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The **Presbytery directory** is now posted. You access from the homepage of www.thepresbytery.org , hover over member access, the menu will drop, click on “NCP Directory”. You MUST be logged on and have member access. If you need assistance or have questions, contact Debbie Golden, dgolden@thepresbytery.org.

SAVE THE DATE: October 7 — “World Communion Sunday Service”. The service will be held at Northeastern Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, at 3:00 P.M. with Fellowship and food to follow at 5:00 p.m.

Event Title: Food (Waste) & Faith: Regenerative Urban Solutions for your Congregation

Date: October 16, 6:30 PM (World Food Day)

Address: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Heritage Hall. 321 S Fairfax Street. Alexandria, VA

22314Description: A delightful opportunity for religious leaders & anyone interested in increasing food recovery coherency at their worship home. Daniela Ochoa Gonzalez, a lifetime interfaith, food, compost, and soil enthusiast, will share fun and deep connections between faith and food(waste). You will leave motivated and equip with all the resources you need to walk the food recovery and regenerative walk.

Link for RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/food-waste-faith-regenerative-solutions-for-your-congregation-tickets-50426959393>

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: <http://www.bwcumc.org/event/1174899-2018-11-06-stepping-up-to-staffing-and-supervision/>

September 27, 2018

Dear Saints,

Fourteen years and seven months ago I came to my dream job.

Here.

Ever since the early 1980's I had felt the pull of God's call to this work. And I have loved it. And I have loved you and will continue to love you, but from an appropriate distance. I will miss the work, but most of all I will miss the remarkable relationships I have shared with you over the years. Thank you for being the best Presbytery ever.

Next month I join the list of former General Presbyters who have served this Presbytery over the years:

Ralph Merker was the first full time Washington City Presbytery staff person; his title was "Superintendent of Missions," then General Presbyter from 1943 to 1958, a tenure slightly longer than mine. Toward the end of this time Charles Carson was employed as Church Development specialist and so began a dynamic period for new church development, much of it funded by the sale of closed urban churches. In 1956 the per capita leapt from 13 cents to 55 cents to fund much of this growth. During this time the Presbytery was active in refugee resettlement, especially Hungarians fleeing the violence of the 1956 revolution. Also, in 1956 this Presbytery was the home of Margaret Towner, who was the first woman ordained a teaching elder, albeit to a call in New York. These presbyteries were the first to elect women as General Assembly commissioners.

Kirk Hammond was employed by Potomac Presbytery as Superintendent of Home Missions in 1948 and charged with developing new churches. The title "Executive" was deemed too akin to "Bishop." Over a ten-year period, the Presbytery established 13 different new congregations. The Presbytery more than doubled in size.

In Washington City Presbytery Arthur Romig, over saw the start of about a dozen churches through the 1960s. He worked closely with the relocation of the National Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery was a significant voice advocating for the Confession of 1967. The Presbytery also was a constant supporter of immigrant rights and civil rights.

In 1967 the Presbytery called Ed White as Urban Ministry Specialist. His first action was to lend support to the Poor People's campaign which I attended as a high school sophomore from Arkansas.

Jim Ficklin, the new "Executive Secretary" of Potomac Presbytery managed a painful six-year conflict with Second Alexandria and tended to all the complexities of the formation of National Capital Union Presbytery which united the former southern and northern streams. The Potomac Presbytery had petitioned the GA for reunion of these northern and southern



branches in 1947 and again in 1955. He brought the Potomac Presbytery to the edge of the Presbytery union but retired with failing health.

Grayde McClelland, Executive in Washington City, became the interim General Presbyter of this Union Presbytery and along with Ed White, ironed out the considerable details of the union of the two Presbyteries which did not have exactly overlapping boundaries. In 1971 the two Presbyteries united as one “union” presbytery with standing in both the UPCUSA and the PCUS.

Ed White succeeded McClelland as General Presbyter and served from 1972 until 1988, cleaned up behind the disastrously expensive Landmark Shopping Center adventure, expanded the staff to 22 people, and developed a robust programmatic presbytery with Mission relationships in Kenya and Korea. Numerous Korean Churches were started. Refugee ministries, Civil Rights, Social justice, Affordable Housing, the Pilgrimage and Washington Center were among the initiatives of this age.

