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National Capital PRESBYTERY

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April 5, 2018

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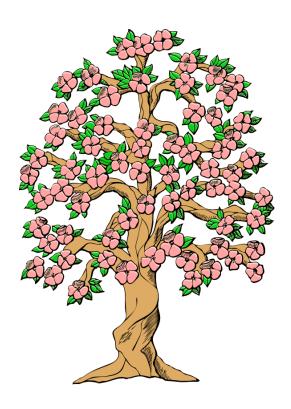
Volunteer Rebuild Trip with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders July 22, - August 4

Pastoral Care and Counseling Seminar

Nine-month training program
Applications due by June 2018

Christian Ecumenical Domestic Violence Support Group

In search of a Co-Facilitator



Birthday Greetings for the month of April

Mark Armstrong
David Bowerman
Jan Carter
Jean Coyle, HR
James Cubie
Christopher Deacon
Jeri Fields

Katherine Francis
Walter Green
Larry Greenslit
Barbara Heck
Jerry Hopkins, HR
Heemoon Lee
Shawn MacDonald

Bob Melone
Kathleen Mulvihill, HR
Kori McMurtry Phillips
Ted Rosche, HR
John Wimberly, HR

From the staff of National Capital Presbytery

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Capital Presbytery and the Session of Capital Hill Presbyterian Church invite you to a worship service celebrating the installation of the Reverend Erin M. Keys as Pastor, Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. A Reception will be held immediately following the service. Red is the liturgical color for installations services as it represents the Holy Spirit. All are invited to wear read to the service as a w ay of joining in the celebration.

National Capital Presbytery invite you to the **Ordination Service of Shannon Jordon** on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

National Capital Presbytery invite you to the Ordination Service of Dana Olson on Sunday April 29, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Ingleside at Rock Creek, 5121 Broad Branch Road, NW, Washington, DC.

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.

Pediatric Chaplains Network Annual Conference - May 21-24, 2018, Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House, Faulkner, Maryland. Use this link for registration information: http://pediatricchaplains.org/conference/2018-pcn-national-conference.

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.

April 5, 2018

Dear Saints,

Mark 8: 35 "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."



Fifty years ago, yesterday a gunman snuffed out the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. The father, the son, the husband, the preacher, the man was killed, but the mythic energy invested in and flowing from the man continues to this day. He carried it while he lived and his vision for what we might become as a nation continues to this day. Across the nation he voiced the prophetic cry for justice and human rights. He called us to our best selves. He confronted the powerful with the suffering their privilege perpetrated on the poor and disenfranchised. He called us to create together a "beloved community." For a time, the arch of history bent toward justice. Voting rights were enforced across the south. Fair housing was mandated. Restorative justice measures adopted. Yet in recent times we have seen the erosion of these values. Equality of opportunity is less so. Black men continue to be disproportionately incarcerated. Stephon Clark's death and dozens more before his demonstrate that black lives apparently matter less than white lives. The pervasive gender terrorism of the culture has been exposed by the "Me too" movement. The minimum wage has not kept pace with the cost of living. We now have more refugees fleeing violence than during WWII. Self-serving "truthiness" is paraded by the rich, the Russians, and the non-critical re-tweeter. Our systemic, sinful, tribal propensities are shamelessly promoted. Cockroach white supremacy ideologies have come out from under the baseboards.

This is antithetical to the gospel.

Research with infants has established that we are naturally both tribal and empathetic. Marilynne Robinson notes that while science might adequately describe human nature, Christian practice seeks to rise above it. Indeed, Jesus confounded the tribal boundaries of his day: He includes Gesenarines and Samaritans. He recognizes the full humanity of women. He challenges the social hierarchies of his culture. He presents a God accessible to everyone. Paul extends that embrace noting that in Christ there is no Gentile or Jew, no male and female, no slave or free. Indeed, the faithful trajectory of Christ's message is the expansion of our empathetic capacities and the reduction of our tribal propensities. The Christian is called to sacrifice the tribal self, to more fully discover the empathetic self. The Christian embraces the perspective that water is thicker than blood resisting this "natural" tribal inclination.

We lose self, to find self. We take up the cross, that is we join in solidarity those who suffer more than we do. We engage our culture as we can to diminish the oppressive forces that crush the human spirit. Followers of Christ have crosses they are bearing for the benefit of others. Our service flows to those who suffer. It does not flow toward those privileged few seeking to preserve or increase their privilege.

