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#### **Pastoral Concerns:**

**The Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine** passed away early Monday morning (10/15/18). Clark was a faithful and beloved minister member of National Capital Presbytery (HR), and the founding Executive Director of the Interfaith Conference where he served for over 30 years, he will be greatly missed by many people. Thank God for the life of the Rev. Dr. Clark Lobenstine and may his family be comforted during this time. **Services are October 29, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Silver Spring Presbyterian** Church, 580 University Blvd. E, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Reception with family to follow at the Church.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Capital Presbytery and Little Falls Presbyterian Church invite you to Installation Service of Aaron Nagel as pastor of Little Falls Presbyterian at 10 a.m. on October 28, 2018.

National Capital Presbytery and Little Falls Presbyterian Church invite you to **Installation Service of Scott Ramsey** as pastor of Lewinsville Presbyterian at 4:00 p.m. on November 4, 2018.

**Unity PC is in ownership of available cemetery burial plots** in two locations: (a) Maryland National Memorial Cemetery (Laurel) and (b) Cedar Hill Cemetery (Suitland). For additional information, please contact the church at 301-449-7686 or <u>unitypc@verizon.net</u>.

Jerusalem and Palestinian Christians - The annual banquet and conference of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) will take place at the headquarters of the Jerusalem Fund and Palestine Center on Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3. Attendance at the conference includes a modest payment that covers lunches both days. More information and on-line registration is available at <u>https://hcef.org/</u>On the next day Sunday, November 4, at 12:15 pm, National Presbyterian Church will host a book presentation and signing of the book "What Jerusalem Means to Us: Christian Perspectives and Reflections." The editor, Professor Saliba Sarsar of Monmouth University, a native son of Jerusalem, will deliver brief remarks. The event will be in the NPC Parlor with light refreshments following the 11:00 worship service.

Susan Beaumont workshop coming back to DC! – Stepping Up to Supervision When: November 6-7, 2018 Where: Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, DC Registration link: <u>http://www.bwcumc.org/event/1174899-2018-11-06-stepping-up-to-staffing-and-supervision/</u>



A Rose by Any Other Name"

It's generally the first thing folks ask after meeting me: "Um... how do you pronounce your name?" And, I respond as I always do: "KAA-rin".

Of course, I know it's not the answer they're looking for (for the record, it's "SHAM-iss"), but hopefully it lowers the anxiety that comes with attempting to pronounce the unpronounceable. The important thing is that although names are important, what's critical are the people who are engaged in the art of meeting one another.

These days, with Wilson's retirement, folks are asking me a new question: "So... what you are now?" I don't have a snarky follow-up for this one, however, I'm hoping I can lower some of the anxiety so that we can focus on what is important.

The answer is the same as it has been the last three years we've done ministry together. I'm your Director of Congregational Development and Mission. I'm not the Interim. I'm not a 'Transitional Leader'... my primary role hasn't changed (nor have my business cards!) At the request of Leadership Council, I am picking up the role of Acting Head of Staff, and I'll also be resourcing some of the essential functions of our work together for the time being. Other staff members will be bringing their energy and gifts to bear as well, and Leadership Council has given us the option to do some temporary outsourcing, should that be necessary. You have an incredible team of folks who are leaning in during this time!

This means we can continue to focus on what is essential – to support the congregations of this Presbytery - and to be Missional, Pastoral and Prophetic in a world that so desperately needs the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Blessings -

Karen Chamis Director of Congregational Development and Mission October 25, 2018

Dear Clerks of Session and Other Church Leaders,



I am frequently asked the following question: Can National Capital Presbytery provide officer training for its churches?

This year the answer is YES!!!! Black Presbyterians United and the National Capital Presbytery are cosponsoring Leadership Training Day on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for elders, deacons, clerks, stewardship chairs, treasurers, and other church leaders to hear from experts, get answers to their questions, and get ideas from other leaders in our presbytery's churches. This is a wonderful opportunity for your current leaders and for those coming on to your boards next year.

The offerings include a <u>Stewardship</u> session given by Elder Olanda Carr, who is the East Region Ministry Relations Officer at the Presbyterian Foundation. Elder Carr coaches finance, stewardship, and endowment committees and works with congregations to develop gifts and fundraising plans.

