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God is the God of all times, all ages, all generations. This is a core belief of those in the “reformed tradition” – there is only one God, who alone is sovereign, is Lord, is Savior. Those of us engaged in ministry by, with and for older adults can sometimes be frustrated by the churches desire for “more young people;” it sometimes looks and feels like disrespect from those who have lived for fewer years. This issue is devoted to seeking an increased understanding among and between the various generations, and offers positive suggestions.

Of course, there is also and always business to be attended to. You will find here some information from two Presbyteries in the Midwest, an article from Generations United (a group from Florida engaged in inter-generational work), a book review that speaks in part from the view of nurse’s aides in an institutional setting, a sermon from one of “God’s Oldest Friends,” certification information, and proposed changes to the By-Laws of our Network.

The annual conference will be held April 16 (with dinner) - April 19 (through breakfast) at our own Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe, NV. Registration materials may be obtained from conference coordinator Cindy Wright at 858-509-2580 X1400, or by e-mail at wright@solanapres.org. The worship will be led by “our own” Jon Brown, and there will be plenary and keynote presentations, along with twelve workshop choices, all designed to help you get started or to re-energize your Older Adult Ministry. There is a lunch tour of the Lake, and optional activities (walking or chair exercises) and of course, “Sharing Our Stuff” where we exchange program ideas and information on resources that have been helpful.

Early registration officially ends on January 15; due to delayed publication, contact Cindy Wright (see above) if this deadline would make your attendance difficult. We want you to be there! But please don’t delay!

POAMN continues to network and develop stronger ties with other PC(USA) networks and organizations. In particular, down the road we hope to share a conference with ARMSS (Association of Retired Ministers, their Spouses and Survivors) down the road (contact via www.pcusa.org/olderadults then go to their tab on the right column); we also appreciate our growing relationship with the Presbyterian Homes and Services for the Aging (PAHSA) group (www.pahsa.org). PAHSA is currently helping us develop our own website. We expect that it will be up and running by the next issue of AGEnda, but unfortunately it won’t be available for on-line conference registration this year. As the Chicago Cubs (and others) say, just wait for next year!

Truly, Older Adult Ministries in the PC(USA) is alive and well, changing and going through growing pains to be sure, but hanging in there – much like our constituents!

News from the Presbyteries

We continue to seek PROAMs (Presbytery Representatives for Older Adult Ministries) for many parts of the country. PROAMs are those persons in each Presbytery who have been identified as having a passion for Older Adult Ministry, and are willing to serve as a link in the communication chains. Some Presbyteries find ways to support PROAMs in their work by reimbursement of mileage and copy cost; some even pay part of the fees for attending the Annual POAMN Conference or other training. Not sure who your PROAM is, or might want to serve in this way? Contact your Presbytery office, or Susie Johnson at susiejohnson@faithhospice.org or by phone at 970-401-9090 X3172.

From the Midwest: Lincoln and Homestead Presbyteries share a “Seasoned Adult Fall Celebration” at Calvin Crest Camp Conference and Retreat Center in Eastern Nebraska. They are looking into other ways to be engaged in ministry by, with and for Older Adults. Contact Bernice Besch-Field and Brad Field at 78900 Stonewall Ct., Lincoln, NE 68506-4171 or by phone at 402-489-5676.

A scholarship recipient from last year’s Annual Conference shares her experience in Des Moines Presbytery: I asked for and received time on the agenda for a brief report at the May 2006 Presbytery Assembly (a requirement of the scholarship is sharing the experience back home). In August I had a display board and books for browsing. In November, my church sent a display board, loop video, and handouts related to OAM (more than 50 copies were picked up); I announced the Annual POAMN Conference. So far, seven churches have asked for further information and OAM now regularly appears in the Presbytery newsletter “The Wider Circle”. “Notice that warm feeling? It’s God, holding our toes to the fire.” Submitted by Darlene Shepherd of Oskaloosa, Iowa. She can be reached at dshep@mahaska.org or 641-6735793.

Certification Update

“Teaching for Transformation”, the second of four core courses in our certification program, was piloted in October. The course was developed and led by Joyce MacKichan Walker of Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, NJ. As a result of the very positive response from the group, the Executive Committee is dropping the requirement regarding Course One being completed before registration for Course Two. You may now enroll in the courses as they become available in any sequence that works for you and your schedule.

