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Judy Chan

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the staff of
National Capital Presbytery**

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lajuan, sara, todd, wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Personnel Committee of NCP is collecting **notes and cards for Wilson**. You may send to Ann Herlin, Chair of the NCP Personnel Committee, at aherlin@opmh.org, or 323 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or bring them to the September 25th meeting, there will be a box in the registration area.

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.

From time to time we are asked by our churches if we can recommend **a good architectural firm and/or general contractor** to help with church updates, improvements or other modifications. If you have had a good experience recently with one or the other, please email Todd McCreight, NCP Director of Business Affairs, at tmccreight@thepresbytery.org, or call him at 240-514-5356. He will be glad to share your experience with other churches.

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.

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 13, 2018

We are witnessing a major schism in the church. As major as the sixteenth century which yielded Protestantism from Catholicism. As major as the Orthodox and Roman Catholics in 1054. [Michael](#) Gerson points to [“The Statement on Social Justice and the Gospel”](#) issued by a group “that claims that Social justice is not, in fact, a definitional component of the gospel” and it is heresy to hold this view. Gerson rightly notes the “rank hypocrisy and close ties to an angry, ethnonationalist political movement.... It’s a sad case of complete spiritual blindness.”



Why, you may ask are these purported Christians wrapped around the axle on this? One prominent evangelical leader put it to Gerson this way: “to stop any kind of real repentance for past social injustice, to make space for those who are indeed ethnonationalists, and to give excuse for those who feel Christians need only preach the gospel to save souls and not love their neighbors.”

Friends of Christ, this is beyond heresy. This is the outright rejection of the gospel itself. But I am sure that the writers of the “Statement” would say the same thing about me. But read the Bible you heretics! Almost every Biblical writer challenges every empire’s propensity to the abuse of power: from Genesis’s establishment of the six-day work week, to the Jeremiah’s condemnation of Jehoiakim, to Jesus’s “realm of God,” to Paul’s radical inclusiveness to Revelation’s coded anti-Roman stance. These writers and their supporters deny the gospel itself. Their religion is not my religion. Time for a definitive split. The gospel itself demands it. I refuse to recognize your baptisms. I refuse to acknowledge your ordinations. I refuse to serve you communion. I refuse to recognize you as being of the same religion I profess.

Andrew Whitehead, Landon Schnabel and Samuel Perry have just published a research article titled [“Gun Control in the Crosshairs: Christian Nationalism and Opposition to Stricter Gun Laws.”](#)

Their Summary Abstract:

“Despite increasingly frequent mass shootings and a growing dissatisfaction with current gun laws, American opposition to federal gun legislation remains strong. The authors show that opposition to stricter gun control is closely linked to Christian nationalism, a religious cultural framework that mandates a symbiotic relationship between Christianity and civil society. Using data from a national population-based survey, the authors show that Christian nationalism is an exceptionally strong predictor of opposition to the federal government’s enacting stricter gun laws. Of all the variables considered, only general political orientation has more predictive power than Christian nationalism. The authors propose that the gun control debate is complicated by deeply held moral and religious schemas that discussions focused solely on rational public safety calculations do not sufficiently address. For the substantial proportion of American society who are Christian nationalists, gun rights are God given and sacred. Consequently, attempts to reform existing gun laws must attend to the deeper cultural and religious identities that undergird Americans’ beliefs about gun control.”

The differences between Christian “identity” and Christian “practice” is vast. Practice requires action, not just words. This difference is now unbridgeable. The research mentioned in this article exposes the reality of the fundamentalism at the heart of this so-called Christian Nationalism. What we see in this denial of Christian social justice pairs decisively with this nationalism/ fundamentalism. This research confirms this confluence of ideologies. These dynamics are very much endorsed by this “Statement on

Social Justice and the Gospel.” They are descriptions of the same set of religious commitments. But these adherents are anything but Christian. They are anything but evangelical as Gerson points out. They are instead pawns of the moneyed interests that would reject “the promotion of social righteousness” as one of the great ends of the church. This (un)Christian nationalism/ gundamentalism instead capitulates to the empire, it ignores the plight of the powerless, it denies the suffering of women, immigrants, the poor, the outcast, the minimum wage earner, anyone not white. It is blind to the reality of systemic sin, a hallmark of the Reformed tradition.

