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Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

Stewardship Sunday will be November 18th, and later this month we will begin reflecting on the theme of “Blessings for the Future” taken from Hebrews 11:20. The first thing we all need to remember about stewardship is that it begins with remembering God’s blessings showered upon us. Stewardship is about our response to God’s blessings. The second thing we need to remember about Stewardship is that it is not a once-a-year discipleship issue, but rather a daily issue of Christian lifestyle, about living by faith as we make the myriad of small and large decisions on how to use our time, talent and treasure.

We are very fortunate to have Enuma Okoro returning to speak on her new book, Silence, and Professor Dudley Woodberry from Fuller Theological Seminary coming to speak on Islam. Later this month, the Rev. Dr. Glen Thorp and his lovely wife Jeannie will be back to share some teaching on spiritual gifts during Thurber Thursday evenings. I strongly encourage you to take time to come and participate in all of these evening talks. Glen will also be the keynote speaker at our All Church Family Retreat the last weekend of this month, 26-28 October. We have reserved extra rooms at the retreat center and at nearby hotels to accommodate couples and families, but we also encourage our young adult singles to come along as this will be wonderful time to enjoy a beautiful spot on the coast of Normandy, good teaching, new friends, and some good relational time with our other pastoral staff, the Rev. Dan Haugh and the Rev. Michelle Wahila and their families. The retreat will be an opportunity to reflect more on spiritual gifts and their purpose in the church today. This is another stewardship issue!

I will be traveling in October and I’d like to share with you some of what I’ll be doing during my travels. First of all, I’ll be going with Bill Johnston and Eric Sadoux to attend the American Foreign Christian Union (AFCU) Development meeting in Denver, 13 October. The AFCU is our parent organization and made up of former members from our congregation and our two sister churches in Berlin and Vienna. These former members, some of whom were here over 20 years ago, continue to give generously of their time and resources in order to support the ministry and mission of the ACP. I am constantly awed and inspired by their generous and prayerful support. That same weekend, I have been asked to speak at a former friend and intern’s ordination ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins, the congregation I served prior to our call to come to Paris. I will take time to visit my brother and meet my new nephew, Liam Asher Herr in Nashville for a few days, but then I’ll fly to Philadelphia to join my parents as my father is attending his university 50th alumni reunion. After that, I will spend a week in Princeton as I am attending my own 25th alumni reunion and the bicentennial celebration of the founding of Princeton Theological Seminary. In recent months I have helped to raise funds for a class gift for the seminary. Twenty-five years ago I spent a lot of time in the financial aid office and in looking back over the last 25 years, I am grateful for those people who invested in me and the institution so that I could be equipped for ministry around the world.

Join me in considering the many blessings and stewardship opportunities which God has given to you. Resource management is an issue for every Christian. We all have gifts to share, and we all are contributing to “blessings for the future.” How are we sharing the blessings we have received in such a way as to prepare and promote God’s blessings for our children, our brothers and sisters, our neighbors here and around the world for generations to come? I appreciate your prayerful participation, as I believe God is calling the ACP to be thoughtful and faithful stewards of all of life, and bold in the ways we are offering to the Lord and those who will come after us “blessings for the future.”

In Christ,

Thoughts from
The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr
Senior Pastor
Dear Friends,

At a recent staff meeting, Pastor Scott read a powerful quote by Mother Teresa, and I was reminded of the book, *Come Be My Light*. I read this compilation of letters written by Mother Teresa several years ago, but its profound affect on my spiritual life has not been forgotten. I typically revisit this work several times during the year. Below, I have included an excerpt that has had a lasting impact on my prayer life. Mother Teresa’s words were a reminder of how the community of faith exists – through the love of God that binds us together, gives us our mission, and empowers us.

In light of God’s immeasurable love for us, we must ask ourselves whether or not we are demonstrating that love inside and outside of this community of faith. All of our ministries should reflect the love that gives us our identity and mission. The life, work and worship of the community of faith should, in fact, always be a Christ-like reflection of the love that God has for us. If that love becomes our standard for measuring the effectiveness of what we do, I believe we will be genuinely surprised and will learn that the shape of successful ministry is not always what we think it should be.

Mother Teresa was called out to show the love of God in the slums of Calcutta. At that time, her ministry was considered unconventional and some doubted that it would be effective. My prayer for the community at ACP is that (with trust like that of Mother Teresa) we can be so immersed in God’s love that our life together, our work and worship does nothing but reflect God’s loving kindness. If we allow the infinite love of God to guide us, the possibilities for ministry are, well… infinite!

Mother Teresa’s ministry to the poorest of the poor in Calcutta grew out of her desire to share the love of God in a new, albeit unconventional, way. It seems to me that her example is also a reminder that with an infinite guide, “ministry” will be anything but conventional. I encourage you to reflect upon Mother Teresa’s words, allowing for the possibility to be shaped in a new way by the love of God. I also welcome you to share the fruit of those reflections in the life, work, and worship of this faith community.

*Bénédictions,*
Michelle

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"Jesus wants me to tell you again... how much is the love He has for each one of you – beyond all what you can imagine.... Not only He loves you, even more He longs for you. He misses you when you don’t come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don’t feel worthy.... Why does Jesus say, ‘I thirst?’ What does it mean? Something so hard to explain in words – ... ‘I thirst’ is something much deeper than just Jesus saying, ‘I love you’. Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you – you can’t begin to know who He wants to be for you. Or who He wants you to be for Him.”

Later this month the country of France will celebrate the “Toussaint” holiday. During this time the city of Paris slows down; schools, businesses and many shops are closed and families travel across the country to visit relatives and loved ones.

What is "Toussaint" and why it is so influential?

"Toussaint" is the French phrase for "all saints" and is celebrated as All Saints' Day. It is a deeply historic religious festival celebrated on the 1st of November each year in France. In other traditions and customs it is also known as "All Hallow's Day," with the preceding evening called "All Hallow's Eve" (a.k.a Halloween by Americans).