In the 1990’s General Presbyter Teri Thomas, worked to respond to an epidemic of sexual misconduct cases and oversaw the painful task of reducing the size of the staff moving from a program staffing philosophy to a resource staffing philosophy. More immigrant congregations found their start. The Presbytery continued its robust church development system with the leadership of Ann Philbrick.

We all have benefited from the accomplishments of the saints that preceded us here. I have not forgotten the legacy of excellent Executive leadership, which is largely unknown. While you might know Ed White and Terry Thomas, I wager few of you have heard the names of Ficklin, McClelland, Hammond, Romig and Merker. Largely our service is quiet and so is our memory. Next month I pass into anonymity in good company.

We have had our bumps. We lost \$20 million dollars on the ill-advised arbitrage decisions on Meadowkirk. The same ill-advised arbitrage strategy led to Covenant Manassas losing its property and the Presbytery losing an additional \$2 Million. Out of these tragedies were born a robust comprehensive Financial Policy and written criteria for church encumbrances. We have seen three churches leave our communion to the ECO and the EPC. We have suffered a few more sexual misconduct cases, but only one since we began requiring training every three years. We negotiated a few pastoral departures. We grieved the passing of pastors into the church triumphant. We have also celebrated the ministries of five congregations which have been closed.

We have shared some highlights as well. Over my time with you we have constituted the Prince George Community PC, the Brambleton Presbyterian Church, The Rock, and Christ the King PC. This Presbytery initiated the action of the General Assembly to include the Belhar Confession in our Book of Confessions.

We endorsed and secured General Assembly endorsement of a significant paper on Muslim Christian Relations, “A Common Word between Us and You”.

This Presbytery advocated for Book of Order changes allowing pastors and churches to conduct same gender weddings. And also, this Presbytery endorsed the Authoritative Interpretation insuring that those churches who choose not to conduct same gender weddings could follow their consciences. We have enjoyed three General Assembly moderators and one vice moderator over my time with you.

There is much that Presbytery Executives do which is unseen: When we say no to the consideration of this problematic pastor, when we say no to the excessive church loan, when we coach conflicted parties toward reconciliation, when we protect a pastor's spiritual authority, when we bring a gift to increase the capacity of a pastor to serve, when we listen to the pain and the confusion so many people feel in this present Church Reformation.

We have revisited our mission statement and emphases four times, tweaked our structure twice, shifted our staff design twice, welcomed and dismissed dozens of pastors. We have written financial policies, a Manual of Administrative Operations, an ACCP Manual. We have ventured into creative land use with three congregations now.

I need not point out that the Church of Jesus Christ is in the midst of a Reformation. Old patterns are done, new patterns are emerging, support sources are shifting, the shape of public faith is reconfigured. Idolatry takes on new and devious forms. The work demands that each of us be continuously discerning and retooling for whatever God has coming our way. There is pain in the loss of familiar forms but promise in God's future. I trust I may have served you well and prepared you in part for the future into which you will travel with your next Presbytery leader. It has been my joy in this time to serve as your General Presbyter. Thank you.

Quill of the Stated Clerk

The National Capital Presbytery met on September 25, 2018 at National Presbyterian Church. During the meeting, National Capital Presbytery, led by Moderator Rev. Dr. Quinn Fox:

- Gathered around the theme “Dismantling Racism.”
- Watched the liturgical dance “Break Every Chain” by the Darryl M. Gross Memorial Dance Ministry.
- Learned of transitions in National Capital Presbytery and welcomed new Ministers of Word and Sacrament Gloria Yi, Christine Ford, Andrew Tsai, and Aaron Nagel.
- Celebrated the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn as General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery.
- Appreciated music supplied by the amazing Sargent Memorial Gospel-aire.
- Approved the 2019 Operating Budget of \$1,094,498, which includes an increase in the combined per capita rate from \$39.91 to \$41.73. \$31.93 of the \$41.73 goes to National Capital Presbytery.
- Received the 2019 Mission Budget of \$951,563 for First Reading.
- Approved formation of an Administrative Commission for Wheaton Community Presbyterian Church to assist that church in electing a session.
- Approved the call of the Rev. Scott Ramsey as Pastor/Head of Staff of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the 2019 Compensation Policy.
- Approved the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington Statement on Racism.
- Approved the dissolution of the Unity Presbyterian Church, Temple Hills, Maryland, effective December 31, 2018 and commended the session and members of Unity for their grace and faithfulness in making this difficult decision.
- Heard a sermon from Dr. Catherine Meeks “Building Inner and Outer Bridges.”
- Celebrated the Lord’s Supper which was administered by the Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn, Jr. and the Rev. Elenora Giddings-Ivory.

