

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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*The TCP team from our church, Bob Finzel (co-chair), Tad Jembere, Martin Ojong, and Ernestine Tebong (co-chair), and Rev. Yang have been meeting regularly. We have participated at the workshops provided by Rev. Ann Philbrick, the consultant, together with other churches in TCP process. The pastors of all TCP churches have monthly meetings with Rev. Philbrick.*



## TRANSFORMING CONGREGATION PROJECT

by Ernestine Tebong

The Transforming Congregation Project has begun. What exactly is TCP? We will try to answer this question in the many months and years ahead, as we learn more about the process. Each month, we will try to share in the newsletter, what the TCP team has learned, the projects in which we are involved, and where we are as a congregation in relation to the project.

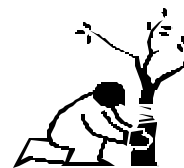
On January 16, 2005, we had our first meeting in Little Falls, VA. We were all ready to get all the answers to congregational transformation. Like most people, when we first heard of congregational transformation, we had

different but similar ideas... how to get more members, develop more church programs, and build a bigger better church. We quickly found out that was not exactly it. We learned that Congregational transformation actually begins with **you and me**.

There were four main areas of focus: transformation, spiritual energy, assessment, and leadership.

The definition of Transformation according to the Florida United Methodist Conference, **Congregational Transformation is people...moving evermore completely...to embrace with clarity and passion...the mission Jesus gave the church:**

### MAKE DISCIPLES!



How do we do this?

These points were highlighted.

- ✍ Create spiritual energy ( Personal spiritual disciplines through prayer, fasting, bible study, tithing, service, sharing how faith affects our lives therefore creating contagious faith.)
- ✍ Congregation should know itself by coming to terms with it's past, present, and future
- ✍ Building a leadership team

- ✍ Caring for people in the community. (Sharing the greatness of God outside the church)
- ✍ Developing a ministry plan, and building a financial base for ministry.
- ✍ Play together

We had our second TCP meeting on March 5, 2005, and that meeting focused on Assessments. We especially learned about “Congregational Life Survey” which is a project that began in the 90s. The major purpose of this survey is to find out the strengths of the congregation.

Look at these positive predictors of congregational growth according to the U.S Congregational Life survey.

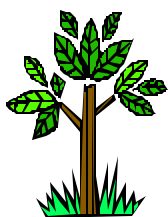
- Caring for children and youth
- Participation in the congregation
- Welcoming new people.

In order to embrace these transforming qualities, we will need to answer the following questions: Who are we? Where have we been? Where are we going?

The assessment tools we will be asking the congregation to fill out in the coming weeks will help us with some of these answers. The TCP team kindly asks your cooperation in getting these done, when the time comes as there’s a timeline to get them back. These tools will really help us see our congregation as it actually is, and focus on the task of transformation.

Certain people have been identified as lay leaders, and we will need their energy to help with surveys, and assessments. Certain people will help us identify where they think the church is on a life cycle chart.

Continue to pray for the TCP team, our pastor, and for our congregation.



### Dates to keep in mind

**April 10: Life Cycle Analysis** with the representatives. (after church service)

**April 17: Congregational Life Survey.** Members or visitors who participate “regularly” and are age 15 or older will be given a survey to complete which will take about 30 minutes. (after church service)

**May 13-15 (Friday to Sunday) Assessment Weekend** (Rev. Ann Philbrick, the consultant, will be here meeting with lay leaders, with TCP team, with Session, and worship with the congregation)



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT ADELPHI

Dear Members and Friends of Adelphi Presbyterian Church,

This year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Adelphi Presbyterian Church! We are in the process of planning a grand celebration on October 2, 2005 at 3:00 pm at our beloved church. Following a service, we will have food and fellowship with pictures, letters, memories and memorabilia on display.

We cordially invite all past and present members and friends of Adelphi Presbyterian Church to celebrate this milestone with us. Please pass the word to all others who may be interested or associated with our church. We are trying to contact as many people as possible to share in the celebration – you may be in touch with some members or friends that we are not.

Prior to the celebration, we need to collect your photos, memories, letters and memorabilia to share with all who will attend. We will attempt to return photos to you – please attach a return address label and phone number on the back if you wish to have the photo returned. Please do the same for other documentation or memories you wish to have returned to you. Otherwise, consider sending copies.