The origin of the festival of All Saints celebrated in the West, dates to 13 May 609 or 610, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs. The feast of All Saints, on its current date of 1 November, is traced to the foundation by Pope Gregory III (731–741) of an oratory in St. Peter's for the relics "of the holy apostles and of all saints, martyrs and confessors, of all the just made perfect who are at rest throughout the world."

It is the day when all the Saints recognized by the Roman Catholic Church are honored. The following day is Le Jour des Morts (All Soul’s Day), when people pray for the souls of the departed. Both days are national holidays and, as previously mentioned, children have a two-week holiday from school at this time of the year.

Today, La Toussaint is marked by the lighting of numerous candles in cemeteries and the decorating of graves with chrysanthemums, the flowers associated with death. Stone lanterns of the dead, which are lit during the festival, can also be found in many cemeteries, especially in the Massif Central region in central France, and in Brittany. Family reunions are held to honor the dead, church bells are rung, and churches are decorated with chrysanthemums, candles and banners.

This day becomes a day of honoring and remembering loved ones and Christians who have gone before us. This "great cloud of witnesses", as the author of Hebrews states, can and should serve as examples of inspiration and perseverance. It can serve us well to acknowledge these men and women of God and pay tribute to their lives and legacies.

Many Americans, like myself, still visit the graves of loved ones on special occasions (birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries), and this Toussaint holiday brings it all together with national pride and solidarity.

With this origin in mind, our youth group’s "All Hallow’s Eve" gathering this month will still have a few resemblances to the traditional American holiday (most notably "The Great Pumpkin" featuring none other than Charlie Brown). However, in keeping to the true spirit and history of this day, our evening will end with paying tribute to those "saints" who let their light shine in the
darkness long before us: Old Testament heroes, the Apostles from the New Testament, the early church fathers and desert fathers, "saints" from the early century Churches, Protestant Reformers, and personal examples such as grandparents and other relatives. These people are, and should be, included in the "cloud of witnesses" that serve as an example to believers now.

"....to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." - Romans 1:7

Students will be given a candle that represents the light of Christ and also symbolizes a "saint". After a few minutes of prayerful silence and meditation, each student shall light his or her candle and place it on the stairs in our catacombs. Initially, one small light may not make much of an impact, but before long the entire place will be illuminated with these symbols of hope, faith, and love. This month I encourage us all to remember and reflect upon loved ones who have been examples of faith to them. A short well-known chorus can become a fitting anthem: "This Little Light of Mine."

For some additional Biblical references to "saints" here are just a few helpful verses:

Matthew 27:50-53; Revelation 8; Philippians 4:22; Philippians 1:1
From Your Council

What’s Going On!

Thoughts from Your
Vice Moderator ~ Pamela Bohl

The ACP Council team kicked off our work together with the Council retreat on 22 September. We spent an entire day together considering the church’s focus for the year: “We are here to bless the city!” Scott read the related scripture from the Book of Jeremiah and then Michelle led the opening worship exploring our focus on blessing the city.

Jeremiah 29:7 — *But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

The day was a mix of theological and spiritual equipping as well as practical equipping. We spent the morning sharing about our own faith journeys and also exploring ways to help ACP bless the city. Before the lunch break we had a scavenger hunt to seek out places in the church that many of us had never been before. Tetteh and Anjlo, two loyal servants of the church, organized our lunch during the hunt. They and several of the church staff members shared the meal with us. We learned about the practical work of the staff and the joys and challenges their jobs entail. We were also fortunate to have Gregg Foster, President of the American and Foreign Christian Union (AFCU), share with us the history and current activities of the AFCU and its work with ACP and our sister churches in Berlin and Vienna. Dan and Michelle led us in an inspirational closing worship lifting up the city of Paris.

The joy of spending the day together in retreat was just the beginning of a glorious weekend. On Sunday, 23 September we had the pleasure of welcoming Michelle’s former professor, Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock, to the pulpit where she blessed us with a lively sermon based on the story of Zacchaeus. At the 11h service we were installed as Council and, at long last, Michelle Wahila was installed as the Associate Pastor of ACP. It was truly a euphoric moment for the entire ACP family: the pastoral team, the congregation and the Council.

Then just two days later we met again for our first full Council meeting together working on the many important facets of our church’s life, including stewardship, budgeting, Bloom, the ministry fair, property and development and a host of other important matters. We all prayerfully approach our roles on the ACP Council and look forward to serving the church and blessing the city together with the full pastoral team and the congregation in the coming months.
The ACP is blessed by the many who sacrificed and gave generously in generations past so that we can worship and be a part of God's ministry and mission here today. All that we at the ACP have is the result of gifts from people: gifts of time, gifts of service, gifts of finances, gifts of talent. Everyone has a gift to give, and at the ACP we are blessed by how much giving there is!

We are entering that time in the church year when we focus on stewardship and renewing our commitment to Christ and growing in our faith. Stewardship ... is a way of life, a transformational way of living. It embodies a belief that God is the source of all that we have and are. We are called to be good stewards of what God has given.

Are you currently giving a gift of service to the ACP? Are you sharing your blessings with the church and its ministries? Did you attend the ACP Ministry Fair on 30 September? If yes, THANK YOU!! If you were unable to participate, it's not too late. A Gift of Service is a way for you to grow within the church community and a way in which you can help the church grow in service to the world.

Where is God calling you?
How do you use the blessings Christ has shared with you?
Share your blessings with a Gift of Service through the ACP.

It’s never too late to get involved in the exciting ministries and activities at the ACP. There are many ways to become involved in the worship life of the ACP. Maybe God has blessed you with skills you can share with the ACP hospitality, financial management, writing, communications, theology, or music?

Or perhaps you want to help the ACP be internally strong (Bible studies, lay reading, children’s worship) while externally focused (missions, outreach, specific fellowships)?

Grow in your faith, walk with Christ
Be a blessing for the future

Invest your time to build something that is more than we can see or imagine
Property and Development Committee

Bill Johnson and Eric Sadoux

Bill and Eric will be joining Pastor Scott on a journey to Colorado for the AFCU Development meeting in Denver on 13 October in which they will be presenting information regarding upcoming capital projects that we will be pursuing in the near future, such as:

- Spire Repair
- Attic Floor Repair
- Plumbing Needs
- Sound System Needs

We send with them our prayers for a successful dialogue, faith and fellowship for all of our supportive brothers and sisters at this important meeting.

