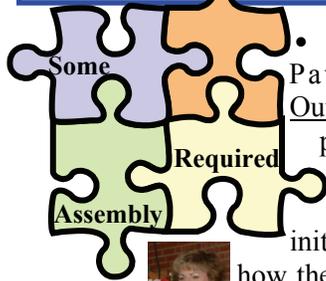




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- **DUANE WESTING** (Pastor at Pawnee City) was named Outstanding Homesteader 2011 and presented with the Giles Award. Congratulations!! Kudos.



- Moderator Charity Potter initiated 'Grace Notes', sharing how the Spirit is alive in our churches. We learned of the vibrancy of Palmyra, witnessing that 'small is big enough!'; Nebraska City led a flood relief for displaced families; Thurston is partnering in a project to grow a medicinal malaria cure.



- **Nick Daugherty** was examined and passed from Inquirer to Candidate for the Ministry.



- **New pastors** were welcomed: Kathy Keener-Han (interim for Norfolk); Bob Burdett (interim for Lyons); and Dennis Hett (Laurel/Belden).



- **Diana Barber** helped us all understand the new Form of Government changes for sessions and congregations.



- **Financial figures** for 2011 were distributed. They are also posted on the



website: [www.homesteadpres.org](http://www.homesteadpres.org)

- New At-Large members of **Council** were elected: Class of 2012 **Pat Brownawell** (Wymore); Class of 2014 **Vicki Flemming** (Hebron).
- **Doug Kelly** our Board of Pensions Regional Representative summarized changes for pensions and medical coverage.

- **Gina Meester** (Heritage) is in the process to become a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer in either Kenya or India.



- **Hospitality and lunch** provided by the members of the Heritage congregation made the meeting a wonderful experience.

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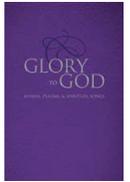
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### Theological Education Fund News

The [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) Office of Theological Education (OTE) February Newsletter highlights how the denomination's 10 seminaries and two related institutions educate informed leaders. The issue features the seminaries' work, and specifically highlights how [Columbia Theological Seminary](#) and [McCormick Theological Seminary](#) partner with others.

### Cover Designs—In Two Colors—Released for New Presbyterian

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation has released the cover design of "Glory to God," the new Presbyterian hymnal to be published in the fall of 2013. "Glory to God" will be the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s first new hymnal since 1990. The Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song, formed in 2008, will submit a final list of hymns to the 220th General Assembly this summer. The complete Presbyterian News Service story is at "[Hymnal](#)."



### GREAT PLAINS WEE KIRK CONFERENCE SET IN MAY IN SIOUX FALLS:

The Great Plains Wee Kirk Conference is planned Tuesday through Thursday, May 1-3, at the Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls, S.D. The theme for this year's conference is "Walking in the Light." This is a wonderful time of renewal for pastors and congregational leaders alike! An extra perk is that the Homestead Presbytery Praise Band will be leading worship and music! Now...who wouldn't want to see that?! More information, including [brochure](#) and [registration form](#), can be found online.

### Children's Summer Now Available

Packed with kid-friendly, take-home comics and activities, summer curriculum for children is available from Congregational Ministries Publishing of the General Assembly Mission Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The all-inclusive Teacher's Book includes 13 easy-to-use lesson plans, reproducible resource sheets, and "For the Home" pages, as well as photocopiable, take-home comic adventures. Details can be found at "[Summer Curriculum](#)."



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