Both Course One (Spirituality) and Course Two (Teaching for Transformation) will be offered in conjunction with the Annual Conference in April 2007. Both require extended stays at Lake Tahoe. Course One participants must have arrived in time for class work late Sunday afternoon, meet all day on Monday and the course will complete the class on Thursday April 19. Course Two participants must arrive in time to begin class work by 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, meet all day on Thursday and complete the work by lunchtime on Friday, April 20. Both classes have reading to be done beforehand and a project to be completed within sixty days after the conference. Contact Certification Coordinator Vickie Kintzel for registration forms, reading lists and related materials.

The other core courses are being developed: “Faith Responses to the Questions of Older Adults (reformed theology)” and “Practical Tools for Older Adult Ministry”. An elective and a comprehensive overview paper or project are also part of the process.

[Editor's Note: This article was received in response to a prior issue of the AGenda, and is printed as submitted because it fits our theme well.]

Seniors4Kids

By Generations United Staff

Florida residents age 50+ who are interested in helping transform Florida's public education system into a national model are encouraged to volunteer to be ELDER (**Energetic Leaders Demanding Education and Results) Captains to promote needed changes to the state's universal pre-kindergarten program for four-year olds. To date, about two dozen Orlando seniors have joined the statewide advocacy effort called Seniors4Kids, a partnership of Generations United and the Children's Campaign, but more are still needed.**

ELDER Captains are older adults with a belief that Pre-K should be held to the high quality standards that voters demanded when they passed the constitutional amendment in 2002. They are people like Orlando resident Linda Armstrong who coordinates local outreach and advocacy activities in her community and works to engage other older adults as volunteers to advocate for quality Pre-K.

"Seniors4Kids is a program that's all about partnering Florida's senior citizens with Florida's youngest citizens," said Armstrong, who is also the Northeast Regional Affiliate for the National After-School Association. "There's something almost magical when we 'older' folks interact with little ones. Our faces, our hearts, and even our blood pressure changes."

Armstrong is just one in a growing network of ELDER Captains from around the state with the common goal of helping children become better future citizens. By enlisting other seniors to educate policymakers and the local community about the need for quality voluntary pre-K, the Captains are able to efficiently coordinate outreach and advocacy activities in their communities.

Currently, according to the latest annual report data from the National Institute for Early Education Research, the quality of Florida's UPK program is among the lowest nationwide. Only one other state's pre-K program met fewer of NIEER's 10 quality standards than Florida. If Florida adheres to the **EARLY Investment** Floridian's requested, UPK will improve from another public education program to a national model. The five elements of EARLY investment include:

Educated teachers – four year college degree teachers produce better educational outcomes for four-year olds than do less educated workers

Assessments and Accountability – Age-appropriate assessments are needed to measure program effectiveness and each child's progress

Reimbursement rates – Quality can not be achieved with the current reimbursement rates. Reimbursement rates per child need to be commensurate with the costs of providing a high-quality program.

Learning Curriculum – Without proven, high quality classroom educational tools, children will not be prepared for kindergarten and first grade.

Book Review: Blessed Are the Caregivers

Knight, Bethany. Albuquerque, NM: Hartman Publishing, Inc., 2001. 430 p.

Bethany Knight has written an excellent, inspiring, and poignant book designed to uplift those who care for older adults. Although much of the book includes moving accounts from and about certified nursing assistants (CNAs), it is also ideal for pastors, chaplains, doctors, nurses, dining, and administrative staff and anyone else who works with seniors in retirement communities and other settings. Knight weaves themes from the Beatitudes into her reflections and accounts, assigning one theme to each month of the year.

As the pastor of a non-denominational Protestant church in a retirement community, I resonated with this book for several reasons. First, Knight takes an interfaith approach that defines all care for seniors as “holy work,” and she quotes people from a wide variety of traditions, ranging from Cistercian priests to Zen Buddhists. Second, she writes from a broad perspective, since she understands that everyone from food servers to CNAs to administrators play a key role in the quality of care that older adults receive. Her book is filled with examples of caregivers who are very dedicated, who care deeply about the people they look after, and who suffer a profound sense of loss when someone they’ve cared for dies.