Nominating Committee

Ursula Perrier and Jonathan Wheeler

Are you interested in serving at ACP in some capacity, but aren’t sure who to contact, or how to find the right fit?
Do you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share?

Throughout the year the Nominating Committee connects people to serve on one of the ACP Committees, or participate in the various ACP projects and activities.

Get Connected! Let us help!
Contact us at nominating@acparis.org

Communications

John Newman and Alison Benney

The Communications Team helps ACP committees and groups get the wordout about their activities and events.

If you have skills in writing, editing, photography, graphic art and design, audio-visual recording, social media networking, or photograph archiving, and would like to help out, please contact us at communications@acparis.org.
Community Life
Camilla Macfarlane and Nathaniel Akujuobi

New Members Orientation Class
Please RSVP to communitylife@acparis.org, if you would like to attend our next New Members Orientation on 11 November with confirmation on 25 November.

Wednesday Evening Supper Club
(In conjunction with Christian Education)
Meets Wednesday evenings at 19h30, at a local café to discuss Timothy Keller’s book, King’s Cross.
Come for dinner, dessert, good conversation and discussion!
Email Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org for Café directions!

Name Tags?
Poll: Are you interested in members and/or council wearing name tags at coffee hour?
Let us know your thoughts!

Welcoming and Greeting
Please consider being one of ACP’s greatest assets!
Be a Meeter Greeter!! This is a ministry that EVERY ONE of us can do!!

And do not forget kindness to strangers, for by this, some who, while they were unaware, were worthy to receive Angels. ~ Hebrews 13:2

Let us encourage one another to put on a smile, and not to be afraid to introduce ourselves to someone who would love to be noticed, acknowledged, and greeted kindly, during one of our coffee hours.
Sign up at the Welcome Table!! We will even get you a name tag!

Rummage Sale Donations
Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations! Keep them coming!
We will be accepting them every Sunday at the Welcome Table or by appointment!
Also, if you have extra hangers, we would love those too!
Additionally, if you would be willing to spend some time ironing and organizing, please let us know at communitylife@acparis.org
Thurber Thursday’s is an adult community gathering and growth time that is open to all. We share a meal at 18h30 and the evening program begins at 19h30.

Thursday, 4 October — Dr. J. Dudley Woodberry

"The Surprising Comparisons between Christianity and Islam!"

We welcome Dr. J. Dudley Woodberry, dean emeritus and senior professor of Islamic studies at Fuller’s School of Intercultural Studies. He is considered one of the foremost Christian scholars of Islam. He has served as consultant on the Muslim world to President Carter, the State Department, USAID, and other U.S. government agencies. He has also been an active part of the Zwemer Institute for Muslim Studies and has served as coordinator and acting senior associate of the Muslim track of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. He also served as a teacher in Pakistan and a pastor in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, and has ministered in at least 35 predominantly Muslim nations around the world.

Thursday, 11 October — Enuma Okoro

Enuma Okoro will return to ACP and speak on her new book Silence. Enuma was born in the US but raised in Nigeria, Ivory Coast and England. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School where she served as the Director for the Center of Theological Writing. She is a Spiritual Director in the Ignatian tradition, a writer, speaker, and leader of retreats and workshops.

Thursdays 18 & 25 October — Dr. Rev. Glen Thorp

Glep Thorp will return to ACP and speak on Spiritual Gifts on these Thurber Thursdays and at the 26-28 October Fall Retreat. Glen recently served the American Church in Paris as Interim Associate Pastor.

Glen was born in California, USA, and raised bi-culturally and bilingually in Guatemala, Central America, where his parents were missionaries under the United Presbyterian Church. He has served as pastor in a variety of communities and types of churches. He pastored a church next to the University of Minnesota, chartered a Presbyterian Church in North Los Angeles County, redeveloped churches in Denver and North Hollywood, and retired after 13 years as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in West Covina, California.
Worship and Music
Anna Zweede and Chad DuBose

Bronze Ringers Vibrate at Art Gallery Opening
by Fred Gramann

When Portland, Oregon artist Flint Jamison asked the well-known Paris gallery "Air de Paris" to come up with handbells for his vernissage on 15 September they contacted the American Church. Although the lead time was only a few weeks, ten members of the Bronze Ringers rallied forth to form a choir. Flint wanted a dialogue between his poetic commentary on the art and the sound of bells. Providing indications such as "as light as the foam on a cup of cappuccino" or "like the first breath you take after a big stretch," I set to work and composed five short pieces for 10 ringers, each one holding two to four handbells as there would not be tables allowing for bell changes. Each piece used a different technique to add as much variety as possible. The evening was indeed magical as art, poetry and music combined to create a distinctive mood for the packed room of onlookers. The ringers were rewarded with a trip to "Le Camion qui fume" (smoking truck) parked just outside, turning out outrageously good hamburgers, fries and cheesecake.

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ACP Café featured the ACP Contemporary band, Still Point, on 21 September, where they performed to a lively group of listeners, while the Men’s Ministries turned out some pretty darn good burgers themselves! Unfortunately, we have no pictures, but we can say, without a doubt, that our worship and music groups are certainly making news, encouraging fellowship, fun music and good food all over the city of Paris! AMEN!

Fred Gramann and artist Flint Jamison

Bonnie Woolley, Frederic and Mark Primmer, enjoying some tasty burgers after their wonderful performance!

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Mission Outreach
Carolyn Bouazouni and Anne Mildred

The MOC focus for 2012 is to remain committed to God’s work in mission – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, aiding the poor, parenting the orphans, caring for the widows and elderly, providing restoration and reform for the prisoners, giving medicinal care for the sick, assisting the refugees, encouraging the downhearted, mentoring the young…..

If you would like to contribute or donate in any way to the below missions, please contact us at missionoutreach@acparis.org and we will connect you to the lay-leader in charge.

