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The Worship and Theology Team is launching a new way of providing table fellowship for upcoming presbytery meetings. **Beginning at the May 22, 2018 meeting**, everyone is asked to provide their own dinners (NCP will no longer offer meals). A dessert buffet, in Stone Hall, featuring sweet and savory treats will be open to all from 5:00 until 6:30.



Apply to the **Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program today!!** Final round for the 18-19 season open until June 1. National sites only are available.

Program benefits include a regular stipend, housing, **transportation and student-loan repayment options** throughout the duration of the service year. For more info, visit the FAQ tab at the top of the **YAV homepage**. Also, follow **@yavprogram** as current YAVs take over the account. Help plant seeds of service and spread the word!

Have a House for Rent? Know Someone Who Does? - The PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer site here in Washington, DC is looking to rent a 2-3-bedroom home, ideally starting in August 2018. The program has values in creating an intentional community for the young adults, being good neighbors and fostering community, and living in the city itself. If you have any connections to people or spaces that might help us find a new location, we would be grateful. Contact Jessica Tate with any information or leads.
revjetate@gmail.com.



Birthday Greetings for the month of **May**

Alice Anderson

Bob Angus, HR

Stan Bliss, HR

Leslianne Braunstein

Rob Bromhead

Joseph Chen

Jay Click, HR

Gary Cook, HR

Quinn Fox

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Larry Lees

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Matthew Schlageter

Lynn Stanton-Hoyle

Kerry Stoltzfus, HR

Teresa Suder

Jessica Tate

Dan Thomas, HR

Sara Varnado

John Wagner

From
the staff of
National Capital Presbytery

**colette debbie, jan, karen, lajuan,
michael, sara, todd and Wilson**





Clerks' Tip of the Month

Political Activity in a Political Year

Since this is an election year, I thought it would be a good idea to remind people of the limits on political campaign activities for churches. From the IRS: Churches, like all 501(c)(3) organizations, are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for elective office. Churches cannot give contributions to political campaigns. Some voter education activities are allowed and get-out-the-vote activities are allowed—if conducted in a nonpartisan manner. And although religious leaders may speak on political matters for themselves, they cannot make partisan comments at official church functions. There are potentially severe consequences of violations of these rules: revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of an excise tax. The IRS has a publication that gives more detail on the political campaign rules for churches as well as other tax matters of significance to churches. You can reach it at:

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf>.

If you have a tip you think others could use, please email it to me at scoe@thepresbytery.org.

Sara Coe, Stated Clerk (National Capital Presbytery).



NCP Open Space: An Invitation to Share Your Passion and Leadership

The goal of **NCP Open Space** is to provide time and space for presbyters (that is, teaching and ruling elders) to network and share ideas, build relationships, and launch new mission initiatives or partnerships arising from your own passion and leadership.

Teaching and ruling elders in NCP (you do not have to be a commissioner) are invited to come and share an idea around which you have a passion, and invite others to join you in seeing where that idea might lead.

You could...

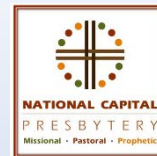
- Organize a new mission initiative (with troubled youth, or creating community gardens, or....)
- Provide a forum to share information about a topic of concern (such as gun violence, or the Middle East, or...)
- Create a network across congregations to accomplish a task that your congregation can't achieve by itself (such as networking smaller congregations to plan a combined youth mission trip, or share Christian education resources, or...)
- Invite others in a shared demographic to join you for sharing and mutual support (such as associate pastors who work with youth, or multi-cultural church leaders, or...)

Any topic that serves the Presbytery's purpose to "empower and challenge our congregations to be missional, pastoral, and prophetic" is fair game.

Beginning at the March 20 meeting, in recognition of how popular the Open Space concept has become, listed below are some new guidelines for reserving space:

1. There are no more than 10 Open Spaces offered per presbytery meeting
2. Groups are limited to hosting no more than three Open Spaces per year (Unless extra spaces are available)
3. Descriptions of Open Space offerings, up to 10, will be posted on NCP website as they are submitted up until two weeks before presbytery meeting. Send Open Space Topics to:
LaJuan Quander at LQuander@thepresbytery.org.
4. Groups must provide their own room set up and technical equipment, including projectors/screens/laptops. Neither NCP nor National PC staff can assist with Open Space set up.
5. To answer questions and check on room assignments, contact:
Jan Moody, jmoody@thepresbytery.org

Will you come to the Well?



