

Video lifts General Assembly's growing familiarity with LWW

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It almost didn't happen, but the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) saw the two-minute version of the Living Waters for the World video.

Twelve presbyteries from around the denomination had requested the showing at the biennial national gathering in San Jose, Calif., in June, and it was approved by the assembly's Social Justice Committee.

But as often happens with a full agenda, it was 10:15 p.m. before the video, planned for early afternoon, was even brought up.

That's when Chip Hatcher rose for a point of order and asked that the assembly not forget the video.

But it was so late. Would the assembly just shove it aside?

Here's how Charles Bryson, alternate commissioner from St. Andrew Presbytery described it. (He's the son of Katy Bryson, one of those for whom the Bryson-Lawler campus of CWU at Camp Hopewell is named.)

"Following the final vote on the Social Justice Issues overtures, the SJI moderator asked the GA moderator to lift up a short two-minute video and stated that it would 'take a lot longer



GA commissioners view the LWW video featuring administrator Steve Young and Mexican children.

to debate and vote than to see the video.'

"The GA moderator immediately requested a show of hands, and the video started soon afterward. As the LWW video concluded the commissioners and audience exploded in a round of hearty clapping.

"I was proud to serve as an advocate for LWW. May God continue to bless everyone involved with this program and may clean water continue to flow!"

LWW's booth at the assembly elicited a different kind of response this time. Those who came didn't ask, as at previous assemblies, "Who are you?" or "What do you do?" Rather it was, "Yes, we know about you, now exactly how does all this work?"

That's no surprise. Significant

and important events and gifts have been received since Birmingham GA in 2006, raising awareness of our work into the whole denomination and beyond.

Beginning with the Presbyterian Women's 2008 Birthday offering in support of our Clean Water U programs, our appearance as the cover/lead story in the April 2008 issue of *Presbyterians Today*, and then becoming the PC(USA)'s mission focus in this year's Vacation Bible School's "Rainforest Adventure," have all combined in spreading the good news of clean water for all God's children.

Staffing the booth were Pierce Buford, Katy BeDunnah, Ralph Young and Wil Howie as regulars with significant help from Dave Howell, Pam Gunn and Donna Houston and others who hung out and helped, including synod executive Terry Newland.

The other GA ...

When the Mexican National Presbyterian Church held its General Assembly in July, in Mérida, LWW was there. See next page.

LWW team meets with sister church —

Mexican Assembly authorizes three seminary water systems

This was LWW's summer for General Assemblies, not only in June in San Jose (see front page) but also this July in Mérida, Mexico.

The Mexican National Presbyterian Church (INPM, the acronym for its name in Spanish) not only invited LWW to speak at its 29th biennial General Assembly, but its leaders acted to initiate a new covenant between our two organizations to seek installation of clean water systems at three more major seminaries.

LWW's very first system in the Yucatán peninsula was installed in 2002 at the San Pablo Seminary in Mérida. The new goal is for systems also to be located in seminaries in Mexico City and in the states of Tabasco and Chiapas.

The proposal is scheduled for discussion at LWW's August round of business meetings. System installations will require that Initiating Partners be found, probably from somewhere in the United States.

Assembly sessions were held at the San Pablo Seminary and next door at Salvation's Door Presbyterian Church. LWW's invitation to speak grew out of a number of "God things" at work in the almost six years since the seminary's kitchen received LWW's first water treatment unit in the peninsula.

Since that time, good things continue happening. A strong Covenant relationship has been established between the Mexican church's Synod of the (Yucatán) Peninsula and the Synod of Living Waters PC(USA). LWW's first network was formed in the region, and now there are 46 systems — and counting — bringing not only the Good News but also clean water throughout the peninsula.

Late on the assembly's second morning, LWW director Wil Howie spoke, telling our mission's story. He particularly stressed the 60 plus systems now operating in Mexico, and how the work continues to spread throughout the world.

In response, they came. Individuals, churches, presbyteries and several synods are now interested in exploring the possibilities.

Howie was accompanied by Joanie

Lukins, LWW Committee moderator and coordinator of our work in the Yucatán, and Bill Williams, former committee moderator.

The sister/brother combo of Delany and Darik Ramirez provided fellowship and translation services. Amos Cahuich and Agur Mendicuti — respectively president and administrator for San Pablo Seminary — are old friends and once again, were great hosts.

