

# Jeff's Jottings

## *... following these commercial messages*

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It's Super Bowl weekend, where organizations are spending up to \$5 million for 30 seconds of your time and attention. In that spirit (but without the dollars attached) we'll return to Jottings next week following these brief commercial messages.

*(Okay, "commercial" sounds wrong, as if I'm trying to sell you something you may or may not need. What I want you to know about are two great mission opportunities, whose deadlines are growing close.)*

The first is a **Presbytery-wide mission trip** to the hurricane-ravaged city of New Bern, North Carolina. If you were at Presbytery meeting last Saturday, you heard about it from Mission and Witness Committee chair Brenda Alexander. Your church received an email with full information on Tuesday. Here are the basics:

**Dates:** Saturday, March 30, through Sunday, April 7, 2019

**Cost:** \$250 per person (does not include incidentals including food while traveling, and souvenirs).

**Reservation and Deposit:** After talking with someone from the planning team, either Ken Wooley (715.222.1063) or Brenda Alexander (651.900.3119), please send a deposit of \$150 to the Presbytery Office **by February 15, 2019**, to reserve your spot. Make the check payable to: *Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area*.

There's much more information in that aforementioned letter, which [you can read here](#). This is an opportunity for you to put hands and feet to faith, with colleagues and friends (they certainly will be by the end of your time together) from the Presbytery. The deadline for signing up is just two weeks out; please consider this.

The second is the **Presbyterian Youth Triennium**, the every-third-year gathering of PCUSA high-schoolers. In 2016 (and for Trienniums before that), the Presbytery sponsored a bus for our students who wanted to attend, and we're doing that again this year. At this point, we potentially have 15 congregations represented in the PTCA delegation. There are still seats on that bus, but if you have interest, don't delay. Please contact Wendy Griffin, the Triennium registrar for the Presbytery, at [ptca.pyt2019@gmail.com](mailto:ptca.pyt2019@gmail.com).

I'm told you can expect six minutes and 25 seconds of exposure to Anheuser-Busch products during the big game. Expect far more from your participation, or that of someone you know, from these two terrific mission opportunities. But act now, before it's too late.

Next week, we return to our regularly scheduled Jottings. I've been reading some interesting things lately. We might want to talk about that.