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Another view on the Spire, by Alison Benney
Thoughts from
The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr
Senior Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of the ACP,

I believe that all of us in the church should ponder Jesus’ words from John 13 more carefully:

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. .... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

I want to thank you all for the privilege of being able to attend as part of my “continuing education” the Alpha Leadership Conference in London with Lisa Prevet, Daphne Elfrich, and Pascal and MaryClaire Berger. It was an inspiring time of fellowship, worship, and learning. We had the opportunity to worship with Matt Redman, and hear Mike Todd, Lead Pastor of Transformation Church, plus Craig and Amy Groeschel, leaders of Life Church, and many others speak on leadership in the church today.

It was impressive to see the careful attention to diversity, as we heard from women and men, and people from different racial and cultural backgrounds; one of the keynote speakers was a young man with cerebral palsy sharing his experience coming to faith. Lisa did a great job of organizing the trip, and it was just a reminder of how important Alpha is, around the world and for our own church, as a powerful tool for sharing basic Christian faith with those who are seeking “something more...”

We had some of the best leadership training ever and were reminded how essential it is for the church to engage in the mission of “making disciples.” A recent Gallup Global Emotions Report stated “...the world is sadder, angrier, and more scared than ever before.”

I also want to thank you for the time provided to return for my last year as a member of the Princeton Theological Seminary Alumni Association Executive Council, which plans and hosts the annual alumni reunions of the seminary. It was inspiring to visit with professors, friends and colleagues. The Rev. Dr. Steve Yamaguchi was given the award of our “Distinguished Alumni of the Year” and impressed me with his talk to the group.

I was also inspired by the Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Lewis, Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church, a 900-member multiracial, welcoming, and inclusive congregation in New York City.

If you have time, listen to a panel talk I emcee’d called “My Story” which was also inspiring to me: http://bit.ly/PrincetonMyStoryvideo. More interesting will be the actual lectures by Steve Yamaguchi and Jacqueline Lewis, as they share the stories of God’s faithful even through challenges and brokenness in Christian leadership. Yes - all of my travels and conferences confirmed Jesus’ example that true leadership is fundamentally servant leadership!

If you were able to join us at all for some of the meetings or events during the weekend of the American Foreign Christian Union (AFCU) annual general meetings we hosted here, you will know that the ACP leadership team has done it again! I am so thankful for all of you who helped to make the weekend so special for our guests. Many spoke about how dynamic the ministry is here and how much you all made them feel welcome and honored as alums and guests of our community.

A special thanks to Heather Walter for her attention to so many details on the administrative side (eg. millions of copies and helping our guests have their questions answered); to Mary Hovind-Gay (and Charlie, her husband) who prayed, planned, cooked, videoed, and organized approximately 100 volunteers

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Bible readings for June

2 June 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

9 June Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:18-17, (25-27)

16 June Trinity Sunday, 1st Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

23 June 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

who helped at the Thursday Cocktail Welcome Reception, breakfasts, lunches and the International Dinner on Saturday Night, and the Champagne and Dessert Reception (Charles Genet provided the champagne!) after the Saturday “A Night At the Opera” concert, and the Cake Reception on Sunday morning; and to Laurana Mitchelmore who organized the concert; and to Fred Gramann who organized the amazing music on Sunday, and composed a bell and trumpet anthem for the occasion; and to Don Farnan and Pam Bohl, who organized and edited all of the Council input and masses of data from our SWOT analyses and surveys into a coherent Strategic Plan draft that the board very much appreciated; and to each of the staff and Council leaders who showed up on Friday to report: Michael Ott, Jenn Cavanaugh, Pam Bohl, Don Farnan, Dominique Grelet, Phil Swanson, Daniel Tostado, Daniel Grout, Marie Grout, Kim Herr, Allison Wheeler, Tim Vance, Victor Greene and Fred Gramann and others, who shared a bit about their ministry areas and/or leadership perspectives during the meetings.

Very special thanks to the Filipino Fellowship, African Fellowship and Young Adults for helping to serve at the dinner. I’m sure I’ve missed someone, but just know I am deeply thankful to God for the way our congregation rallied to show a “worldwide welcome” of love to the AFCU board members and our guests from across the Pond, and our sister churches in Berlin and Vienna.

Christian community is all about relationships, and you helped impress upon the AFCU board that this is a church who appreciates all of the support of prayers, counsel and financial giving we receive from the AFCU.

In this month of June, we are looking forward to celebrate Ascension, Pentecost, and Confirmation, and some thoughtful lecture and preaching by Tony Campolo. May people know that we are Jesus’ disciples by our love!

In Christ,

Thoughts from The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr, continued
ACP box of chocolates
by Dan Michalek
Visiting Pastor

It’s been two and a half months since I arrived here in Paris, with my wife Francine, to serve as your visiting pastor. I am indebted to Jim and Odette Lockwood-Stewart for their faithful work which enabled a smooth transition. Thank you!

One of the fascinating facts we learned right away is that on any given Sunday there are 40-50 different nationalities present at worship.

“You never know what you’re gonna get”

That alone is a tremendous witness to the Gospel, one that I’m thrilled to see, and love to share with my American friends. I’ve seen it at work in an endless variety of ways, not the least of which happens when we share in communion.