There will be a session on <u>Church Development and Mission</u> given by the Rev. Karen Chamis, NCP's Director of Church Development and Mission. Among other things, she will have information on NCP's mission grant offerings.

Rev. Leslianne Braunstein, head of NCP's Sexual Misconduct Response Team, will speak on <u>Healthy Boundaries</u> for Leaders. All Sessions are required to have in place a sexual misconduct policy and a child protection policy. And some churches have the misfortune of having an instance of sexual misconduct in their congregation. Rev. Braunstein can provide information on policies, explain exactly what sexual misconduct and sexual abuse are, and teach leaders how to maintain healthy boundaries in the church.

Church leaders involved with communication and evangelism will want to hear Mrs. LaJuan Quander, NCP's Director of <u>Communications</u>, speak about NCP's methods of communication and learn about the importance of social media in church communications.

I will provide <u>Officer Training</u> for current and future elders and deacons as well as some training for clerks. There will be other offerings including, but not limited to, plain talk on the generational divide.

There will be Worship led by the Rev. Juan Guthrie, pastor of Sargent Memorial.

Finally, the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, is coming from PCUSA headquarters in Louisville, KY, for this event to speak on <u>Transformative Leadership</u>. If you haven't heard him, you should know that he is a compelling speaker.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Registration is required by November 7. The event is at Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, an historic African American Church that traces its roots to 1908. It is the home of the incredible Sargent Memorial Gospel-Aires, who have led music at several of our presbytery meetings. It is located at 5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. There is off-street parking next to the church. Included in this TM is the flyer with the <u>registration link</u>.

Hope to see you there! Peace and blessings, Sara

#### Clerks' Tip of the Month Creating Safe Ministries



One advantage of belonging to a connectional church is the opportunity to share resources. A very useful resource from the Presbyterian Mission Agency is their webpage on "Creating Safe Ministries": <u>https://www.presbyterianmission.org/legal-resources/creating-safe-ministries</u>.

The site contains guidance on such matters as reporting abuse or misconduct, creating the required sexual misconduct and child and youth protection policies, and rebuilding trust in a congregation after an incident of sexual misconduct. It lists suggestions for what should be in the policies and lists some prevention techniques. It has ideas about training. It also contains information on something our congregations, sadly, are beginning to think about: developing an emergency plan for violence on church property.

The information on emergency plans includes ideas for who should work on the plan in a congregation, sources of guidance including, e.g., a link to the Federal Emergency Management Administration's "Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship," and issues to consider in developing such a plan. It also covers who should be trained on the plan and who should have copies of the plan.

While you are on the webpage, you might consider exploring the PMA website a little more. Interested in hunger and poverty, racial equity, disaster response, advocacy? Check the "What We Do" tab at the top of the page. There is a "Get Involved" tab that has, for example, tips for conducting mission trips and a way to become involved with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

I am glad I am a Presbyterian, but I know I am speaking to the choir.

[Clarification of last month's Tip on providing pastor salary information to the presbytery although we have made Board of Pensions form ENR-111 available to use as a reporting mechanism, churches can also supply the information in other ways such as by sending their terms of call or their contract to the presbytery. We do not need your SSN which is requested on the ENR-111—we are just trying to verify the salary.]

If you have a tip you think others could use or a topic you would like information on, please let me know at <u>scoe@thepresbytery.org</u>.

Sara Coe, Stated Clerk (National Capital Presbytery), 240-514-5352

#### "Collaboration"

kə labə rāSH(ə)n/ ■noun 1. the action of working with someone to produce or create something.

Sunday comes around every week. And no matter the size or style of worship, clergy and musicians are in a constant act of working together to "produce or create something"—of colaboring to bring the Word of God alive. Do you have a desire for the creative process to be clearer and have a common vocabulary to take the work to a deeper and higher level?