NCP's Church Development Committee (CDC) invites you to participate in this community of congregations that is taking the results of their Vital Signs reports *and implementing transformation*. If your congregation has completed the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool), and you're wondering what to do with all that information, come take a deep drink from The Well.

When you join The Well, you become part of a learning community. There are retreats in May/June and Oct/Nov of each year. You're asked to commit to attending these events for a period of one year (but if you'd like to attend subsequent events, you're welcome to do so!). Churches send their pastor(s) as well as 2 – 3 Elders/Leaders. There is no cost for participation – lodging and some meals are provided at each retreat.

For more information, see www.ncptransforms.org or contact Karen at kchamis@thepresbytery.org

How to register:

Contact Karen (kchamis@thepresbytery.org) by May 10th to reserve a space. Please have the names of all the members of your congregation who will be attending.

This Spring retreat will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Winchester, VA. Participants are asked to stay onsite for the retreat (no commuting, please!)



Retreat Schedule

Part 1 – Thursday, June 7th – check-in begins at 3 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m., followed by an evening program

Part 2 – Friday, June 8th – breakfast at the Inn, followed by programming beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Part 3 – Saturday, June 9th – breakfast, followed by programming from 8:30 – noon.

Breakfasts and lunches are provided by the Presbytery as is the room. All rooms are singles.

The Well

"I would give you fresh, living water"



SOCIAL MEDIA 101
with Robyn Davis Sekula
second webinar in a series of three



JOIN US

For the **second** webinar, set for **May 11 at 10 a.m.**, Robyn will cover how Google sees your church, and what you can do to claim your church listing and update it with accurate information. We will also cover, briefly the do's and don'ts of Twitter. **Register [Here](#).**



Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

Over the past two years, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has reached out to communities in more than 30 states across this nation. We have met with tens of thousands of people, witnessing the strength of their moral courage in trying times. We have gathered testimonies from hundreds of poor people and we have chronicled their demands for a better society. The campaign's moral agenda is drawn from this deep engagement and commitment to these struggles of the poor and dispossessed. It is also grounded in an empirical assessment of how we have come to this point today.

When confronted with the undeniable truth of unconscionable cruelty to our fellow human beings, we must join the ranks of those who are determined not to rest until justice and equality are a reality for all.

For more information: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org

Beginning on Sunday, May 13th the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival will launch its 40 days of non-violent direct action. If you wish to participate, please attend a non-violence action meeting:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpYz945X6qs3n1d1Q4Kb8EWtF0MedAmhAJ2JN0crL88ap_rBQ/viewform

The themes for the weeks of action are:

Week 1 (May 13-19) – Somebody's Hurting Our People: Child poverty, Women, and People with Disabilities