Local Missions

**Friday Mission Lunch Program:** The American Church is grateful for volunteers and helping hands every Friday. The program needs lead cooks immediately! Please contact Kristie Worrel a missionoutreach@acparis.org

**Foyer de Grenelle** is a Christian inspired social center that provides the needy with meals, mailing addresses for the homeless, and assistance to the unemployed. Perhaps you would like to help with the Wednesday Dinners, afternoon babysitting, or even become a co-ly leader!

**Love in a Box** offers needy children colorfully wrapped Christmas presents. You can help by donating items, filling, and wrapping these gifts.

**Refugee Ministry** offers practical and legal information twice a month at ACP for free. Help in assembling packets and other secretarial help would be welcomed.

**SOS Help** is an English language telephone service providing anonymous and confidential listening to those in need. Volunteers can serve as trained listeners, book sellers and more.

Global Missions

**Beit El Safa** in Beirut houses 15 girls who are victims of domestic violence. You can help by contributing to their operating costs and renovation projects.

**The Cameroonian Presbyterian Church** is constructing a church building for its growing French community. They are in need of building supplies! Let us help them get a roof!

**Habitat for Humanity** seeks to give shelter to families in need. Each summer teams of volunteers from ACP work at home building sites.

**King’s Garden Children’s Home** is a Christian home that provides health and educational opportunities for abused, impoverished, or enslaved children in the Philippines. You can help by collecting clothes, toys, and school supplies.

**The Living Truth Foundation** in Ghana, directed by a former ACP member, conducts outreach in hospitals, prisons, and to youth. Help by donating books for prisoners or with funds to purchase land for the construction of a church and a home for released prisoners.

**The Rafiki Foundation** provides a home, education, and healthcare to more than 525 orphans in ten countries in Africa. Patti Lafage is looking for financial support and orchestral instrument donations. Read about her Thurber Thursday presentation on page 13!
Keeping up with Patti!
At Rafiki Village in Uganda

In September 2011, Patti Lafage flew to Uganda to join the Rafiki Village. Rafiki, was built in 2003, is home and school to orphans and local children. On these pages, Patti shares stories of “how God has been working to help (her) contribute to His transforming love in Africa.”

The ACP congregation was privileged to hear Patti speak at a Thurber Thursday evening. Here is a summary of her presentation, graciously written by Rosalyn McKeown, who attended this special evening.

Rafiki means friend in Swahili, but to those of us who heard Patti Lafage speak of her first year of ministry in a Rafiki Village in Uganda, Rafiki Village seems synonymous with Agape—the abiding unconditional love of God.

Patti is an “oversees staff member”, whose major responsibilities include teaching, purchasing supplies for the school, and coordinating the widows craft program. Patti shared with Thurber Thursday participants the joy and challenges of her ministry.

Rafiki Village Uganda has adopted children who were orphans of the local communities. Many of the children are AIDS orphans having lost both parents to the disease. Some children are survivors of landslide disasters. Whatever their history they enter the village between the ages of 18 months to five years.

The village is 10 years old. It serves 103 children in residence and 66 children who are day students. The day students live in the surrounding community and attend school on site. The village has a staff of about 55 Ugandan nationals—teachers, house mothers, gardeners, etc.

One of the major challenges of the Rafiki village is to prepare the children for future employment. This is a huge task in Uganda there are few opportunities for employment in the formal sector (e.g., positions in government or business). Most people are “informally employed” creating their own jobs (e.g., motorcycle taxi or merchants in the open air markets). The Rafiki Village provides education, faith, and social skills as the foundational building blocks for this future employment.

Patti is hoping to begin an internship program for the older Rafiki students so they can experience the world of work and office environments. Patti asked, does anyone in the ACP congregation have business or networking contacts in Kampala?

One of the dreams of the Rafiki staff is to begin an orchestra program. The orchestra would be an outgrowth of the existing music program which includes a choir, a percussion band, and a recorder orchestra that includes 20 Rafiki students. They are requesting donations of used orchestral instruments.

Of course, one of the hallmarks of the Rafiki programs is the Bible study for all staff and all students. From the pictures Patti included in her presentation, it is evident that the God-given love and joy that comes from the daily practice of Christianity is abundant in the Rafiki Village in Uganda.
Following our Destiny

It's been a month, WOW!!
by Destiny E. Ryales

Time is a friend of no one! Well, at least that is the saying, right? It has been one month since I left Paris and the ACP to create the Excellence Computer Technology Center Charity in Ghana. And honestly, time has truly been a friend of mine...

God has blessed me with an amazing balance of free time, fellowship time, volunteering time, and God-filled, learning more about Him time. I’m meeting the neighbors, learning where to purchase the best pineapples, keeping the overpriced taxi cab drivers on their toes, and enjoying the Ghanaian relaxed culture. Francis and Anna Cobbinah from The Living Truth Foundation, an ACP-supported ministry, are such wonderful hosts and spiritual mentors. There are moments when we are sitting on the porch quietly in our own thoughts and Anna will start talking about a proverb in the Bible. Of course, I am all ears, ready to listen, and full of questions. So we both usually rush into the house to grab our Bibles and have Bible study on the porch. Love it!

Francis is as passionate as I am about locating the best piece of land for the computer technology center! He found one plot in Elmina, where they live, but it was sold before my arrival to Ghana. Needless to say, when God is involved doors shall surely open! The Chief of Afrangua, a small village 40 minutes from Elmina, was visiting one afternoon. Francis loves to tell people why I am in Ghana and my calling. Quickly the Chief invited me to check out his community center. The community center was built a while back by an NGO, non-governmental organization. He told me that I could host the classes there. He was sooo excited while trying to describe the building to Francis, and we selected a day for me to visit.

Can you imagine our thoughts when we saw the community center! It was not a building, but more like a compound! The ‘building’ was created in a square form and was well maintained. I would just need to repaint, install a security gate, upgrade the bathrooms and voila, I could move in. There are three small entrances and one large main entrance wide enough for a car to enter.
The Lord has really blessed the calling He placed on my heart. The Chief asked for cash to perform various renovations and I shall be able to move in by Tuesday, 25 September 2012. My heart skips a beat every time I think about it. I am moving into a village in Ghana to share my love, my computer knowledge, my everything... Skips a beat...

