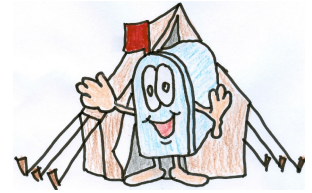




# Tent Talk

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## MUDDY FEET AT MUNDELEIN

Close to 20 tentmakers gathered for "Doing Ministry With Muddy Feet", the annual conference of APT, held Oct 30 – Nov 1, 2009 at Saint Mary's of the Lake conference center in Mundelein, Illinois. Father Frantz was unable to be with us, but Lea McCloud and Linda Wygant ably filled our inspirational and learning times. And yes, we donned our work gloves and explored together some community building, muddying our feet as we pulled weeds in the flowerbeds and a recently constructed labyrinth at First Presbyterian Church in nearby Libertyville. Bible study, worship, communion, our annual meeting, and heartfelt fellowship helped comprise a full weekend together.

## SAVE THE DATE

Next year's tentmaker conference is already emerging. November 12-14, 2010 is the date. Keynote Speaker will be Phyllis Tickle, author of *The Great Emergence*. The theme will be "Emergent Christianity and Tentmaker Ministry." Conference site will be the University of St. Mary's of the Lake in Mundelein. And once again it will be co-sponsored by the Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers (APT) and the National Association for the Self-Supporting Active Ministry (NASSAM), our Episcopalian sisters and brothers. Watch for details as they emerge, or contact one of the following:

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Phyllis Tickle

## BACK TO DUBUQUE IN 2011

The first eight annual conferences of APT were held at seminaries, the third one being at Dubuque, IA. For the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of APT in 2011, the conference plans to return to Dubuque, date and conference coordinators are yet to be determined. So start praying now as to whether God might be calling you to assume conference leadership for this historic event.

## SEMINARY PROJECT UNDERWAY

En route to this year's annual conference, Virginia and Fred Bunning made a scheduled stop at Dubuque Theological Seminary and spent a day with students and staff on October 28, 2009. They spent time with several members of the faculty, attended chapel worship service, and had lunch with students and faculty at Westminster Tables where they gave a presentation on Tentmaking Ministry titled "Outer Fringe or Cutting Edge?" Fred and Virginia are now the project managers of APT's Seminary Project for which APT received a grant from the denomination in 2006. The plan is to arrange for APT members to make similar presentations at as many of our seminaries as possible.

**NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

During a service of installation at the annual meeting of APT, Immediate-Past-Moderator Jeff Scott handed the gavel over to Don West, Moderator 2010-2011. Other officers for the coming year include: John Hassenjaeger - Interim Vice Moderator; Fred Bunning - Treasurer; Lea McCloud - Secretary; Robert Hattle - Member-at-Large; Virginia and Fred Bunning - *Tent Talk* Co-editors; and 2010 Conference Co-coordinators - Ross Blount and Robert Hattle. All of the above comprise the Executive Committee along with Gaeneral Assembly Liaison - Phil Tom, Associate for Small Church & Community Ministry.

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To be a member of APT, fill out and send in the form below along with your dues of \$50.

Name _____	Address _____
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Ministry Position _____	Tent Position _____
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**Tentmaker position:** *Small town church is looking for a pastor to serve a growing church population. We are committed to growing our Presbyterian faith and community outreach. For more information contact Kay Graham, (478) 374-3260, [kgrah404@bellsouth.net](mailto:kgrah404@bellsouth.net) or First Presbyterian Church, Box 998, Eastman, GA, 31023. Also see CIF # 22187.AB4*

**EDITORS' NOTE**

We've agreed to edit *Tent Talk* for the coming year. Edit: to prepare for publication, to assemble or rearrange, to put together component parts – note that none of these definitions includes the word "write." *Tent Talk* is your newsletter which means you need to do the writing to share what you believe is news-worthy.

Back in the days of mimeographing, an Executive Presbyter we knew would type on the stencil as items came to him and when the stencil was full he would crank and mail it out. We pledge to adapt his system to this electronic age. As we receive news of note we'll scan or paste it into a document. When two pages are full (leaving room for addressing those limited to snail mail) we'll post it. However most of you will receive *Tent Talk* via e-mail to help save expenses.

*Grace and Peace to our APT Family, Fred and Virginia*

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