Third, she describes a reality not easily acknowledged in a society like ours, which worships youth and beauty and fears aging and death. The reality is that often, caregivers become a second family and sometimes the only family for those in their care. As Knight says in one part of her book, “Yours may well be the last face, the last voice in a patient’s precious life. Your name could be the last on his lips.”

Knight’s book truly celebrates those who give themselves so completely, tirelessly, compassionately, and lovingly to the older adults in their care. For caregivers everywhere, this book is a welcome and compelling reminder that their work with older adults is a noble calling—valued and valuable. For those who have loved ones in retirement communities or nursing homes, or are thinking of helping a loved one move to such a place, I recommend this book to them as well, that they might better appreciate the myriad kindnesses and extra, unseen, and often heroic efforts taken each day by caregivers on behalf on those in their care.

Book reviewer: Rev. Hilaire Henthorne, Pastor, The Village Church, Greenspring, Springfield, VA.. Reprinted by permission of *The Interfaith Voice*, newsletter of the National Interfaith Council on Aging, National Council on Aging, Washington, DC. Hilaire will lead a workshop at the 2007 Annual POAMN Conference, and can be reached at hhenthorne@cox.net.

The Annual Older Adult Planning Guide is in development, and distribution is planned for February 2007. The theme, in conjunction with the POAMN Annual Conference, is “Boomers and Beyond: Bridging the Age Gap in the Church”. Included are articles by Conference keynoter Charles Arn on “Why Aren’t Senior Adults Being Evangelized” and Conference plenary speaker Don Parrott on mobilizing boomers, along with liturgy and resource information and more. Again this year, the publication development costs are being donated by Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky. THANKYOU!

POAMN is seeking person(s) with interest, skill and/or training in marketing, and a love for “God’s oldest friends”. Contact Pat Baker, POAMN Vice President, to explore possibilities for shared ministry. Reach Pat at pbaker22@comcast.net, or 678-580-3527.

“There were so many accolades and requests, by young and old alike, for copies of the following sermon delivered on “Older Adult Sunday” by the Rev. Walter J. Coats, Pastor Emeritus of the Pennington Presbyterian Church in New Jersey, that we felt we wanted to share his message with our fellow Presbyterians.”

THE GIFTS WITHIN

Isaiah 40: 28-31; Matt. 25: 31-40

So, it’s Older Adult Sunday in the Church. And the assignment to the Older Adult Ministry Committee was: “Find an old codger, who will preach for about twenty minutes.” I guess I am the answer to that first part, and the second part, we’ll see. That reminds me of the story of a little girl visiting her grandparent’s church. She watched everything with great interest. When the minister went into the pulpit, he carefully took off his watch and put it on the shelf. “What does that mean?” the little girl asked. “Nothing, absolutely nothing,” was her grandfather’s reply.

I can hardly believe I retired from my work here almost twenty years ago, but I did. As many of you know, I was then called to be part-time minister of calling in Morrisville Presbyterian Church. I was there for eight years. Then, gingerly, I put my foot back in the door here. You [the congregation] and [Pastors] Sue Fall and Bill McQuoid welcomed me and Margy and we have been part of this worshipping community for the past twelve years.

When I first went to Morrisville, some said to me, “It’s good to see someone on our staff with gray hair.” I took it as a compliment, but it is also a symbol of our times, for there is a graying of America, and a graying of our churches. In 1906 life expectancy was 49, today it is 74. Eleven percent of our population is over 65, and [that percentage] is growing by leaps and bounds. Regarding Presbyterians, most of us retire at 65, only 15% are employed after that age. However, by age 65, one in four Presbyterian women is a widow. Indeed, there is a graying of our population.

But there is hope in all this, and believe me, even joy. How do you know when you are old?

1. It is when you look at your children and they seem middle age to you.
2. It is when your back goes out more than you do.
3. As Gypsy Rose Lee said on turning 65 (you have to be a certain age to know who she was), “I have everything I had twenty-five years ago, except its lower.”

Today I have three words for you. They are: SEE, SPEAK, and SERVE. Two scriptures, one a favorite of mine from Isaiah: *Even youth shall faint and grow weary and young men shall fall exhausted, but they that wait on the Lord, shall rise up as the wings of eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.* Are they the stages of our life: flying, running, now walking?