So, we deny the tribal self, discovering the deeper empathetic self. We take up the cross of another's suffering, exposing the life crushing system that creates that suffering, and doing what we can to change that.

Only in this way do we follow Christ. And Martin Luther King, Jr., who unambiguously followed Christ.

G. Wilson Gunn, Jr., NCP General Presbyter

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 - o Don Fink, RE, Riverdale
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 - Rocky Laha, TE, Old Presbyterian Meeting House
 - Donna Marsh, TE, National
 - o Don Meeks, TE, Greenwich
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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)
- 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

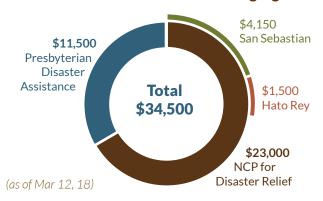


National Capital Presbytery and Puerto Rico

Thanks to the generous response by many congregations in the National Capital Presbytery (NCP), there are strong efforts underway now to partner and assist with hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. Although it has been 6 months since Hurricane Maria struck on September 27, 2017, more than 100,000 island residents remain without electricity. We have current partnerships with several congregations around the island and are working to build more.

You can be a part of NCP's outreach to create and build relationships with Presbyterians in Puerto Rico. You can donate funds or goods for disaster relief and clean-up, allowing actions like those below. You can volunteer as a trainer and/or interpreter to conduct workshops to strengthen the island's community leaders, pastors, teachers and volunteers. Mental health workers can train counselors for persons suffering post-traumatic stress syndrome from the hurricane's aftermath. Churches need financial assistance to replace destroyed libraries, hymnals, chairs, liturgical cloths, Bibles and other supplies.

Total Funds Donated from NCP Congregations



Want to get involved? Here are some things you can do:

- Join a prayer partnership or create a joint Bible study group with a Puerto Rican congregation in English or Spanish;
- Correspond or Skype with members of a Puerto Rican congregation, and solicit activity suggestions from them;
- Work with Puerto Rican doctors or counselors in mental and physical health care:
- Work with Puerto Rican trainers in housing and building repair, mold and mildew remediation, pipe and plumbing repair, rewiring and cable repair, road repair, etc.:
- Welcome Puerto Rican Presbyterians temporarily relocated to the US and solicit activity suggestions from them;
- Check with local US businesses to see whether they might be willing to donate or discount basic supplies and relief items to Puerto Rico or to specific island churches.



Puerto Rico

Presbyterian Camp in El Gaucio

Donated 5000 water purification tablets as well as spigots (turns 5 gallon buckets into water buckets)

Nov 17



Inglesia Presbyteriana San Sebastian

\$1000 - Adult Diapers and food assistance to local homeless (*Dec 8*, 17)

\$1150 - Purchased 5 battery powered nebulizers (Dec 21, 17)

\$2000 - Congregation continued work with homeless and elderly in their community (*Mar 7*, 18)

Inglesia Presbyteriana Hato Rey

\$1500 for a local feeding program and assistance to local economy (Dec 17)



Iglesia Presbiteriana USA en Levittown

Developing relationship with congregation and understanding needs (*Mar* 17)





Planned Giving

The Basics

The Stewardship Committee of the National Capital Presbytery brings you a webinar on planned giving in the local church.

- (1) WHAT IS IT? How big is the opportunity (it is quite big) and what can it mean for future ministry?
- (2) THE CHALLENGE. There are headwinds. Why so? Yet we have a unique advantage.
- (3) MAKING A PLAN. Build a plan using your advantage.
- (4) RESOURCES. Don't start from scratch. Adapt and use great resources.

Presenter: Karl Mattison, the Presbytery's stewardship committee chair and the vice president for planned giving resources at the Presbyterian Foundation..

Join Online



Date: **April 5, 2018**

Time: **1:00 – 1:50pm**

Venue: Webinar

Cost: **No charge**

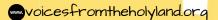
Register HERE

Voices from the Holy Land

2018



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- westminsterdc.org



ffacebook.com/voicesholyland

voicesfromtheholyland2017@gmail.com



DATE: Sunday, April 8

TIME: 2:30pm

VENUE: Westminster Presbyterian Church

400 | St, SW

Washington, DC

Roadmap to Apartheid is as much a historical document of the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa, as it is a film about why many Palestinians feel they are living in an apartheid system today, and why an increasing number of people around the world agree with them.