When I’m privileged to serve and people come forward, I experience firsthand the wonderful diversity here. I think of Forrest Gump’s box of chocolates - “You never know what you’re gonna get” - and I thank God every time.

This is the way it should be.

I shared that thought with an elderly African lady a couple weeks ago and she quickly responded, “Child, the day is coming when that’s exactly how it will be.”

“How wonderful, how beautiful it is when God’s people live together in unity.” That’s how Psalm 133 puts it, and it’s a key point in our legacy. Cherish this, friends, praise God for such a precious gift, and do all you can to keep it up.

The Jeremy Winston Chorale

An international award-winning chorale group, The Jeremy Winston Chorale, will be in Paris in June, and we will get to hear them at ACP. They are outstanding! Their inaugural performance at the World Choir Games, in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2012, won them the gold medal champion as Best Gospel Choir, and silver medals for Mixed Chorus and Spirituals.

They have since been around the world, performing at the White House in 2012, at the Prague Proms in 2015 and 2016, and at the US ambassador’s home in Bogota, Colombia; They toured Europe in 2015, and their flashmob video in Hambourg, Germany went viral to become the most-viewed Facebook video in the country in 016.

They will be singing as our guest choir at the ACP on Sunday 16 June for the 11h00 service. You won’t want to miss this worship service. Oh happy day!
Pentecost, from the ancient Greek for "the 50th day," commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus, as described in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2, in the New Testament. Pentecost is sometimes described as the Church's birthday and at ACP we will celebrate this in a number of ways on Sunday 9 June.

- For two of the hymns you may choose to sing in English, French, or German. Congregants will be encouraged to wear red or perhaps clothing which represents their country of origin.
- If you speak a language other than English, please consider being part of the Language Choir for the 11th service. You would be reading Acts 2:5-13 at the same time as many others who are speaking different languages. There will be a rehearsal at 10h20 on Pentecost Sunday. Please either fill out the form in the Sunday bulletin or send an email to Fred Gramann at music@acparis.org.

Property development project

Presentation dates

At the congregational meeting on 2 June, the Property Committee announced that a prestigious architecture firm is being paid to do a study for best use of space in our building. This was discussed and approved by members of the Property Committee, the Council, and the AFCU at the recent meeting here in Paris. They would like to share the ideas and get your feedback in one of three upcoming meetings. Please feel free to just drop in on any or all of them.

Sunday 9 June, 12h30-13h30, ACP Theater
Wednesday 12 June, 18h-19h, ACP Thurber Room
Sunday 25 June, 12h30-13h30, ACP Theater

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Norman Rockwell’s Four Freedoms in Caen
by Rebecca Brite

Among the many events celebrating the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion and the Battle of Normandy, one of the most exciting for art lovers is an exhibition centered on the Four Freedoms paintings by the American artist Norman Rockwell (1894–1978) at the Mémorial de Caen in Normandy.

Enduring Ideals: Rockwell, Roosevelt & the Four Freedoms, which opened in early June and runs to 27 October, is the first occasion that these works, which can truly be called iconic, have been shown outside the United States. They are part of the permanent collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, which mounted the seven-city exhibition last year and will be its final stop in 2020.

The paintings illustrate the fundamental human rights expressed by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his State of the Union address on 6 January 1941, 11 months before the US entered WWII after the bombing of Pearl Harbor:

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of worship
- Freedom from want
- Freedom from fear

These principles were incorporated later that year into the Atlantic Charter setting out Allied goals, and after the war would form part of preamble of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Rockwell, famed for his covers for the weekly Saturday Evening Post magazine, first sketched his ideas for illustrating the freedoms in May 1942 with the idea of donating them to the government for the war effort. But the Office of War Information (OWI) told him it was looking for “real artists” rather than illustrators. In the end, the Post commissioned the completed oil paintings and ran them over four consecutive weeks in 1943.

Their immense popularity led to many reprints, and even the OWI finally got on board, using the paintings themselves in a major war bond drive.

Though Rockwell today still has something of a reputation as not a “real artist,” being associated with folksy nostalgia, his sharp observational skills and genuine artistic talent have led to his receiving increasingly serious attention since his death. The Four Freedoms paintings are among his finest works, and certainly among the best known.

Though they form the centerpiece of the exhibition, they are accompanied by other works by Rockwell (notably the wartime Rosie the Riveter and the school desegregation painting The Problem We All Live With) and by some of his contemporaries, including the “Arrow shirt” illustrator J.C. Leyendecker and the photographer Dorthea Lange.

The Mémorial de Caen, which combines museum, war memorial and peace center, celebrated its 30th anniversary last year. Anyone setting off to tour the D-Day landing beaches would be very well advised to make this their first stop, as its award-winning museography plunges the visitor into an immersive experience that helps make sense of the 1944 Allied invasion, situating it in the context of the rest of the war, and the war itself in the context of the 20th century.

