



... love one another as I have loved you
John 13.12

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Blessed Easter tidings to you each. I pray that you each were personally impacted by the Easter story once again and that you are newly committed to the promise of new light in Christ.

“We fail to realize that Easter demands as much of us now as it did of the apostles then.”

“Easter is hope on a rampage. The world comes alive with possibility.”

From *Lenten Reflections* by Joan Chittister, OSB

While the IPMN Steering Committee met a couple weeks ago, my personal travel has kept me from getting to this issue of IPMN Highlights. Nevertheless, the news contained herein is timely.

IPMN Annual Meeting

Save the dates of October 20-22 (3pm - noon) for the annual IPMN meeting. An exciting and interesting meeting is being planned for each of you. Details for this meeting which will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Thomas, KY (just across the river from Cincinnati) will come just prior to the World Mission Celebration (Oct. 22-24) in Cincinnati. Details for our annual meeting will be out soon. Details for the celebration will come to you later as well.

Half Again Campaign

At this point in time, \$20,000 of our \$30,000 goal has been pledged to our 2008-09 campaign to raise funds to support mission work and mission workers in Israel/Palestine and the work of the network. If you have not sent your pledge in yet or have not yet completed your payment, please use the gift information in the box to the right.

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone financially but the work of IPMN and needs in Israel/Palestine continue unabated. \$5000 was recently sent to mission co-

worker Doug Dicks' account from IPMN and we received a very heartfelt letter of thanks for our support of Doug's ministry in I/P. Gifts to mission projects in I/P will be sent in the next couple months.

Our treasurer, Don Maclay, has pointed out that there have been no gifts from presbyteries or congregations this year as there were last year. Please consider encouraging your governing bodies to participate.

Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering

IPMN will have an **exhibit booth at the Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering** (July 11-15, 2009 in Louisville). Polly and Dave Johnson have agreed to coordinate this project. If you are going to be in Louisville for the gathering and can volunteer to assist in the booth, please contact Polly at phj5@insightbb.com.



IPMN Organization Structure and Budget

In addition to our advocacy and education work, the Steering Committee has been putting together an organizational structure for IPMN which includes job descriptions for officers, terms of office, etc. These will be ready for the annual meeting. We have also worked to prepare a budget in an attempt to be ready for the many requests for funding assistance and for day to day expenses.

The **Middle East Study Group** had its first meeting early this month. Please keep it in your prayers for their important task.

The Steering Committee will meet next in mid May.

Gifts to Israel/Palestine Mission Network

All individual gifts to IPMN should be sent to the following address using ECO account #E052802 (specific project notated on memo line):

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