Co-Sponsors: St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church • Ravensworth Baptist Church • Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington • Westminster Presbyterian Church • Jewish Voice for Peace – DC Metro Supporters: Jerusalem Companion Diocese Committee – Episcopal Diocese of Washington • Grace Presbyterian Church • Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center • Churches for Middle East Peace • St. Francis of Assisi Pax Christi • Washington Interfaith Alliance for Middle East Peace • Alliance of Baptists' Justice in Palestine & Israel • Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace • Rock Spring Congregational UCC • Trinity Presbyterian Church • Israel Palestine Mission Network – PCUSA/NCP • Westmoreland Congregational UCC • St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish • Sabeel - DC Metro • St. Mark's Episcopal Church – Middle East Working Group • Pax Christi - DC & Baltimore • Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East, NVA • Rockville United Church • Friends of Tent Nations-NA • River Road Unitarian Universalist Church • Episcopal Church of the Redeemer • Vienna Baptist Church • Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church • St. Patrick's Episcopal Church • Christ Church Durham Parish • Grace Episcopal Church • Good Shepherd Episcopal Church • St. Columba's Episcopal Church • Little River UCC • St. Alban's Episcopal Church • New Hope Baptist UCC • Christ the Servant Lutheran Church • St. Rose of Lima Pax Christi • Universalist National Memorial Church • Steadfast Hope Group • Virginia Theological Seminary

"HOW CAN WE PROVIDE MORE NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO PEOPLE IN NEED WHILE CREATING LESS WASTE?"



Trash Empire (2017)

Over the past two years filmmaker William Reid has only spent \$5.50 on food. He survived off of food from the dumpster. Now he's on a mission to better understand what is going on. Throughout the film he leverages the absurdity of his diet to gain access to key people in government and industry while he explores the underbelly of American agriculture. The trailer is available here



Join us for a screening of *Trash Empire* and Q/A with filmmaker William Reid on the evening of April 14 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church 10123 Connecticut Ave. Kensington, MD 20895

Connect with us:

warnermemorial.org | facebook.com/warnermemorial | (301) 949-2900

Voices from the Holy Land



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TIME: 2:30pm

VENUE: Westminster Presbyterian Church

400 | St, SW

Washington, DC



"The Field" follows the "Roots project. A first of its kind initiative between Palestinians and Israeli settlers together working towards coexistence and peace not through politics but rather through a peoples movement developing from the grassroots.

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How to Distinguish Between Normal Conflict and Bullying



Strategies to Deal with

Entrenched Bullies

DATE April 18, 2018
HOURS 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

PLACE Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

10701 Old Georgetown Road Rockville, MD 20852

ost \$75 includes lunch

CONTACT For more information call 240-514-5351
REGISTER Online at www.thepresbytery.org/events

"Anti-Bullying Workshop"

LEADERS Roy Howard, Pastor Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

Rose Wayland, Pastoral Counselor in private practice

Wilson Gunn, Executive Presbyter

Participants will learn and explore skills for distinguishing normal conflict from bullying. They will also learn strategies to address long-term patterns that lead to conflict and sustain bullying behaviors in the congregation. This will be a safe place to discuss the pain that permeates a congregation and pastor when bullies reign.







Protecting Places of Worship Forum

Facilitated by: United States Department of Justice Community

Relations Service

Hosted by: InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington





A free forum for faith communities, faithbased groups, and non-profit organizations in Washington, D.C. April 18, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Agenda Topics

- Overview of Hate
 Crimes Prosecutions
- Hate Crime Statistics and Symbols of Hate

- Active Shooters
- Protecting Places of
 Worship Community
 Panel and Questions

Presenters

- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Emergency
 Management Agency
- Local Community Leaders

Sponsors

- InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington
- Mayor's Office of Religious Affairs
- The Council of Churches of Greater Washington

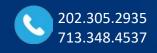
Where

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church 1313 New York Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20005

Street parking and nearby garages are available. The closest Metro stations are: McPherson Square (Blue, Orange, Silver) and Metro Center (Blue, Orange, Red, Silver).

Reservation Link

https://www.eventbrite.co m/e/protecting-places-ofworship-forum-tickets-44564802524









UPROOTED **RESPONDING TO** MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND DISPLACED

PEOPLE

2018 CPJ Training Day

April 20, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church 1313 New York Avenue NW Washington, DC

In a time of historically high levels of migration, racism, xenophobia, sexism and religious bigotry are gaining a dangerous foothold. Violent conflict, climate change, and corruption foment discord and raise the stakes for vulnerable populations. Join fellow Presbyterians for Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day to look at how our church and our partners are confronting white supremacy and nativism while supporting refugee and migrant populations in our country and abroad. Through plenaries and workshops, we'll analyze our current context and provide tools for members and their congregations to address these urgent issues.