The INPM provided an auditorium room at the seminary for an LWW booth with two video monitors simultaneously showing the video, "Clean Water for All of God's Children." Literature, pictures and maps were displayed.

When Howie spoke to the assembly, tri-fold pamphlets were distributed, along with hand-held LWW fans — a hugely welcomed gesture in Merida's tropical heat.

Staying at the Gethsemani Retreat Center just outside the city allowed the

LWW team the privilege of getting to know the Rev. Donald Wehmeyer. He is a seminary professor, PC(USA) mission co-worker and stated supply for the Salvation's Door Church.

Just several weeks ago, the Oxford/University United Methodist Church in Oxford, Miss., had sent a team headed by Danny Kelly to Salvation's Door to complete their survey/partnership development trip, setting the stage for a ROS treatment system at the church this fall.

The pastor and congregation at Salvation's Door are thrilled because not only will they have clean water at the church, they plan immediately to begin a mission project for a huge housing project — Las Americas — that has sprung up literally just across from Salvation's front doors.

So many good stories of connections made, too many for here, stay tuned as the Holy Spirit's wind keeps the blowing so strongly beneath our wings!



LWW Director Wil Howie (center) greets an old friend, the Rev. Adiel Espinosa, president of the Synod of the (Yucatán) Peninsula. At left is Delany Ramirez, interpreter.

‘What’s in it for you?’ Good question

We build bridges of trust and partnership one person at a time. The Rev. Chris Joiner, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tenn., told this story:

“My step-father went on the recent trip our congregation took to Nueva Jerusalen, Guatemala, to install a water system and educate the villagers on its use.

“My dad is Mexican-American, and he went in order to be able to train the villagers on the water system in Spanish. “The village where this system was being installed was predominantly Catholic and centered on this one Catholic parish. There is another community across the valley (within eyeshot of Nueva Jerusalen) that is predominantly Evangelical.

“The pastor of the evangelical church lives in Nueva Jerusalen. My dad and two men were walking up the hill to turn off the water supply. It turns out one of the men was a

leader in the Catholic church and the other was the pastor of the Evangelical Church.

“After they finished the job, the Catholic went one way and left my dad and the evangelical pastor walking. Here is my dad’s recounting of their conversation:

“The pastor said, ‘I have a question to ask you. What’s in it for you?’

“My dad responds that there’s nothing in it for them, that the system belongs to the people of the village and that it will be up to them to maintain it. He tells him that we will be providing support for one year to help with parts and other issues, but that the system is the people’s.

“They walk a little further and the pastor says, ‘I have another question for you. What’s in it for you?’

“My dad responds again in a similar fashion.

“The man then tells him that he is the pastor of the evangelicals on the other hill. They talk a minute or two

about that.

“The pastor then says, ‘I have another question for you. What’s in it for you?’

“My dad basically tells him the same thing again.

“Then the pastor says, ‘Do you think you could come to the evangelical village and help my church people have clean water as well?’

“Dad said he would be happy to let the leadership know.

“Another one of our trip participants tells me that this conversation between my dad and this pastor, as well as previous conversations with the Catholic leadership, has helped build a renewed sense of mutual trust between these two groups that have generally been antagonistic toward one another.

“I thought this was a great example of the kinds of things LWW can and is doing to help communities come together and empowering them to take control of these systems.”

Preacher pipes down as members ante up

Sunday, April 27, 2008 began like any usual Sunday morning at Troy, Ky., Presbyterian Church — until the time came for the pastor’s sermon.

The Rev. David Duggan was rendered speechless — and preachless — when the congregation’s donations exceeded expectations through

an unusual fundraising opportunity.

Troy parishioners (with Duggan’s blessing) pledged \$100 a minute to silence their pastor and in turn raise money for an upcoming mission project with Living Waters for the World.

A team from the church will travel to the Yucatan

Peninsula in October to install a clean water system in partnership with a church at San Antonio Cardenas, Mexico.

Following a potluck dinner (held during what would have been the “sermon time”), congregation members bid on

donated items and services in a “Silent Auction.”

When all was “said and done,” actions truly did speak louder than words at Troy Presbyterian Church with a grand total of \$4,500 raised for Living Waters for the World.



Rev. David Duggan is silenced by Troy Presbyterian Church members Mary Coyle, left, and Lynchie Duggan.

