

# THURSDAY MAILING



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## JOYS AND PASTORAL CONCERNS

It is with sorrowful hearts that we share the sad news that, early this (Tuesday) morning, after a long and courageous battle with cancer and dementia, our dear Parish Associate, friend, and brother in Christ, **the Rev. George Forner**, died peacefully in his home after spending several weeks in the care of home hospice and his beloved wife, Patricia. He now has passed into the nearer presence of our Lord and we trust that he now stands restored in the very presence of Christ.

Plans are being made by the family for a memorial service to be held at Trinity in loving memory of George on Saturday, September 8, at 11:00 a.m. Following the service, there will be a catered reception in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, you are invited to make memorial gifts in memory of George either to Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Youth/Young Adult Mission Fund or to World Vision. Please keep George's wife, Patricia, and all his family in your prayers, along with his many friends and neighbors. Together, let us take hope and courage in the promise of the resurrection to eternal life in Jesus Christ, a promise now realized by George, and one day to be realized by us all. And may we all know the grace, peace, and love of the Lord amid our grief over the death of George. George was someone who provided words of comfort to the many people whom he visited and for whom he prayed in hospitals, rehab centers, and homes. We trust he has now entered the kingdom of heaven and heard these words of blessings from his Lord: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Thanks be to God for the life and ministry of George Forner. Rest eternal, grant him peace, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine on him.

## 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](mailto:aherlin@opmh.org), or 323 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or bring them to the September 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:dgolden@thepresbytery.org).

From time to time we are asked by our churches if we can recommend **a good architectal 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](mailto: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/>



## Sixth in a six-part scriptural exploration of Presbytery Leadership

### New Testament Lesson      **Acts 26:24-32 from “The Message”**

“It’s because of this ‘whole world’ dimension that the Jews grabbed me in the Temple that day and tried to kill me. They want to keep God for themselves. But God has stood by me, just as he promised, and I’m standing here saying what I’ve been saying to anyone, whether king or child, who will listen. And everything I’m saying is completely in line with what the prophets and Moses said would happen: One, the Messiah must die; two, raised from the dead, he would be the first rays of God’s daylight shining on people far and near, people both godless and God-fearing.”

That was too much for Festus. He interrupted with a shout: “Paul, you’re crazy! You’ve read too many books, spent too much time staring off into space! Get a grip on yourself, get back in the real world!”

But Paul stood his ground. “With all respect, Festus, Your Honor, I’m not crazy. I’m both accurate and sane in what I’m saying. The king knows what I’m talking about. I’m sure that nothing of what I’ve said sounds crazy to him. He’s known all about it for a long time. You must realize that this wasn’t done behind the scenes. You believe the prophets, don’t you, King Agrippa? Don’t answer that—I know you believe.”

But Agrippa did answer: “Keep this up much longer and you’ll make a Christian out of me!”

Paul, still in chains, said, “That’s what I’m praying for, whether now or later, and not only you but everyone listening today, to become like me—except, of course, for this prison jewelry!” The king and the governor, along with Bernice and their advisors, got up and went into the next room to talk over what they had heard. They quickly agreed on Paul’s innocence, saying, “There’s nothing in this man deserving prison, let alone death.”

Agrippa told Festus, “He could be set free right now if he hadn’t requested the hearing before Caesar.”

Here we have Paul almost on his way to Rome. King Agrippa and his wife Bernice have come to town to welcome Festus, the new governor. One has the sense that Paul’s appearance here is more a source of entertainment, but Paul takes the opportunity to explain the source of his faith and his calling to witness to the Gentile world. Paul takes the opportunity to speak to power. Luke takes the opportunity here to frame the Christian faith in a way that appeals to the Gentile audience and to assure those in power of the faith’s relative safety in spite of Christianity’s tension with Judaism. We must remember that many of the Jewish opponents of Paul were in fact Jewish Christians that disagreed with him about sabbath observances, circumcision, kosher dietary restrictions, and crucially, Paul’s position on the incarnation. By this time the fractures across the

Church between the various opinions about Jewish observances had become so strained that this church fight had escalated to a stage five conflict. Paul's life is in danger. He faces sure death to return to Jerusalem. And probably death going on to Rome. But he has a mission to present the faith before the emperor.