[And in the] second scripture from Matthew: *Jesus says to feed the poor and help the afflicted. When you do it to the least of these, you do it unto me.*

Some words for this Church about your older folk. I really think they’re doing very well. First, they have an Older Adult Committee and Pres Plus for meetings and fellowship. Second, they have a group of callers who visit those who are not able to join us here in Church. Third, they are scattered among other groups like salt and pepper, [Deacons, Elders, Sunday School Teachers, Men’s and Women’s Luncheons, Weekly Suppers with Youngsters, Harvest Festival and Spring Fling, and Dinners for the Homeless.] Fourth, for many, this church is the closest family they have, and for some, the only family.

My only plea would be to continue to see us, indeed all of us, teenagers to oldies as the people of God, to look beyond that outer shell and see us within. When an old lady died in the geriatric ward of a small hospital near

Dundee, Scotland, it was believed she had nothing left of any value, but later they discovered a poem about the ways that we sometimes see one another [*Ed.: easily downloadable by searching "what do you see, nurse?"*].

The word for the Church is to SEE, to see us all, within.

And a word for those of you from about 35 to age 55: **The word is SPEAK. Speak up, talk.** Someone has called you “The Sandwich Generation” because you have been sandwiched between care and concern for your children, and the growing care and concern for your ageing parents. You have an allegiance to your children for food, clothing, their education, but also a growing concern for your parents, their housing and their well-being. Sometimes these are kept in a wonderful delicate balance, and sometimes something can quickly go awry. A parent falls ill, a hip breaks, Alzheimer’s rudely steps in, and you are the care-giver, whether they live with you or not.

How do you forty and fifty-somethings deal with parents and your own children? Perhaps it begins with that basic human gift to speak, to speak up. Yes, talking, speaking can be a means of God’s grace. Perhaps questions like:

1. Mom, can you keep up with the needs around this old house?
2. Can you comfortably meet your expenses?
That question is as hard for you to ask your Dad as it was for him to talk to you about sex.
3. Tell me, what would you want done if one of you is incapacitated?
That is hard to ask, too, but better to ask it while a parent can answer, than to go through the legal hoops later on.

Yes, speaking is a means of grace. Remember, only 1% of parents ever want to live with their kids, so to ask the question doesn’t mean they will be moving in next week. So the second word is SPEAK.

Lastly, a word to those of you about my age: It is not only what the local church can do for you. It is not just what your children can do for you, but it is what you can do for yourself, for others and for the world. Our Christian theology does not view older people as different people. Our Christian faith sees God liberating us for life, at whatever age. God calls us at 18, 38 or 98, to love Him and serve one another.

I called on 85 year old Dorothy living in a nursing home in Lititz, Pennsylvania. When I asked her what she did with her time, she replied a bit indignantly, “Why I’m on the day-care board here. You can’t hire people for nursing homes, unless you have day-care, you know. That’s what I do.” Yes, there’s no retirement from serving one another. **We serve by hugging, visiting, laughing, and seeking legislation. So the third word is SERVE.**

Let me close with a story from a November morning in 2001 at two a.m., when the phone jangled me awake. It was a surgeon telling me that they might have a kidney for me. A twenty-year-old male had just died of a cancerous brain tumor. By 11:30 that morning I had the gift of a new life given to me. Each week as I traveled to Geisinger Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania, Dr. Landwehr asked me two questions: “How are you feeling?” and “What have you done this week that you enjoyed?” I learned that he was also an Elder in his Presbyterian Church. Perhaps like me, he learned the Shorter Catechisms of the Westminster Confession of Faith. That first question asks, “What is the chief end of man?” and the answer is, “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.” To ENJOY Him, his world his creation, time.

Three words: SEE, SPEAK, SERVE, all of us, to glorify God, and yes, to enjoy his whole creation, forever.

(Editor’s Note: This sermon was submitted by Shirley Norton of Pennington Presbyterian Church in Pennington, NJ after last year’s Older Adult Week. It fits the theme of Generations, and is included in this issue of AGenda essentially in its entirety. She can be reached at natshirl@earthlink.net and the church web site is www.pennpres.org.)

Where are they now?