LWW FALL CALENDAR

- Aug. 13-15 — LWW Team Meetings
Synod Office, Franklin, TN
- Aug. 15-16 — LWW Appalachia Network Meeting
Synod Office, Franklin, TN
- Aug. 22-23 — CWU Lead Instructor Workshop
First Presbyterian Church and Synod Office, Franklin, TN
- Aug. 25 — LWW Committee Meeting
Synod Office, Franklin, TN
- Sept. 10-14 — Clean Water U
Camp Hopewell, Oxford, MS
- Oct. 1-5 — Clean Water U
Camp Hopewell, Oxford, MS

T-shirt walking LWW ad

It pays to advertise, even when your advertisement is just a T-shirt.

CWU graduate Sam Kemp, an elder in New Hope Presbyterian Church in Biggersville, Miss., learned that recently when he and his wife, Mary Dee, were dining at a Mexican restaurant near their home in Corinth.

Here's what he reported:

"I happened to have on my Living Waters T-shirt. A young lady who is a waitress there came over to our table all excited and speaking rapidly in Spanish, which neither of us understood.

"We finally got her calmed down and switched to English. She had been pointing to my shirt as she talked.

"She said that Living Waters had installed a system in her village in Mexico and that her father was a Presbyterian minister there.

"She said she had been looking for a Presbyterian church to attend, and we told her we could solve that problem and have invited her to attend church with us at New Hope.

"She has not come yet, as she sometimes has to work in the restaurant on Sunday, but we are still working on her.

"Your Living Waters T-shirts are walking billboards!"



These items, plus a pocket TDS meter and manuals, are the entire content of the revised Field Test Kit proposed to the Technical Team.

Coming up soon: A smaller and simpler Field Test Kit

Remember all the frustration you felt when dealing with the "Whirly Packs" to test water samples for bacteria? How many times did you see someone get wet when they went to seal those plastic bags and twist them tight?

All that fun will be a thing of the past with the new *WaterCheck Bacteria Test Kits* that will be in the new and improved Field Test Kit (FTK), assuming approval by the Technical Team in August.

You may also remember the shock of getting the kit out for your next survey trip only to find that your 40 test strips had expired. With the new Field Test Kit, we will have fewer strips available, ensuring that more stay current with their shelf life.

Along with these changes, the LWW Technical Team has decided to include only what's need in the kit itself: 2 bacteria test kits, two test strips for each water quality checked, 1 pocket TDS meter, 1 Operators Companion Manual, and the revised LWW Field Test Kit Manual.

In addition, the Field Test Kit Manual has been revised with updated test procedures, analytical background on each test, and pictures to help with completing all the paperwork.

Under consideration is a new 'Weight of Evidence' in section III. There is an excellent discussion of the critical relationship existing be-

tween the results of the field analysis of the raw water and that of Section 4 in our Water Issues Survey (WIS).

For example, if a bacteriological test suggests no contamination, yet in response to the questions in WIS, 4, water-related health problems are reported to be moderate to high by the community members, then the Weight of Evidence suggests there are other sources of contamination – such as the Protozoas – at work in their water sources. In that case, an appropriate water treatment system is most likely needed.

All the other incidentals found in the old FTK, such as the tape, scissors, fanny pack, etc., have been taken out and must be provided by the Initiating Partner. In addition to a kit with all these items, FCI will make each item available individually so that you can order only what you need for the next survey trip.

The new Field Test Kit has not been priced for FCI, but should cost less than the current FTK. Stay tuned for more information.

P.S. It's not too late to provide your input to this important document and change. Please send your comments or questions to ralph.young@livingwatersfortheworld.org

For helping bring gift of water, we thank these, our contributors

A SECOND QUARTER DONOR LIST

Living Waters for the World depends entirely on contributions for financial support. Our deep appreciation goes to the following who have given in the first quarter of 2008.

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Clean Water U gets a pro to help improve its instruction methods

To upgrade its teaching methods, Clean Water U is turning to professional help.

As part of Living Waters for the World's strategic plan, CWU is working with Dr. Norm Naylor of Knoxville, Tenn., to obtain a thorough review of training materials and teaching methods.

The process began when Dr. Naylor reviewed course manuals and attended the May 2008 CWU session as an observer before submitting an assessment report to LWW.