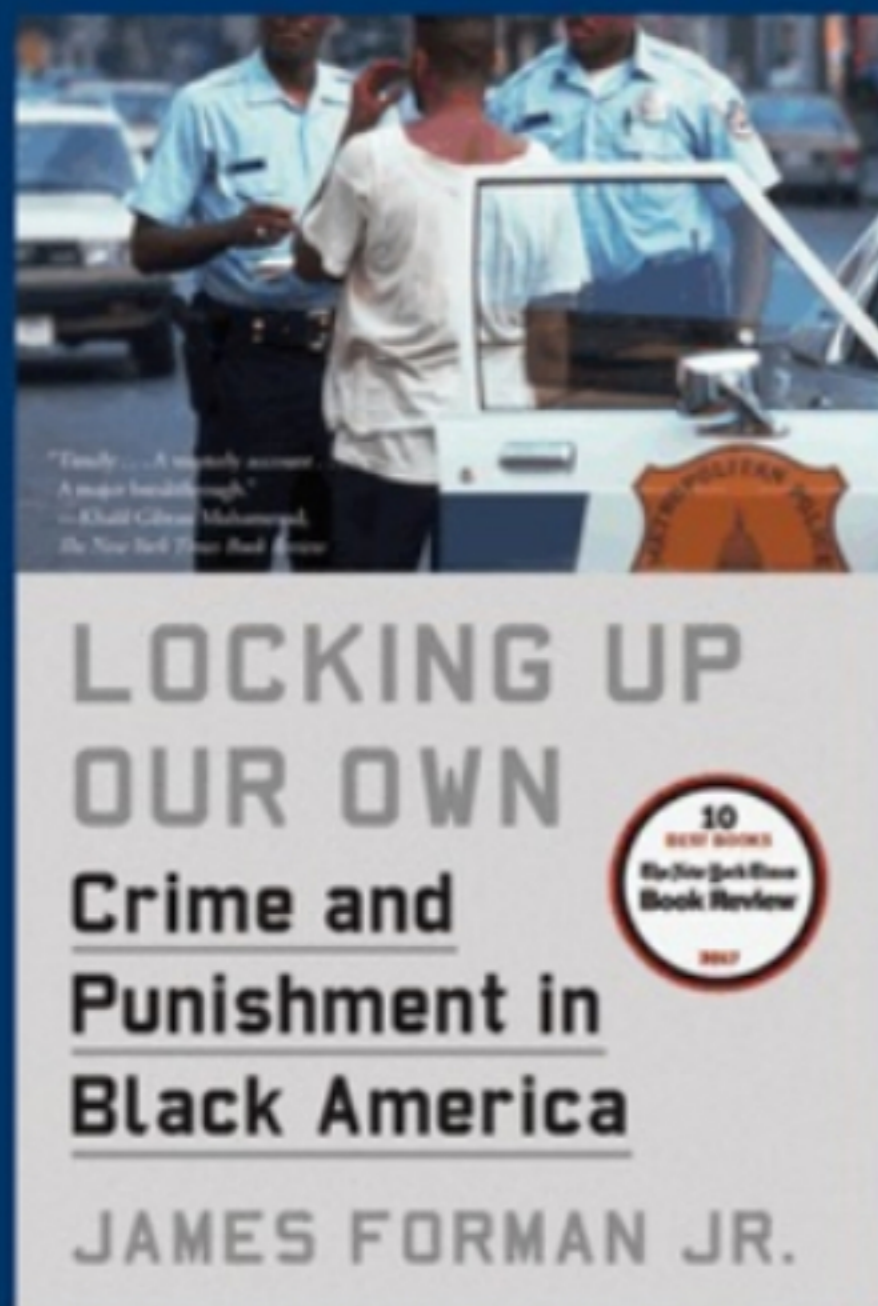
Week Two (May 20-26) – Linking Systemic Racism and Poverty: Voting Rights, Immigration and Mistreatment of Indigenous Communities

Week Three (May 27-June 2) - The War Economy: militarism and the proliferation of gun violence

Week Four (June 3-9) - Ecological Devastation and the Right Health

Week Five (June 10-16) – Everybody's Got the Right to Live: Education, Jobs, Income and Housing

Week Six (June 17-22) – A New and Unsettling Force



BRENNAN CENTER
FOR JUSTICE NYU LAW

Thursday, May 17
6:00 p.m. - Check-in
6:30 p.m. - Program
7:45 p.m. - Book signing

NYU DC:
Abramson Family Auditorium
1307 L Street, NW
Near McPherson Square and
Farragut North Metro Stations

Free Registration:
tinyurl.com/formanpanel



James Forman, Jr.: The Role of Black Leadership in Locking Up Our Own

Critics have assailed the rise of mass incarceration, emphasizing its disproportionate impact on people of color. As James Forman, Jr., points out, however, the war on crime that began in the 1970s was supported by many African American leaders in the nation's urban centers. In *Locking Up Our Own*, winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, he seeks to understand why. In the face of skyrocketing murder rates and the proliferation of open-air drug markets, black officials believed they had no choice. But the policies they adopted would have devastating consequences for residents of poor black neighborhoods.

James Forman, Jr. represented juveniles as a public defender in Washington, D.C. Currently, he is a professor at Yale Law School.

This event honors the work of Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop, a DC-based organization that uses books, creative writing, and community support to empower incarcerated and formerly incarcerated youths and adults at the DC Jail, in federal prison, and in reentry. Free Minds members home from prison give back to the community as Poet Ambassadors, using poetry and storytelling to raise awareness about the causes and consequences of youth incarceration. In recognition of this work and thanks to a generous gift from Western Presbyterian Church, incarcerated members of Free Minds will receive a copy of James Forman Jr.'s Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America*.

Music that Makes Community

A non-profit organization working with ecumenical communities and leaders to empower and liberate spiritual life through singing together.

