

A Summer of Exploring Creative Play and Spirituality

2011



Lilly Grant

What Will Make Your Heart Sing

- Pastor Dee was one of 149 recipients of the generous Lilly grant for 2011
- The program allows pastors to step back from their busy lives and gain the fresh perspective and renewed energy with a carefully considered season of travel, study, rest and prayer.
- Grant covers sabbatical expenses (\$41K) and costs incurred by COTH (\$8.5K)
- With this grant, Dee will be exploring therapeutic play and how play in the animal world can address the needs that we all have for play as a renewing power in our lives.
- According to the Lilly Endowment, what pastors choose to do with their three- or four-month “gift of time” varies widely
- More than 20 pastors will embark on journeys to biblical sites to participate in archaeological digs, go on pilgrimages to Jordan and Egypt, or trace the footsteps of St. Paul in Greece and Turkey.
- Twenty-nine more pastors will head for Africa to visit churches, teach in seminaries, work with orphan children – or with orphaned lion cubs.

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Pastor Dee's Schedule

Dates	Location	Description
June	Carmel, California	Sea Kayaking with seals, otters, sea lions; Institute of Play
Early July	Dominican Republic	Swimming with dolphins
Late July	Bend, Oregon	Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch working with horses and youth
August	South Africa; Tanzania	Ukutula (lion cubs) and Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Center; Kruger National Park; climbing Kilimanjaro

Tentative Schedule & Coverage

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May Honoring the Sabbath

- Considering educational opportunities related to the meaning & importance of observing the Sabbath
- COTH Field Trip to a Wolf Sanctuary

June Godly Play

- Three visiting Pastors will follow along with Pastor Dee, exploring creative play and spirituality.
- Considering workshops, book clubs, movie nights, dinner clubs, etc. related to monthly themes, continuing in the fall after Pastor Dee returns

July Descending Into Our Spiritual Depths

August Ascending the Mountain of God

Preparing for the Sabbath

- Personnel, Sabbatical Team, Session, Staff, Intern & Pastor Dee complete final preparations for the summer
- Send-off Celebration

National Institute of Play

- Late June: Carmel, CA, Spending time at the Institute of Play and Sea Kayaking with seals, otters and sea lions
- Rest & renewal in CO

Swimming with Dolphins

- July 3-10: Dominican Republic, Swimming with dolphins with Wildquest
- July 17-22: Bend OR Time at Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch working with horses and youth
- Rest & renewal in CO

Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

- August 3-27: South Africa and Tanzania
- Experiencing the work at Ukutula and Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Center; Kruger National Park;
- Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro

Tentative Summer Worship Schedule

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- June 5: Outdoor Service (*Pastor Dee*)
- June 12: Pentecost
- June 19: VBS Sunday
- June 26: **Sabbath and Sabbatical** (*Bill Calhoun, Montview Pres*)
- July 3, 10: **Godly Play** (*Joelle Beller, Fuller Preaching Professor*)
- July 17, 24, 31: **Descending into Our Spiritual Depths**
(*Confirming pastor availability*)
- August 7, 14, 21: **Ascending the Mountain of God** (*Diane Prevary, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the New Covenant, Houston, TX*)
- August 28:

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Budget Defined in Grant Documents

"The wealth of imagination unleashed by this program is truly wonderful to see," says the Endowment's Dykstra. "We can think of no better way to honor these hardworking, faithful men and women than to help them experience personal growth and renewal in ways that they themselves believe will feed them most deeply."

CLERGY EXPENSES

Travel	
Airfare	\$11,594
Car rental: mileage and gasoline	1,950
Other ground transportation	
Meals and lodging	5,849
Tuition or fees	11,260
Books	800
Telephone	200
Postage	
Equipment and Supplies	1,700
Other (passports, inoculations, entrance fees, etc.)	50
Set-aside for post-leave activities	2,500
Estimated increase in tax liability as a result of receiving grant (maximum amount, \$5,000)	5,000
TOTAL	\$40,903

CONGREGATION EXPENSES

Pulpit supply and/or interim staff	
Honoraria	\$5,250
Travel and lodging	2,000
Benefits	
Congregational events relating to pastor's leave-taking and return	
Congregational renewal activities	1,200
Other	
TOTAL	\$8,450
TOTAL GRANT BUDGET	\$49,353

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Approved Congregational Budget

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COTH Breakdown of Expenses

■ Worship

- 3 guest preachers exploring related themes:
 - Descending into our Spiritual Depths
 - Godly Play
 - Ascending the Mountain of God

■ Intern will be hired soon

- Emphasis in spring on education, summer on pastoral care

■ Session Moderator

- Qualified pastor to moderate Session meetings June, July, and August

■ Workshops and Activities

- Trip to "play with wolves"
- Post-sabbatical workshops
- Send-off and return celebrations

Sabbatical & Personnel Teams

- *Sue Brown*
- *Kelly Croke*
- *Bob Culp*
- *Jill Hesser*
- *Julie King*
- *Kelly Krueger*
- *Jim Leonard*
- *Char Ray*
- *Lee Strattan*
- *Mark Whan*

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