"I am very impressed how CWU prepares volunteers to participate in LWW," he wrote to instructors when he submitted his evaluation.

The entire process won't be certain until LWW's Education Team gives its stamp



Dr. Norm Naylor

of approval, but instructors already are busy with homework.

One example: "Develop results-oriented learning goals

for each class session."

Tentative plans call for the process to continue with a series of workshops and conferences extending into January 2009 with a goal of implementing new teaching materials at the March 2009 session of CWU.

If the plan is approved by the Education Team, lead instructors of the three CWU courses would gather in Franklin, Tenn., August 22-24. That meeting would be followed by separate meetings of leaders of the three courses in October and November, and instructors then would have a retreat in January.

"We are grateful for Dr. Naylor's willingness to share his expertise with us as we work to continually improve

our CWU courses," CWU program director Kendall Cox said.

Dr. Naylor brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his work with LWW.

He is an elder at Farragut Presbyterian Church and serves as a docent and trainer with the Knoxville Zoo. He has been a high school teacher, served in the Air Force, and has been a performance consultant and trainer for 13 years.

He holds degrees from the University of Redlands and the University of La Verne, both in California, and from the University of Northern Colorado.

He and his wife Ann live in Knoxville. They are parents of two adult children, Sarah and Jim.

PW doesn't slacken pace of support

Presbyterian Women just keep on supporting LWW in a substantial way.

Last year, the national organization awarded a portion of its Birthday Offering to support Clean Water U.

Now three more significant actions have come through the organization:

- The PW Coordinating Team of the Synod of the Sun has made a \$3,600 grant to the international scholarship fund of CWU.

The moderator of this group, Sheron Antzack stopped by the Living Waters for the World display at General Assembly (see front page) and said they had some funds to be disbursed at their meeting on July 6.

A quick phone call to the Living Waters office in Frank-

lin and a grant request was on its way to the PW team for its consideration.

"There was very little discussion about this grant request," Ms. Antzack said. "We are very familiar with the work that Living Waters for the World does and also that you had been a recipient of the Birthday Offering."

- The current issue of *Horizons* magazine, the national PW publication, has an article by Janet Tuck featuring several PW members doing hands-on work with LWW.

She named Jenny Thagard of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Ruthie McRae of Fort Smith, Ark., Barbara Snyder of Versailles, Ky., and Jackie Pannel and Jari Dykstra, both of Cordova, Tenn.

- PW of Alabama and Mis-

issippi, long-time LWW backers, continued the tradition at their recent annual AL-MS gathering. They presented a check to Pierce Buford, who made a presentation at the meeting.

"If it were not for PW, LWW would not be where it is to-

day," said LWW administrator Steve Young.

"Their financial support at key times during the life of this project has sustained us and propelled us forward, and their work in spreading the word about LWW has been a key factor in our growth."



LWW's Pierce Buford, second from right, receives a check from AL-MS PW members (from left) Dean Vandergrift, Mary Price, Gladys Bracy and Sara Brown.

Third CWU spring class of 2008, April 30-May 4



From nine states, 45 students made up Clean Water U Class No. 16. Note the 'Bubba Pose.'

A poem, a toast to celebrate clean water

Water, water, everywhere. At least that's what we all think.
But as we sit and nothing do, the rivers and lakes all shrink.

From earth that's parched and dry the people move away.
The world is heedless of their cry ... no water again today.

In our comfort we sit at home, shrug, and say ... what can WE do?
But all of that is changing now because of Clean Water U.

People come from around the world to a little Mississippi town
To learn from those who really care, whose skills are of great renown.

It does not take one long to learn there is much to understand
That although there are many parts, there is just one master plan.

The needs are many throughout the world from deserts to lands of rain.
The lack of water clean and pure causes millions to suffer pain.

The Lord tells us to go and serve, to help those with many needs.
The action that our savior seeks is not in our words ... but deeds.

The lessons learned at Clean Water u will help us find a way
To serve our Lord by serving others as we live from day to day.

A Toast to clean water:

Out of love

our Savior sought us.

*With his blood and death
he bought us.*

Together here

he has brought us.

*And provided teachers
who have taught us.*

*For all the wonder work you do
We raise our toast: Clean Water U.*

**This poem and toast were part of the
CWU-103 presentation on May 3.**