

Presbyterian Performing Arts Committee Report

PPAC's ministry has two main goals: enabling CPC to build relationships with local, (and sometimes not so local) performing artists and sponsoring events which enable CPC members and pastors to meet members of the wider community who are not currently part of our other ministries.

In 2011 the PPAC sponsored the following events: a concert with the Polyphonics—the performing choir from Cal Poly Pomona, a spring concert by the Claremont High School Jazz Band, and a dramatic “one-man” presentation of Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* featuring Claremont resident Ron Evans.

Smale Annual Report

In 2011 the Smale Distinguished Visitor Committee sponsored two events.

In January we hosted General Assembly Vice-Moderator Landon Whitsitt. Whitsitt spoke about his new book *Open Source Church*, at an evening forum here at CPC, offered a Sunday morning education hour class, and preached in Sunday worship. While in Southern California, he also address the January meeting of San Gabriel Presbytery and preached in worship there.

In October, funds from our Smale Distinguished Visitor endowment allowed CPC to partner with Progressive Christians Uniting, Sustainable Claremont and other local groups to host a major conference on Climate Change and other environmental issues. Internationally known writer/activist Bill McKibbin was the keynote speaker for this conference with drew over 300 people to our campus. Another highlight of the event was an art installation by Claremont artist Rebecca Hamm which was in our sanctuary throughout that weekend.