The role of big money in the support of the idolatries at the heart of this nationalism are identified in the careful historical analysis offered by Keven M. Kruse in his excellent book, One Nation Under God, How Corporate America Invented Christian America. This “Statement” is but another chapter in that delusion. We never have been a Christian nation. That was just a myth on the way to the political end of various moneyed interests to derail Christian social witness. The (un)Christian nationalist /gundamentalist assertion that gun rights are “granted by God to all Americans” reveals their deepest faith commitment. The entire fuss about kneeling at NFL games exposes their idolatry. I respect the flag as the symbol of a national creed that all persons are created equal and ought to be treated that way (i.e. Social Justice!). But this knee-jerk nationalism worships the flag itself while denying the essence of American political values. The refusal to hear the pain of those who have been excluded from the benefits and rights at the heart of our national creed points to the effective worship of the flag. And with it the rejection of the fundamentals at the heart of the American creed. Don’t pretend this is patriotism!

Clearly the “logic” fostered by the NRA serves this non-Christian religion. Clearly too this ideology is “advantaged” by legislators receiving NRA backing. Doesn’t this advantage constitute a move toward “establishment” of this religion? Is it time that we Biblical Christians distinguish ourselves definitively from this (un)Christian nationalism /gundamentalism? Shall we call it the idolatry that it is? Shall we vocally correct any source that would confuse this (un)Christian nationalism with any form of Protestantism or Catholicism? This (un)Christian nationalism is antithetical to true Biblical Christianity. The faithfulness of our witness hangs in the balance. Is it time we call into account any professing “Christian” legislators who kowtow to the NRA? Aren’t they kowtowing before a political/economic power that is antithetical to Christian witness in their support of this nationalistic, unconstitutional, government-advantaged faith?

Then-National Rifle Association Executive Vice President J. Warren Cassidy has admitted such himself when he once remarked, “You would get a far better understanding of the NRA if you approached us as if you were approaching one of the great religions of the world.”

Kruse’s historical analysis would support his assertion. Whitehead, Schnabel and Perry’s research indicates the confluence of all these ideologies. It is a distinct religion; but not a Christian one. These nationalists confess Jesus by mouth but deny Jesus in essence. Thus they take the name of Jesus “in vain”, that is, “with no visible effect.” After all, “visible effect” would be Social Justice.

It is time to stand up and declare that this anti-social righteousness, nationalistic, gundamentalism is antithetical to Christianity, because it is.

G. Wilson Gunn Jr.
General Presbyter

Clerks' Tip of the Month
Session Records Review and
Terms of Call/Contracts with Pastors



One of the jobs of a presbytery is to establish pastoral relationships, which includes establishing a minimum compensation for pastors.

Sessions review and approve either the terms of call or the contract and, in the case of terms of call, the congregation also approves. In order that the presbytery can fulfill its duties of review, it needs information concerning the terms of call/contract. We have not provided clear enough instructions to churches on how to submit this information—which has resulted in a failure of the presbytery to fulfill its duty.

In order to obtain the necessary information, the Committee on Ministry has posted on the NCP website a form for churches to use to report pastor compensation:

[https://www.thepresbytery.org/application/files/9615/3254/2495/Change of Salary Form ENR-111 .pdf](https://www.thepresbytery.org/application/files/9615/3254/2495/Change_of_Salary_Form_ENR-111.pdf). (Yes, it is an obsolete Board of Pensions form which we have re-purposed.) And, as part of the sessions records review, beginning this year, we will require all congregations to note in their minutes that the terms of call/contract information has been provided to the presbytery. For this first year, we will not mark an exception for a failure to have this information in the minutes, since the only previous notice of this requirement was a Clerk's Tip this past spring. But please add this to your to-do list. Give me a call if you have any questions.

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

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

Wilson Gunn's Retirement Reception

hosted by the Personnel Committee of NCP



Join us on Tuesday, September 25,
as we celebrate Wilson's years of service
to National Capital Presbytery and wish
him and Pam many blessings in his
retirement ahead.

An hors d'oeuvres and dessert reception
will be held from 5:00 – 6:00pm, with a presentation to be made during
the presbytery meeting that follows (approximately 6:20 pm).

