

them to develop in different directions and to create different theologies and different morals?"

The priest closed with a quote from St. Paul, urging the Presbyterians: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Later in that business day, a slim 51 percent of the assembly voted to defeat a proposal to redefine marriage as a holy covenant between "two people," rather than one between "a man and a woman."

General Assembly moderator Cindy Bolbach—an outspoken advocate of the gay-rights measures—offered no comment whatsoever about Hardun's remarks when he left the podium, but quickly moved on to other business. However, before her election she urged her church not to fear the repercussions of an era of change.

The denomination has lost half of its members since the 1960s.

"We have to learn how to proclaim the Gospel in a multicultural age where Christianity is no longer at the center," she said, in a survey of the candidates for the moderator post. "We have to learn how to tell people who have grown suspicious of institutions why an institution like the P.C. (U.S.A.) can be of value to them....And we have to accept the loss of the church we have always known—as the church transforms itself into something new."

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## A tribute to Peg Snyder

Peg Snyder went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. We have lost a dear friend and faithful colleague.

Peg & Bob Snyder were connected to Good News during the time the Women's Task Force was active. It was natural for Peg to be invited to be a part of the Evangelical Coalition for United Methodist Women (ECUMW) when it formed in 1989.

I recall one of our earliest meetings when it was voiced that we needed to base the ministry upon the firm foundation of prayer. Therefore, we needed a Prayer Coordinator, who would prepare a monthly devotional and gather prayer requests for a prayer letter, to be released at the beginning of each month. In a quiet, unassuming way, Peg spoke up and said, "I can do that."

And so she did. From 1989 until the RENEW Network came under new leadership in 2009, Peg sent a monthly devotional and prayer requests to the RENEW office prior to the first of each month. This prompted the office to get busy, layout the newsletter, and send it out to the RENEW Steering Committee and Support Team.

Peg Snyder was more than RENEW's Prayer Coordinator. She was a loving friend to the team members, and especially to me. Peg and Carole Sprague came to the first

RENEW office and spent a week volunteering to help us get ahead on office demands. She and Bob visited me and my husband, Dennis, in our new home in Habersham County. What a joy to have this godly couple as our first house guests.

Peg brought so much to our RENEW Steering Committee meetings and retreats. She was always sharing insights from her years of ministry with her husband. She soaked up and gave out so much to each of us. Often Bob would accompany Peg. It was beautiful to see his support of her ministry after so many years of her support for his ministry. This was as God would have it.

In the years after Bob passed away, Peg would call me periodically and share her sadness over the loss of her husband. Inevitably, she would move from that sadness to telling me about her various children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren—with much pride and with warm affection for them. Her commitment to her family always lifted her spirits and gave her a fresh focus. Her commitment to Jesus Christ and faith in Him gave her the courage to continue on for her remaining years.

Peg and Bob Snyder were "salt of the earth" people who cannot be replaced. They are with the Lord—rejoicing in His presence. But we miss them, and look forward to the day we shall know them in heaven, even as we also are known by them.

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