



# Florida APA Region News September, 2008

## Help Your Colleagues Attend the National Conference in Disney World

Each year our members continue to experience financial cuts to their continuing education money which makes it more difficult for them to attend a National Conference. A small contribution of just \$5.00 would assist APA in developing this fund in anticipation for this growing need. Our goal is to increase contributions, so that money is available to our members who need assistance. The need is there, so please consider a tax deductible contribution to the Scholarship fund, no amount is too small and all donations are deeply appreciated. Please make your check payable to:

Administrative Personnel Association  
c/o Carol Ferrantelli  
First Presbyterian Church  
501 El Dorado St.  
Monterey, CA 93940

Checks received by  
December 31, 2008 may be  
used for a 2008 tax deduction.

If you have any  
questions, contact [lyn-nep@missionpby.org](mailto:lyn-nep@missionpby.org).



Florida members Jackie Davis, President Diana McAda, Barbie Prieto (hiding behind the orchids) and somebody's hands dining at the APA National Conference in Denver

# 2009 National Conference

Options for the 2009 Conference:

1. Attend the certification event:
  - Complete course schedule for Level 1, 2 or 3 certification.
  - Classes start July 12.
2. Attend the National Conference July 15-19:
  - Classes available Thursday through Saturday.
  - Friday night Murder Mystery drama and dinner, with clues, detectives, and interactive twists.
3. Take a vacation with the family: room rates are good for three days prior and following the conference. Recreation specials will be available for the whole family. If you would like to work on a conference committee, please contact the liaison listed below.

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Another way to contribute is to visit a discussion board <http://floridaapa.activeboard.com/> set up by conference co-chair Michele Dalton where you can enter ideas and suggestions under any of these topics. Watch the Florida APA web site [www.floridaapa.org](http://www.floridaapa.org) for registration and course offerings as the time draws near!



**Be a detective and solve the mystery crime. Clues will be posted on the homepage of our website July 15th 2008 and will rotate monthly.** Once a clue is removed from the site, it is gone for good, so you need to check regularly! At the conference, the investigation will continue with more clues in your welcome bags. Prizes and praises are in store for successful sleuths.

**Special September Newsletter Bonus!**

**If you missed the first two clues, here they are:**

Clue #1: All presbyteries have one

Clue #2: It commands a great deal of attention.

**This is a once-only reminder, so don't wait for the newsletter for next month's clue. The only place you can get clues from now on is**

<http://www.floridaapa.org>.

## Cool Tool

The easiest way to start a blog is at [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com). It's free and probably the most widely used resource on the web these days. What good is a blog? Lots of preachers and church workers are using them to attract youth and the young-at-heart. Did you know there are over 7,000 Christian blogs (known to Google)? And they're not all aimed at teenagers. One caution: you need to supply an email address to set it up. Because you can expect lots of junk mail from blog readers (some of it not very polite), consider setting up an email address for that purpose only.



# Calendar

## September 2008

APA Day,  
Louisville\*

Central Florida  
Presbytery Meeting

Tampa  
Presbytery Meeting

Tropical Florida  
Presbytery Meeting

Pacific Regional APA  
Conference\*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## October 2008

Northeast Regional  
APA Conference\*

Heartland Regional  
APA Conference\*

St. Augustine  
Presbytery Meeting

Peace River  
Presbytery Meeting

Florida Presbytery  
Meeting

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## November 2008

\*Opportunities to get  
certification credits.  
See back page for  
more information.

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New clue  
for solving  
2009  
Mystery  
Crime  
posted on  
Web Site  
(see  
previous  
page)

# Certification

You don't need to wait for the Orlando conference to get started on your certification. APA members can attend any conference to get credits, and there are also local APA events. Here's a list of upcoming places and dates:

Course/Credits	When	Where	More Information
Office Administration I/2.5 Caring for Aging Parents/2.5	September 12	St. Louis, MO	ccorley@glpby.org
Theology I/5 Risk Management/2.5 History Since Reunion/5 Financial Reporting/2.5 Digital Photography/2.5	September 25-27	Zephyr Cove, NV	<a href="http://www.pcusa-apa.org/pdf/pacific2008.pdf">www.pcusa-apa.org/pdf/pacific2008.pdf</a>
Church History/5 Spiritual Growth III/2.5 Legal Matters/2.5 Interim Ministry/2.5 Conflict Management/5	October 3-4	New London, NH	<a href="http://www.pcusa-apa.org/pdf/2008northeast.pdf">www.pcusa-apa.org/pdf/2008northeast.pdf</a>
Theology I/5 Office Administration I/2.5 Spiritual Growth I & II/2.5 Legal Matters/2.5 Polity I/2.5 Safety in the Workplace/2.5 Pastoral Care for Self & Others/2.5 Web Design & Graphics/5 Presbyterian Foundation/2.5	October 10-11	Grand Rapids, MI	<a href="http://www.pcusa-apa.org/pdf/heartland.pdf">www.pcusa-apa.org/pdf/heartland.pdf</a>

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## Inspirations:

- *Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord.*  
Colossians 3:23
- *Look to this day: For it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence. The bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendour of achievement are but experiences in time. For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision; but today well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well therefore to this day; Such is the salutation to the ever-new dawn.*  
Kalidasa

## In Our Prayers:

- Carol McMichael and her husband Doug who has suffered a stroke.
- Roberta French's sister Debbie, who is undergoing a hip replacement.
- Victims of storms, natural disasters, wars, famine, and disease throughout the world
- APA National 2009 Conference planning board