Workshops for community singing— Pentecost Weekend

Session 1: Friday, May 18, 6-9pm

Session 2: Saturday, May 19, 9:30am-4pm

Register for one or both Sessions at
[www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/
workshops](http://www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/workshops)

Discounts available for National Capital
Presbytery members, contact
cvnnt@verizon.net

WHERE:

Church of the Covenant (PCUSA)

2666 Military Rd

Arlington, VA 22207



Join clergy, musicians, and lay leaders for a Paperless Music Intensive at **Church of the Covenant (PCUSA) in Arlington, VA** over Pentecost weekend! We're excited to offer training and inspiration to leaders of community singing in the Washington D.C. area and beyond.

Friday night, May 18, In session 1, a dynamic team of MMC presenters will explore the basics of paperless music leadership, share songs and leadership practices that can enrich your community's musical life, and reflect on strategies for cultivating participatory singing and liturgy. The event is child friendly and invites opportunities for intergenerational learning, but childcare is available upon request. Supper and workshop materials included.

Saturday, all day, Session 2 will dive deeper into songs and leadership practices that can enrich your community's musical life, with a focus on helping leaders develop song leading skills for their context. We'll begin and end the day with worship, improvise and play, and reflect on our experiences throughout the day. Afternoon breakout sessions will provide the opportunity for participants to write new paperless music or explore ways to integrate paperless music into liturgy and the life of worship. Lunch and all workshop materials included.

Required Readings:

A partial listing of required texts includes:

Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith by Henri Nouwen; *Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen; *Holy Listening* by Margaret Guenther

There are also optional readings and the first two weeks in the session will have a 6-8 page required paper. Participants will be required to bring case studies to the 3rd and final week.



Student Testimonies:

"Excellent leadership and interaction with other participants – learning from role playing. Atmosphere of trust and sharing in plenary and in groups. Corporate wisdom and support for the journey. Carefully prepared and excellent presentations on our topic. Careful attention to details."

"Our group has become like a large family! We eat, laugh, cry and sing together. We have formed a trusting bond with each other – a mark of a well-run program!"

"Thank you, thank you. I am so grateful for the time, gifts and leadership for the program and the hospitality of Bon Secours Retreat Center."

"Valuable overview of spiritual direction as a ministry. I leave with ideas for how to deepen my own spiritual practice. Variety and quality of speakers, lots of unscheduled "retreat" time between sessions."

"I enjoyed the various guest speakers with different ways to enrich yourself – physical, writing exercises and such."

"It really was an answer to a prayer! An idea that was on my mind and in a place I love."

Cost Information:

Level 1 Session

May 20-25, 2018 - \$1,200
Earlybird rate: \$1,150 by 3/20/18

Level 2 Session

Oct. 21-26, 2018 - \$1,200
Earlybird rate: \$1,150 by 7/21/18

Level 3 Session

May 19-24, 2019 - \$1,200
Earlybird rate: \$1,150 by 2/19/19

Each week-long session includes overnight lodging, three meals per day and hospitality areas.

For those who live locally, there is a commuter option available too. Cost for commuters is \$875 and includes lunch and dinner each day. There is no earlybird discount available with this option.

To Register:

RCCBonSecours.com or 410-442-3120

Find your session date under the 'Retreats & Events' section and register online. Registration will be available online for each session at least six months before the start date. You can also register at anytime by calling our Welcome Center. To register, you must place the \$150 deposit or pay in full. Registration in advance is required and space is limited.

After receiving your registration, Sr. Bernie Claps will be in touch and send a brief application. This will need to be completed and submitted before formal acceptance into the program.

 **Bon Secours**
Retreat & Conference Center

Introduction to the Practice of Spiritual Direction

Intensive Training Program for those interested in Spiritual Direction

with
Kathleen Hope Brown & Sr. Bernadette Claps

INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

What is Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment is a process guided by the Holy Spirit in which two people enter into a unique conversation. The spiritual director or guide is trained to listen in a particular way to hear where God is present and acting in the life of another. This "holy listening" approaches each person's life and story as sacred.

Spiritual Direction/Companioning has a centuries old history and can be found in many faith traditions. Once the domain of desert Fathers and Mothers, clergy and religious, the practice of spiritual direction is open to others who feel the call to this ministry.

Bon Secours Introduction to the Practice of Spiritual Direction is an intensive training and formation program for those who feel that they may be experiencing this call. Participation in the program can also help individuals discern if they are, in fact, called to this ministry. The program is grounded in the Christian, gospel tradition and the charism of the Sisters of Bon Secours which is Compassion, Healing and Liberation. This comprehensive training can prepare one to offer spiritual direction to individuals from any faith tradition.