#### Background

**Why are we offering this?** Where the clergy/musician relationship is healthy and collaborative, the worship life of the congregation flourishes. When it isn't, both parties are often miserable in their ministries. It doesn't all have to be the "luck of the draw." We can learn ways of honing practical skills and building a common vocabulary that can inspire and transform our collaborations, relationships, and our worship design and leadership. And our congregations will benefit. Join us and let's move the conversations deeper for the sake of healthy and vibrant communities!

**What is it?** This was a live-streamed event that took place October 11-12, 2018 as a series of six 45-minute sessions. This invitation is to view the recordings... at your own pace, and in your own time. They can be used by worship teams, Committees, Sessions – in whatever way is most helpful to your context.

**Who is offering this?** This opportunity is being offered at no expense to all churches in National Capital Presbytery and is funded through your gifts to Unified Mission.

How do I access the material? Email <u>kchamis@thepresbytery.org</u> for log-in information.

#### Leadership

**Chuck Bell** has been a church musician for over 20 years, planning and leading worship in a variety of genres and contexts. He is now a full-time consultant, composer and teacher, helping musicians explore a deeper understanding of their role within a worship service and assisting pastor/musician teams in deciphering language barriers. He has provided musical support and leadership at international, national and regional denominational events. He is a Worship Design Studio Associate and composes and arranges music for WDS events and worship series. He has a degree in commercial music and film scoring and has released solo piano and orchestral albums.

**Marcia McFee** is a well-known worship consultant, seminary professor, and leader at international, national and regional events. Thousands of churches have studied with her through her extensive travel over the last 20 years leading workshops and retreats for pastors and worship teams. She serves over 900 congregations representing 10 denominations through the Worship Design Studio, an online coaching and resource website. Her bestselling book, Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages provides a step-by-step process for collaboration of all the worship arts in a timeline that creates a positive and creative working environment.



#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Healthy congregations are those that are missionally focused and stable in terms of resources (people as well as financial). They manage conflict and continue to re-evaluate their internal and external contexts and adapt accordingly.

The Next Steps for Healthy Congregations Grant is one way in which National Capital Presbytery partners with its congregations, by providing matching funds of up to \$20,000 a year for congregations taking the next step in church growth by creating a new program or staff position.

To be considered for the Next Step Grant, churches must have completed the Congregational Assessment Tool and should be in the Transformational quadrant. More information about the grant and the process can be found at <u>www.ncptransforms.org</u>. **Proposals are due by December 1**<sup>st</sup>,

**2018** for the 2019 fiscal year. These grants as well other grants from the Transformation Team of the Presbytery are available through Unified Mission Giving and the Resurrection Fund.

## Make your Church's Holiday Mission Drive focus be on Puerto Rico!



#### Together our Presbytery can make a difference!

#### Ways you can help:

#### Cash Donations! Donate here:

https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/87ptlcS8ML This is the best way to get our work projects complete. Big or small, any amount will help make a difference!

#### Gift Cards:

Walmart Gift Cards Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards Home Depot Gift Cards

The rebuilding need is still great. Gift cards allow for the purchase of essential supplies from local retailers.

#### **Connect & Support Presbyterian Seminarians**

We are creating connections with the Seminary for intercultural exchanges & scholarships. For more information, please email Carrie Yearick at: cyearickpr@gmail.com

Your contributions, continued support, & prayers will help all Puerto Ricans find hope in the midst of disaster, bring encouragement & love to the most vulnerable, and return homes to habitable conditions. Your generosity will build a future of hope for all. https://ncpdrn.carrd.co/

#### **POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING!!**

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Friends – ever have a good idea, but the timing was wrong?

We're postponing this until the Spring so that we can do a better job of promoting it, and to better accommodate both the needs of congregations as well as our presenters!

Thank for your interest and your grace!

Vho can attend? Anyo Aission networks, etc.

Can I go to another region's meeting? Absolutely! Some of what is offered may be 'regionally' based, but most of the feast is truly moveable! Keep an eye out for more specific topical information!