Peace and blessings, Sara

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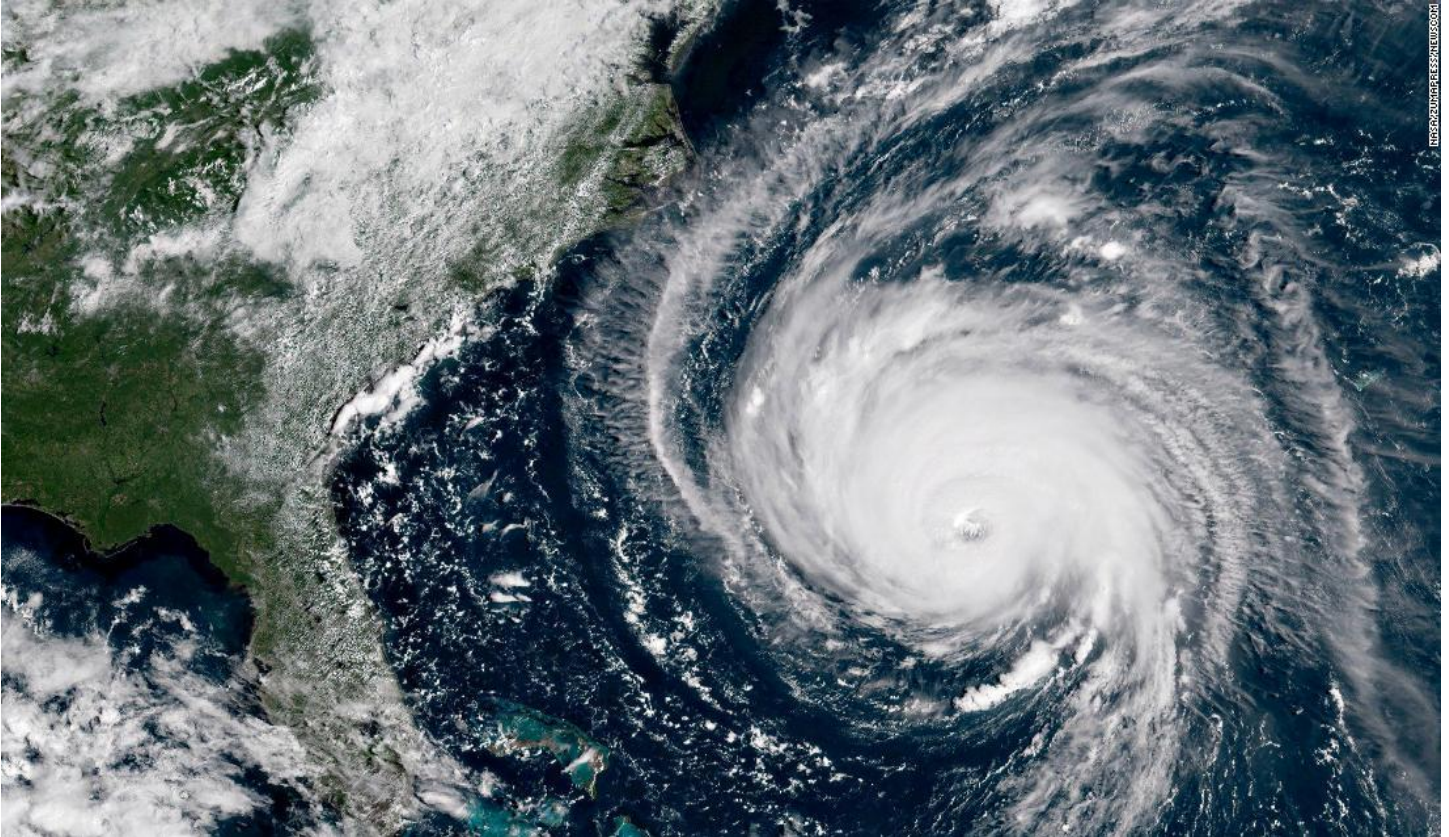
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RESPONSE TO DISASTERS