Part of our role as Presbytery leaders is to be that interaction point between the empire and the church, thus we are engaged in lawsuits to protect the church and its witness. If someone sues one of our churches, we are there. Not that long ago the Episcopalians were engaged in a case with several congregations who had renounced the Episcopal Church of North America and self-affiliated with Nigeria. They seized the church property, turned out the faithful Episcopalians and sought legal advantage. I signed on as an amicus, or friend of the true Episcopal Church and their case to retain the property. I was engaged with the Virginia State legislature at the attempt of one of the members of a dissident church to rewrite Virginia law to allow this to happen. We are called to mix it up with the Empire. Our Presbytery championed a change in the Virginia law to allow Churches to be incorporated. National Capital Presbytery is currently considering a First Amendment suit against US Immigration Services related to a First Amendment violation. Our role as Presbytery leader is to be the face of Presbyterian Christianity to the culture. It is to seek out the press with our message and offer a deeper understanding of the issues at play. It is to contest the simple-minded proclivity of some journalists to settle for the stupidity that parades as Christian Witness by the likes of Pat Robertson, Paula White, Robert Jeffress, Franklin Graham and others of limited theological capacity.

Our witness compels us to stand against racism, for immigration rights, against for-profit prisons, for adequate gun safety legislation. Our role as Presbytery leaders includes interface with the Empire, advocating for those without lobbying money or presence. We advocate for the cause of peace, reconciliation and justice in the face of operative idolatries which worship guns, whiteness, and wealth.

And we can be aware that, like Paul, there is a price to be paid for opposing the Empire's xenophobia, its Gündamentalism, its operative white supremacy, its complicity in the commodification of human beings and the resulting dehumanization.

Paul is in essence saying "We Christians have value. We have a mission, we are more than a passing curiosity. Empire, this is what life is all about: justice, peace, reconciliation, compassion. And Empire, we are not feeling that from you!"

Woe be to us if we do not preach the gospel. Yet also woe to us because we preach the gospel.

G. Wilson Gunn, Jr  
General Presbyter

***Save the Date!***  
***Wilson Gunn's Retirement Celebration***



*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).*

***Tuesday, September 25***  
***National Presbyterian Church***  
***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*

## Healthy Boundaries Training Schedule - 2019

Day/Date/Time	Venue	Facilitator	Venue Status
Friday, March 15 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Immanuel Presb. Church</b> 1125 Savile Ln, McLean, VA 22101 Tel: 703-356-3042	Susan Graceson	Assembly Hall Confirmed
Tuesday, April 9 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Saint Mark Presb. Church</b> 10701 Old Georgetown Rd North Bethesda, MD 20852 Tel: 301-530-0600	TBD	Fellowship Hall Confirmed
Wednesday, May 1 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Trinity Presb. Church</b> 651 Dranesville Rd Herndon, VA 20170 Tel : 703-437-5500	TBD	Fellowship Hall Confirmed
Thursday, May 30 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Gaithersburg Presb. Church</b> 610 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 Tel: 301-948-9418	TBD	Lindsay Room Confirmed
Tuesday, June 25 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Mount Vernon Presb. Church</b> 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, VA 22306 Tel: 703-765-6118	TBD	Fellowship Hall Confirmed
Wednesday, July 24 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>National Presb. Church</b> 4101 Nebraska Ave NW WA, DC 20016 Tel: 202-537-0800	TBD	Agencies Building Lower Level Confirmed
Thursday, September 19 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Grace Presb. Church</b> 5924 Princess Garden Pkwy Lanham, MD 20706 Tel: 301-577-1092	TBD	Fellowship Hall Confirmed Confirmed
Tuesday, October 15 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Lewinsville Presb. Church</b> 1724 Chain Bridge Road McLean, VA 22101 Tel: 703-356-7200	TBD	Chapel Confirmed
Wednesday, November 6 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Northwood Presb. Church</b> 1200 University Blvd W, Silver Spring, MD 20902 Tel: 301-593-1180	TBD	Makemie Fellowship Hall Confirmed



# SMALL Capital Campaign

## Join Online



Date: **Sept. 11, 2018**  
Time: **1:00 – 1:50pm**  
Venue: **Webinar**  
Cost: **No charge**

Register [HERE](#)

## T h e B a s i c s

When suddenly we have a surprise or an opportunity well above the capacity of the budget... maybe it's not enough to call for a massive capital campaign. So what do we do?

The Stewardship Committee of the National Capital Presbytery brings you a webinar on *small capital campaigns in the local church*. We'll answer these questions and more:

- What is a small campaign?
- What size should we do on our own?
- When should we hire someone? How?
- Are there steps we follow? A checklist of practices?
- Who do we talk to?