Sponsored by the Church Development Committee and the Mission Coordinating Committee

Contact: kchamis@thepresbytery.org for more information



# FAITH & FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6 TO 7:30

November's Event includes a Meditation Class taught by Rev Michael McNamara, the Silver Spring New Worshipping Community Coordinator

# Bonhoeffer in Charlottesville: Pondering the Shape of America

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, famous German theologian and Nazi resister, is an example for American Christians of a faith-based response to the threat of Nazism and the white supremacy movement. For many, Bonhoeffer's act of resistance was thought to be a thing of the past but recent events in the life of our country prove otherwise. What happens when the Nazis show up in chat rooms, websites, and finally, on your city streets? How are Christians to respond when the same ideologies that tore apart Germany find approval in America's civic and political life? FREE PUBLIC LECTURE SATURDAY November 3 7:00 PM Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church 201 4th Street, SE Washington, DC 20003

On Saturday November 3rd at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, Jeffrey C. Pugh, former Maude Sharpe Powell Professor of Religious Studies and Distinguished University Professor at Elon University will lead a discussion of these questions as he recounts his experiences of August 11/12th in Charlottesville, Va. as part of the clergy resistance. He will discuss how Christianity contributed to the rise of Nazism, ineffectively resisted it, and how faith might inform our choices moving forward in America.

Jeffrey C. Pugh, Professor Emeritus and Distinguished University Professor at Elon University, is author of six books, He has spent much of his career exploring why Christianity failed so tragically in Germany during the rise of National Socialism and the ensuing Holocaust.



Telephone: 202-547-8676 Website: capitolhillpreschurch.org Childcare available upon request



The National Capital Presbytery

Invites you to Join us for the

Installation of

#### Rev. Scott Ramsey

#### As Pastor of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

#### **Sunday November 4, 2018** 4:00 pm

Rev. Susan Andrews will preach A reception will follow the service



1724 Chain Bridge Road McLean, Virginia 22101

# BPU AND NCP SPONSORED ANNUAL EADERS TRANNED DAY

## NOVEMBER 10, 2018 -- 8:30 A.M. -- 3:00 P.M.

Sargent Presbyterian Church 5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., N.E. Washington, DC 20019

Workshops include but not limited: Sessions for

Deacons
Elders and Clerks

Stewardship

Healthy Boundaries for Leaders
Plain Talk – Generational
More to be added

#### Workshop Faciltiators:

- Rev. Leslianne Braunstein
- Elder Orlanda Carr
- Rev. Karen Chamis
- Elder Sara Coe

- Rev. Juan Guthrie
- Elder Edward Jones
- Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson
- Mrs. LaJuan Quander

Continental Breakfast and Lunch served. Workshop is free but registration is required. Register HERE (deadline is 11/7)

#### www.blackpresbyteriansunited.info

For More Information: Contact: Jochebed Jordan, (301)996-3555; Jacqueline Moore (202)744-4766; or Bernice Parker-Jones (240)432-4467



**BORDERLINKS** was founded 30 years ago as the educational arm of the New Sanctuary Movement. From its Tucson location, BorderLinks provides in depth experiential education about migration justice issues to church and school groups from around the country. Brian Best, executive director of BorderLinks, and Cathie Pacheco, education director of BorderLinks, will lead the workshop. Brian is available to meet with interested groups in the DC area in the week prior to the workshop and can be reached at brian@borderlinks.org.



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How can we help?

#### You're invited—on Saturday, November 10th, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.—to a powerful workshop.

Join us for a BorderLinks workshop hosted by the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria. We will explore how difficult it is for families and individuals to legally immigrate to the U.S., and learn more about the history of U.S. border enforcement and our nation's policies. The workshop will explore current immigration laws, practices, and recent events, and provide an opportunity for deeper discussion around the root causes of migration, especially at the U.S./Mexico borderlands.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall at the Meeting House, on the S. Royal St. side of the campus. Parking is available in the church lot at 419 S. Royal St., as well as on the street. Please register by November 8th by emailing gerrycooper43@gmail.com. A light breakfast and lunch will be available. Donations are gratefully accepted.

#### Old Presbyterian Meeting House

323 S. Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314



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Old Presbyterian Meeting House

323 S. Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314

#### **BRADLEY HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS**

INTERFAITH SERVICE

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 10:30AM

Join us as we welcome the Bethesda Jewish Congregation and the Islamic Community Center of Potomac for a morning full of connection and interfaith exploration. Together we will explore God's love for all of humanity!