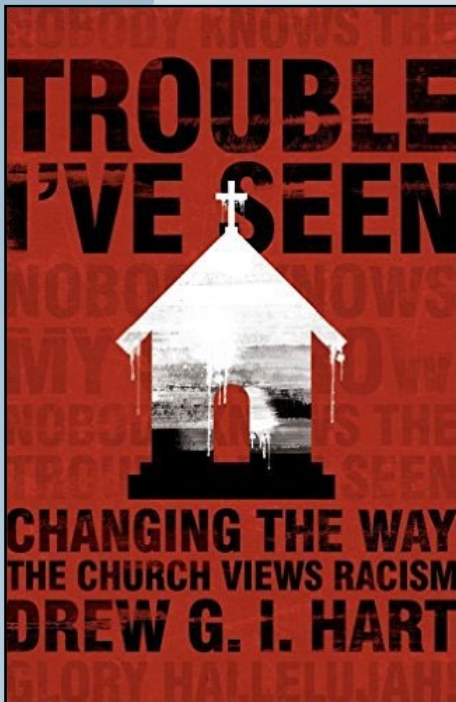


Maria, Harvey, Mangkhut, Florence... the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ are great. Let us support by...

- 1) Partnering with Church World Service in sending Cleanup Buckets and Hygiene Kits to impacted areas. Information on Buckets can be found here:
<http://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>
- 2) Give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can choose to target your donation, or to allow PDA to choose where it is most needed. Find more information at pma.pcusa.org
- 3) As a Presbytery we have supported a work trip to Houston following Harvey and are preparing to send a team to Puerto Rico to work on recovery efforts there. If you are interested in being a part of disaster relief and response, please contact Karen at kchamis@thepresbytery.org

National Capital Presbytery has sent \$140K from the Centreville dissolution funds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their important work.

Please attend our continuing series on Theology, Racism and Christian Practice.



DREW HART

—teacher, author, activist—

Thursday, October 4, 2018.

Workshop for church leaders:

1:00–3:00 pm

Public lecture: 7:30 pm



Details:

DATE Thursday, October 4, 2018

HOURS 1:00–3:00 pm WORKSHOP

7:30 pm LECTURE

PLACE Saint Mark Presbyterian

Church, 10701 Old

Georgetown Road

Rockville, MD 20852

COST FREE

RSVP

<https://theology-racism-and-christian-practice-continue-saint-mark.pushpayevents.com/booking/attendees/new>

Drew G. I. Hart is an author, activist, and professor in theology in the Bible and Religion department at Messiah College with ten years of pastoral experience. His work beyond teaching and writing has included pastoring in Harrisburg and Philadelphia, working for an inner-city after school program for black and brown middle school boys, delivering lectures and leading anti-racism workshops, collaborating with faith-based organizers in his neighborhood, and doing a broad range of public theology. ***Trouble I've Seen*** utilizes personal and everyday stories, Jesus-shaped theological ethics, and anti-racism frameworks to transform the church's understanding and witness. • He will lead a workshop for church leaders in the afternoon, and offer a public lecture that same evening in the sanctuary of Saint Mark Presbyterian Church.

Both events are designed to address ways the church can counter the sin of racism with practices that embody the story of Jesus.



Refugee Ministry 101: How Are Presbyterians Engaging the Crisis in the DC Area and Around the World?

Rev. Dr. Nancy Fox, Parish Associate at National Presbyterian Church, will share some of the stories that don't make the news.

We are in the midst of the worst refugee crisis in world history, with almost no signs of improvement. Nevertheless, there are glimmers of hope; God is at work in some surprising ways in the midst of it all.



