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Farewell...

I'm sitting in my office surrounded by boxes. I thought I was cured of my pack rat nature in New York when we lived in a house that was built in 1892 and had no closets. After awhile I couldn't stand to look at all the clutter so I started tossing things I had previously held on to. I also decided if it had been in the barn for five years and I didn't miss it, I didn't need it anymore. However, as I have been packing up my office I realized I have held on to more than I knew. I have already thrown out three recycling bins full of paper and still have at least one more recycling bin worth of paper waiting for next week.

Over my ten years of ministry, I have come to realize that most churches are pack rats too. Some churches save material items. I found fifty year old Sunday School curriculum in one church I served. Other churches may clean out their closets, but they are savers of programs and organizations. Congregations are often willing to try something new, but instead of replacing an old program they simply add the new program on. While sometimes it is appropriate to add on a program without discontinuing another ministry, if churches continually do that they will eventually find themselves without enough volunteers, resources, and energy to get it all done.

As your session is considering joining in the presbytery transformation process and/or your 2010 fall programming, take a look at the programs, ministries, and missions that your congregation is involved in. Are their ministries that have outlived their original mission and need to be discontinued? Are their additional areas of ministry that need to be considered to minister to the new people in your congregation and community? I don't even remember where I got this from, but one question that I have posted as a reminder on my filing cabinet is: "What are the vital few things that we as a church must do and do well if we are to accomplish our purpose (for the kingdom of God)."

There is no doubt that it is hard to leave some things behind. There were a few things I struggled to put in the recycling bin, but I knew I didn't need them anymore. Although it is hard to let go of things, when we do we find that we are freed up to begin the next chapter of what God has in store for us.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your first mission coordinator. My prayers go with you as you de-clutter and re-organize for the journey ahead.



REV. DR. JENNIFER SANTER AND HER FAMILY ARE MOVING TO AMARILLO, TX

Best wishes to Jennifer from the Presbytery of Prospect Hill!



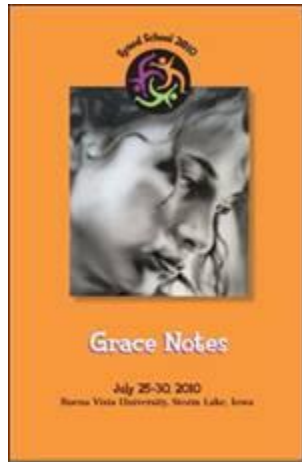
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LAY ACADEMY 2010/11 A joint ministry of Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill

The Lay Academy is a unique educational program and will begin a new cycle of classes in September. It is sponsored jointly by the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill. The Lay Academy includes the course work required by the Book of Order and the Presbyteries for individuals pursuing certification as a Lay Pastor. Individuals, clergy or lay, are welcome to take one or any of the classes offered without enrolling in the Lay Pastor training program. Many of the classes may be of interest to elders, deacons and committee members. Interested individuals are requested to register so that lodging and food can be provided but no application form is required.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR, OR WOULD JUST LIKE TO DO SOME CONTINUING EDUCATION, OR SIMPLY HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

CLP DR. MARCIA RICH ASAP, as classes begin in September. (515-570-5763) or email marciarich@frontiernet.net



Grace Notes

Synod School 2010 – “Grace Notes”

<http://www.lakesandprairies.org/school.html>

Register TODAY!

JULY 1ST REGISTRATION DEADLINE

July 25-30 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa



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