Enduring Ideals: Rockwell, Roosevelt & the Four Freedoms, from 7 June to 27 October at the Caen Mémorial Museum in Normandy, Esplanade Général Eisenhower, Caen, tel: +33 (0)2 31 06 06 45. See http://normandy.memorial-caen.com/events/temporary-exhibitions/rockwell-roosevelt-four-freedoms

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Fête de la musique
Friday 21 June

All over France, on the longest day of the year, music is celebrated in all its forms. The day is jam-packed with official concerts, often in non-traditional venues. But the real stars are the countless aspiring artists, scruffy garage bands, and inspired amateurs who fill every park, café and street corner with the sweet sound of music as soon as the shortest night of the year begins to fall (and well beyond). Overlapping airspace can result in some unintended "battle of the bands" moments, but mostly it’s a friendly, dancing-in-the-streets vibe, with peerless multigenerational people watching.

For a full schedule, see http://fetedelamusique.culturecommunication.gouv.fr

Here is a selection of events happening in the neighborhood of the ACP, from the office of the Mairie:

18h-22h, Sciences Po, 27 rue Saint Guillaume, 75007
Sciences Po opens its doors to host a variety of bands, including rock, acoustic, jazz, chorales, rap and French variété.

18h30-22h, Grande Chancellerie de la Légion d’honneur, 2 rue de la Légion d’honneur, Cour du palais de la Légion d’honneur, 64 rue de Lille, 75007
The evening kicks off with a trumpet fanfare, followed by a concert directed by Nicolas Dromer, featuring a repertoire of trumpet music, including traditional pieces, fanfares and original compositions.

Starting at 19h at the Mairie du 7ème itself, 116 Rue de Grenelle, 75007
Students of brass instruments (including the trumpet, trombone, sax, and euphonium) along with those from the Salsa workshop at the conservatory Erik Satie will perform in the courtyard.

20h, Eglise Saint-Thomas d’Aquin, Place Saint-Thomas d’Aquin, 75007
Sacred music: Choeur ukrainien Sain Volodymyr le Grand performs a capella liturgical and traditional Ukrainian songs.

20h-22h, Institut Culturel Italien, 50 rue de Varenne, 75007
Classical music: Violinist Uto Ughi and pianist Bruno Conino offer compositions by Gaetano Pugnani, Giuseppe Tartini, César Franck, Niccolo Paganini, and more.

DOCENT TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Love history? Proud of the American Church in Paris? Learn and share the history and architecture of our church sanctuary with visitors on one Sunday a month, and lend a hand on the weekend of the Journées du Patrimoine in September. We need you to help welcome neighbors and strangers into the church! Contact Alison at Spire@acparis.org
Comment faire?

by Patricia DeWit

“Comment faire?” he asked, meaning, “how do I do this?” Abdoul is an extremely capable, talented, figure-it-out type of person, so when he did not know how to cut the chocolate birthday cake that our generous hostess, Armelle, set in front of him, I wondered if he was just needing attention. I admit I am a bit jaded, but I can confess and repent just as quickly as I form those thoughts. Which I did. I repented as soon as Abdoul told us that this was the very first time anyone has ever celebrated his birthday, and his very first birthday cake; he’s 21 years old.

In fact, coming from such diverse backgrounds with so little in common, each of the other young men around the table could relate to never having had a birthday celebration. They come from remote villages, from hand-to-mouth survival sometimes, where mothers milk cows by hand, where brothers tend sheep that graze beside the front door, where chocolate cakes and parties do not exist.

As we sat around Armelle and Louis’ large dining table, one other commonality started to surface in the conversation: The American Church in Paris. The name kept coming up in answer to Armelle and Louis’ questions, and it started to emerge that ACP has clearly been so instrumental in this unlikely group of friends.

So we explained 100 Nights of Warmth, where Peter said “yes to volunteering,” and once in a while he would spend the night on an inflatable mattress, getting to know some of the young men finding warmth, shower facilities, and a safe bed in the church gym. We explained about the various events and programs at APC that allow them not only to join, but also to teach and contribute.

“Comment faire?” has become a question that Louis and Armelle ask each time we see each other. How can we help even more? How can we spread the word? *Comment faire pour leur trouver un emploi? Comment faire pour aider davantage les réfugiés à Paris?* And it doesn’t take long before we are strategizing our forward steps.

One step, and in our hearts we’ve all agreed, is to find a locale that will become a space of welcome. We envision a laundry room, showers, and a barber’s chair... all small elements to restore basic human dignity for our new friends. We envision events and fundraisers in this space.

So while we search for our space, we continue to build a community of friends who, if it had not been for extreme adversity, would probably never have met in this world. We build a welcoming culture among us, pleasantly quirky and sometimes affectionately weird. We have meals and celebrate milestones. We listen and pray silently as we listen. We dance. And we hug. Yes, we hug. In fact it is Abdoul who makes certain of it. As we were all saying good-bye on the street, Gerald reached to shake Abdoul’s hand, and Abdoul said, “pas comme ça.” Gerald asked, “Comment faire?” and Abdoul opened his arms and said with warmth “On s’embrace!” and he pulled Gerald into a brotherly embrace before going their separate ways.

Thurber Lecture, Thursday 13 June, 19h45-21h15

Tony Campolo

American Evangelicalism in the Age of Trump

Dr. Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books and has numerous other accolades. Light dinner served at 19h.