We believe God is with the Dreamer, the migrant and the outcast; that God calls us to create places of sanctuary to offer hospitality to the stranger and to welcome all — regardless of faith, race, gender identity or nationality; and that we must break down the dividing walls that separate us, opposing the false narratives spawned of hatred and nativism.

Register at: pcusa.org/advocacytraining

\$85 for CPJ Training Day only

\$70 with a registration to Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) Training Weekend

\$40 for students and youth (under 30)

(Cost will increase \$10 after March 16)

2018 CPJ Training Day, April 20:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Matilde Moros is a decolonial, transnational feminist Christian ethicist, for whom theological and social ethics must respond to sexual violence and racism which have led to social exclusion of many peoples including Latin American and

Latinx communities. Her research on the communal and historical effects of violence has led her to an approach to liberation ethics in which resistance methods has become the primary focus. Dr. Moros is assistant professor with the Department of Gender Sexuality and Women's Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

FEATURED PANELISTS



Rev. James Makuei Choul serves as the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency (PRDA), the humanitarian arm of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS). He is a highly experienced advocate for

peace and reconciliation in South Sudan, with a strong commitment to human rights and humanitarian issues. Rev. Choul works in partnership with local communities to further PRDA's mission of hope, through community based relief efforts, rehabilitation and development activities that meet and address the social and physical needs of the South Sudan people.

Maha Kolko is a caseworker and co-sponsorship developer at Kentucky Refugee Ministries. Originally from Syria, she received a Ph.D. degree in linguistics from The University of Reading, United Kingdom. She has been active in communicating with different churches and other community faiths to provide a safe, welcoming environment for refugees. She also assists refugees in their resettlement process and integration.



Elmer Zavala pastors the Presbyterian Hispanic Latino Ministry of Preston Highway, a new worshiping community of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery comprised mainly of undocumented immigrants. The ministry focuses on house-church

worship and relational, incarnational accompaniment. Elmer participated in the PC(USA) Reconciliation and Mission Program, a mutual mission-exchange program between citizens of the United States and citizens of Central American countries which introduced him to a PC(USA) church partner and theological seminary in Managua, Nicaragua, where he pursued theological training. Elmer served in local, pastoral roles and in national church leadership of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Nicaragua (IGLEMEN) and was ordained to IGLEMEN in 2011.

Stay for EAD Advocacy Training Weekend April 20 – 23!

ANDRED PROBLED RESPONDING TO MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE

After Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day, join the ecumenical community in facing "A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People" at Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD), April 20–23 at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Crystal City. Nearly one thousand Christian advocates engage in a weekend of workshops, lectures, and concrete actions, including "lobby day" on April 23, when advocates raise their voices in the halls of power for a more just society.

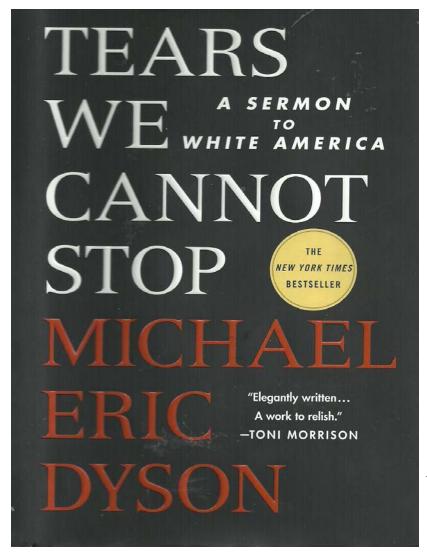


EAD Training Day Weekend 2017

Register for EAD at advocacydays.org/ 2018-a-world-uprooted/

For discounted hotel rates at EAD, visit advocacydays.org/2018-a-world-uprooted/location-housing/ or call the hotel at 1-800-222-8733.