A young teacher named Abraham Walters, who was part of Francis’ Bible Study class in 2010, is joining me as a volunteer at the community center. He does not know much about ICT—Information and Communication Technology—but I will teach him everything he needs to pass on to the students. Since Abraham has joined me as the official teaching volunteer, I will be able to spend more time on fundraising and administrative tasks. My prayer is to open multiple locations throughout Ghana.

What else can I say!?!? God placed this calling on my heart. I listened; wholeheartedly stepping out in faith that He will provide everything that I will need to do His work. Trusting in Him has given me a new outlook on life and I am quite thankful for it happening in my life RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT in time. He has equipped me with the computer education to give (where it’s lacking), an enormous amount of love to share (to my students), the patience to learn (a new culture) and the faith to trust (in Him who has provided for me since my birth).

Many blessings to you all from Ghana..
It never ceases to amaze me how bits and pieces of the American Church in Paris’ lengthy history filter back, often at the most unexpected times. Last May as I passed through the sanctuary, Anjlo (our faithful weekday docent) signaled me over excitedly to meet some visitors. Their uncle, Walter G. Reynolds, had been a famous stained glass craftsman and had designed two of the major windows in our sanctuary: "The Apostolic Call" and "The Parables of Jesus." They are located side-by-side on the left aisle. The first portrays St. John the Baptist, St. Philip, St. Andrew and St. Bartholomew, and the second shows St. Francis, St. Augustine, St. Paul and St. Mary of Bethany. I asked if they would put the story of their uncle down on paper and share it with us. Here is an abridged version of the marvelous result we received (the full version can be found at acparis.org/reynolds-stainedglass):

Joseph Gardiner Reynolds (1886 – 1972) was a native of Wickford, Rhode Island. He graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, and then worked as an apprentice to Harry Goodhue, brother of the famed church architect, Bertram Goodhue. He left to study medieval stained glass in the cathedrals of England, France, Italy, and Spain. In 1914, Joe joined the studio of Charles J. Connick in Boston, where he often collaborated with architect Ralph Adams Cram. Connick lectured widely and was the most prominent spokesman for the Gothic Revival in America. Cram was a preeminent American Ecclesiastical Gothicist and the most prominent spokesman for Gothic-style churches. Joe’s association with Connick and Cram, which built upon his interests and beliefs, resulted in him becoming a leading artist associated with the Gothic Revival in America.

“The question is often asked: Why can’t we moderns produce windows equal in beauty to those of medieval times? The answer is, we can. Glass painting has been and is capable of again becoming one of the noblest forms of art. But first we must get back to the fundamental principles of the craft and keep faith with them. To one who has kept in touch with the craft of stained glass in recent years a new spirit is manifest. Earnest workers, especially in America, have been breaking away from the demand for pictorial windows and harking back for inspiration to the simplicity of design and the charm of color of the beautiful old glass of the Middle Ages.” (Reynolds)."
In 1923, Joe established a new studio with two former Connick artists and craftsmen, William M. Francis, a glass cutter, and Henry Rhonstock, a glass painter. Napoleon Setti later affiliated with them as a designer. The Reynolds Francis and Rhonstock studio, located at One Washington Street in Boston, produced designs and windows in the USA (including the Riverside Church in New York) and France (including the American Church in Paris). After the deaths of his partners, the studio name was changed in 1954 to Joseph G. Reynolds and Associates (Designers and Workers in Stained and Leaded Glass).

The Reynolds, Francis and Rhonstock Studio was one of the four chosen to have their records placed permanently in the Smithsonian Institution, and in November 1977 a deed of gift from his wife Katherine transferred Joe’s papers to the Smithsonian Institute for the use of the Archives of American Art, where they are made available to qualified scholars at the discretion of the Archives. The collection includes: correspondence, sketchbooks, photographs, sketches, designs, and printed materials.
The 2013 ACP Calendars are HERE!

The 2013 ACP calendars have arrived and are on sale for 10 € each. Designed by a team here at the church and professionally printed in the US, these calendars celebrate the conclusion of the Faith Into Action Campaign that brought about so many renovations to our building over the past five years. You can purchase a copy (or copies for gifts!) during the coffee fellowship time on Sundays or during the week at the church reception desk.

You will find:
- Beautiful full color photos of ACP and Paris
- Holidays / Special Celebrations
- Historical dates in our church’s history
- Special events at ACP in 2013
- Famous quotes about Paris
- Stained glass windows from ACP accompanied by biblical quotes

On the opening page of the calendar you will read:

This calendar is a way of looking forward and anticipating what God will do in our lives and life together. As you use this calendar, we pray that you will remember and celebrate God’s faithfulness each day, and that God will bless you and the ministry of the ACP for many years to come!

“ACP Today, the American Church in Paris”

Have you tuned into ACP Today, the American Church in Paris’ radio show yet? The shows are broadcast the first and third Mondays of each month at 20h45. The 45-minute program is an exciting and inspiring mix of music, interviews, sermon highlights, and discussion on hot topics.

Tune to 100.7 FM on the radio dial, Radio Fréquence Protestante, ACP Today, Faith Talk from Paris! And please invite others to listen—friends know who may be housebound, or who would simply like more devotional time on a Monday evening. Past shows are available on the ACP website, too!

If you have any questions or comments, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.
The ACP Lay Caregiver Ministry Team

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Fall Retreat — 26-28 October
Normandie Retreat Center

Freed and Equipped: Applying Your Spiritual Gift
Discover what it means to be free to use your spiritual gifts in and through the Body of Christ

Featuring our keynote speaker:
Rev. Dr. Glen Thorp, former Interim Associate Pastor of ACP

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ~ Romans 12:10-11

Too often Christians are encouraged to emulate a leader rather than use what God has given. Come discover how we apply our own Spiritual Gifts through God’s love to every area of our lives. What is the impact of being "freed and equipped" for God’s service on your life, your family and your church?

