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INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER TO VISIT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Reception set for Oct. 8 on the MVC campus.

Marshall, MO. (October 7, 2009) – International Peacemaker Rev. Mary Lien Nguyen will make a stop at Missouri Valley College to visit with faculty, staff, students and members of the Marshall community about her role in the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Rev. Nguyen will speak at 12 noon on Thursday, Oct. 8 in the Ferguson Center R. Wilson Brown Room on the MVC campus.

Rev. Nguyen grew up Catholic in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) studying in a French girls' school where she developed concern for women's issues. At 21, she became a Protestant and began a new congregation, which she and her husband led. They were later trained and ordained by visiting Presbyterians.

Today, Rev. Nguyen pastors a local church and is a leader of women in the small Presbyterian Church in Vietnam. She helps to train women and youth throughout the nation.

"Among 84 million Vietnamese citizens there are 5,500 Presbyterians," said Rev. Pam Sebastian, MVC's campus chaplain and assistant professor of religion. "Missouri Valley Campus Ministry is honored to welcome Rev. Nguyen to campus as part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) International Peacemaker Program"

According to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs website, International Peacemakers are leaders who are engaged in peacemaking in their own areas of the world. They are invited by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to visit with Presbyterians in the United States and to help them understand the peace and justice concerns of others around the world. This sharing translates into a better understanding of the peace and justice issues in our own communities.

"Try to imagine the challenges she faces and the power of her message," Sebastian said. "Bring your questions and join members of the campus and town communities on Oct. 8."

Attendees are welcome to bring a sack lunch to the presentation. There presentation is free and no reservations are required.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.

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