Course Description & Goals:

Our first week-long course is an introduction and overview of spiritual direction in the Christian tradition. It is intended to enhance the student's understanding of the spiritual life, with attention given to beginning to develop the basic skills necessary for this ministry. Week long intensives incorporate many elements that enhance learning. These include varied experiences of prayer and reflection, lecture, small and large group discussion, role playing, case studies, presentations from guest lecturers on a variety of topics, e.g. working with people on the margins, etc. and, of course, readings and written assignments. Further in the course work, students will also have the experience of accompanying at least 2 people in spiritual direction and in presenting case studies to the class.

The program consists of **three week-long intensives** that will include the following topics:

Introduction

- Overview of the course
- What is the spiritual life?
- What is spiritual direction?
- Basic listening skills; what it means to be present to another

Fundamentals of Spiritual Companionship

- Spiritual direction as a specific kind of spiritual companionship
- The skills of attending, companioning, and responding
- Discussion of Margaret Guenther, *Holy Listening*

Prayer

- Prayer as a journey within: meditation, contemplation (Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle* will be referenced)

Discernment

- Discernment as a disposition of the heart
- Criteria for discernment
- Discussion of Henri Nouwen, *Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith*

The Spiritual Life of the Spiritual Director

- Adopting a "Rule of Life"
- Self-care for spiritual directors

Course Learning Objectives:

At the end of the course, a student will be able to:

- Have a basic understanding of the spiritual life, its breadth, depth, and language, in order to understand the context of spiritual direction ministry.
- Examine and understand the core principles of effective spiritual direction, noting the implications for both the director and the directee
- Develop and practice the basic interpersonal skills necessary for the exercise of this ministry, such as active listening, self-disclosure, etc...

Intensive Weeks 2 and 3:

October 21-26, 2018

May 19-24, 2018

The second week-long course in the program is scheduled in the Fall, October 21-26, 2018. Then, one additional week-long intensive, May 19-24, 2019 will complete the course of study. Registration for these additional weeks is available now. A certificate of completion will be awarded upon completion of the entire program, which includes these three week-long sessions and the required course work.

Guided by Kathy Brown and Sr. Bernie Claps and various guest speakers



Kathleen Hope Brown, D.Min., is adjunct faculty in the Doctor of Ministry program and the Master of Divinity program at Virginia Theological Seminary, where she teaches spiritual direction and spirituality studies. She is also a spiritual integrator at the St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring, MD. Her doctorate in Adult Spiritual Formation is from Catholic University.

Sister Bernadette Claps, a Sister of Bon Secours, provides spiritual direction and spiritual companionship at the Retreat and Conference Center at Bon Secours. She holds graduate certificates in Spiritual Direction, Spirituality and Aging. She has done graduate studies in theology and received a Master of Social Work from New York University.



National Capital Presbyterians and friends-- Mark your calendars now for this timely "Open Space" program Tuesday, May 22, 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: "The nine pro-justice Israel-Palestine overtures on the upcoming PCUSA General Assembly docket." We especially want to encourage our Presbytery's commissioners to the upcoming General Assembly (June 16-23 in St. Louis) to participate in our May 22 discussion on how these nine overtures address the life-and-death issues facing the neglected, despondent Palestinian people--whether they live in Gaza, Israel, the West Bank or in refugee camps spread around the Middle East. All are welcome, and all views are welcomed!



The nine Palestine-Israel overtures up for deliberation and vote at the G.A. are:

- On Opposition to Congressional and State Anti-BDS Legislation
- On Advocating for the Human Rights of All Citizens of Israel
- On Creating a Task Force to Examine the National Coalition of Christian

Organizations in Palestine's Call to Ecumenical **Solidarity for Justice for the Palestinians**

- On Responding to the NCCOP's Open Letter to the World Council of Churches and the Ecumenical Movement
- On Jewish-Christian Dialogue and the Israeli Occupation of Palestine
- For the Protection of the Children of Israel and Palestine
- On Urging RE/MAX to Stop Facilitating the Sale of Property in Israeli Settlement Colonies
- A Resolution on the Status of Jerusalem
- On Responding to the Current Syrian Crisis

Our program takes place during "Open Space Hour" 4 pm -- 5 pm (before the Presbytery meeting) in the Choir Room at the far-left end of the Stone Hall auditorium, 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).

YOU'RE INVITED TO WRITE NIGHT!

Come out and help us support
Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop, a nonprofit in
Washington, D.C. that works with juveniles charged as adults

While incarcerated in federal prison, Free Minds members write poetry expressing their thoughts, experiences, emotions, and hopes for the future.

