

# GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, February 23

9:30am

FivePoints Washington

### Annual Stats DUE

Tuesday, February 23

### Triennium Delegation

#### Declaration DEADLINE

Wednesday, February 24

Contact [Maura](#) with your  
Estimated # of Youth/Adults

### Clergy Group

Thursday, March 4

10:00 - 11:30

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### Visioning Council

Thursday, March 11

1:30 - 6:30

Westminster, Peoria

## General Presbyter's Perspective

Rev. Susan Krummel

This week's message from Sue has been posted for your viewing pleasure on Youtube. Please [Click Here](#).

## We Prayed For You This Week

During our staff meetings each week, the presbytery staff prays for some of our churches. We are sharing those churches with you, so that you, too, can pray for them. How strong we all are through the power of prayer.

Edwards, [Korean Presbyterian Church](#)

Elmwood, First Presbyterian Church

Elvaston, Elvaston Presbyterian Church

Eureka, Eureka Presbyterian Church

## 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT)

Please contact [Maura McGrath Nagle](#) before **February 24** and tell her how many youth and adult participants your church will be sending to the Youth Triennium. Please make this RSVP by the February 24 deadline, *our presbytery has to turn our numbers in by February 26.*

If you have youth attending the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, at Purdue University, July 20-24, 2010, please fill out the [PYT Registration Application](#) **completely** and return to [Julie](#) at the Presbytery of Great Rivers office.

**Application Deadline** for Presbytery of Great Rivers is **Monday, May 24, 2010.**

## Do You WANT Your Church to Grow?

Have you or members of your congregation registered for The Magnetic Church event April 23-24? COME! Be challenged, motivated, and enthused, as Andrew Weeks, a lay speaker and author, presents fresh ideas for fellowship, community, spiritual growth, and personal connections.

[Click here](#) for more information and [Brochure](#)



## Lights! Camera! Faith Statements

Presbyterian Foundation announces second 'ymiLIVE' youth video contest.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

by [Jerry L. Van Marter](#)  
Presbyterian News Service

## Presbytery Night at the Ballpark

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Friday, June 11, 2010**

*If your choir would like to sing the National Anthem before the game, contact [Julie](#) by March 25.*



## Green Energy

By Laurie Vial, Energy Consultant

Please forward this newsletter to others and urge them to sign up by going to [www.greatriverspby.org](http://www.greatriverspby.org) and using the form in the upper right hand corner.

Organizers of the 2010 Winter Olympics have worked to keep a promise made during Canada's bid for the Games - that promise is to host the greenest Olympics yet, breaking the tradition of consumption and waste that typifies world-class sporting events.

If these ideas are adapted and applied in private and public sectors, then Vancouver and the Olympic Committee can take credit for inspiring high standards for sustainability that will reach around the world and into the future.

Many of the concepts from the "Green Olympics" can be used as platforms for all types of large scale events. The Olympic officials have received accolades for their careful documentation of these new templates and the methods they have used to disseminate their findings including "toolkits."

Extreme effort went into approving suppliers authorized to make commodities bearing the Olympic rings logo. And officials followed up with suppliers to make sure their manufacturing and other processes met or exceeded "green" standards.

The energy for the Olympic Village and surrounding neighborhoods is produced largely from sewage and transmitted by radiation.

All buildings in the Olympic Village meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver standards while 16 of the building meet the LEED gold standards. One affordable housing building for seniors is designed to be a net-zero-energy building and LEED Platinum. Southeast False Creek, the site of the 1986 World's Fair and now the 2010 Winter Olympics is a model in urban sustainability.

It is estimated the Olympics will produce 4,530 tons of garbage but planners pledge to recycle 85 percent. Coca Cola, a major Olympic sponsor since 1928, pledges in impressive 95 percent recycle rate with special kiosks set up in the area.

Transportation is another key concern of the Green Olympics. When permanent residents move into the former Olympic Village they can participate in car sharing. Vancouver's electric bus system also serves the site as does a light rail system.

But some of the goals of the Olympic Committee to be "green" may have fallen short. Environmentalists note the 4,000 large white SUV's provided by General Motors may not have been the best choice.

Ann Duffy, Corporate Sustainability Officer for the 2010 Winter Olympics speaking on the sustainability goals said, "to work so hard to come up with creative solutions for how to deliver great games that create a fantastic experience for the athletes and spectators, but also generate legacies so that the community, the marketplace, and really the world can benefit long after the games." Until next week. . . let's all strive to be good stewards of God's earth.

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