ACP offers limited scholarships and support.
You can register online at our website, or at the coffee hour, after services.

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From our Prayer Chain Team

Do you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team? If so, please forward your prayer, by E-mail to prayerrequests@acparis.org.

Your prayer request will remain strictly private and confidential. Prayer is powerful. We are here for you.

James 5:13-16 (NIV)

13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Women of the American Church

The Women of the American Church is a Christ-centered ministry, encouraging spiritual growth and maturity in women as we listen for God’s calling in our lives and live into the grace offered to us as His daughters and heirs of the Kingdom. It is our intention to build a circle of friendships among the women of ACP and to equip each woman to use her God-given gifts to serve her family, church and community.

Our Purpose

Spiritual Formation and Education, Fellowship and Hospitality, Monthly Sunday Morning Women’s Gathering, and Community Service.

Upcoming Events

Sunday Morning Women’s Gathering, 10h00 – 10h50, ACP Library
21 October, 18 November, 16 December, 27 January

Advent Women’s Discussion and Prayer Group
Using Enuma Okoro’s new book Silence (Starting first week of December in the evenings)

2013 Annual Retreat on 23 February
Youth and Young Adult Activities in October
by Lisa Prevett

**Young Adult Events (18-30yrs)**

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*For Pizza Night come at 18h00 to help cook and from 19h30 for dinner and fellowship

You can also join us every Thursday night for **Thurber Thursday** with a meal at 18h30 and a presentation from 19h30 in the Thurber Room. Check Christian Education for speaker list and come early to help cook or set up! Volunteers are greatly appreciated!

**Youth Events (13-18yrs)**

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Please feel free to bring friends along – they are always welcome at ACP events!

**Youth Worship (11-13yrs)**

We meet each Sunday during the 11h00 worship service in the **Youth Catacombs**. Follow the cross during the service to gather in the theater.

Contact Rev. Dan Haugh (youthpastor@acparis.org) for more information about Youth and Young Adult events. You can also follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/danhaugh) or connect on Facebook (www.facebook.com/haugh.dan)
Children’s Music at ACP

Lifting a joyful noise
unto the Lord through
voice and instrument,
In praise, prayer, and
thanksgiving.

Youth Choir and Handbells
The Youth Choir and Handbells are also known as "Shine." Choral singing technique is a basic focus of the Youth Choir, and our vocal work is based on pieces that we sing in church. The Youth Handbells prepare bell pieces for church services using our choirmires or Schulmerich or Malmark handbells. Rather than offering just a rehearsal environment, we try to provide young musicians with musical instruction that will help them to grow as musicians, even in their individual musical pursuits.

Children's Choir and Handbells
The Children's Choir and Handbell Ensemble meet every Wednesday to prepare music for Sunday services. (Older children may play in the Youth Handbell Choir.) We sing in church about once a month. Preparation of pieces for church services and for outings to hospitals or nursing homes gives the children the opportunity to learn proper choral technique and ensemble work. The atmosphere is relaxed, but we work hard, too!

Cherub Choir
The Cherub choir meets every week at the same time as the Children’s Choir. Emphasis is on rhythm and music games and activities. This program is intended to help younger children learn the basic musical concepts which will permit them to participate more fully in the Children's choir and bell choir. The little ones also prepare for participation in church services, just like the older children.

Schedule Wednesdays
14h00-15h00 - Children’s Handbells (ages 7-12)
15h00-16h00 - Children's Choir
15h00-16h00 - Cherub Choir (ages 4-6)
16h00-17h00 - Youth Handbells (ages 12-18)
17h00-18h30 - Youth Choir (Shine)

For more information contact youthmusic@acparis.org
The Atelier Concert Series

7 October
Shuann Chai, Piano
Performing works by L. Van Beethoven
Sonata in C minor, op. 13 (Pathétique)
Sonata in C sharp minor, Op. 27 No. 2 (Moonlight)
Selections from the Bagatelles, op. 33
Sonata in F minor, Op. 57 (Appassionata)

14 October
Le Quatour Franz
Elodie Dancoisne ~ Violin
Sophie-Ayako Girard ~ violin
Virginie d’Avezac ~ Alto
Lauren Van Kempen ~ cello
Quartet N°2 BORODINE
Quartet N° 1 SMETANA
"From My Life"

21 October
Daniel and Dolly Eugenio Kessner
Performing works by Bach, Handel, Debussy, de Fesch, Rigaud and Kessner
On flute, flute alto, and flute basse
with Piano

28 October
Laurana Mitchelmore, Piano
Performing works by
Beethoven, Chopin, Shubert, Prokofiev

All concerts begin at 17h00 in the Sanctuary of ACP
Free entrance and free-will offering for all Atelier Series Concerts
ACP Bible Studies and Other Discussion Groups

ACP SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be reading Ecclesiasticus or The Wisdom of Ben Sirach, not to be confused with Ecclesiastes, and not contained in our Protestant bibles. This text, 51 chapters long, written around 180 BC, can be downloaded at www.catholicdoors.com/bible/sirach.htm. The class, led by Tom Johnson and Kristie Worrel, meets in G2 between services at 10h15 – 11h00. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ACP SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: meets at 12h30 in G7. All are welcome to join us in the study of the book of Daniel as it relates to a common situation: being foreigners in a foreign land and how to apply God's word in everyday life.

ACP FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY: All are welcome to attend. Study begins Sundays at 14h00 in the Thurber Room. Contact Virginia Jacinto for more details.

ACP TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is studying Ephesians. All are welcome! We will be using Warren Wiersbe's book: Be Rich: Gaining the Things That Money Can't Buy. Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own copy (available via internet or through WH Smith bookstore). Come along even if you don't yet have a copy of the book. We're good at sharing! The study runs from 10h30-12h30 every Tuesday morning except during school holidays in the catacombs of the church building. Childcare is available for a minimal fee. For more information please contact Jennifer Jourlait.