Margaret Suttle is the President of our Network. She and husband Tom recently moved to be near family as she continues her battle with cancer. Your notes can be sent to her at 49 Bethany Drive, Jackson, TN 38301.

Pat Baker is the Vice President of our Network, and is healing nicely from a vehicle accident last fall. She will lead interested participants at the April Conference in pre-breakfast “Walking for the Health of It” which is an extra incentive for her rehabilitation work.

Beth Ann Force is the Secretary of our Network. She broke her arm this fall, and is contemplating retirement. (No, they are not related, just coming together in time.)

Honest, folks, serving on the ExComm is not normally hazardous to your health, it just looks that way!

Betty Nicholson attended the conference at which POAMN was officially organized and served on the Executive Committee 1995-6, organizing the POAMN conference at Mo Ranch (Texas) in 1996. She served on the planning committee for the 1994 Montreat Skills in Older Adult Ministry conference and directed it in 1995. She now serves on the Board of Presbyterian Retirement Communities Northwest (PRCN). She and her husband own and manage two high rise continuing care retirement communities in Seattle and are building a third community on a full block of downtown Seattle in order to keep up with the needs of Boomers and to provide dementia care for all three communities. In a couple of years they intend to move into one of their communities. Betty can be reached at rdnern2@comcast.net.

This network is part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are a “covenant group”, rather than being part of the formal structure of the denomination. After budget cuts in recent years, we are needing to grow up and stand on our own feet more and more. That means that your participation and your financial support are needed to allow us to continue to form relational connections across the country and to share resources with and from churches of all sizes. Please see the membership form on page 12, and send in your form and fees for 2007. Thank you!

The Executive Committee of POAMN attempts to schedule conferences in differing locales from year to year, so that the cost and discomfort of travel is spread out. Recent conferences have been in Louisville, KY; Tempe, AZ; Daytona Beach, FL; Austin, TX; Stony Point, NY; in 2007 we are going to Lake Tahoe, NV. For 2008, we are looking into the upper Midwest, possibly in the Cincinnati area. The group also tries to balance comfort and convenience with using resources that are part of the denomination. If you would like YOUR home area to be considered, please contact Cindy Wright as the conference coordinator. Her contact information is on page 1 of this issue.

The proposed DELETIONS to the By-Laws of our Network are shown below in ~~strikethrough~~ formatting. The proposed ADDITIONS are shown in *italic* formatting. The changes will be voted on at the Conference in April 2007 by the membership present. Those receiving this issue electronically may find the proposed deletions in RED print; the proposed additions in BLUE print.

BY LAWS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES NETWORK

Article One. Name

The name of the organization shall be Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN)

Article Two. Purpose

The Network shall have as its purpose to equip and assist the Presbyterian Church (USA) to develop older adult ministries, and to

- develop leadership through training and resource development;
- promote the creation of an Older Adult Ministries Committee in each presbytery with two official representatives (PROAM) as members of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network
- provide for mutual support among its members
- maintain communication between its members and the Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Article Three. Membership

The categories of membership in the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network shall be:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. (MEMBER)

An older adult ministries resource person representing middle governing bodies, congregations, institutions, or agencies and who has paid annual dues.

AFFILIATE MEMBER. (AFFILIATE)

For Friends and supporters of the Network.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP (ORGANIZATION)

For congregations, presbyteries, synods and other organizations who wish to join the Network. The member organization may send more than one person to the annual conference at the member rate. The number of persons from one organization will be determined by the Executive Committee.

~~It shall be understood that \$4.00 of the membership dues be used for membership benefit.~~ The membership year is January 1 – December 31.

Article Four. Annual Meeting

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network shall hold an Annual Meeting of its membership in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network.

MEMBERS of the Network whose dues are current shall be entitled to vote in the Annual Meeting of the Network. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

AFFILIATES are not entitled to vote but will have the right to speak at the Annual Meeting.

The MEMBERS of the Network present and voting shall constitute a quorum sufficient for the proper conduct of business.

Article Five. Officers

The officers of the Network shall be MEMBERS of the Network and shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The duties of each shall be those usually associated with those offices.

The term of each office shall be three years.

No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms or partial term in a particular office.

In the event of a vacancy: (1) in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume that office for the balance of the President's term; (2) in any other office, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

Article Six. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers, plus three MEMBERS elected at large. All Members-At-Large shall be elected for a term of three years. No Member-At-Large shall serve more than two consecutive terms or partial terms.

