

# PSEC *Communitas*

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## Focus On: Serving Christ as Our Neighbor



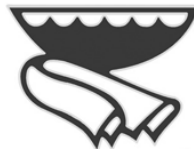
Church World Service has issued an urgent appeal for donations of CWS Hygiene and Baby Care kits, asking individuals, families, and religious and civic groups to join in local efforts to assemble CWS kits for distribution to survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. With hundreds of thousands of people homeless, the need for kits is immediate. Supplies and

hygiene and medical resources of all kinds are desperately lacking. So, a toothbrush, a comb and a bar of soap or diapers and a baby blanket seem like priceless gifts. These one-gallon bag-sized packets of hygiene and baby care supplies are an important lifeline for people with little or nothing. For over 60 years, Church World Service has provided emergency relief, sustainable development, and refugee assistance. The United Church of Christ is one of 36 denominations that are members of Church World Service. For more information visit <http://www.churchworldservice.org> and click on the KITS tab.



### Opportunities are available for Young Adult Service Communities and Year Long Service Opportunities in the US through UCC Volunteer Ministries

Live in intentional community. Serve in a hands-on justice advocacy/direct service organization. Develop leadership skills in cooperation with a local host church. Reflect on the meaning of your service with other volunteers in locations throughout the United States. Housing, health insurance, and a stipend for food are provided. Volunteers in the year-long Companion Communities program may qualify for an AmeriCorps Education grant. The application deadline is fast approaching – **March 15**. For inquiries contact: Mary Schaller Blaufuss, Executive for Volunteer Ministries, UCC [blaufusm@ucc.org](mailto:blaufusm@ucc.org) or 866-822-8224 ext. 3214 or 216-736-3214. For more info and on-line application: <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/young-adult-service.html>

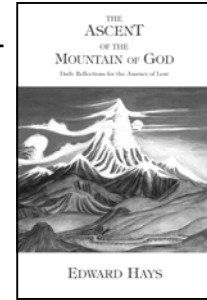


## EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

For brochures, flyers, on-line registration and a full list of meetings and events visit [www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org)  
Check Conference Calendar or Event Contacts for cancellation information

**Tues., Feb 16, 9:30 am—Service of Word & Sacrament** will be celebrated in the Church House in Collegeville. All are Welcome!

**Saturdays beginning Feb. 20, Lenten Awakenings** - This year the Lenten studies will held in two locations: **St. Luke's UCC, Trappe** (Feb. 20 & 27, Mar. 6,13,20 from 9:30-11 AM) and **St. Paul's UCC, Kutztown** (Feb. 20 & 27, Mar. 13 & 27 from 9-10:30 AM). The cost of \$15 per person includes the program; the book, The Ascent of the Mountain by Edward Hays; and morning snacks and beverages. A brochure and on-line registration are available at [www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org). *Please register as soon as possible.*



**Sat., Mar. 13, 9 AM - Noon, So You Have Been Asked to Lead Worship.** . . . is the theme of a workshop sponsored by the Worship Mission Team of the Conference. This event is designed to help those who are responsible for worship planning and presiding in local churches--pastors, lay worship leaders, worship committee members, musicians, and persons who simply have an interest in the renewal of worship in local congregation. "So You Have Been Asked to Lead Worship" will be held in the Church House Chapel, Collegeville, on Sat., Mar. 13, from 9:00 AM through noon. There is no cost, but registration is necessary. Those who desire to practice individual liturgical skills may bring a lunch and work together with members of the team in the afternoon. Save the date, registration information will be available soon.

**Sat., Mar. 13, 9 am-1:30 pm Student-in-Care Day** at Immanuel UCC, Shillington. This day is for those who are preparing for ministry and the Committees on Ministry who are supporting them. Save the date; registration materials will be available soon.



**PRAYER PARTNERS** - Your prayers are welcome for the children of Linfield UCC as they celebrate their service project for the residents of the Southeastern Veterans Center in Spring City. As part of their "Way of the Child" Faith Formation module on "Acts of Love," they collected over 300 pairs of socks, delivered them to the Center, and sang many of their favorite Sunday School songs for the residents.