



*Celebrating 25 Years
of
"Faith at Work"*



...and the beat goes on!

*October 10, 2006
First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg*

Program

Prelude – *Barbara Betenbaugh*

Pianist for First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg

Welcome— *The Reverend Dr. Steve McNeely*

Board President and Minister of Peakland Baptist Church

Blessing – *The Reverend Dr. John Scholer*

Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg

Dinner

Annual Meeting – *Steve McNeely*

Election of officers – D. Bruce Christian, First Vice President

Approval of budget – Gene Sterne, Finance Chair

Presentation of new members – Pat Bower, Treasurer

Mistress of Ceremonies—*Susannah Gold*

Director of Kum-Ba-Yah Programs from 1977 – 1982

God's Call and Celebration of The Call—*The Reverend Douglas W. Oldenburg*

*Director of Kum-Ba-Yah's first Summer Program and Former
Minister of Covenant Presbyterian Church*

Song "Kum-Ba-Yah" – *Betty K. Hudson, Former Executive Director of IOA*

(lyrics at bottom of opposite page)

Introduction of History Presentation – *L. Vincent Sawyer, Jr.*

Chair of Program Committee, 25th Anniversary Celebration

History Presentation – *Featuring The Reverend Dr. John W. Johnson*

Minister Emeritus of Timberlake Christian Church

*I*ntroduction of Speaker – *Laura C. Krajewski*
Programs Director of Interfaith Outreach Association

*S*peaker – *Morticia S. Kelso*
Former Client

*L*ooking Ahead – *Beverly (Bev) T. Maslow*
Executive Director of Interfaith Outreach Association

*I*ntroduction of Guests – *Sue Gold*

*R*oll Call of Faith – *Sue Gold*

*R*eading of Poem "...And the Beat Goes On" – *Bev Maslow*

Please join us for a reception following the program. We would like an opportunity to reminisce with you and thank you for your part in allowing Interfaith Outreach Association to serve the past 25 years (and more)!

Kum-Ba-Yah

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah.
O Lord, Kum ba yah

Someone's crying, Lord...

Someone's singing, Lord...

Someone's praying, Lord...

Deepest Gratitude To:

The Program Committee. *The members of this committee have worked tirelessly spending many hours researching the history of IOA, beginning in 1966 when Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship began its first Kum-Ba-Yah (KBY) program. They have spent many hours contacting people who have a history with KBY and IOA and have planned this event tonight! Members of this committee include Vince Sawyer—Chair, Steve McNeely, Elinor Hopkins, Mary Beauchamp, Lou Gregory and Irma Seiferth. A special thank you to Lou Gregory who coordinated the spaghetti dinner and to the kitchen volunteers!*

The Steering Committee. *This group continues its work on special programs throughout the year as we continue to celebrate IOA's 25th Anniversary Year! Members include Tony Bonavita, Mike Daly, Jiggie Holt, Steve McNeely, Vince Sawyer, Marc Schewel and Tulane Patterson.*

P. G. Cosby, Herb Moore and Irma Seiferth. *For sharing their recollections of the history of KBY from 1966 until 1982 that you see printed in this program!*

Barbara Betenbaugh and Betty Hudson. *For providing the beautiful music for our program!*

Club Conga. *For their resounding drums!*

First Presbyterian Church. *For allowing us the use of their wonderful facilities to conduct this event!*

The Board of Directors. *For their ongoing dedication to the mission of IOA!*

The Staff of Interfaith Outreach Association. *They are the most dedicated group of women and truly allow us to fulfill our mission of helping relieve distress and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need!*

History of Interfaith Outreach Association (IOA)
(Formerly Kum-Ba-Yah (KBY))

(As remembered by P.G. Cosby, III, Herbert R. Moore, and Irma W. Seiferth)

Shortly after serving in World War II, Bev Cosby moved to Washington, DC, where he completed his undergraduate degree at American University. While there he became involved in a church started by his brother, Gordon, named Church of the Savior. Bev had a call and a growing vision that the church should be all inclusive as he witnessed in the Church of The Savior and he envisioned an increased cooperation among all churches. When Bev moved back to Lynchburg, he worked to create the community he envisioned. Initially, Bev, his brother Jack, and other family members, along with Jim Ould and other friends, formed Lynchburg Christian Fellowship (LCF) in 1950; then four years later, formed the Church of the Covenant. In 1966, another of Bev's brothers, P.G. Cosby, III, was called as the first paid director of LCF. In 1974, LCF changed its name from "Christian" to "Covenant" to include the Jewish community which was very active with LCF.