If you are unable to attend, you there will be another opportunity to hear Dr. Campolo speak, as he will be preaching at all three of our Sunday services on 16 June.
World Refugee Day on 20 June is when the world commemorates the strength, courage, and perseverance of millions of refugees. It also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee their homes.

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, says that we are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. An unprecedented **68.5 million people around the world have been forced from home.** Among them are nearly **25.4 million refugees**, over half of whom are under the age of 18.

There are also an estimated **10 million stateless people** who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement.

In a world where **nearly one person is forcibly displaced every two seconds** as a result of conflict or persecution, the work accomplished at UNHCR is more important than ever before.

The agency strives to ensure that everyone has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to eventually return home, integrate or resettle. During times of displacement, they provide critical emergency assistance in the form of clean water, sanitation and healthcare, as well as shelter, blankets, household goods and sometimes food. The agency also arranges transport and assistance packages for people who return home, and income-generating projects for those who resettle. Their help transforms broken lives.

The Refugee Food Festival returns to Paris in June 2019 for the 4th year in row. A dozen Parisian restaurants will host talented refugee chefs, for wonderful collaborations. Look for the program and dates here: [www.refugeefoodfestival.com/portfolio/paris/?lang=en](http://www.refugeefoodfestival.com/portfolio/paris/?lang=en)
I received this picture from the Deep Griha sewing workshop.
When we started our mission to Pune in 2014, there were no sewing machines and now we have a whole row of them, plus women working on them to fill a new order for school uniforms!
All of these sewing machines and the roof over them were provided by donations from the women at ACP. Blessed be these women, both in France and India. Next steps may be windows!
- Pascale Deforge
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Bloom Where You’re Planted

Expat orientation seminar

Register by 31 July and Save 10%! Join us this October 5th for the 54th annual Bloom Where You’re Planted – the premier expat orientation seminar. Get tips on living and thriving in Paris from notable expats and experts – everything from finding the perfect home to navigating the local customs to making the most of your new life in your new city. Plus, attend exciting workshops and visit dozens of local exhibitors.

 Speakers include:

Adrian Leeds, real estate professional and star of *House Hunters International*

Craig Carlson, bestselling author and restaurateur/owner of Breakfast in America

Oliver Gee, host of the popular podcast *The Earful Tower*

Lisa Anselmo, author and motivational speaker

Peter Caine, tour guide and Paris historian

Visit [BloomParis.org](http://BloomParis.org) to register and for more information.

Want to be an exhibitor? Contact: bloomexhibitor.acparis@gmail.com;
To learn more about sponsorships, contact: bloomadverts@gmail.com.

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**Monthly Sunday Women’s Fellowship**

Sunday 9 June, 12h15-13h30

ACP Thurber Room

Allison Wheeler will be speaking on *Calling Forth the Child Within - God, Disability, a Mother's Journey*. As Allison writes, "'Man plans, God laughs’ could be ‘Mom plans, God laughs.’ I never expected to be a ‘special mom to a special baby,’ but my journey into parenting a child with disabilities has brought me much further into relationship with God, and taught me more about God’s love for ALL people than any other experience in my life. It also inspired my capstone seminary study project in the field of Disability Theology, a lens of viewing God's relationship with creation through the reality of loved, whole human beings that "typical" people would label "disabled.'"

Allison is a mother, wife, and an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), who graduated from Phillips Theological Seminary with her Masters of Divinity earlier this year. She is passionate about children's ministry, and in particular about spreading the good news of God's love to all young disciples through storytelling, singing, playing, and loving. She and her husband Jonathan are the proud parents of two children, Josephine and Benjamin.

We will provide the coffee and tea and ask that if you are able, please bring something savory or sweet to share. Childcare will be provided by our amazing church childcare staff. Hope that you are able to join us!
What’s up in

June event listings

by Karen Albrecht

Pearls from the Bührle

On display at Paris’s Musée Maillol are 60 top-notch artworks from the peerless collection amassed by Swiss industrialist Emil Bührle, while their new digs in Zurich are under construction. Blacklisted after World War II for possessing artworks looted under the Nazis, Bührle returned (and sometimes repurchased) the disputed works; a court ruled that his acquisitions had been in good faith. Amidst masterworks by Monet, Renoir, Degas, and Modigliani, Van Gogh’s sad, soulful self-portrait and somberly stunning “Sower at Sunset” are perhaps the most moving. Until 21 July, www.museemaillol.com

Al fresco arias

Puccini’s dramatic opera-cum-political-thriller “Tosca” will be performed outdoors at a series of equally dramatic historical sites, including the chateaux of Vincennes, Sceaux, and St-Germain-en-Laye, with a stop at southern citadel town Carcassonne, and a finale on the Esplanade des Invalides. Not quite ready to sign up for three whole acts of dastardly operatic drama? The afternoon “Piccola Tosca” offers a cut-price, greatest-hits taster, perfect for kids and other beginners. 14 June-7 September, www.operaenpleinair.com

Loud and proud

The two-week “Quinzaine des Fiertés” celebrates Paris’s vibrant and varied LGBT community, with events ranging from a marathon of same-sex cinematic love stories, an ebullient “zérophobies” picnic, dueling drag kings at Le Balajo, and even a murder-mystery night based on the “Clue” board game. Saturday 29 June, thousands of revelers with a cause join in the Marche des Fiertés, boogying on down the 5.5 km parade route from Montparnasse to République in a never-ending rainbow of love. 14-30 June, www.inter-lgbt.org

