

INSPIRATION
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That is just the way I feel when I look through the Infopak. And do we need a real shot of inspiration! Here we are in the midst of a growing population and showing a membership loss of 46,658 members in the recent two years. But still, in the face of membership loss our General Assembly agencies are not backing down on the production useful and excellent materials for use in local congregations.

Take a look at the August issue of Presbyterians Today and note that we have a Moderator of G.A. who is full of energy, ideas, and determination. I have an idea that during his administration of two years we will hear less about rules and regulations and more about congregations being the Church in action. It is inspiring to note that giving by members to the work of the Church continues at a generous level.

The women of the Church should be very pleased with the offerings of the July issue of Infopak. There are the Horizons Bible Study, the folder on Presbyterian Women Clergy, the revised list of resources for Presbyterian Women, and of course there are numerous other items that will be of interest to women of the church.

The Kerygma Adult Bible Studies caught my eye. Pastors and Church Educators should take a close look at this and at its possibilities.

Pastors, Elders, Leaders should study the flyer, "Strengthen the Church, Change the World". There are inspirational and very practical suggestions in this folder!

Read the flyer POINT and learn about a group of people, a network of

volunteers who are ready to help leaders and educators in the local church.

There is a striking Presbyterians Today poster and cards. It should be posted in an easily seen place.

There is a list of new books for Presbyterians... just off press. These books should serve as inspiration sources for leaders and members.

Evangelism Sunday is September 26. The flyer points out that Evangelism is a daily calling... we are 'witnesses' all the time. This year's evangelism materials will include worship ideas, challenge goals, advertising materials, possible audiences.

Local churches should get the "Here and Now" resources... advertising material. They challenge non-members, they destroy ill-conceived ideas about the Church. The materials help identify audiences and provide suggestions as to how to communicate with them. The Presbyterian Church is very much alive. We have over 2 million members. There are many generous contributors. It actually comes down to the hopeful fact that every congregation in the Presbytery is a potential INSPIRATION package! Our new G.A. Moderator calls us to become an action and witnessing Church.

Also, the New Testament projects that role for the Church. Sessions have a large responsibility and task in helping congregations become "packages of inspiration".

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