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# The Homesteader



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Dear Kris

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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*By Eric Hoey,  
Director of Evangelism & Church  
Growth*

My desire is to see the PC(USA) become a "turnaround denomination" during my tenure here. I believe God will use one of our new GAMC initiatives, "to work together to ignite in our denomination a movement which results in the creation of 1001 new worshipping communities." This initiative passed by the GAMC is the "game-changer" for our denomination because it forces us to think differently about what is church, how we count them, what we count, how we train, develop, and credential leaders. It drives us to think past traditional New Church Development models into new areas. Planting communities of faith was apart of our DNA many years ago. This initiative will help us rediscover this practice.

Watch our newest 1001 worshipping community video to see what God is doing through followers of Jesus who simply wanted to live together in community, to good in their neighborhood. Then read about some of our new and existing ministries, reaching friends and neighbors with the good news of Jesus, in diverse settings. Also check out our new E-Sunday materials, designed to help you move with God in your neighborhood.

In our Evangelism and Church Growth ministry work we will continue to think more broadly and creatively about new church development, adapting leadership to "these new models of ministry," and to raising up "more young adult disciples." We'll be talking more about this at our national Evangelism and Church Growth conferences in St. Pete Beach, Florida July 29-August 2 - register now, to become part of a "turnaround movement" in the PC(USA).

Blessings,

Eric Hoey

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Register now

"Singing the Lord's Song in a  
Strange Land."

Annual midsummer ministry of  
the Synod of Lakes and Prairies  
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Greetings again from Sunny Prague!



As you may have noticed in my last email I mentioned that I will be itinerating this fall. I plan to spend Sept. and Oct. in the US. I'm planning to take some time to visit my family in western Iowa. I also hope to visit with as many churches and presbyteries as possible. I could not do this work without all of you and I hope to have the opportunity to tell you about my ministry and thank you for your support. If you are interested in having me at your church or gathering please let me know. I would be pleased to preach, help with worship (and help with Communion since I really miss that component of ministry), do a minute for mission, or make a presentation for a Sunday School group or other gathering. Thanks to my wonderful colleagues here I have some wonderful presentations about the ECCB and our ministry together.



Rev. Dr. Karen  
Moritz

If you are interested in scheduling a visit please let me know. Feel free to contact me here at [revkarenmoritz@gmail.com](mailto:revkarenmoritz@gmail.com) or my address at [karen.moritz@pcusa.org](mailto:karen.moritz@pcusa.org) I look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

With wishes for God's blessings,

Karen

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