This information may be sent to the church at the address below:

Adelphi Presbyterian Church  
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Re: 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

Any questions or other information may be forwarded to us by e-mail at [adelphipc@yahoo.com](mailto:adelphipc@yahoo.com) with the subject line of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please include your full name, email address and phone number in the body of the email. Your email may not be answered by email, but may be answered by phone.

You can even call us with questions at 301-434-6337 and leave a message, especially if you'd like to help out! We're looking for a huge response, don't disappoint us!

Respectfully yours,  
Chester H. Guild, Verna Juska  
301-434-0230



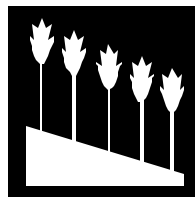
### OUR CONDOLENCES TO...

Sharon Anderson, whose sister Kathy Brosky died on February 28, 2005 at age 59. A memorial service was held on Sunday March 6, 2005 in Florida. Please pray for Sharon and Kathy's families.



### CONGRATULATIONS...

To Bunny and Wayne Sour for the birth of their grandson, Augustus Marye Mondragon, born on February 15, 8lbs. 7oz. Proud parents are Leigh Ann & Francisco Mondragon.



### EASTER FLOWERS

Blessings and Thanks for sharing and decorating the sanctuary with your Easter Lilly




- Comfort Anigboh:
- Chester Guild
- Janet Dolen
- Verna Juska
- The Farley Family
- The Lancaster Family
- The Ojong Family
- The Wiltshare Family
- Icylin Young (for Bertie Young)



### ORDINATION CELEBRATIONS!

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we are celebrating the milestone of ordination of women in the church. Four different conferences have been planned for 2005 and 2006.

#### Women ordaine d:

-  As **Deacons** in 1906  
(100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006)
-  As **Elders** in 1930  
(75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005)
-  To **Word and Sacrament** in 1956  
(50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006)



### Help By Phone Menu

Beef Stew	Jell-o	Dry Milk	Pudding
Macaroni & Cheese	Pasta	Coffee	Pancake mix
Spaghetti	Soups	Tea	Pancake Syrup
Pork & Beans	Peanut Butter	Cocoa	
	Fruit		

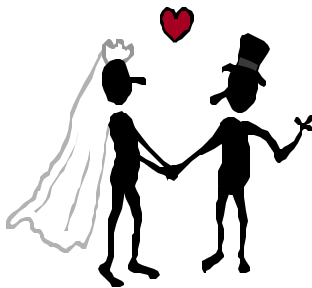
Dried Northern Beans Tuna Jelly	Apple sauce Baby food Cold Cereals Grits Oatmeal		Red, Green & Yellow Vegetables Rice Pudding
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We are asked to do something different for the month April, May and June. Each week you will bring one food item from the list below.

All foods must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet health department regulation. Please bring the above items and place them in the grocery basket in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you so much for sharing this ministry. Blessings to you as we anticipate this joyous season.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Larry and Kathie James      April 7  
Jeff and Kathleen Hong      April 21

Jeff Hong

April 25



## Lectionary Reading April

- 3      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1<sup>st</sup>. Peter 1:3-9  
John 20: 19- 31
- 10     3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalms 116:1-4,12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24: 13-35
- 17     4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2: 42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-15  
John 10:1-10
- 24     5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

## Happy Birthday



Charlotte Ojong      April 5  
Hudson Lancaster    April 7  
Vida Agyei-Obese    April 11  
Uzo Anigboh          April 12  
Phyllis Samuel      April 19  
Bunny Sours          April 20

## April Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Acolytes	Liturgists
April 3rd 11:00 a.m.	The Milligans	Janet Dolen	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Brandi Wiltshire	Larry Jones
April 10th 11:00 a.m.	Gail Rodman	Jennie Cardin	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	John A. Thurber	Evelyn Jones
April 17th 11:00 a.m.	The Lancasters	Martin Ojong	Tad Jembere Jerome Farley	Verna Obese	Bette Miller
April 24 11:00 a.m.	Vida Agyei-Obese	Gail Rodman	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Wesley Tembunde	Martin Ojong

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Administrative Assistant: Mildred Fon

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