National Presbyterian Church, Stone Hall
4101 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Notes and cards may be sent to Ann Herlin, Chair of the NCP Personnel
Committee, at [*aherlin@opmh.org*](mailto:aherlin@opmh.org), or 323 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria,
VA 22314



Ministry to College-aged Adults

A Conversation in Two Places....

about how congregations can support College-aged adults

about how the Presbytery can support churches working with College-aged folk

about what you're doing... or want to do, and what resources are available

September 15, 2018

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

John Calvin Presbyterian

6531 Columbia Pike,

Annandale, VA 22003

September 29, 2018

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

10701 Old Georgetown Rd

Rockville, MD 20852

Please RSVP to Kchamis@thepresbytery.org

Interested, but can't attend? Please email Karen (address above) for a recap of the conversations.
Sponsored by the College-Aged Ministry Team of the Mission Coordinating Committee



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Church of the Redeemer, Presbyterian (USA)
Celebrating the 60th Anniversary
Beginning with

Dinner and Entertainment Featuring

“BAK N DA DAY”

A
“Music Review”
♪



Performing Great Hits as
They were Done
Originally!

Friday, September 21, 2018 ~ 6:30p.m.

(Dinner from 6:30p to 8:00p – Entertainment from 8:00p to 9:00p)

Tickets: \$60.00 per person



The celebration continues with Worship ~ All are welcome

Sunday, September 23, 2018 ~ 12:00 Noon

With

Dr. Gay Byron, Guest Preacher

Professor, Howard University School of Divinity

Church of the Redeemer, Presbyterian

1423 Girard Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20017

202-832-0095

For tickets contact: Elder Carl V. Payne, II

301-675-8447 or 202-439-7821

What Happened in St. Louis?

News about PC(USA)'s 223rd General Assembly!

Mark Eakin,
ruling elder,
attended the GA
as an overture
advocate and
shares his
experiences and
insights.



Join Us!

Sunday, September 23, 2018

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

10123 Connecticut Avenue

Kensington, MD 20895

301-949-2900

Call to reserve your place by Sept. 20 th.

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When: September 23, 2018
Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Where: St. Matthew
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Malawi

WORKSHOP
Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 1:00PM-3:30PM
(before Open Space and the Stated Presbytery Meeting)

National Presbyterian Church Chapel
4101 Nebraska Avenue NW.
Washington DC 20016

The Color of Whiteness: Engaging White Privilege in Church and Society

White people in the United States often struggle to engage the dynamics of race in our society, particularly when it comes to the unique racial identity that white people have and the privileges that come with that identity. Given that the PC(USA) is over 90% white, this is a particularly important problem for us to address. This workshop will create a positive and brave space to unpack why this is such a struggle; provide insight and strategies for overcoming that challenge and engaging the realities of whiteness in the United States, and consider how Christianity can and must play a constructive role in this work.



J.C. currently serves as Pastor and Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, PA. From 2009-2017 he was Vice President for Christian Leadership Formation at Auburn Theological Seminary, and from 1999-2009 he was Associate Pastor for Stewardship and Evangelism at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, both located in New York City. He earned his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1998, and was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Cape Town, South Africa for the 1998-99 academic year. He teaches, speaks, and consults widely on local church leadership, particularly on the topics of engaging white privilege, leading innovation and change, managing conflict and negotiation, and the intersection of faith and money.

OPEN SPACE PANEL DISCUSSION

Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery

National Presbyterian Church Chapel

4:00PM-5:00PM

“Confronting Racism,” Andrea Brown, Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Facilitating

Panel Members

J.C. Austin, Workshop Leader

Catherine Meeks, Facilitator, NCP Confronting Racism Task Force (NCPCRTF)

Jochebed Jordan, Member, NCPCRTF, Church of the Redeemer

Julie Kasten, Falls Church

John Molina-Moore, NCPCRTF, Northminster

Una Kettering, Takoma Park

This panel discussion is the product of the NCP Confronting Racism Task Force and a representation of the NCP congregations whom have undertaken to begin their own work of racial mindfulness and confrontation. This Open Space panel is a representation of the “deep” (task force) and “wide” (congregations) work that has begun in National Capital Presbytery, under the leadership of the Mission Coordinating Committee, living into NCP’s 5- year emphasis to “Bear public witness to the love, truth, and justice of God in Jesus Christ specifically in the areas of racism and reconciliation.” Join us in the National Presbyterian Church Chapel, where our panel will each have a few minutes to address the issue of racism, then opening to those gathered to create a dialogue that confronts the issues of racism, led by our capable and experienced facilitator from Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Andrea Brown.



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Open Space

Meeting in Room 5

Come see, and learn, about the brand new Confirmation curriculum from Westminster John Knox!