Sunday, October 7, 2018, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

10123 Connecticut Avenue

Kensington, MD 20895

Please RSVP by October 4th

office@warnermemorial.org



Generations & Stewardship

Join Online



Date: **Oct. 10, 2018**
Time: **1:00 – 1:50pm**
Venue: **Webinar**
Cost: **No charge**

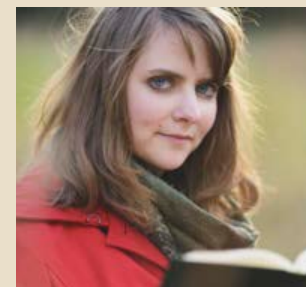
Register [HERE](#)

The Stewardship Committee of the National Capital Presbytery brings you a webinar on *Generations & Stewardship with a focus on Millennials*

4 Key Take Aways:

1. Learn how giving varies across generations
2. Discover factors that differentiate Millennial Givers
3. Name the stereotypes and assumptions placed on Millennials generally and in your context
4. Outline questions that you can ask Millennials in your congregation and community to engage them in a holistic, generosity conversation

Grace Duddy Pomroy is a millennial stewardship ministry leader and financial educator. She served as the Assistant Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary and the Executive Director of Operations for Kairos and Associates and the Joshua Group. She is the co-author of the recently published stewardship book, *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*.





Save the date!

What is the Moveable Feast?

- It's a regional gathering of Presbyterians in National Capital Presbytery for sharing ideas around Mission and Church Development.
- It's two hours of workshops, listening sessions and fellowship
- It's a great opportunity to hear what support is available from the Presbytery... as well as to share what support would be helpful from the Presbytery.
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When/Where is the Moveable Feast near me?

*Westminster, DC – October 13th, from 2 – 4 p.m. Oaklands Presbyterian - November 3rd, from 3 – 5 p.m.
Warner Memorial – November 17, from 1 – 3 p.m. Virginia Regional Meeting – December 1, TBD!*

Who can attend? Anyone from your congregation who would benefit from information on grants, Presbytery Mission 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



An Introduction to Cultivated Ministry: **Bearing Fruit through Theology, Accountability, Learning, and Storytelling**

John Vest, facilitator

Wednesday, October 17
10:00am – 2:00pm
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Annandale, VA

How do we measure success in ministry when the traditional metrics of membership, attendance, and financial support seem out of touch with the realities of our post-Christendom contexts? Cultivated Ministry is a culture shift and approach to ministry that is committed to rigorous assessment, evaluation, and (re)design aimed at nurturing thoughtful expressions of God's mission in the world. It does not rest on traditional metrics, nor does it abdicate accountability. This training will give participants an overview of the four interlocking components of Cultivated Ministry: Theology of Bearing Fruit, Mutual Accountability, Assessment for Learning, and Transformative Storytelling.

John Vest is the Visiting Assistant Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary and served on the task force that developed the Cultivated Ministry resource with NEXT Church.

Lunch Included
Registration Required – **HERE**
registration closes October 12th



*Sponsored by
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in partnership with NEXT Church*





Racial Awareness and Mindfulness 2018

A Mini-Festival of the Arts, Awareness, Healing, and Justice

October 20, 2018, 10:00AM-5:00PM | Check-in begins onsite at 9am

MUSIC, DRUMMING, KEYNOTE, WORKSHOPS, EMOTIONAL EMANCIPATION CIRCLES, INTERPLAY, INTERGENERATIONAL, CAUCUSES, MULTIRACIAL, CHILDREN'S TRACK, FREE LUNCH, A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Keynote: Author/Scholar
Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
"How to Be An Anti-Racist"

For more information on Dr. Kendi, please visit www.prhspeakers.com

Westminster Presbyterian Church
400 I Street SW, Washington DC 20024

Register online: <https://2018-racial-awareness-festival.eventbrite.com>

Potter's House Books will be present.

THE HEART OF NUBA

National Cathedral, October 20, 7:30 pm

Come to the National Cathedral on October 20 to see the gripping and inspiring documentary, **The Heart of Nuba**. This moving and remarkable film will be shown at 7:00 pm and will be followed by a discussion with the film's director, Kenneth A. Carlson. The reception begins at 6:00 pm. Admission is free.

The film that became a movement is the story of American missionary doctor Tom Catena and the Mother of Mercy Hospital, the only doctor and the only hospital for a million people in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan.

The Heart of Nuba captures the daily horror of life under siege, children dashing for cover in foxholes when they hear the bombers overhead, and trying to work and study, never knowing when the next attack will come.

The impact of **The Heart of Nuba** has forced the indicted war criminal, President Omar Al-Bashir of Sudan, to cease his relentless bombing of innocent men, women and children in the Nuba region. The film has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide vaccines, syringes and other hospital supplies, and to train nurses and doctors.