During Write Night, volunteers have the opportunity to read these powerful poems and write encouraging comments and feedback that will then be sent to these young poets who are incarcerated in federal prisons all across the country.

Write Night provides an invaluable connection to the outside world and gives Free Minds members a chance to express themselves to a caring community--that's you all!!

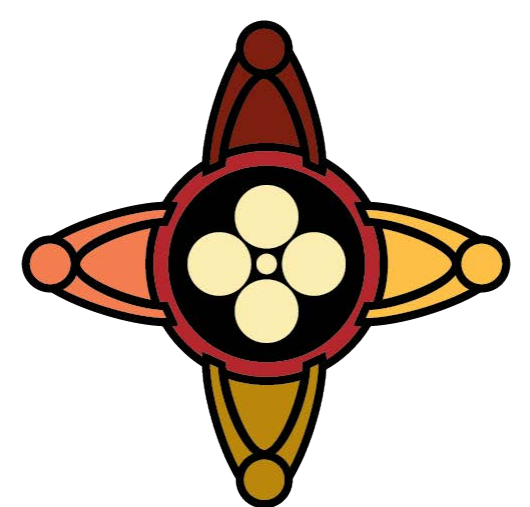
Guests are encouraged to bring a small potluck snack to share with the group and help someone else fall in love with writing.



WHERE: **Western Presbyterian Church**
(Foggy Bottom - 24th & G St, NW)

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 23, 6:30pm**

CONTACT: **info@westernpresbyterian.org**



**WESTERN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

This event is free and open to the public!

Reclaiming Jesus

Church Service & Candlelight
Vigil to the White House

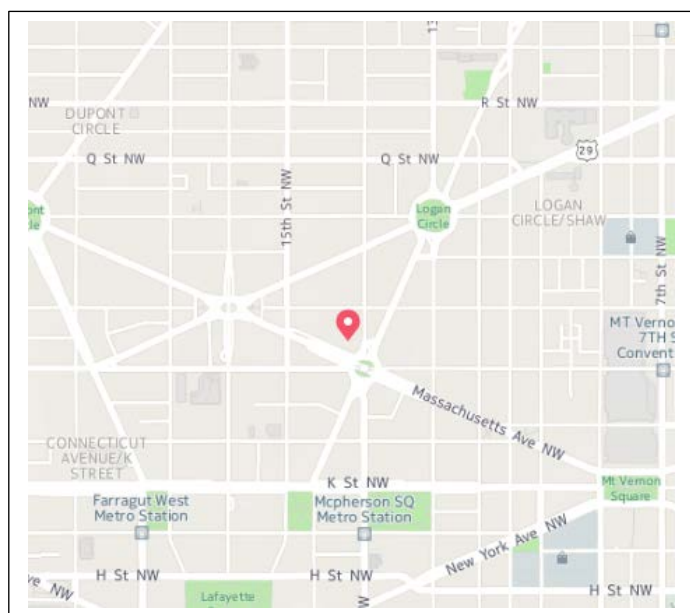
Thursday, May 24, 2018

**7 p.m. @ National City
Christian Church**

**5 Thomas Cir NW,
Washington, DC 20005**



More details of the event and the full statement can be
found at www.reclaimingjesus.org



"It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries—and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God." – from www.reclaimingjesus.org



Administrative Personnel Association
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
www.pcusa-apa.org

April 9, 2018

Dear Friends,

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Administrative Personnel Association (APA) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) would like to cordially invite support staff within our regional entities (church and middle governing bodies) of the Delaware/Baltimore/Washington D.C. area to a one-day certification seminar:

WHEN: *Friday, June 29th, 8:30a to 5:15p*
WHERE: *First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, Columbia, Maryland*
REGISTRATION: *\$20.00*

This seminar will offer participation in two classes (*Office Administration and Spiritual Growth & Discipline*) in addition to lunch and fellowship with current Mid-Atlantic APA regional members. Credit hours for participation will be awarded toward certification (*please view the attached documents for further information*), however membership is **not required** to attend!

APA is a professional association approved by the 2016 General Assembly where leaders of the Presbyterian Church recognized the importance of continued education and personal growth as an investment in the value of a lay professional within our ministry teams. For more than 40 years, APA has been certifying employees of PC(USA) entities in various levels of education to strengthen and enhance:

- Administrative skills
- Leadership development
- Technology prowess
- Financial management
- Personal spirituality

We encourage you to join us in our mutual faith and mission of the PC(USA). Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Mid-Atlantic planning committee and, of course, **REGISTER ONLINE TODAY** (<https://goo.gl/forms/UuC3K3KqPS4zKCc22>)! Then, complete the registration in the attached brochure and send with your payment to be received no later than **June 8th**.

