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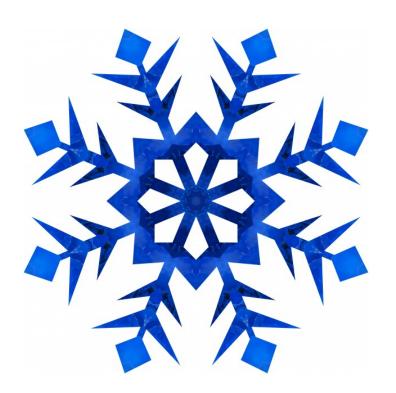
February 26-28 – Baltimore, MD

Strategize response to the disasters in Houston and Puerto Rico

Every Tuesday, 12:15 p.m. – conference call

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Denise Anderson
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Anne Benefield, HR
Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman
Tim Cargal
Karen Chamis

Mary Boyd Click, HR

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Anne Ellestad
Hilaire Henthorne
Roy Howard
Wes Jamison
Megan Klose
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John Lee
Tom Miles, HR
Charles Reinhold
Young Chan Ro
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Dewey Wallace, HR
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From the staff of National Capital Presbytery

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Pastoral Concerns:

The Rev. Thomas Schmid, HR, former pastor of Falls Church Presbyterian Church passed away December 25, 2017. Services for Tom will be held in Santa Barbara, CA, February 2, 2018. Please keep his wife, Elizabeth lifted in prayer.

Announcements

First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA, wants to give away about 150 copies of The Presbyterian Hymnal. These hymnals are still in relatively good condition and the church would be glad to help pay shipping costs. Contact Bryan Mickle, bryan@fpcarlington.org if interested.

Final Deadlines

Submission of Overtures for 223rd General Assembly June 16 to 23, 2018 St. Louis, Missouri

Deadlines for Submission to the Bills and Overtures Committee of Overtures and Requests for Concurrences with Other Presbyteries' Overtures for the 223rd General Assembly:

- January 2, 2018 final deadline for all overtures (to be voted on at the January 23, 2018 meeting of presbytery) and final deadline for all requests for concurrences seeking amendment to or interpretation of the Book of Order or that have financial implications.
- March 2, 2018 <u>final deadline</u> for concurrences regarding non-Book of Order/ non-authoritative interpretation/non-financial implications overtures (to be considered at special April 24, 2018 presbytery meeting).



Alive Inside

A joyous documentary that left audiences humming, clapping and cheering at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, where it won the Audience Award.

Witness the transformative power of music for people with dementia, mental illness, and physical issues. Includes interviews with patients' families and visionaries in healthcare. See music's healing power triumph where medications fall short.

Saturday, January 6, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church 10123 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895

The movie is free, courtesy of co-sponsor, Montgomery Hospice.

Reserve your spot at https://aliveinsidewmpc.eventbrite.com or call 301-949-2900.

Warner's parking lots are on both sides of Prospect Street, on the south side of Connecticut Ave. Use pedestrian crosswalk and church entrance at Washington St. Handicap entrance is on Connecticut Ave. http://www.aliveinside.us

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(Ages 12 & Under)

This annual event gathers the community to experience Dr. King's collective messages of love, equality, peace & justice from interfaith perspectives.

MLK PEACE EXPO SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH 2018

Welcome to the Beloved Community

Meet organizations serving the Washington metropolitan area

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1313 NEW YORK AVE. NW | WASHINGTON, DC 20005

4:30-5:30PM

Co-Sponsored by COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Reception with Light Refreshments

For Event or Exhibit Info Contact: Andra Baylus *mlk@ifcmw.org* *www.ifcmw.org

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The Future of the Church

Honoring our past, envisioning our future

Join the celebration as the *Presbyterian Outlook* marks 200 years of ministry.



HEATH RADA, MODERATOR OF THE 222ND GA, WILL DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE *OUTLOOK* IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.).

JILL DUFFIELD, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, WILL SHARE THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE *OUTLOOK*.



National Presbyterian Church
4101 NEBRASKA AVE NW, WASHINGTON DC 20016

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 4 pm

Reception to follow 5:15 - 6 pm

We look forward to hearing your ideas and hopes for the Outlook as we prepare for fulfill the next phase of our mission.

For more information contact Becca Messman at BeccaMessman@gmail.com

CONNECTED PARTINE COLLABORATION

MISSION

Service

Is your congregation currently partnering with another congregation on a mission project?

If so, we are compiling a list of connectional mission projects within the National Capital Presbytery to lift up and celebrate during the January Presbytery Meeting.

It can be with another National Capital Presbytery Church, it can be with another PC (USA) church outside of NCP, it could be an ecumenical or interfaith partnership in your neighborhood or even an international partnership!

We want to celebrate the connectional work you are doing and hopefully inspire other congregations to do the same

Because together we make a difference!