**Presenter: John Wray.** John is a seasoned professional in church capital campaigns. He is currently consulting with the Presbyterian Foundation on how churches can conduct a small or mini- capital campaign.





# Spiritual Formation Welcome Back Lunch



The Spiritual Formation Team of the National Capital Presbytery invites anyone involved in spiritual formation to a Welcome Back Lunch. Join us for lunch, connecting with colleagues, conversation about how the Presbytery can best support you this coming year, and a free gift!

**Who:** All Christian Educators, Youth Leaders,  
Children's Ministry Leaders, Spiritual Formation  
Pastors and Lay Leaders

**What:** Spiritual Formation Lunch

**When:** Wednesday, September 12  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Where:** Cactus Cantina  
3300 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

For questions or more information, contact Jen James - [presbyjen@gmail.com](mailto:presbyjen@gmail.com)







## *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](mailto: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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# **ADELPHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Announces the 1<sup>st</sup> in a series of Cultural Performances**

**Featured Artists, Renowned Steel Drum Ensemble**

## **Tage on Steel**



**Sunday, September 16, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Donation: \$15.00per person**

### **ADELPHI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9401 Riggs Road

@ Intersection of Riggs Road & Buck Lodge Road

Adelphi, MD. 20783

301-434-6337

**For tickets contact: Charles Yancey @ 301-706-8813 or 301-434-0880**

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

**Dinner and Entertainment Featuring**

**“BAK N DA DAY”**

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A  
“Music Review”  
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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**



NCP'S Stewardship Committee is offering scholarships to this event! Email [lquander@thepresbytery](mailto:lquander@thepresbytery) if interested!

# TRANSFORMING THE FACE OF generosity

ROMANS 12:2



## September 24 - 26, 2018

St. Louis, MO

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac



**Keynoter**

Diana Butler Bass  
Author of "Grateful, The  
Transformative Power  
of Giving Thanks" due  
out April 2018.



**Keynoter**

Chick Lane  
Author of "Ask, Thank,  
Tell: Improving  
Stewardship Ministry in  
Your Congregation"



**Worship Leader**

Larissa Kwong Abazia  
Vice Moderator  
of the 221st  
General Assembly of  
the PC(USA)

Plus over 30 workshops covering topics such as annual stewardship, planned giving, theology of giving, current trends in stewardship, capital campaigns, and generosity

To register and for more information visit:  
[www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org](http://www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org)

# TRANSFORMING THE FACE OF generosity

ROMANS 12:2

## Who should attend?:

Pastors, lay leaders, judicatory staff, and anyone who is looking to learn more about stewardship in today's church context.

## Conference Fee and Location:

\$275 on or before August 1, 2018

\$300 after August 1, 2018

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac in St. Louis, MO

Conference Room rate of \$112/night

## Conference includes:

Four plenary sessions

Four workshops (30+ to choose from)

Two worship services

Dinner Monday

Breakfast and lunch Tuesday & Wednesday

## Conference schedule:

### Monday, September 24

Registration (12-2 p.m.)

Conference begins (2 p.m.)

Plenary 1, Workshop Session 1

Dinner, Worship

### Tuesday, September 25

Breakfast

Plenary 2, Workshop Session 2

Lunch

Workshop Session 3, Plenary 3,

Free Evening

### Wednesday, September 26

Breakfast

Workshop Session 4, Plenary 4, Closing Worship

Conference ends with Boxed Lunch to go

## Workshops:

*(This list is just a sampling of the 30+ workshops that will be offered.)*

### Fundraising as Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care

*J.C. Austin, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA*

### Creating a Culture of Generosity

*Robert Hay, Jr., Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation*

### Vulnerability and Courage: The Practice of Stewardship

*Roy Howard, Pastor for Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD*

### Planned Giving: 25 Ideas to Get You to the Next Level

*Karl Mattison, Director of Planned Giving Resources for the Presbyterian Foundation*

### Understanding Stewardship in Racial and Ethnic Communities

*Jim Reese, Minister for Specialized Interpretation with the Presbyterian Foundation*

### Electronic Giving: Using Digital Tools to Grow Ministry

*Richard Rogers, Vice President at Horizons Stewardship, and author of The eGiving Guide For Every Church (Abingdon Press, 2016)*

### Understanding Stewardship and Family Systems

*Steve Oelschlaeger, Stewardship Project Coordinator, ELCA Stewardship Staff, Domestic Missions Unit*

### Funding Innovative and New Ministries

*Mieke Vandersall, Founding Pastor of Not So Churchy and Principal Consultant at the Vandersall Collective*

To register and for more information visit:  
[www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org](http://www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org)

**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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**Dismantling Racism**



# 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**





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](http://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](http://www.reformedinstitute.org) or contact Mary Hill, Program Coordinator for the Reformed Institute, at 703.518.5125 or by email, [mhill@reformedinstitute.org](mailto:mhill@reformedinstitute.org).