In the Spirit of God's Calling, *The Mid-Atlantic Regional Event Planning Committee*

Tina Hair, President (pipc.office@gmail.com)
Donna Scully, President-Elect (dscully@ncpresbytery.org)
Barbara Burger, Certification Chair (bburger@capresbytery.org)
Cindy Rogers, Treasurer (cindyrogers@firstpresnewark.org)

Certification Program

Level I

Core Classes (20 hours)

- Church History 5 hours
- Polity I 5 hours
- Office Administration 2.5 hours
- Spiritual Growth & Disc. 2.5 hours
- Theology 5 hours

Plus Elective Classes (20 hours)

Level II

Core Classes (17.5 hours)

- Directory for Worship 2.5 hours
- Legal Matters 2.5 hours
- Office Administration 2.5 hours
- PC(USA) History Since Reunion 5.0 hours
- Polity II 2.5 hours
- Spiritual Growth & Disc. 2.5 hours

Plus Elective Classes (27.5 hours)

Level III

Core Classes (12.5 hours)

- Book of Confessions 2.5 hours
- GA Entities 2.5 hours
- Office Administration 2.5 hours
- Polity III 2.5 hours
- Spiritual Growth & Disc. 2.5 hours

Plus Elective Classes (37.5 hours)

Note: When you are within 10 hours of completion of your current level, you may begin study in the next level.

Regardless of your current level hours you can take a core class only (i.e. not electives) for the next level up provided you advise your regional certification chair of your intent to take a core class for the next level.



APA Mission

The mission of the Administrative Personnel Association is to offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the PC(USA). We accomplish this by providing continuing education events for certification and occasions for fellowship, worship, spiritual nurture, and prayer at national and regional conferences as well as at seminary sponsored training events.

Purpose

The purpose shall be to provide a supportive organization for promoting continuing education, individual growth, communication, and fellowship for its members; to deepen and strengthen lives spiritually and professionally, and to work for the mission of the church universal.

APA Membership

Those eligible for membership in APA include non-ordained staff of Presbyterian churches or agencies, including secretaries, clerks of session and other administrative and/or daycare staff. Dues and certification fees must be paid before any classes count toward your certification, and they must be paid annually.

For more information about APA visit the website at www.pcusa-apa.org.



Mid-Atlantic APA One-Day Seminar

June 29, 2018

First Presbyterian Church of
Howard County
9325 Presbyterian Circle
Columbia, MD 21045-1829

Class Opportunities

FRIDAY AM:

Office Administration (All)

FRIDAY PM:

Spiritual Growth & Discipline (All)

Legend:

Core

(I) = Level I

(II) = Level II

(III) = Level III

(All) = All Levels

(E) = Elective

Lodging

Holiday Inn East Elkridge
6064 Marshalee Drive
Elkridge, MD 21075
(410) 579-8888

Double Queen or King	\$109.99+ 13% tax
Includes full American breakfast	Availability Thursday, June 28th only

Each guest must make their own reservation
no later than May 28th
to guarantee group rate.

Identifying group: APA

View hotel information at: [http://
www.guestreservations.com/holiday-inn-
express-suites-columbia-east-elkridge/
booking](http://www.guestreservations.com/holiday-inn-express-suites-columbia-east-elkridge/booking)

Conference Schedule

Friday, June 29, 2018

8:30a – Registration (*Sanctuary Narthex*)

9:00a– Welcome and Devotional (*Sanctuary*)

9:30a – Office Administration Class

10:45a – *Break*

11:00a – Office Administration resumes

12:30 – *Lunch*

1:45p – Spiritual Growth & Discipline class

3:00p – *Break*

3:15p – Spiritual Growth & Discipline resumes

4:45p – *Group Photo (Sanctuary)*

5:15p – Program Completion and dismissal

NOTE: An offering will be collected during lunch for the *Bridges Mission: Solving Homelessness with Housing". This non-profit organization provides a path to self-sufficiency to prevent and end homelessness through affordable housing solutions and advocacy in Howard County, Maryland.