For more information visit advocacydays.org
presbyterianmission.org/ministries/
compassion-peace-justice/washington/



DISCUSSION & ACTIVISM

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Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria

&

Rev. John Molina-Moore Northminster

Presbyterían Church, DC

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Tears We Cannot Stop:
A Sermon to White
America

by **Michael Eric Dyson**

Saturday, April 21. 2018 3p.m-5pm

at Northminster Presbyterian Church

Contact to RSVP at (202)362-8284 email:

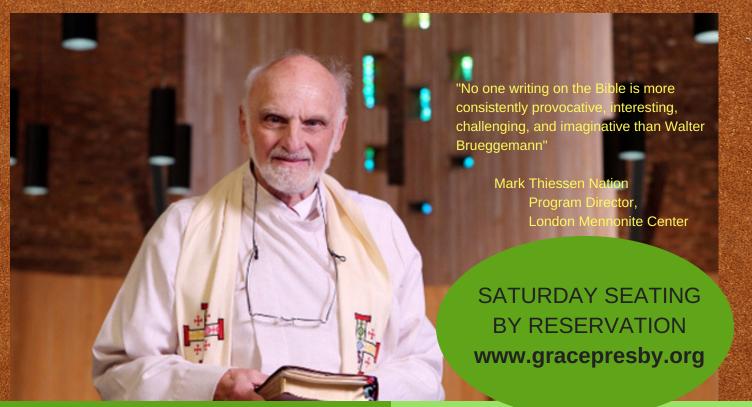
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Brought to you by Black Presbyterians United of National Capital Presbytery

Come welcome our new pastors over light refreshments to be served

UFE OUTSIDE THE TOXICITY of OUR COMMON CULTURE DR. WALTER BRUEGGEMANN





7434 BATH STREET SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150

Saturday Childcare Reservations accepted through April 17: \$10/child (\$20/familymax)

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

9:00 AM-10:30 AM "Follow the Money"

11:00 AM-12:30 PM "De-Formed and Re-Formed"

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

8:45 AM-10:00 AM "The Strange Alternative to Anxiety"

10:30 AM-11:30 AM "A Rich Complexity of Indispensable Pronouns"

Earth Care Fair

Kensington, Bethesda, North Chevy Chase

Earth Day | April 22, 2018 | 1:30 - 4 PM

Family Activities

& Demos!



Music & Giveaways!

Lightbulb exchange with DEP: Bring in old incandescent bulbs for up to 3 LEDs!

|Attending Organizations|

MNC Parks & Planning MCBA Beekeeper

RainScapes

Master Gardeners MC Dept. of Env. Protection and many more...

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

10123 Connecticut Ave. Kensington, MD 20895



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SPIRITUAL FORMATION APPRECIATION BRUNCH



In appreciation for the gifts, energy, and dedication of those involved in spiritual formation, the Spiritual Formation Team of the National Capital Presbytery invites you to join us for brunch. Come to connect with colleagues, share stories about your work, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Who: All Christian Educators, Youth Leaders,

Children's Ministry Leaders, Spiritual Formation

Pastors and Lay Leaders

What: Spiritual Formation Appreciation Brunch

When: Wednesday, April 25

10:00 - 11:30am

Where: Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

580 University Blvd E Silver Spring MD 20901

For questions or more information, contact Jen James - presbyjen@gmail.com



Church of the Redeemer, Presbyterian (USA)

Presbyterian Men & Women of Redeemer

Sponsors

Annual Scholarship Dinner



Keynote Speaker: Simba SanaSpeaker/Entrepreneur; Co-Founder of Karibu Books

Church of the Redeemer, Presby. 1423 Girard St, NE Washington, DC 20017

Friday, April 27, 2018 at 7:00 PM Tickets: \$50.00 per Adult

More detailed information, please contact:

Kevin P. Moore 202-258-4857

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Music that Makes Community Pentecost Weekend

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

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

4pm

Workshops for community singing

Discounts available for members of

National Capital Presbytery

Contact Paul Vasile at paul@musicthatmakescommunity.org

WHERE:

Church of the Covenant (PCUSA)
2666 Military Rd
Arlington, VA 22207

https://www.covenantchurcharlington.org/

Contact: Rev. Beth Goss—cvnnt@verizon.net

Register at http://www.musicthatmakescommunity.org/.



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.



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 <u>NCP</u> under: "Group or Team Name."

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



For additional information please contact: Tom Hull at constructivellc@gmail.com or visit: fullercenter.org





Pastoral Care and Counseling Seminar

The Center for Pastoral Counseling of Virginia will be offering a nine-month training program in Pastoral Care and Counseling starting September 2018. The program effectively integrates the values of emotional healing and personal wholeness inherent in faith traditions with the principles and techniques of sound clinical counseling practices.

Applicants can also apply for the expanded two-year Clinical Residency Track.

Applications must be filed by June 2018.

For interest or questions please contact:

Rev. Catherine McCollough, LCSW 703-903-9696 x 202

cathy@pastoralcounseling.com

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