Through LCF, one of Bev's first visions was to provide recreational space in the Boonsboro area. This community was developing rapidly and he wanted to preserve some land where children in the neighborhood could play. Initially, several acres of land were donated by his parents for this purpose. Additional land has been donated and/or purchased over the years to make up the approximately 40 acres still owned by LCF today. LCF held a program for neighborhood children at the Boonsboro Road location, known as the LCF Day Camp. This camp was integrated in the sixties, causing unrest for many.

The sixties were turbulent times in our country because of the opposition to integration. Prince Edward County, Virginia, actually shut down its entire public school system for five years rather than integrate it. The white students continued to receive their education at Prince Edward Academy, a private institution. Events such as this raised the consciousness of those in Lynchburg concerning the needs of inner city children and disadvantaged families.

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Seeing the injustice of what was happening in Prince Edward County and elsewhere during this time, four ministers came together to pray and discuss what they could do to meet the needs of the people in Lynchburg's inner city. In the Spring of 1966, these four ministers, Bev Cosby (Church of the Covenant), Doug Oldenburg (Covenant Presbyterian), James Pannell (Jackson Street United Methodist) and Alex Robertson (St. Paul's Episcopal) visited Prince Edward County to see first hand a tutorial program for black children.

As a result of their visit and during the summer of that same year, LCF employed Doug Oldenburg as director of its first recreational summer program for inner city children, bringing together fourteen college students to work with the children. Meeting in an old house at 412 Madison Street, which is now the home of LCF, the children were driven back and forth to the Boonsboro Road location in order to use its pool facilities. After the summer program ended, and at the suggestion of the staff, an after-school program began at the house at 412 Madison Street, which included a tutoring program led by volunteers. The staff named this house "Kum-Ba-Yah" after the African folk song and the summer and tutoring programs became known as the Kum-Ba-Yah programs.

In addition to the four charter churches named above, other congregations in the community soon joined as sponsors of Kum-Ba-Yah. A Kum-Ba-Yah Steering Committee was formed with two representatives from every sponsoring congregation meeting monthly with accountability to the LCF Board of Directors. By 1982 Kum-Ba-Yah had 29 sponsoring congregations.

In 1971 the Day Camp on Boonsboro Road and the Kum-Ba-Yah programs merged and LCF administered a day camp program for all children. Camp Kum-Ba-Yah is still in operation there today. Identifying many other needs of the inner city, the Kum-Ba-Yah programs expanded to include the first infant care center in Lynchburg which was located in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Carriage House, sewing classes for women, a program for the visually handicapped, programs that assisted adults with personal needs such as meals, transportation, employment, debt counseling, housing, furniture, and referrals to other agencies which could best assist a family.

Many "task forces" were initiated through Kum-Ba-Yah and LCF to address the crises of the times and the needs of families and their children. Through work

and contacts in the inner city area, LCF saw the need for low-income housing and focused its efforts in that area to renovate older homes, converting them into low-income apartments.

In 1982 the Kum-Ba-Yah Steering Committee took the initiative to form two new 501(c)(3) legal entities known as Camp Kum-Ba-Yah and Kum-Ba-Yah Association, spinning off from LCF. In 1991 Kum-Ba-Yah Association changed its name to Interfaith Outreach Association (IOA) to better identify its "interfaith" mission.

Under the capable leadership of Liz Brunson as the first paid director of Kum-Ba-Yah Association in 1983, IOA (KBY) continued its mission of responding to the needs of our neighbors by developing programs that provided education, guidance and support. IOA is responsible for the spin off of three well known entities today including the Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity, MedsHelp (a prescription program which has joined the Free Clinic), and the Adult Care Center of Central Virginia.