Big God Big Questions: The Covenant of Confirmation

The “success” or viability of Confirmation is rooted in the covenantal relationship between the confirmand and God, supported by the web of relationships among the congregation, mentors, and home. Confirmation has too often relegated to the periphery of congregational life; it needs to be front and center, as the church fulfills its call to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them.

In this workshop, explore the covenant of Confirmation found in the four questions asked of confirmands and how *Big God Big Questions* can play a key role in your Confirmation program.

Rev. Meg Rift – Editor, Geneva Press



*National Capital Presbyterians and friends-- Mark your calendars now for this timely "Open Space" program Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 4 pm! The **Israel-Palestine Mission Network of our Presbytery** is inviting commissioners and everyone else to participate in a one-hour briefing and discussion on the topic: "Israel's New Nation-*

State Law: What Does it Mean for Faith-Based Palestinian

Rights Advocacy?" We will also look at highlights of the *World Council of Churches' World Week of Peace in Palestine and*

Israel. All are welcome, and all views are welcomed! According to a front-page article in the Sept. 6 *Washington Post*, the so-called Nation-State Law "has stirred fierce debate across Israeli society over what it means to be a minority in Israel and highlighted fundamental questions about equality and democracy" in Israel. The new law "describes Jewish settlement 'as a national value' that should be promoted and consolidated, and it elevates the status of Hebrew over Arabic, making Hebrew the sole official language." As the *Post* article points out, Israel's minorities, largely Arabs, make up 20 percent of Israel's population. The new law's critics, including "international Jewish groups, Arab Israelis and human rights advocates, argue that it is racist and damaging to Israeli democracy," the article adds.

Our Open Space program is taking place during "Open Space Hour" 4 pm -- 5 pm (before the Presbytery meeting) in Stone Hall's **Satellite Library**, immediately on the left as you enter Stone Hall, at **National Presbyterian Church**, 4101 Nebraska Ave. NW (at Van Ness St. NW), Washington DC 20016. Enter Stone Hall from the church parking lot behind the church.

****For more information**, contact IPMN-NCP chair **Paul Verduin**, phverduin@gmail.com or [301-518-5551](tel:301-518-5551).



Dr. Joel Baden

Professor of Hebrew Bible, Yale Divinity School, author of *The Promise to the Patriarchs* (Oxford 2013); *Reconceiving Infertility--Biblical Perspectives on Procreation and Childlessness* (with Candida Moss, Princeton 2015); and *Bible Nation--The United States of Hobby Lobby* (with Candida Moss, Princeton 2017), among other works. His writing has also appeared in such popular outlets as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Slate*, *Politico*, and *The Daily Beast*.

What the Bible Has to Say about Immigration

Some prominent Protestant figures in this country (Franklin Graham, for example) have claimed in recent years that immigration is not a Biblical topic. Joel Baden disagrees, arguing that the issues raised by the migration of peoples across political borders is a recurring theme in both the Old and New Testaments. But does the Bible offer any sort of coherent message for people of faith who are seeking to make sense of the challenges posed by immigration? In Prof. Baden's writing and lecturing on this subject, he seeks to provide an answer to that question.

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

1125 Savile Lane

McLean, VA 22101

www.ipcmclean.org

9:30 a.m. – Noon in the Meeting
House | Coffee at 9:00 a.m.

There is no fee for this event. For more information or to register, visit www.reformedinstitute.org or contact Mary Hill, Program Coordinator for the Reformed Institute, at 703.518.5125 or by email, mhill@reformedinstitute.org.



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We're looking for volunteers with these skills to help prepare the new CCH facility in Haiti:

- Framing and hanging drywall
- Installing doors & hanging partitions
- Installing lighting in ORs
- Tiling floors & walls
- Plumbing (extending plumbing, installing new sinks)
- Electrical (updating and extending wiring with Haitian electrician)
- Carpentry (cabinetry and shelving for clinical spaces, pharmacy, depot)