Dora the explorer

Centre Pompidou is putting on the first French retrospective of the long and varied career of Dora Maar (1907-1997), best known as Picasso’s model, muse, and mistress but also a major creative force in her own right. Dora Maar started out in fashion photography, then hobnobbed with the Surrealists in the 1930s, exploring the unconscious via enigmatic photos and photomontages. After several highly innovative artistic collaborations with Picasso, she embarked on a long solo career as a painter. 5 June-29 July, www.centrepompidou.fr

Shining stars at l’Étoile

The 8th annual Champs Elysées Film Festival touts top indie films from France and the US, with screenings of some 60 movies. As the red carpet rolls out for VIP guests Jeff Goldblum and Christopher Walken, 32 short and feature-length films will compete for the Prix du Public and Prix du Jury. Save some movie-going energy for the month-end Fête du Cinéma (30 June-3 July, www.fncf.org), when tickets at participating cinemas across Paris are just 4 euros. 18-25 June, www.champselyseesfilmfestival.com

The sincerest form of flattery

The Orangerie, home to Claude Monet’s vast, spectacular canvases portraying his water lily pond in Giverny, is displaying the American Alex Katz’s own Maine water lilies, painted as an “hommage” to Monet. The simple shapes and flat, bright colors contrast starkly with the Impressionist master’s lyrically intertwined brushstrokes, yet manage to capture the spirit and joie de vivre of the originals with humility and humor. Until 2 September, www.musee-orangerie.fr
Serve the City

Are you feeling the urge to help those less fortunate around you, but not sure how? Serve the City Paris meets 5 days a week at Café Caféothèque (75004) at 8h30 to deliver food to the refugees and homeless throughout Paris.

For more information, visit the site www.servethecityparis.com or write to info@servethecity.paris. You will find great opportunities to be a part of the Serve the City movement of volunteers, seeking to show compassion and kindness to the most vulnerable in our city.

The TIEO Program: “Trouver du travail, Intégrer avec France, Être Optimiste” is a course for training refugees how to find work, integrate with the French culture and stay optimistic while looking for employment. The next course will begin in September. It includes 32 hours of course time per month over four weeks. The course not only helps the refugees and asylum seekers find work, but it gives them confidence, self-worth, and integrity.

Best Practices For Living in an Intercultural Society Workshop

How can we better integrate in society and influence positive behavior in a multicultural setting? A workshop is being offered on Thursday evening, 27 June, as part of Serve Your City Volunteer Week, by Juan Marcos, a social scientist with a background in psychology, sociology, and philosophy, working with companies on diversity management.

The workshop will aim at raising awareness on how culture influences our everyday relationships, and we’ll learn how specific intercultural approaches can be used as tools.
I’m proud to be part of the association originating out of the ACP, called “Serve the City Paris,” an English-language NGO in Paris for Francophones, doing some amazing stuff in the city of Paris.

Serve the City Paris was originally created by ACP member Jurie Ane Feleo, and a small group of other dedicated ACP members. Today, Serve the City has over 840 members who have signed up to be volunteers in Paris. The Serve the City Facebook page has over 20,000 followers. Many ACP members remain actively involved in Serve the City, delivering food to the homeless four days a week, training refugees on how to find work and integrate into the French culture, and teaching English and French to the refugees and the underprivileged in Paris.

From 24 to 29 June, Serve the City Paris will be hosting its first Serve YOUR City Volunteer Week, a week of service activities and events for our network of volunteers and our partners in Paris. A total of 14 activities will be offered starting Monday night, 24 June. There will be service activities, learning opportunities, and entertainment every morning, afternoon, and evening during the week. STCP’s goal is to help the marginalized in the city of Paris, raise awareness to attract more volunteers, and raise donations for STCP.

Each morning of the SYC Volunteer Week STCP leaders will guide a city walk tour and food distribution around Paris, both providing volunteers with historical facts about the area and delivering sandwiches to the homeless. Here are a few more highlights:

**Monday night:** Serve the City Paris will show a film, *L’Époque*, by Matthieu Bareyre, at the Luminor Theater. The film is in French with English subtitles.

**Tuesday afternoon:** Barima Osei (ACP member and professional dancer) will be teaching a Master Dance class at the ACP for the flashmob performance at the picnic on Saturday.

**Tuesday night:** Volunteers can participate in a Pub Quiz at the Ha’Penny Bridge Pub, 153 rue de Grenelle, 7eme.

**Wednesday night:** A panel discussion with NGO leaders will be held on the subject of “Technology and Its Role in Social Action,” followed by a Q&A session, and a networking event.

**Thursday night:** Serve the City Paris presents Juan Marcos, a social scientist and expert, on the subject of diversity management. He will run a workshop on “Best Practices For Living in an Intercultural Society.”

**Friday night:** STCP partners with the ACP Café to offer a concert in the ACP courtyard, where friends and volunteers can socialize and watch live musical performances.