This service will include readings, teachings, prayers and fellowship from all three faiths.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.BRADLEYHILLSCHURCH.ORG

6601 BRADLEY BLVD., BETHESDA, MD 20817



#### George Derek MUSGROVE



Meet the authors of Chocolate City



Chris Myers ASCH

You are cordially invited

Urban Ministries Task Force

Busboys & Poets

Thursday, November 15th

9:30 am —11:00 am

There will be complimentary breakfast.

Location: 625 Monroe St. NE

# National Capital Presbytery Youth Carbon Analyst Program





Karen Chamis

(NCP, Missions)

June Eakin

(NCP,earth care network)

Dave Grace

(WMPC, convener)

Counting GHGs for net zero emissions in the PC(USA)



# Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church | November 17, 2018 | 4 - 6 PM Register via email: dce@warnermemorial.org



# CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANS

#### Katharine Hayhoe, Ph.D.

is an accomplished atmospheric pressing issues facing humanity today: climate change and why it matters to us here and now. She is also a remarkable communicator. But Katharine may be best-known to many people because of how she's bridging the broad, deep gap between scientists and Christianswork she does in part because she's a Christian herself. She's been recognized by Time Magazine as one of the top 100 Most Influential People in the world (2014) and by Foreign Policy as one of the top 100 Global Thinkers: her work was featured on the Emmy award-winning documentary series, The Years of Living Dangerously; and she won the American Geophysical Union's award for climate communication. She was named to the POLITICO 50 list of thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics (2016) and named one of FORTUNE's world's greatest leaders (2017).

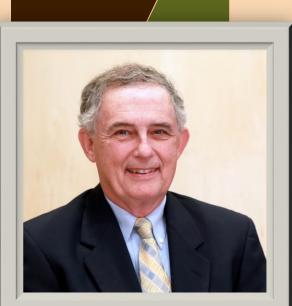


#### FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

SAINT MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 10701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD. NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852

> Register here: https://bit.ly/2MvzHoY

Childcare available upon request: 301-530-0600





**"Strengthening Congregational Finances"** with Bob Connolly

Open Space-4:00-5:00 p.m. (prior to presbytery meeting) November 27, 2018 National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC

This workshop will focus on " The Three Main Reason Folks Give"

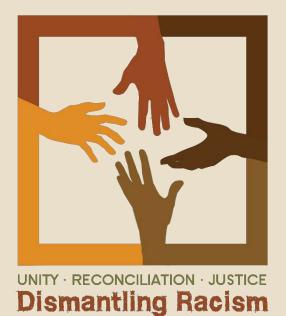
- Faith Relationships
  - Opportunities
    - Asking

It is the combination of all three which is critical to the success of a giving program in a congregation. Join us to learn more!

#### **Bob Connolly, Vice President, Partner James Company**

Bob has worked with church congregations, schools, and social agencies since 1974. He has managed stewardship and capital fund appeals, conducted leadership-training seminars, and supervised planning processes for a wide variety of non-profit institutions.

Bob and his wife Lynn have two grown children and belong to Gesu Catholic Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bob is a Board Member of the Pilgrims of Ibillin and a member of Common Ground.



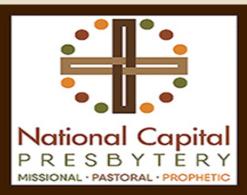
NCP Confronting Racism Task Force Listening Project Open Space November 27, 2018, January 22, 2019, and March 26, 2019

The NCP Confronting Racism Task Force is beginning phase II of its three-phase process, which ends with three or four strong recommendations to Leadership Council to address the Presbytery's five-year Mission emphasis to "Bear public witness to the love, truth, and justice of God in Jesus Christ specifically in the areas of racism and reconciliation," by listening first to each of our own congregations, and following to listen as broadly as possible throughout the Presbytery at three opportunities offered at Open Spaces at each of the next three stated meetings in November, January, and March, and listening to our elders at retirement centers throughout National Capital Presbytery.

