

# Peacemaking/ Social Concerns



## PEACEMAKING PROGRAM ANNIVERSARY

At this year's General Assembly in Minneapolis there will be a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the creation of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering. Commissioners and others will gather to give thanks for peacemaking that has been, celebrate present peacemaking endeavors and dream of peacemaking that may be. The Program, 'Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling' was adopted in 1980 at the 192<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. This statement affirmed that peacemaking is central to the gospel message and to living as disciples of Jesus. It celebrated Presbyterian peacemaking efforts and called for a renewed emphasis on seeking peace and doing justice. Since 1980, individual Presbyterians, congregations, middle governing bodies, and General Assembly programs have engaged in amazing peacemaking ministries in the name of Jesus Christ.



## NEW LIFE CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!

New Life Center's Executive Director, Paul Denial, has been chosen to receive the Organization of Nonprofit Executives Annual Nonprofit Director of the Year Award. This Award recognizes outstanding leadership and exceptional service to the community. It seeks to recognize a Nonprofit Executive Director who is an outstanding example of excellence in the management and leadership of a nonprofit organization. Paul Denial received the leader of distinction award for his outstanding leadership qualities and service to New Life Center.

The New Life Center and Shelter from Domestic Violence was a recipient of funds from the Faith Church 2009 Peacemaking Offering.

## COMING SUNDAY JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>!!

Kick-off for summer Tools and Blankets Offering! Watch your bulletins for further information.



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## SUCCESS FOR BREAD FOR THE WORLD IN 2009

In 2009 Bread for the World members helped persuade Congress, the White House, and the State Department to take steps toward reforming U.S. foreign assistance -- creating hope and opportunity for hungry people in the world's poorest countries. Bread for the World set ten specific goals. And because of Offerings of Letters, phone calls, prayers and visits, they accomplished the first eight goals -- a wonderful success! Letters from Faith Presbyterian Church members helped. Thank you!

*Submitted by Ruth Mehl*



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## HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION...

**Saturday, June 19th at 9 a.m.**

The Faith Presbyterian Church family has been a generous supporter of Habitat for Humanity for many years. We participate in the West Side Coalition of Presbyterian Churches. Faith has contributed time and money toward the building of our ninth Presbyterian Habitat house now under construction in Glendale.

A dedication of this Presbyterian Coalition sponsored home will take place on Saturday morning June 19th at 9:00 a.m. All who are interested in the Habitat program are urged to attend. The 30 minute ceremony will be held at the Glendale site - 5410 W. Palmbaire Avenue. The Clarke family is very excited to be in their new home and equally excited to thank all who helped in any way to make their dreams come true.

In the Fall on Sunday, October 31, the family of three will be present at worship and the congregation will have the opportunity to meet and greet them. The quilters of Faith church will present the children with blankets created by members of the quilters. Along with many volunteers, this deserving family has invested over 400 hours, working on their house. Some of the congregation have met this appreciative family.

Habitat's philosophy is that all of God's people deserve a simple, decent place to live. The houses are built on a partnership between a family and community volunteers. The house is sold, not given, to qualifying families. The family helps build the house and they then pay for the house through a zero-interest loan. Payments go back into a revolving fund to support construction of more houses. Habitat works and changes lives!

Thank you to all who have participated in any way with the Habitat program.

*Submitted by: Paul DeBeer*