Currently, we administer the following six vital and active programs from our office at 701 Clay Street:

Emergency Assistance - Provides assistance to those who have utility cut-off notices or eviction notices, and provides groceries when they lack the resources to buy them and other basic necessities. In the interview that is required, IOA has the latitude to ask personal questions to assess the applicants' needs and, thereby, refer them to other agencies that can provide resources in addition to what IOA offers. We offer this service to our member congregations to help them determine if a request they receive is genuine.

A new addition to the Emergency Assistance Program is the establishment of a relationship with Lynchburg College's School of Education and Human Development, offering six free counseling sessions to our clients. We have also established a relationship with Legal Aid to offer our clients money management skills classes.

Emergency Fuel Assistance Program for the Elderly (EFAPE) - Provides persons 60 years of age or older with heating assistance. This program helps those who generally are on a fixed income and whose situations are not likely to change.

IOA History (continued)

Assistance is given in the form of heating oil, gas or electric bills to prevent service from being disconnected. Originally started by the First Unitarian Church, the program was growing so rapidly volunteers alone could no longer manage it and asked IOA to administer it beginning in 2002.

Furniture and Furnishings - Provides good, usable furniture to persons who are unable to afford the cost of basic furnishings. We require a home visit by an IOA representative to assess that the need is legitimate before we agree to distribute any furniture. IOA uses volunteers to pick up furniture from donors and deliver it to our donated warehouse at 926 Jefferson Street. Volunteers also accompany the program coordinator on home visits. The clients are responsible for picking up furniture at the warehouse.

Visually Impaired - Provides resources for clients to make and sell baskets, rugs, and weavings. It also provides a social outlet and a place to discuss issues affecting the visually impaired. Currently, the group meets weekly on Thursdays from September through May at Chestnut Hill Baptist Church (across from Chestnut Hill Bakery) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. IOA volunteers provide transportation and lunch each week. IOA provides their supplies.

Progressive Release - Provides men and women detained in The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority, the life skills necessary to successfully reenter society and decrease their chances of returning to jail. Part of the program includes inmates reading books on tape and mailing them to their own children. This fosters the parent/child relationship while the parent is incarcerated. This program is growing and will include providing continued help to the inmates once they are released from jail by connecting them with community resources, ongoing workshops and classes and mentors.

Life Skills for the Street Smart - Provides the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center life skills classes, positive role models, and outside activities that boost self-esteem so they also can be successful as they enter society.

Program Directors

Doug Oldenburg	Summer Program	1966
Jeannine Murphey	Fall Tutoring Program	1966
Hal Todd	Summer Program	1967
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Eric Washburn	Summer Program	1969
Emmett Forbes	Summer Programs	1969
Hazelle Boulware (d)	Program Director	1970 – 1971
Diane Carey	Program Director	1972 – 1973
Lou Gregory Parks	Program Director	1973 – 1976
Mike Boylan	Program Director	1977
Sue Gold	Program Director	1977 – 1982
Nancy Young	Program Director	1982 – 6-months*
Liz Brunson	Executive Director	1983 – 1994
Charles Ellis	Executive Director	01/1995 – 03/1995
Lisa Schafer	Executive Director	04/1995 – 07/2001
Betty Hudson	Executive Director	07/2001 – 09/2003
Bev Maslow	Executive Director	11/2003 – present

*Director during KBY's transition to a 501(c)(3) organization

The Kum-Ba-Yah Original Steering Committee Members (1966-1967)

Bev Cosby (d)– Church of the Covenant
Doug Oldenburg – Covenant Presbyterian Church
James Pannell (d) – Jackson Street United Methodist Church
Robert M. Smith – replaced Alex Robertson from St. Paul's Episcopal Church
John W. Craven – Westminster Presbyterian Church
J. Fletcher Lowe, Jr. – St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
P. G. Cosby, III – Executive Director of Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship

Kum-Ba-Yah Steering Committee Chairs

Paul Coffey (d)	1968 – 1969
James I. Brooks	1969 – 1971
William Parrish	1972 – 1973
J. Kenneth Rogers	1974 – 1975
Aileen Rucker (d)	1976 – 1980
Maxine Feinman	1981 – 1982

