

**Catch the Building Spirit, continued**



The Gabriel family with the keys to their new home

On September 16, 2017, the “Catch the Building Spirit” coalition dedicated the new Habitat home at 6725 Little Richmond Road in Trotwood for **Sherelle Gabriel** and her three children. The Gabriel family has lived in the Dayton area for many years and were desperate for decent affordable housing. After meeting all the requirements and putting in many extra hours of sweat equity, the family was elated to get their new home.

The 2018 Presbyterian and Catholic build will again start on Memorial Day Weekend. For more information, email Hank Baust at [bausthd@gmail.com](mailto:bausthd@gmail.com) or call 937-429-0360.

► Learn more about Catch the Building Spirit at [catchthebuildingspirit.org](http://catchthebuildingspirit.org)

**FAREWELL EVENT ON NOVEMBER 10**

**Executive Presbyter Dennis Piermont is retiring**



**Dennis Piermont**, the Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of the Miami Valley since 2007, is retiring. A special Farewell Event to recognize his years of faithful service to our presbytery will be held on Friday, November 10, 6:00 P.M., at the Mandalay Banquet Center, Dayton. Reservations for this event will be accepted until October 31.

► Make reservations at [www.miamipresbytery.org](http://www.miamipresbytery.org)



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**PRESBYTERIAN/CATHOLIC COALITION**

**Catch the Building Spirit completes 25th Habitat House**



Catch the Building Spirit, a coalition of Presbyterian churches working with Catholic churches, completed their 25th house build together this summer. Each year the coalition works together to fund and build an affordable home for a low-income family in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton. Habitat Houses through Catch the Building Spirit is a network of Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

A special thanks to the participating Presbyterian churches from our presbytery: **Bath, Central, College Hill Community, Corinth, Fairborn First, Fairmont, Faith, Dayton Memorial, Southminister, and Dayton Westminster.** The churches provided meals, many hours of volunteer labor, and over \$14,000 in funding. Thanks for everyone’s support!

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Rodger Nishioka to speak in our presbytery in January



The Rev. Dr. **Rodger Nishioka** will speak at two events in January co-sponsored by **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, Dayton, and **Presbytery of the Miami Valley**. Both events will be held at Westminster and are free of charge.

**Saturday, January 13**, 2:00-4:00 P.M. Presbytery- wide lecture and discussion with adults

**Sunday January 14**, 6:00-8:00 P.M. Youth event for all Presbyterian youth groups in our presbytery

Rodger Nishioka is a preacher, seminary professor, and Christian educator. He currently serves as director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. He was previously the Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary and was the national coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Nishioka is noted for his work with young people and his reputation as a popular keynoter at inter-denominational Christian youth conferences.

### NEXT Church National Gathering February 26-28



The NEXT Church National Gathering, to be held February 26-28 in Baltimore, MD, is filled with church leaders (pastors and lay people) sharing stories of their experiences of ministry, new ideas they are trying, and honest conversations about ministry today. Creative worship centers us

around God's presence, and multiple opportunities to engage in workshops and conversation about particular aspects of ministry foster new and deeper connections. This year's theme is "The Desert in Bloom."

NEXT Church is a network of leaders- church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians and professors- across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful, and more agile.

► Learn more and register at <https://nextchurch.net>

## PRESBYTERIAN DIASTER ASSISTANCE

### PDA responds to three hurricanes and an earthquake



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to the aftermath of **Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria**, as well as the **earthquake in Mexico**.

Even as (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Hurricanes Irma and Maria followed shortly behind. PDA is working closely with presbyteries in **Texas** and **Florida**, and PDA is remaining in constant contact with PC(USA) leadership in **Puerto Rico** following Hurricane Maria. PDA is also responding in **Cuba** and the **U.S. Virgin Islands**.

PDA will also be working with ecumenical partners in **Mexico** to support their recovery efforts following a devastating earthquake..

PDA asks everyone to join them in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of these natural disasters.

► Learn how you and your church can help at <http://pda.pcusa.org>

## PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG 2017-2018

### Bundles of new gifts generate big impact



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- The new Sewing Machine and equipment bundle can be just what someone needs to launch a business that mends, alters, and sells clothing and linens.

- Help our church respond to bullying and educate our youth and families on the dangers and warning signs of online harassment.

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