Come early to meet members of the Darfur Interfaith Network, Darfur Women's Action Group, and Sudan Sunrise, sponsors of this showing of **The Heart of Nuba**.

See the trailer at <https://theheartofnuba.com> and contact Rev. Olivia Hilton at oliviahilton@hotmail.com or Benjamin Bradburn at hbradburn@gmail.com for further information. Go to Eventbrite **The Heart of Nuba** to register and get advance tickets.

Beer & Hymns



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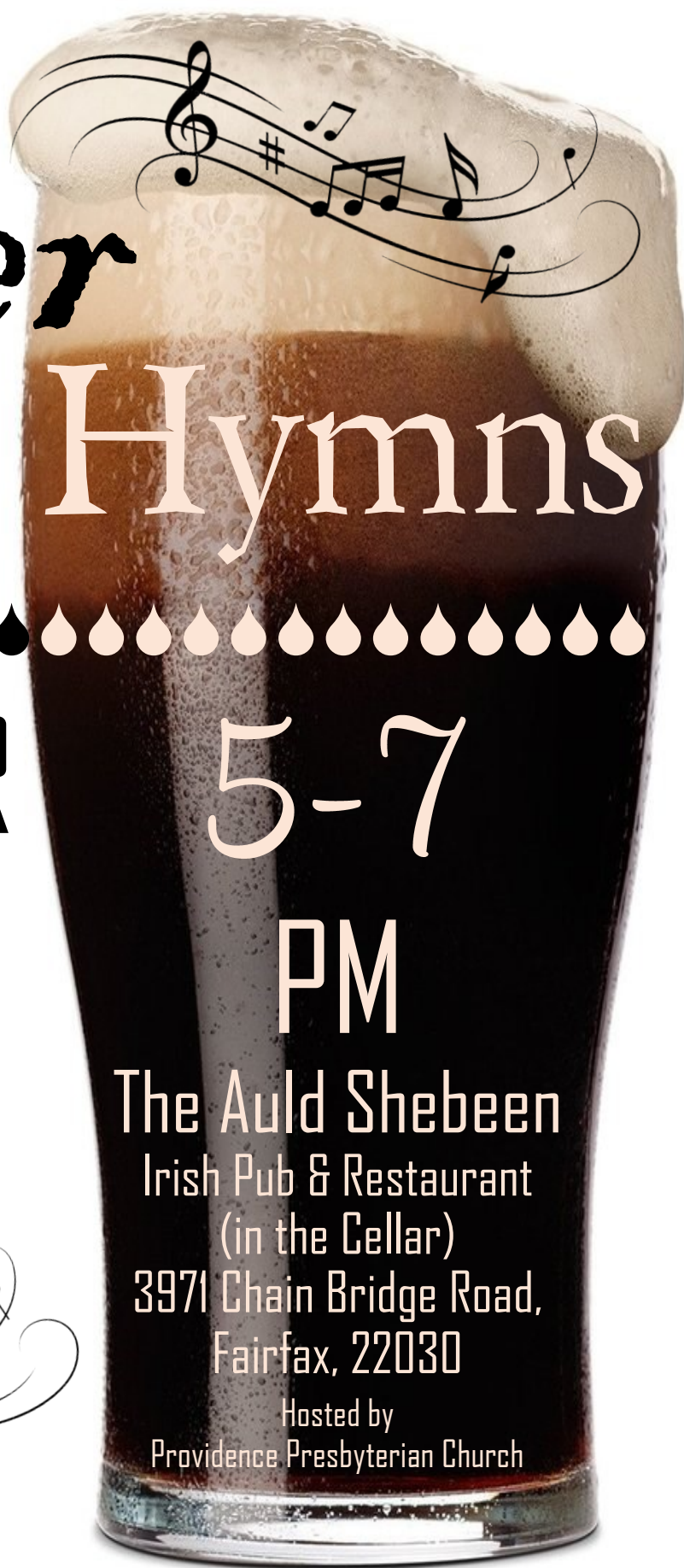
5-7
PM

Have dinner too!



The Auld Shebeen
Irish Pub & Restaurant
(in the Cellar)
3971 Chain Bridge Road,
Fairfax, 22030

Hosted by
Providence Presbyterian Church



BEYOND PINK & BLUE

Transitions & Transgender Care

October 21 - 23, 2018 in Charlottesville, VA

WHAT IS THE WEBSITE?
HUESOFPINKANDBLUE.COM

WHAT IS IT FOR?