Volunteer Construction Trip

Sept. 30 -
Oct. 6, 2018



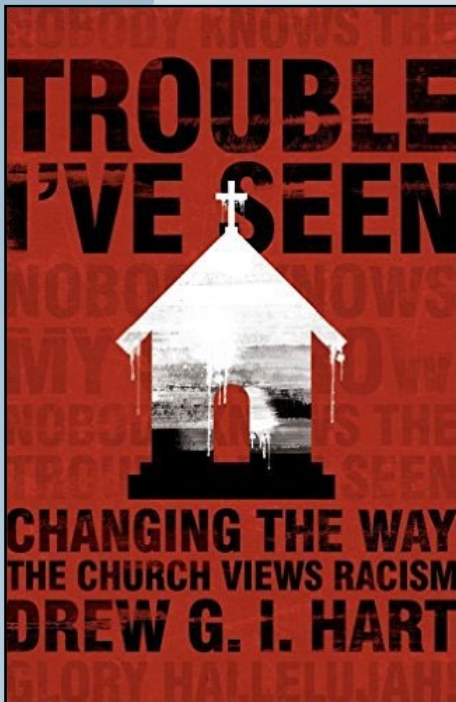
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Contact abby@cchaiti.org



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.





Generations & Stewardship

Join Online



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

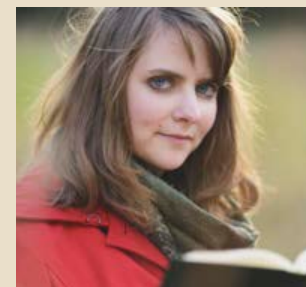
Register [HERE](#)

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*.





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
the Spiritual Formation Team of the National Capital Presbytery
in partnership with NEXT Church*





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



Transitional Ministry Education Offerings 2018



Equipping leaders
to navigate the
pathways of
change
for the church
in the 21st
century.

Week 1: Introduction to Transitional Ministry

This course is for individuals who are considering ministry in temporary settings (as an interim, transitional or designated pastor) or are experiencing ministry in these transitional times. Materials presented will include the basics of transitional ministry and will be of value to all congregational pastors regardless of ministry setting.

Week 2: The Practice of Transitional Ministry

This course is the second part of the transitional ministry education sequence and is tailored for those who want to go deeper, and who may already be serving in a temporary position. Prerequisites: Completion of Week 1, ordinarily between six months and six years prior (or by prior approval of the faculty team leader) and the completion of assignments provided upon registration.

Transitional Executive Education

This course is designed for experienced transitional leaders who are interested in serving in wider councils of the church.

Spouse Track

This course is designed for individuals whose spouse maybe considering or engaged in transitional ministry. Spouses learn in a retreat-like atmosphere with learning opportunities to understand transitional ministry and ample free time to hike, read and relax.

Dates and Locations of TMEC Events for 2018

February 18 to 24, 2018

Week 1

Ghost Ranch

Abiquiu, NM

Contact: Layne Kalbfleisch,
505-685-1018, laynek@ghostranch.org

March 5 to 8, 2018

Transitional Ministry Workshop

Weeks 1 and 2

Menucha Retreat and Conference
Center

Portland, OR

Contact: Scott Lumsden, 206-569-8510
scott.lumsden@seattlepresbytery.org

March 5 to 9, 2018 Week 1

November 12-16, 2018 Week 2

Synod of the Trinity/Pittsburgh Seminary
Pittsburgh, PA

Contact: Pittsburgh Theological
Seminary Continuing Education Office;
412-924-1345, larnold@pts.edu

May 7-11, 2018

Weeks 1 and 2

Transitional Executive Education

MALT — Synods of Mid-America and
Lincoln Trails, St. Louis, MO

Contact: Judy Johnson,
judy@lincolntrails.org; 317-923-3681

July 15 to 20, 2018

Weeks 1 and 2 and Spouse Track

Synods of the Pacific and Southern
California and Hawaii

Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference
Center, Zephyr Cove, NV

Contact: Kelli Ramsay 775-588-6759, ext.
114; kramsay@zephyrpoint.org

August 26 to August 31, 2018

Weeks 1 and 2 and Spouse Track

Montreat Presbyterian Conference Center
Montreat, NC

Contact: Evelyn Coleman, 828-419-9834
evelync@montreat.org

October 8 to 12, 2018

Weeks 1 and 2

Princeton Theological Seminary
Princeton, NJ

Contact: Princeton Seminary Continuing
Education Office; Sushama Austin-Connor
800-622-6767, ext 7990.
coned@ptsem.edu

November 12 to 16, 2018

Week 1

Union Presbyterian Seminary
Richmond, VA

Contact: Marilyn Johns, 800-229-2990
ext 3830; mjohns@upsem.edu



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

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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

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Cost: \$50.00 per person

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