The Executive Committee shall: (1) conduct the business of the Network between annual meetings, (2) plan the Annual Conference of the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Networks, (3) maintain communication between the Network and the Congregational Ministries Division of the PCUSA, (4) report its actions to the next Annual Meeting of the Network, and (5) create subcommittee from the general membership to assist in the work of the Network, as required. (6) *In order to conduct a meeting a quorum of 1/2 + 1 must be in attendance.*

Four committees be established, each to be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee, the chair to be determined by the Executive Committee:

- a. Conference Planning Committee
- b. Long Range Planning Committee
- c. Financial Planning Committee
- d. Coordinator of the Presbytery Representatives for Older Adult Ministries

The Editor of AGENDA and the Chair of the Nominating Committee serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee, with voice, but no vote. Expenses will be covered by POAMN.

Article Seven. Nominations

The Nominating Committee shall consist of three MEMBERS of the Network, and shall be *appointed by the Executive Committee (Ex Comm)*. ~~Elected at the Annual Meeting from a slate presented by the Executive Committee. At the 1992 Annual Meeting one MEMBER shall be elected for a three-year term, one for a two-~~

~~year term and one for a one year term. Thereafter, all MEMBERS shall be elected for a three year term. No officer of the Network or current member of the Executive Committee shall serve on the Nominating Committee during his or her term of office. The chair of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for a 3 year term and shall sit on the Executive Committee. The other 2 members of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed for 1 year terms.~~

~~The President of the Network and the Associate for Older Adult Ministries shall serve on the Nominating Committee as an ex-officio members. No other members of the Executive Committee shall serve on the Nominating Committee during his/her term of office.~~

The Nominating Committee shall prepare and present to the next Annual Meeting a slate of nominees, for each position on Executive Committee to be filled and one for each seat on the Nominating Committee. Other nominations shall be allowed from the floor.

~~The chair of the Nominating Committee shall sit on the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member.~~

Article Eight. Dues

Annual dues for membership in the Network shall be established from time to time by the membership, on recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article Nine. Amendments

These By Laws may be amended by a majority of two-thirds of the MEMBERS present and voting at the Annual Meeting of the Network, provided that the proposed amendments have been mailed to all MEMBERS not less than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Nomination Qualifications for Office in POAMN:

Member of Presbyterian Church (USA)

Have been an active POAMN member (dues-paying) for at least two years

Have attended at least two POAMN conferences

Interest in older adult ministries

Expressed desire and availability to actively serve on the Executive Committee

Diversity to reflect the PC(USA)'s philosophy is valued by the POAMN

Executive Committee, and is considered by the Nominating Committee when preparing a slate of nominees to present to the POAMN membership.

If you meet the qualifications listed here, and are interested in consideration for service on the Executive Committee, please contact Ginger Broussard at ginlpaul@aol.com or by phone: 409-883-7563.

Contact information for the current Executive Committee can be found in the July 2006 issue of AGenda, available on-line at www.pcusa.org/olderadults, in the resources section. Information for Margaret Suttle has changed and is included in this issue under "Where/how are they now?"

Visit our new POAMN website at www.poamn.org

Membership Application

Your membership makes you part of a network of resources and partners in Older Adult Ministries, and includes a subscription to AGenda and discounts for the annual conference.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
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 E-MAIL (preferred): _____
 Synod: _____ Presbytery: _____
 Church or Organization: _____
 ___ New member ___ Renewal

Please Enclose Membership Fee with this Form and return it with your Check Payable to:
POAMN % Linda Kelly, Treasurer, 2212 Beacon Ridge Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134

Individuals:	Governing Bodies:
\$30 Full Membership	\$ 50 Small church (under 150)
\$20 Affiliate Member (student or retiree)	\$100 Medium church (151-499)
\$100 Institutional Members (PAHSA, PCUSA college, etc.)	\$200 Large Church (500+)
	\$250 Small Presbytery (under 10,000)
	\$500 Medium Presbytery (10,001 – 19,999)
	\$1000 Large Presbytery (20,000 +) or Synod

Additional gifts are also welcome, including those in honor or memory of an older adult.
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