Creating safe and caring places for transgender people and their families is one of the most pressing challenges and opportunities for the Christian faith, community life and church growth today. Learn from transgender persons, educators and pastors with experiences in ministering to transgender people and their families. Gain insight, language and practical skills for your ministry.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Everyone! Community leaders, pastors, hospital chaplains, social workers, teachers, church members, UVA faculty and students, the LGBTQ community, and more within the region and across the country including via the Cloud Conference

WHO ARE SOME OF THE SPEAKERS?



HOW MUCH IS REGISTRATION?
\$150

"Whenever you are engaged in work that serves humanity and is for the building of humanity, it has dignity and it has worth." - MLK, Jr.



HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL innovation@sfts.edu OR CALL 415.451.2800

TRUNK



TREAT

OCTOBER 27, 2018
FIRST PRES. ARLINGTON
4:00-6:00PM



Trick or Treating, a
moonbounce, carnival
games, and fun!

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?

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.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE
SATURDAY November 3
7:00 PM
Capitol Hill
Presbyterian Church
201 4th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003



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

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANS

Katharine Hayhoe, Ph.D.

is an accomplished atmospheric scientist who studies one of the most 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 Christians—work 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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 AT 7:00 PM
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



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“Strengthening Congregational Finances”

with Bob Connolly

Open Space—4:00—5:00 p.m.

(prior to presbytery meeting)

November 20, 2018

National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC

*This workshop will focus on
“Three Reasons That Inspire Giving”*

- *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.

We are accepting applications for the Eugene Carson Blake/Bossey Ecumenical Institute Scholarship for 2019-2020. Please share this wonderful opportunity in your newsletters, social media networks and congregations. Please see attached the requirements (also found below) in a PDF form along with an Ecumenical Service application. Also see a links to information videos on the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. The deadline is November 30, 2018.

Video links: <https://youtu.be/ZEG2GqvR5yw> & <https://youtu.be/1AIL9RrBxLo>

Eugene Carson Blake/Bossey Ecumenical Institute Scholarship:

The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey (Bossey) will be awarding the Eugene Carson Blake Scholarship. This Scholarship was established to honor Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, who was the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, a predecessor to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (CEIR) has been invited to nominate one Presbyterian Church (USA) student applying for admission for the upcoming academic year. To request consideration for the nomination, complete the Bossey admission procedures and then submit all materials to CEIR at everdith.landrau@pcusa.org.

Full scholarship support (tuition, room and board) is available for the:

- - Certificate of Advanced Studies in Ecumenical Studies (5 months)
- - Complementary Certificate in Ecumenical Studies (5 months)
- - The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Interreligious Studies (3 weeks personal learning, 3 weeks residential).

Application materials to be submitted to CEIR at everdith.landrau@pcusa.org:

- - Application form (name, contact information, home congregation and theological educational institution)
- - Copy of the complete Bossey application, including transcripts (in PDF or Word Documents)
- - Copies of letters of recommendation, submitted by recommenders to PC(USA) office (these do not need to be rewritten/readdressed and can be submitted as email attachments)
- - An 800-1000 word essay about the significance of ecumenism and interfaith partnership in the life of the applicant, the applicant's community, and the church broadly

Selection will be based on:

- Members or active participation in PC(USA) congregations
- Demonstrated commitment to or strong interest in ecumenical engagement
- Potential for ecumenical and interfaith partnership with and on behalf of the church in the future
- Academic ability
- Candidates in seminary and or with a Bachelor's degree are welcome to apply.

Deadline: November 30

Names of the nominee for the scholarship will be forwarded to the admission committee at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute, who grant final approval of applicants. Scholarship applicants will be informed of scholarship decisions following their admission to the Bossey program.

Peace on Earth,

Rev. Everdith Landrau
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Eugene Carson Blake/Bossey Ecumenical Institute Scholarship:

The Ecumenical Institute at Bossey (Bossey) will be awarding the Eugene Carson Blake Scholarship. This Scholarship was established to honor Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, who was the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, a predecessor to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations (CEIR) has been invited to nominate one Presbyterian Church (USA) student applying for admission for the upcoming academic year. To request consideration for the nomination, complete the Bossey admission procedures and then submit all materials to CEIR at everdith.landrau@pcusa.org.

