will be done as time and crew size permit. Ten to fifteen people will be needed each day. We particularly need people able to install the new siding material on the gables, but all skill levels can and will be used. Depending on the number of volunteers and the weather, this work is expected to take 4 to 6 days. Local churches are also being asked to consider bringing in a meal to feed the volunteers.

If you can stay the Saturday after conference or people you know are able to volunteer for part or all of the time

(July 25 to 31) please contact:

Ed Pollock at 301 831-7223 or ed\_pollock@comcast.net