ACP MEN’S GROUP: Come for coffee, conversation, prayer and fellowship. Any men interested in further information, address and door codes, or in being added to our e-mail list, should contact Ed Hyslip.

ACP WEDNESDAY EVENING SUPPER CLUB: Discussing Timothy Keller’s book, King’s Cross, over dinner at a café at 19h30 starting 10 October. Everyone is welcome! Good discussion, good fellowship, and good food! For more information and café location, please contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org. Our first discussion will be on the first chapter! Get a copy of the book at coffee hour for 10€, if you haven’t already!
ACP Groups and Additional Fun Activities

**ACP WRITER’S GROUP** meets the second Saturday of the month at 14h00 – 17h00 in room G2. Contact Rosalyn McKeown.

**MULTICULTURAL COUPLES POTLUCK** will meet in the Thurber Room on 12 October at 20h00 for a potluck of food and fun. You are warmly invited to bring a dish to share and join the fun. There is always great fellowship and fascinating cross-cultural discussion. For more information contact Monica Bassett or Anja Wyss.

**THE KNITTING GROUP** will meet on Mondays at 17h00. We welcome all newcomers whether beginners or experts or somewhere in between. Some of us even crochet, quilt and cross stitch. Bring your own project and find new friends. For more information contact Antoinette Wolfe or Nancy VerWest.

**THE QUILTING GROUP** meets on Tuesday afternoon at members houses. This newly formed group welcomes quilters of all levels. We have worked on a paper piecing project and now we are working on a pieced and appliqué basket project. For more information please contact Nancy VerWest.

**MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP:** The movie group’s October choices are: *Robot & Frank* by Jake Schreier, *Vous n’avez encore rien vu* by Alain Resnais, *Ruby Sparks*, by Jonathan Dayton & Valerie Faris, and *Dans la maison*, by François Ozon. See any or all in the cinema at your convenience, then join the group for discussion on Thursday, 18 October at 19h30pm in basement room G2.

Independent Christian Prayer Groups and Bible Study Activities

**MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL** has come to Paris! Are you concerned about your kids? Would you like to join with other moms as we lift up our cares and concerns for our children and their schools to our loving Father? Experience the joy of replacing anxiety with peace and hope when we pray together. Contact Caroline at MomsInPrayerParis@gmail.com for information and join us Tuesday mornings at 9h30 in G2. See also MomsInPrayer.org.

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF INTERNATIONAL)** What a great way to discover the gift of God’s Word through BSF’s interdenominational and international Bible studies! This Paris class brings together 50 or so women for in-depth Bible study every Monday evening from 19h00 to 20h50. Contact Thelma Fuchs.

**MINDFUL MEDITATION:** This group is being offered on Saturdays from 12h00 to 13h15, in G2, for those who already have a meditation practice, as well as for those who are interested in beginning a practice. Mindfulness meditation is a way of learning to pay attention to our life as it unfolds moment by moment. It is open to church members as well as to the larger community. Norma Jean Deak, a clinical social worker, has taught Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for 14 years. Contact Norma Jean with any questions.
Volunteering Opportunities

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Children’s Worship Needs You!
Volunteers are asked to commit to serving approximately two Sundays every 6-8 weeks. For more information, please contact Jeanette at childrensworship@acparis.org.

GREETING AND USHERING: We are seeking new members for this group. If you are interested in participating during the services, please contact Anna Zweede at musicandworship@acparis.org.

FRIDAY MISSION LUNCH AT ACP: Urgent Need for Chefs!
The Friday Mission Lunch Program has just lost 2 head chefs in August and will be losing three others in the next month! Consequently we are looking for people who have chef experience or otherwise love to cook. The FML takes place every Friday at the ACP between 10h00-14h00 and has a dynamic team of support volunteers. If you have time and a love to cook and serving your community please contact Kristie Worrel at missionoutreach@acparis.org.

THURBER THURSDAY: Like to cook? Bake? We need people for making cakes/cookies and delicious desserts in advance of our dinners on Thursday evenings, as well as help with dinner preparations on Thursdays. Our cooking crew starts at 16h00 and set up crew sets the tables starting at 17h30. Please contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org if you would like to become part of this fun team! Clean up crew eats for free and earns special blessings!

THANKSGIVING TEAM: Looking for people to cook, set up, decorate, and clean up for our dinner on 24 November. If you sign up for the clean up crew…. You eat for FREE!! Contact Camilla at communitylife@acparis.org. There are seven clean up crew slots left!

RUMMAGE SALE ORGANIZATION: Anyone have extra hangers? Could you help in getting ready for our rummage sale? We need to organize the donated clothes into sizes and gender, and get them all ironed and looking nice on hangers. If you can help with providing hangers, ironing and organizing, please contact communitylife@acparis.org and a day and time will be set up for this!

WELCOME TABLE ATTENDANTS and COFFEE HOUR GREETERS:
Be a MEETER GREETER! We are looking for happy, cheerful people to help at the Welcome Table after every service, as well as roaming coffee hour greeters. This is a ministry that we can ALL share in, and if you can share 20 minutes of your time, once a month to participate in welcoming guests, you are sure to find more joy than you can give. A smile and a handshake is all that is needed! Teams are being formed so that each team serves one Sunday per month at each service. Please contact Camilla Macfarlane at communitylife@acparis.org if you can be counted on to spread some joy!
Meet Elodie Lasserre!

Elodie graduated from a French graduate school, Novancia, in 2008, and works for a public relations firm based in Paris. She grew up in a suburb of Paris, where her family has many Catholic traditions, but never went to church regularly. However, her father’s parents were strong Christians, and asked if they could take her and her sisters to catechism classes. Her parents agreed, and happily she attended every Saturday morning. On Sundays, she admits, she often forgot to go to mass. During these catechism years, her parents never talked about God or religion at home, and sadly, if you asked them today, they will tell you that they do not believe in God. Thanks to her grandparents though, she had the chance to experience a special feeling during those years. A feeling that she expresses as a feeling of peace, and she felt this peace while at church or when sitting and participating at the catechism class.