**Saturday afternoon:** Picnic, with flashmob and a football/soccer tournament, where refugees team up with volunteers to win a prize trophy. During lunchtime, STCP will be running two soup kitchens.

All are invited to these wonderful activities. See the schedule here, and for more updates and more information, including registration, meeting points, and locations, consult the website [www.servethecity.paris/serve-your-city-volunteer-week](http://www.servethecity.paris/serve-your-city-volunteer-week). You may also send an email to info@servethecity.paris if you have further questions. If you can’t attend, Serve the City is looking for individual and corporate donations for the event. We look forward to welcoming many of you!
What’s going on?
Tune in to ACP Today radio

Have you ever listened to ACP Today, the American Church in Paris’ radio show? Join us on Mondays at 20h45 – this month on 3 and 17 June. The 45-minute program is an exciting and inspiring mix of music, interviews, sermon highlights, and discussion on hot topics.

Tune into 100.7 FM, Radio Fréquence Protestante. We broadcast especially for friends who may be house-bound or who would simply like more devotional time on a Monday evening. Don't like the radio? Listen online at http://frequenceprotestante.com or tune in at your leisure via the ACP website, at www.acparis.org/ACPtoday, or the ACP mobile app.

Friends and visitors, what better way to keep in touch with the ACP family and learn about the latest ACP news? If you want to catch up, all our shows are available on the ACP website. Faith Talk from Paris – it’s a kind of souvenir that never gets old.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas or would like to contribute to the show, be sure to contact us at acptoday@acparis.org.

The Movie Discussion Group
19h30, Thursday, 20 June
Salle G2 or, weather permitting, courtyard

This month’s movies to see beforehand:
Les plus belles années d’une vie
Amazing Grace
Parasite

Contact: movies@acparis.org

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Bible Study: The Lord’s Prayer
by TL Valluy

Isn’t God’s timing just so neat? I’d recently finished my fourth book, Check Your Heart: Reflections on the Lord’s Prayer, and felt called to do something further with it. In the past, I’d spoken at women’s fellowships, but I felt that wasn’t the right path this time. Then, Allison Wheeler, ACP’s children’s ministry director, announced she was starting a kids’ Bible study and, bam – my idea for the women’s study was born.

As many people understand, it’s hard to attend meetings when your family just waits for you, but now with my kids able to be in Bible study themselves, I was free to lead one, and my husband was happy to have a free hour for himself.

I adapted my book for the once-a-month study. We started with an overall discussion of why and how we pray, and then each month after that went through parts of the Lord’s Prayer, starting with Our Father Who art in Heaven and ending with Amen. Each month, the women were given a challenge that corresponded to the lesson.

The first challenge was to start praying the Lord’s Prayer daily. When we looked at hallowed be Thy name, which focuses on praising God, the women were encouraged to cultivate an attitude of praise by stopping and praising God three times a day, every day. When we talked about lead us not into temptation, that month’s challenge was to daily identify temptations and actively claim God’s power to avoid them.

I was blessedly surprised to see 20 women the first month! I’d had six chairs set up around a small table; we quickly spread out to a wide circle. As the months went on, the study grew. Sometimes we had as many as 27 women; at others we had 15. To help accommodate those who were occasionally not able to join us, I emailed the group a recap of every class. But missing classes did not put anyone behind in the study; even though the ideas built on themselves, they could also be studied and discussed independently of each other.

The idea behind this study, and my book, was to really look at what we’re saying in the Lord’s Prayer, to think about the words and what they mean. This class was discussion-based. We would read chosen verses that pertained to the section of the Lord’s prayer being studied and then discuss how those Biblical concepts applied not just to the prayer itself but to our lives today. I hope that our challenges have encouraged faith-building practices, enabling us all to go out and further His kingdom.

One of the biggest blessings for me in this study series is the sense of community that developed. Women whom I only saw at fellowships, or some I did not know at all, have become friends. We wore name tags, so it was much easier to learn each other’s names, and we held hands during prayer, which felt both powerful and familial. We were sisters in Christ in name, but now we are sisters in Christ in heart as well!

Next year, the kids’ and women’s Bible study sessions will continue. Note the first date: Sunday 1 September, from 12h15-13h15. Dates for other months can be found on the ACP website and will be listed in the September Spire. Next year’s theme will be Focus on Forgiveness. Again, for anyone with young children, the nursery will be available. Anyone with questions or comments is welcome to email me, Teri Lee Valluy, at sundaywomensbible@acparis.org. As well, anyone interested in the kids’ Bible study can contact Allison at childrensworship@acparis.org. Grace and peace, and to God be the glory!

In June we will meet on the 16th, from 12h15-13h15, in Room F2. The focus will be a recap of this year’s study as well as lifting up our praises. All women are invited to attend and childcare is provided.

Prayer Chain Team
Do you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team?
If so, please forward your prayer by email to prayerrequests@acparis.org. Your prayer request will remain strictly private and confidential. Prayer is powerful. We are here for you.