Our sessions will consist of a focus group of 10-12 members, facilitated and recorded by two members of the NCP Confronting Racism Task Force. If you are interested in participating in one of these listening sessions, please show up on time (4:00PM) at one of the three Open Spaces listed above. We will accept the first 10-12 persons, creating the most diverse group possible. Please arrive having considered the following four questions:

1)As a child, what have you heard adults around you say about people of other races?2)What are your basic thoughts/beliefs about people who are a different race than you?3)How does your faith impact how you understand race?4)What has been your experience of race in the church?

We look forward to hearing from you!



# Bearing public witness to the love, truth and justice



## **Coaching for Transformation**

Today's church leaders are called upon to be spiritual guides, community organizers, and pastoral counselors. What about coaches? With its emphasis on action and accountability, coaching is a powerful tool for both individuals and teams. Our presbytery has been investing in coaching, by training leaders to support congregations as they turn vision into reality. During open space, we will learn about NCP's coaching initiative and practice basic coaching techniques to help transform sessions, committees, and congregations.

Want to hear more?

Open Space (prior to the Presbytery meeting) November 27, 2018 – 4 p.m. National Presbyterian Church



Open Space Forum November 27, 2018 4:00 pm - National Pres. Church

# **Ninistering Outside the Walls of the Church**

What defines Sacred Space? What does church look like in the park? Who is my congregation? What's the difference between the church organization and the kingdom of God? What is our geography for ministry?

## Celebration of the Life of Unity



Please join us for a celebration of Unity (Camp Springs and District Heights) Presbyterian Church on <u>Sunday, December 2, 2018</u> on the occasion of the closing of the church. The service will begin at 4:00 pm with a reception afterwards. We hope all current and former members and friends will attend.

Please RSVP by November 15<sup>th</sup> to the church office. 301-449-7686 4401 Brinkley Road Temple Hills, MD 20748 unitypc@verizon.net

Please indicate the number attending.

# Service & Partnership in Puerto Rico!

Come and join the National Capital Presbytery's Disaster Relief Assistance Network's adult volunteer rebuild trip and partnership with Presbyterian churches and their communities in Puerto Rico.

Who: Adults (18 years and older)

What: Volunteer work trip to rebuild and build partnerships

Where: La Posada de Ángeles; Añasco, Puerto Rico

When: Monday Dec. 31, 2018- Wed. Jan. 9, 2019 (Dates flexible on the back end of trip.)

Cost: \$450.00 (Room/Board, Meals and Rental Van Costs) This Does Not Include Airfare

# https://ncpdrn.carrd.co/

PRIMERA IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA



#### **2019 CALM TO THE WAVES RETREAT**

#### When: January 28-January 30

#### Where: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland

**For:** For NCP Parish Clergy, Educators, and Parish Associates and Their Spouses

#### Theme: Psalms of Lament in the Season of Lent

#### **Keynote and Worship Leaders:**

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Professor of Biblical Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary

**Rev. Dr. Eric Myers, PCUSA minister, Frederick PC** 

**Billy Kluttz, Evening Worship Leader, Immanuel PC** 

Hosted by NCP CARE TEAM of COM Cost: \$50.00 per person Register and pay online @ <u>www.thepresbytery.org/events</u>





Hotel Accommodations will be available commencing Sunday, October 20th through Sunday, October 27th

#### **Council on Accreditation & Standards**

Classes for 2019 National Conference Polity III Stewardship Programs/Capital Funds Campaigns Records Management Webinars & Virtual Meetings (or Advanced Excel) Spiritual Growth & Discipline (or Alternative) Dilemma of Plateauing Personal Safety Theology A

Theology B

Classes will be held at Myers Park Presbyterian Church

(Transportation to/from the church to the hotel is being scheduled during specified timeframes)

\*\*Please note: Classes may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances, however will be communicated to members in a timely manner



#### Hotel arrangements will be confirmed in the borough of South Park within the "Queen City" which is:

- Within walking distance of the South Park Mall, specialty stores, numerous restaurants and Park Road Park and Wing Haven Garden & Bird Sanctuary
- Within a short distance of the:
  - o Billy Graham Library
  - Aviation Museum
  - Mint Museum
  - Duke Mansion
  - o Uptown Charlotte art district