Full scholarship support (tuition, room and board) is available for the:

- - Certificate of Advanced Studies in Ecumenical Studies (5 months)
- - Complementary Certificate in Ecumenical Studies (5 months)
- - The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Interreligious Studies (3 weeks personal learning, 3 weeks residential).

Application materials to be submitted to CEIR at everdith.landrau@pcusa.org:

- - Application form (name, contact information, home congregation and theological educational institution)
- - Copy of the complete Bossey application, including transcripts (in PDF or Word Documents)
- - Copies of letters of recommendation, submitted by recommenders to PC(USA) office (these do not need to be rewritten/readdressed and can be submitted as email attachments)
- - An 800-1000 word essay about the significance of ecumenism and interfaith partnership in the life of the applicant, the applicant's community, and the church broadly

Selection will be based on:

- Members or active participation in PC(USA) congregations
- Demonstrated commitment to or strong interest in ecumenical engagement
- Potential for ecumenical and interfaith partnership with and on behalf of the church in the future
- Academic ability
- Candidates in seminary and or with a Bachelor's degree are welcome to apply.

Deadline: November 30

Names of the nominee for the scholarship will be forwarded to the admission committee at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute, who grant final approval of applicants. Scholarship applicants will be informed of scholarship decisions following their admission to the Bossey program.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Name Today's Date
Address City State/Zip
Phone E-mail Address
Church/Presbytery Membership Presbytery
Church Officer? If so, Date of Ordination

PERSONAL DATA (this data is relevant to some service opportunities)

Gender Racial Ethnic Heritage Date of Birth
Place of Birth

EDUCATION (or submit a C.V./Resume)

Institution Dates of Attendance Major Degree

RECENT WORK HISTORY (or submit a C.V./Resume)

Employing Organization Position Years

CHURCH SERVICE

Church or Related Organization Position Paid or Volunteer Years

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

(For example: Languages spoken, Special skills or training, Other relevant life experience)

PERSONAL INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Interested in service Previous experience, if any

Bilateral dialogues (for example,

Presbyterian/Episcopal or

Reformed/Pentecostal dialogue)

National Council of Churches

World Communion of Reformed Churches

Churches Uniting in Christ

World Council of Churches

Interfaith/Interreligious

Church World Service

Any of the above

Others (please specify):

THEOLOGICAL MOTIVATION

So far as is possible in this limited space, describe your motivation for seeking to serve the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as an ecumenical representative:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PASTOR, STATED CLERK, OR EXECUTIVE

Please obtain the endorsement of your pastor, or in the case of ministers, the stated clerk or executive of the presbytery to which you belong (you may copy and paste the attestation below in a separate document to email along with your application)

This is to certify that

(*name of nominee*) is a member in good

standing of the

(*name of local church or presbytery*)

Printed Name and Signature

Title

Church or Presbytery

Date

Please provide names, titles, and phone numbers of at least two additional references:

Return to:

Office of Ecumenical Relations

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

100 Witherspoon Street; Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Phone 1-888-728-7228 ext. 5423 Fax 1-502-569-8614

Email: ecumenical.relations@pcusa.org



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.carrrd.co/>



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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 @ www.thepresbytery.org/events

You are invited!

**Meeting of Potomac Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology,
and the Christian Faith (PASTCF) Discussion Group**

The next meeting of the Potomac discussion group, chapter of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith (PASTCF), will be held at 9:00 AM on Oct. 13, 2018 at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854. The PASTCF is an independently incorporated association of members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), concerned with exploring the significance of developments in science and technology for the faith, education and mission of the church at all levels. It is in covenant relationship with the PCUSA. The Potomac group meets monthly to discuss books relevant to science, technology, religion, and the Christian Faith. Over the past 6 years, the group has discussed 12 books and has organized 3 meetings with visiting speakers.

At the Oct. 13 meeting, the group plans to discuss the first 3 chapters of *The Uncontrolling Love of God: An Open and Relational Account of Providence* by Thomas Jay Oord. It is available in paperback and electronic versions.

Visitors, guests and new members are most welcome. For further information, contact Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea (emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org) or the group convener, John Norvell (norvellj@msn.com).