If you would like someone to pray with you after services, a Prayer Team member is available. Meet in the chapel next to the theater after each service.
The 2019-2020 ACP Council Slate
Approved by the congregation at the 2 June 2019 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting of The American Church in Paris

Moderator:
Dominique Grelet
(3rd year on Council)

Communications Chair:
Brad Stucky (1st year on Council)

Vice-Moderator:
Marleigh White
(1st year on Council)

Communications Vice-Chair:
Genie Godula (1st year on Council)

Council Secretary:
Kerry Lieury
(1st year on Council)

Community Life Chair:
Daphne Elfferich (3rd year on Council).
Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Assistant Secretary:
John Price (3rd year on Council).
Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Community Life Vice-Chair:
Kuukua [Kay] Bentsi-Enchill (2nd year on Council). Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Treasurer/Finance, Stewardship & Development Chair:
Don Farnan
(3rd year on Council). Previously served as chair of this Committee, and nominated to this position.

Property Chair: Daniel Grout (3rd year on Council). Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Finance, Stewardship & Development Vice-Chair:
Stacy Waters
(1st year on Council)

Property Co-Chair:
Phil Swanson (2nd year on Council). Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Human Resources Chair:
Pascal Berger
(1st year on Council)

Mission Outreach Chair:
Tom Wilscam (2nd year on Council). Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Human Resources Vice-Chair:
Avril Lee
(1st year on Council)

Mission Outreach Vice-Chair:
Daniel Tostado (2nd year on Council). Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Christian Education Chair:
Elizabeth Eposi (2nd year on Council). Currently serving and nominated to continue in this position.

Worship & Music Chair: Delia Esteban (3rd year on Council). Previously served as Worship & Music Vice-Chair and nominated to this position.

Christian Education Vice-Chair:
Caroline Cuozzi
(1st year on Council)

Worship & Music Vice-Chair:
Charlie Gay (1st year on Council)
Finding the right pastor to serve as interim is almost as important as finding the right senior pastor. The **Interim Senior Pastor Search Committee** will meet this summer and would appreciate the prayers of the congregation as they begin their work.

Dominique Grelet, Council Moderator  
Kerry Lieury, Council Secretary  
Daniel Grout, Human Resources Committee  
Lela Losq, Human Resources Committee  
Teteh Atikpo, member at large  
Jurie Ane Feleo, member at large  
Ashleigh Searle, member at large

**ACP Nominating Committee 2019-2020**  
Approved by the ACP Council at the 21 May 2019 ACP Council Meeting

Lela Losq (co-chair; 3rd year on Nominating Committee)  
Gigi Oyog (co-chair; 2nd year on Nominating Committee)  
Nathaniel Akujobi (2nd year on Nominating Committee)  
Tom Johnson (2nd year on Nominating Committee)  
Michael Ott* (1st year on Nominating Committee)  
Ashleigh Searle-Picq (2nd year on Nominating Committee)  
Dominique Grelet * (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Dr. Scott Herr (ex-officio)

*New to the Nominating Committee

**Semi-Annual ACP Congregational Meeting, Sunday 2 June**

The Council of the American Church in Paris requested the presence of all voting members of the ACP – and welcomed all congregants – at the semi-annual congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to vote on the nominations for the 2019-2020 ACP Council (see facing page). We also voted to approve the 2018 audited accounts and shared further information on the ACP Strategic Plan and the Senior Pastor transition plan.

If you would like copies of any of the documents, they are available at the ACP reception desk or at the Welcome Desk on Sunday.
Please help keep our children healthy

Because we want to keep the ACP nursery and toddler rooms safe and hygienic places to play and rest, children who are sick will not be admitted to the nursery and toddler rooms. This is to protect all of our children from communicable illnesses. We also assume that a child who is unwell will prefer to be at home with their parent(s) or caregiver(s) rather than at Sunday nursery. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation. If you have any questions, please email Allison Wheeler at childrensworship@acparis.org.

Weekly Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study
10h30 – 12h30, Catacombs

Using Navigators Life Change series on the book of Galatians, we study God’s word, pray for one another and have a time of fellowship with coffee and treats.

All women are welcome to attend. If you need childcare, please email at least a week in advance: women@acparis.org.

4 June: Lesson 12
11 June: Prayer and shared lunch
18 June: End of year brunch

Rainbow Connection Grief Support

A new support group for those mourning the loss of a loved one. All meetings are free and facilitated by a therapist who specializes in grief therapy. Dates/times in June:

Friday 7 June from 19h-21h
Wednesday 12 June from 12h-14h
Friday 21 June from 19h-21h
Wednesday 26 June from 12h-14h

All meetings will take place in the Catacombs. Contact: RainbowConnectionGS@gmail.com

Volunteer for the Breakfast and Sandwich Ministry

The Breakfast Ministry takes place on the first two Fridays/Saturdays of each month, with preparation on Friday at 19h, and distribution on Saturday at 8h.
The Sandwich Ministry takes place on the last two Fridays/Saturdays of each month, with preparation on Friday at 19h, and distribution on Saturday at 13h.

Contact sandwichministryacp@gmail.com. Get more information at www.acparis.org/homeless-ministry.
The moon
From real to imaginary journeys
by Karen Marin

For centuries humanity has been intrigued by the moon. Its proximity to Earth has allowed scientists to observe its many phases, to see its craggy exterior and to dream of travelling to its surface. In July 1969 NASA’s Apollo XI mission made this dream a reality when two astronauts took the first steps on the moon. To honor the 50-year anniversary of this historic moment, the Grand Palais is hosting an exhibit called “La Lune : Du voyage réel aux voyages imaginaires,” celebrating our fascination with this heavenly body.