[Www.bridges2hs.org](http://www.bridges2hs.org)

(Informational flyer will be included in your welcome packet)

Registration

Name: _____

Name Tag: _____

Position: _____

Church/Governing Body and Region: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ (W) _____ (C)

Email: _____

I would like to confirm participation in:

☐ Both Classes

☐ Office Administration

☐ Spiritual Growth & Discipline

Registration Cost \$20.00

Guest Meal \$15.00

Lunch Preference: ☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian
(Quantity)

Special Dietary Needs/Restrictions: _____

Checks payable to:
Mid-Atlantic APA

Mail to:
Mid-Atlantic APA
c/o Cindy Rogers
First Presbyterian Church-Newark
292W. Main Street
Newark, DE 19711

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND
PAYMENT RECEIPT DEADLINE:**
June 8th



Harvey Houston Hope

Volunteer Rebuild Trip with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders



Trip Details

Who: Adults and Youth (16 years and older).

What: Volunteer work trip to help rebuild after Hurricane Harvey

When: Sunday, July 22, 2018 – Saturday, August 4, 2018

(1 week, 2 weeks, or any combination over that time frame)

Where: Houston, TX

Cost: \$100/week (includes room/board and meals!)

Transportation: Own expense - however, carpools may be arranged.

How do I sign up?

It's easy! Register online at:
<https://fullercenter.org/disaster-rebuilders/>

Each individual must fill out the online registration form and enter NCP under:
"Group or Team Name."

Please email Tom Hull at constructivellc@gmail.com once you have registered
with your dates of arrival and departure.

2018 CONFERENCE

AUGUST 9 – 12, 2018

Malawi Mission Network

“Stronger Together in Christ”



Keynote Speaker
Rev. Vasco Kachipapa
General Secretary
CCAP, Nkhoma Synod

Guest Speakers

- Rev. Davidson Chifungo, National Director Veritas College
- Rev. Colin Mbawa, Representing CCAP General Assembly
- Dr. Kondwani Zgambo, CCAP Livingstonia Health Dept.
- PC(USA) Mission co-workers Jeremy Garbat-Welch & Tyler Holm
- Also: PC(USA) World Mission Staff, the Dallas Malawian Community & representatives from other related agencies

REGISTRATION INFORMATION ~ DALLAS, TX

The conference will be at both the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church and the Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Market Center.

Cost for 3 nights and all meals: \$550 single, \$350 double, \$275 triple

Cost for commuter: \$150 for full program including 2 lunches & 2 dinners; \$85 for 1 day including lunch & dinner

Registration deadline: June 29

After July 6, only commuter registration accepted

Register at: www.malawinetwork.org



Guest Speakers will share insights on current challenges and opportunities in Malawi

Worship Enjoy a time of inspiring worship and song



Network with church leaders, NGOs, individuals and organizations working in Malawi

Workshops will educate you about Christian mission work in Malawi



Dinner on Friday night will include traditional Malawian food

TRANSFORMING THE FACE OF generosity

ROMANS 12:2



Stewardship
Kaleidoscope
Real Tools for Real Ministry

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

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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:
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Representatives from Living Waters for the World (LWW) would like to engage your assistance in sharing the [Thirst For Life](#) music video with the youth of your churches.



Thirst For Life Music Video

This song, written to support LWW, and subsequently recorded by YouTube “super group” Cimorelli with an accompanying video showing our work in Cuba, has been something of a sensation, already surpassing 100,000 views.

What is striking are the more than 800 comments on the video, almost all by young people.

With your help and those of your pastors, we have an opportunity to engage our PCUSA youth to share the video, thereby raising awareness of Living Waters for

the World and serving as an example of how to be the church in this time and place. Without question, more clean water will flow as a result and the song will touch many more lives.

Living Waters for the World has been a grass-roots story, having trained church teams from virtually every Presbytery in the denomination, resulting in over 900 water system installations in 25 nations, bringing clean water to hundreds of thousands. For many in the communities we serve, Presbyterians are considered the “water people”, bringing health, hope and Christ’s love in a tangible way.

Thank you for sharing this letter with your pastors so that this video may be shared with their youth with a call to action to share this beautiful song of Christ’s love of living water for our bodies and our souls.

Should you have any questions, please let us know, or contact LWW Executive Director Steve Young, copied above: 615-268-9022.

Let Clean Water Flow!

Warner Durnell
Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

Philip Lotspeich
General Presbyter
Transylvania Presbytery

Terry Newland
Synod Executive/Stated Clerk
Synod of Living Waters