After her second communion, she didn’t have many opportunities to go to church, until she went to the U.S. for a school exchange program. She met wonderful Protestant friends who invited her to their church. She was very curious to discover and to understand the differences between Catholics and Protestants. So one Sunday she went with them to their church, and enjoyed it immensely! The sermon was full of examples from our modern lives, and the people were welcoming and open to discussion. Also, there was always a meeting, or a group you could join for fellowship, growing your faith, and learning about God. This was a new and exciting world!

A few years ago, Elodie and her family experienced some very difficult and sad moments, and she was looking for some guidance for her life, and some explanations too. She was feeling that something was missing from her life, and memories of the peace she felt during her catechism years at church, and her experience at the Protestant church in the U.S., reminded her how she appreciated going to the classes, and talking about heaven, and life after death.

A little over a year ago, when Elodie moved into Paris, she started looking for a Protestant church to attend and the American Church in Paris was her first choice. She said, “I was feeling completely lost and hopeless at that time of my life, and the only word I could hear during the service was “hope”. Peggy Smithart, was reading an excerpt and I felt that each time she said the word “hope”, she was looking straight into my eyes. That’s when I understood that I was at the right place, and that yes, the church was what I was missing in my life.”

Elodie’s future goal is to learn more about God, and in her quest for growth as a Christian, she is looking forward to changing her employment and hopefully working for nonprofit organization, where she can take refuge from a money hungry world. Also, she has been called to be a new Young Adult Leader, where she has just organized a new event called Young Professionals Discussion. It is an opportunity for people between 25 and 30 years old, who are experiencing the corporate world in and around Paris, to come and share their experiences. For example, last week they discussed working for people that don’t respect Christian values, and how to handle such situations. All who came enjoyed having an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions about their work and faith.

Before joining ACP, she says she didn’t pay attention to all the little things that made her life great. But now, she says she sees all the blessings God is sending into her life. She can’t help but see how God is working in her life in a variety of ways, and says, “The main blessing is the feeling of peace I’ve been experiencing lately. And trust me, in the past few years, peace was definitively not my main feeling! I really thought I would never be a peaceful person in any way. But now, I feel peace and joy throughout my life, and I feel so grateful.”
Meet Anjlo Ajmal!

Anjlo is from Pakistan and has a master’s degree in English Literature, and a B.A. in Theology. He has been in Paris for two years, and started and still serves as a docent for ACP’s Open Door Ministry, which began in January 2012.

The Open Door Ministry opens the sanctuary for visits or prayers on weekdays. Anjlo describes the ministry as deeply symbolizing having open arms, and feels that God has really blessed this ministry.

From January through September of this year, you may be surprised to know that more than 1,200 visitors have come through the Open Door Ministry at ACP. Anjlo describes our sanctuary as “an emblem of light and color, creativity and commitment, peace and passion, as well as faith and fraternity. Our sanctuary has so many things to share, including an opportunity to share Gospel.” Mostly, he starts by talking about the sanctuary, and many times ends up speaking about the sanctuary inside! ACP has been known as “A Quiet Place in a Busy City” and as we all know, it is busy blessing visitors in so many ways, and a big way is through this Open Doors Ministry with Anjlo’s efforts.

Additionally, he is also on the Young Adult Leadership Team under Pastor Dan Haugh’s faithful leadership, and is always willing to help out, lend a hand or an ear. He has helped with vacation bible school, council retreats, Thurber Thursday evenings, and more.

He comments that he has received many blessings since joining ACP and Leadership Team—and surely that is true, but it is also more likely that ACP and the city of Paris and her tourists have had even more blessings because of his commitment, dedication, and love for sharing the good news. When asked about his future plans, he said, “I want to continue my studies in theology and would like to continue serving the Lord.” We all hope the best and are thankful for the ways he has served the Lord up to now. We should all thank him for the blessings he has brought to us, along with the good cheer and big smiles!
Upcoming Events
Mark Your Calendars!

Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, 24 November at 19h30
Tickets go on sale 4 November, at the coffee hours after the services, and also at the reception desk.

All-Church Christmas Party
Thursday, 20 December
Dinner, Singing, and Fellowship
With a White Elephant Gift Exchange
Also, watch for cooking, baking, and decorating dates for both kids and adults. We will also be Gingerbread House making!

Marché de Noël
Christmas Market
Saturday
17 November
11h00 ~ 17h00
Free Entry

Organized by the ACP Mission Outreach Committee.
Proceeds to benefit Mission Ministries:
Habitat for Humanity; Rafiki; SOS;
Foyer de Grenelle; Friday Mission Lunch;
King’s Garden Children’s Home, Philippines;
The Living Truth Foundation-Ghana;
the Cameroonian Church Project and Youth Missions.

visit our website: www.acparis.org
The Confirmation of our NEW Associate Pastor
23 September 2012

Praying with and for our new Associate Pastor at her installation.

Dr. Rev. Angela Hancock, Rev. Michelle Wahila, Rev. Dr. Scott Herr, and Rev. Dr. Jeff Powell
ACP Would Like to Welcome It’s Newest Members!

Confirmed at the 11h00 service:
Matthew Brown (USA), Teri Lee Yankowsky (USA), Bernard Owusu (Ghana), Yoo Mi Park (Korea), Alain Kiyak (France), Miiko Anderson (USA), Michiel Ausems (Netherlands), Richard and Bonnie Smith (USA) 
Evelyn Leduc (USA), Florence Adhah Kayatta (Kenya), Kyle Smith (Canada), Marie-Terese Bockari (Sierra Leone), Odigie Oghogho (Nigeria)

Confirmed at the 13h30 service:
Yinka Bisiriyu (Nigeria), M.F. Nancy Leconte (Haiti), The Denfert Family (France), Sabine Louis-Jeune (France), Oktarina Grandesso (Indonesia), Kristie Anne McKenzie (USA), Claude-Richard and Shakia Dayas (Cameroon and USA)

Ministry Fair

Our 2012 Ministry Fair was teaming with people wanting to connect by participating and sharing their gifts of service. It was a very festive and productive time for all the committees and ministries that participated.
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