KBYA & IOA Board Presidents

Don Manning	1982 – 1984
George Bean (d)	1984 – 1986
Ernie Martin	1986 – 1989
Ed Burnette	1989 – 1992
Mike Rieley	1992 – 1995
Dennis Roberts	1995 – 1999
Chip Jamerson	1999 – 2002
Ed Parrish	2002 – 2004
Steve McNeely	2005 – present

Original Sponsoring Congregations as of 1982

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Year</u>
Church of the Covenant	Beverly R. Cosby (d)	1966
Covenant Presbyterian Church	Douglas W. Oldenburg	1966
Jackson Street United Methodist Church	James M. Pannell (d)	1966
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Alexander M. Robertson (d)	1966
St. John's Episcopal Church	John S. Spong	1967
Grace Memorial Episcopal Church	Richard D. Tyree	1967
Peakland United Methodist Church	W. O. Webster	1968
Massies Mill Presbyterian Church	P. G. Cosby, III	1968
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	Robert W. Koons	1968
Euclid Christian Church	Herbert R. Moore	1968
Court Street United Methodist Church	Harvey Ashby (d)	1968
Court Street Baptist Church	James I. Brooks	1969
Peakland Baptist Church	Nathan C. Brooks	1969
First Unitarian Church	Carl A. Storm (d)	1969
First Christian Church	David P. Cheverton	1969
First Presbyterian Church	Herbert B. Barks, Jr.	1969
Eighth Street Baptist Church	W. W. Roberts (d)	1971
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church	C. Lloyd Lipscomb	1971
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church	J. Kenneth Rogers	1972
Agudath Sholom Synagogue	Bernard Taylor	1972
Centenary United Methodist Church	Walter M. Lockett, Jr. (d)	1972
Holy Cross Catholic Church	Ron Seguin (d)	1974
Harmony Presbyterian Church	P. G. Cosby, III	1976
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church	James G. Thompson (d)	1977
Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church	Terry Dixson, Jr.	1978
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Junius Koiner	1978
St. Thomas More Catholic Church	John Leonard	1978
First Baptist Church	Kenneth B. Bryan	1979
Diamond Hill Baptist Church	Haywood Robinson, Jr. (d)	

(d) deceased

Sponsoring Congregations (1982-2006)

Memorial Christian Church	1983
Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church	1984
Church of the Brethren	1984
Fort Hill United Methodist Church	1984
Our Savior Lutheran Church	1984
Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church	1984
Park View United Methodist Church	1984
Timberlake United Methodist Church	1985
Chestnut Hill Baptist Church	1985
Heritage United Methodist Church	1985
Timberlake Christian Church	1986
Fairview United Methodist Church	1986
Hyland Heights Baptist Church	1986
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church	1986
Fairview Christian Church	1987
Westminster Presbyterian Church	1987
Old Forest Road Baptist Church	1988
Marsh Memorial United Methodist Church	1988
First Assembly of God	1989
Boonsboro United Methodist Church	1989
Forest Road United Methodist Church	1989
Calvary Baptist Church	1989
First Baptist Church of South Lynchburg	1990
First United Methodist Church (no longer in existence)	1991
College Hill Baptist Church	1992
Unity in the Seven Hills	1994
Lynchburg Wesleyan Church (now known as The Lynchburg Church)	1994
Fort Avenue Church of Christ	1994
Grace Evangelical Free Church	1996
Tyreeanna United Methodist Church	1996
Trinity Episcopal Church	1997
Jericho Baptist Missionary Chapel	1997
Lighthouse Foursquare Church	1997
Baha'i Faith Community	2000
Forest Presbyterian Church	2001
Thomas Terrace Baptist Church	2001
Believer's Fellowship	2003
Berean Baptist Church	2004
West Lynchburg Baptist Church	2006
New Hope Free Methodist Church	2006

2006 Board of Directors

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Jessica Newmark, Secretary

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Anne Brewer, Furniture Program

Loretta Robinson, Emergency Assistance

Phyllis Robinson, Progressive Release

and Life Skills for the Street Smart

Judy Sutphin, Visually Impaired Program

Marianne Daughtrey, Receptionist

“Life is not just a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming: *WOW...WHAT A RIDE!!!*”

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