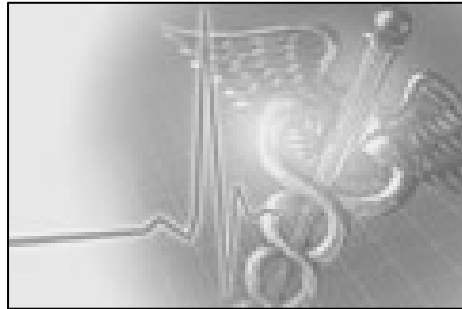


Assistance for Ministers

One of the important, but hidden ministries in Albany Presbytery is that of Committee on Ministry (COM) when ministers are facing a crisis, or face particular financial burdens. The Pensions and Ministerial Assistance Fund, administered by COM, is available to ministers who find that our medical insurance does not adequately cover the full expense of some prescription drugs or medical procedures.

This fund has made a big difference to pastors who have at times faced thousands of dollars of medical bills that were not completely reimbursed by the PCUSA medical plan. It has meant all the difference for their ongoing ability to juggle the sometimes competing stresses of family obligations, ministry, and financial insecurity.



Another ministry of COM to pastors and their families comes through the Discretionary Fund which, like the Pensions and Ministerial Assistance Fund, is supported by congregations who give to Presbytery Mission.

The Discretionary Fund is just that, used at the discretion of COM to help pastors and their families when they may have a particular need for counseling, intervention, or some other kind of support.

To all those who support Albany Presbytery's mission – Thank You!

When our church gives to Albany Presbytery's Mission we make things happen!

AUBURN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

was founded by Presbyterians on the physical frontier of upstate New York in the early 19th century. That frontier spirit is alive in its programming today. Through its Center for Church Life, Auburn is the designated Presbyterian seminary resource to the Capital Region Theological Center (CRTC) in Albany. Nationally, its Coaching Institute addresses the needs of pastoral leaders facing newly-emergent risks.

Through its Center for Multifaith Education, Auburn has a media program that offers both content and training for the media needs of churches and others. For instance, at www.auburnmedia.org you can listen to interviews with "Podcast Prophets," such as the one with The Rev. Dr. James Forbes about his new radio show on Air America.



Through this Center's main page, reached from www.auburnsem.org you can listen to voices from and read about Auburn's ground-breaking Face to Face/Faith to Faith program. For each of the past six years, 50 youth and young adult leaders have come together from the US, the Middle East, Northern Ireland and South Africa for sustained dialogue and training in the development of faithful responses to the issues their experiences present them with.



Auburn is as close as your computer and as wide as the world. Elder Barbara G. Wheeler, of our Peniel Church, serves as President. Albany Presbytery elects a member of the Board of Governors, as does every Presbytery in New York State. Currently, our Board member is Susan Kessler, a member of the Roessleville Presbyterian Church.