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# Got tools?

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



**\$900 TRIP FEE + AIRFARE**

Interested?

Contact [abby@cchaiti.org](mailto:abby@cchaiti.org)





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*Save the date!*

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

**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](mailto:kchamis@thepresbytery.org) for more information





# 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](http://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.

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**OFFICER TRAINING**  
*for all NCP Officers/Officers in training*  
*sponsored by*  
**Black Presbyterians United (BPU)**

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**

**8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church**  
**5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE**  
**Washington, DC 20019**



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**SAVE THE DATE**

**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**

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**ELISABETH VON TRAPP WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM AT YOUR CHURCH**



**People were moved by your singing...your music filled our hills with gladness..I would heartily endorse your concert to anyone.** *Doug Fiedler, Boyds Presbyterian Church, Boyds, MD*

**Words can not express my gratitude for a concert which was not only beautiful but spirit-filled ... by your music, song and words, you were able to preach the gospel for an hour and a half in a way which I can not do in a year. It was incredible.**

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**COMPENSATION**

There Is No Performance Fee. Compensation for these concerts will be in the form of an Offering, the offering plate will be passed during the performance and the audience will be asked to make a donation.

**10% DONATION TO HOST CHURCH OF ALL PROCEEDS**

Elisabeth will donate 10 % of the collection plate and CD sales to the host church

**ELISABETH'S CONCERT PROGRAM**

Elisabeth's Episcopal program includes sacred and secular music ranging from Gregorian chant,, early American hymns, spirituals, psalms set to her own compositions and perhaps a song or two from the Rodgers & Hammerstein songbook. All arrangements are created for the church setting, arranged around Elisabeth's voice and guitar accompaniment.

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*The depth and divine resonance of Elisabeth's voice is incredible. I highly recommend a concert by Elisabeth to others so that they may experience this life-giving gift of music in their community. The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, Grace Episcopal Church, Lexington, NC*

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**HOST CHURCH TO PROVIDE LODGING AND MEAL** The host church will be asked to provide one hotel room at a Hampton Inn or hotel of similar quality on the night of the performance and dinner for two to be served at the host church prior to the performance.

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**SOUND SYSTEM & LIGHTING** In most cases, Elisabeth will provide her own sound system. Your current lighting system will be sufficient. All Elisabeth requires is that she is adequately illuminated so that the audience can see her.

**PROMOTION / PUBLICITY** In the event that you would like to host a concert, Von Trapp Music will provide you with Elisabeth's press Photos, Press Kits, CDs, Flyers, Posters and other materials to be used in promoting the performance. We also will promote your concert on Elisabeth's website.

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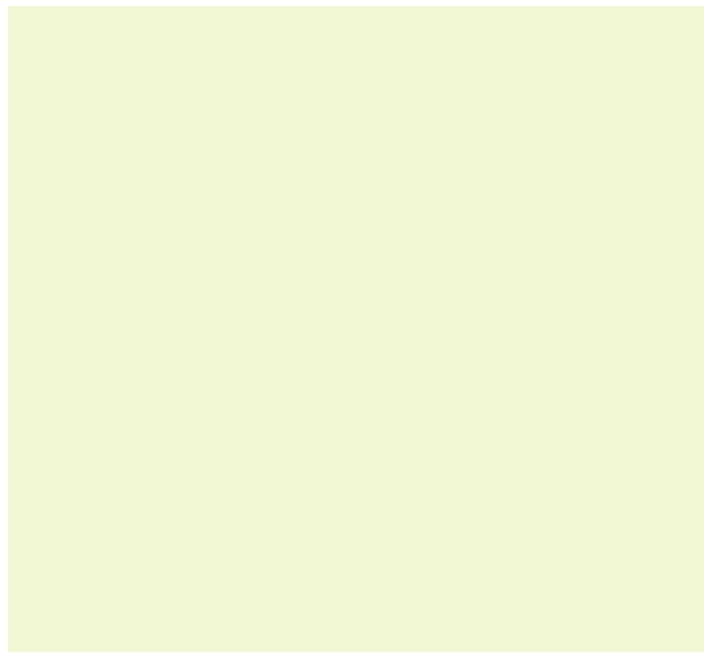


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