The exhibit begins by stepping back in time to the day Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, planted the American flag, and uttered the famous quote “One small step for man, one giant leap for Mankind.” Front pages from both American and French newspapers are on display, reminding us that on the same day Ted Kennedy was charged with leaving the scene of Chappaquiddick. It’s very interesting to see the personal items the astronauts chose to bring with them, including shaving implements and religious symbols. Rounding out the scientific portion of the exhibit are several 17th-century telescopes and astronomers’ maps documenting early efforts to chart the terrain from afar.

The moon has been a source of inspiration for artists, writers, poets, musicians, and filmmakers. Take a moment to watch a lunar-themed cartoon and a clip from some of the first science fiction films. Fall under the hypnotic spell of moonlight portrayed by romantic painters from the 19th century, before moving on to contemporary photography that captures the moon in all its waxing and waning glory. Don’t miss a modern sculpture called “Big Bang” by Kader Attia: the magnificent orb suspended from the ceiling is a cross between a shiny disco ball and a jewel-encrusted globe.

Beyond science and art, the exhibit also examines man’s understanding and perceptions of the moon. Its gravitational pull has a recognized effect on the climate and the tides of the ocean, and also reputedly influences the moods and behavior of mere mortals, especially women. The cyclic phases of the moon led to the creation of the lunar calendar, which was linked with the female menstrual cycle. Consequently, in the 17th century women were accused of moodiness, unfaithfulness, and inconstancy, mirrored by the changing faces of the Moon. The moon plays a symbolic role in artwork depicting the Immaculate Conception; one statue on display identifies the Virgin Mary with the Woman of the Apocalypse in the Book of Revelation, standing on the moon in a crown of stars. Religious scholars allege this depiction signifies her glory and victory over time and space.

The exhibit prompts many questions: why is the moon deified as a woman in antiquity, yet since the 19th century there are references such as the “Man in the Moon” or even “Mister Moon”? Does the moon have the power to affect our behavior? Is it really made of cheese? Plan a visit to coincide with the full moon on 17 June to ponder these age-old mysteries.

Through 22 July at the Grand Palais, Galeries nationales, 3, avenue du Général Eisenhower, 75008.

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The Heritage Society

The American and Foreign Christian Union (AFCU), our US partner in ministry, has established endowment funds to help sustain our long-term ministry. Gifts from estates are a fundamental way these endowments are funded. If you would like to participate in growing these endowment funds, please contact the AFCU at AFCUHeritage@AFCUBridge.org

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# ACP Spire Diary – June 2019
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<td><strong>Adult Fellowship</strong></td>
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<td>Singles and pairs, join us for fellowship every first Friday of the month in a lounge café setting, sharing testimonies, talking about the highs and lows of your life with brothers and sisters in Christ.</td>
<td>Daphne 30plusfellowship @acparis.org</td>
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<td><strong>Retreat for Adults</strong></td>
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<td><strong>No Longer Strangers led by Dan and Fran Michalek.</strong></td>
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<td>A contemplative weekend at the historic Benedictine Monastery Abbaye-Fleury on the Loire River.</td>
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<td><strong>ACP Youth Musical - Blast Off!</strong></td>
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<td>A fun-filled journey through the extraterrestrial reaches of God’s good creation! Featuring the Angel, Spirit and Sunday Choirs, and Ethereal Ensemble</td>
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<td>Free admission with a free-will offering.</td>
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<td>To kick off the forthcoming architectural feasibility study, the Council has arranged for the Congregation and interested parties to meet with one of the architects, learn more about the study and provide early input and/or concerns.</td>
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<td>See description at Sunday 9 June.</td>
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<td><strong>Thurber Lecture - Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo will speak on “American Evangelicalism in the Age of Trump.”</strong></td>
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<td>Dr. Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education.</td>
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<td><strong>Serve YOUR City Volunteer Week: Integration Workshop</strong></td>
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<td>19h meal; 19h45 program Thurber Room Tim Vance <a href="mailto:associatepastor@acparis.org">associatepastor@acparis.org</a></td>
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events, meetings & concerts (cont.)
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A different program is offered each Sunday evening at 17h00, September through November and January through June. There is no admission fee, but a free-will offering is taken at the door to support the series. For the schedule of concerts, see http://acparis.org

Sunday 9 June 17h00
Ana RODRIGUEZ - piano

Sunday 23 June 17h
Elizabeth Moran
Soprano
Matthew Peña
Tenor
Stephanie Kim
Johnson
Soprano
Valeriya Kucherenko
Pianiste

Chansons à la Lune :
50ème Anniversaire du Premier Homme sur la Lune

Sunday 16 June 17h
Ian MAKSIN - cello
Lynn CZAE - piano
Richard SABINO - conductor
The EU Festival Orchestra

Sunday 23 June 17h

Friday 28 June, 19h30
Serve the City Paris will partner with the ACP Café to offer a concert in the ACP courtyard, where friends and volunteers can socialize and watch live musical performances.