Have a project to share? Please send along a brief description of the project, all the congregations involved, and a photo that can be shared during the presbytery meeting and online to Mission Specialist Michael McNamara:

mmcnamara@thepresbytery.org





EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO BLOOM IN THE DESERT OF INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY

Presentation by the Rev. Kendra Grams, followed by group discussion exploring:

- challenges families face in overcoming intergenerational poverty
- emerging best practices for empowering children and parents together toward educational success and economic security
- ways congregations can offer their time and talents to address root causes of poverty
- possibilities for partnering with community organizations to further God's vision that all people would have abundant life

January 23, 2018, 4:00-5:15pm

National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

In 2015, Potomac Presbyterian Church launched a pilot program seeking to move families caught in the desert of intergenerational poverty toward self-sufficiency through intensive case management (provided by a local social service agency) and mentoring/ economic support (provided by the congregation). The program has sought to bring together the diverse gifts and resources of the congregation, the expertise of a local social service agency, and the emerging best practices for two-generational approaches to end poverty in the hope of developing a model to inspire the church to seek God's vision for the world in new and creative ways.



The Rev. Kendra Grams, Associate Pastor for Family Ministries at Potomac Presbyterian Church, has led this congregational effort and shares the story of this pilot program in her Doctorate of Ministry thesis Congregational and Nonprofit Social Service Agency Partnership to Move Families Experiencing Intergenerational Poverty Toward Self-Sufficiency Using a Two-Generation Approach.



The 2018 NEXT Church National Gathering will explore how the church can embrace a wilderness identity in pursuit of the hope, resilience, clarity, and resurrection so often found there.

Visit <u>nextchurch.net</u> for more information about NEXT Church or to register for the 2018 National Gathering.

Refugee Ministry Network Gathering

Presbytery Open Space * January 23, 2018 * 4 p.m.

All those who are interested in refugee ministry, resettlement or advocacy are invited to attend a gathering of the Refugee Ministry Network at the January Open Space.

This meeting will offer an opportunity to connect with other congregations and individuals that are engaged in this important work, and will be helpful for those who are already involved as well as those exploring this ministry!

Please contact Karen Chamis (kchamis@thepresbytery.org) for more information.



The Flight into Egypt by Giotto di Bondone (1304–06, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua)

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." (Matthew 2:13)

HARVEY HOUSTON HOPE

In response to the devastation in Houston, the **Disaster Response Network** of the Presbytery is organizing a work
trip to Houston, TX. We'll be working in conjunction with the
Fuller Center (<u>www.fullercenter.org</u>) to provide relief by
engaging both our hearts and hands.

You're invited to join us – either by supporting the trip through donations, or by sending individuals to work alongside their brothers and sisters of National Capital Presbytery.

Date: May 27 - June 2, 2018

Cost: \$100 – includes housing and materials. Several options for transportation are being developed and will be available.

To register, contact the Riverside Church: 703-444-3528 **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 24th, 2018**For information, contact Karen Chamis: kchamis@thepresbytery.org

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GATHERING

BALTIMORE, MD

FEBRUARY 26-28

JOIN NEXT CHURCH IN BALTIMORE FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL GATHERING!

The National Gathering is filled with church leaders (pastors and lay people) sharing stories of their experiences of ministry, new ideas they are trying, and honest conversations about ministry today. Creative worship centers us around God's presence. Multiple opportunities to engage in workshops and conversation about aspects of ministry foster new and deeper connections.

SPEAKERS

David Leong and Jonathan Walton will give keynotes. Kathryn Johnston, Billy Honor, and Jennifer Barchi are preaching.

WORKSHOPS

Interested in learning more about worship, ideological diversity, mission, or Cultivated Ministry? There's a workshop for you - and you have the chance to participate in three!

LAY LEADERS

There is a 20% discount for lay leaders, plus workshop opportunities specifically for lay leaders as well.

REGISTRATION

The registration cost ranges from \$189-\$319. There are day rates for those not able to attend the entire Gathering. Scholarships are available as well!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER: WWW.NEXTCHURCH.NET



CCH Newsletter

November 2017





COMMUNITY COALITION FOR

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Who's your village?

My family and I moved to a new town a year and a half ago, leaving behind everything and everyone that we knew. Our new church in that new town quickly became our village. We encourage each other, challenge each other and care for each other. I love it.

When I marvel at the ways that the Lord works in this world. I see Him so clearly in the relationships that are forged between His people. I see Him in how quickly kindergarteners cement new friendships. I see Him at work in how He's paired me with such an eclectic, fun and determined group of men and women to lead CCH's ministries together. I know He's the one

who pulls together teams of volunteers who don't know one another at all but then uses their unique gifts to work in miraculous ways in Haiti. As we work and walk together, He's using us to encourage each other, challenge each other and care for each other.

This Coalition is a village - it's our village.

At CCH, we regularly celebrate what God is doing through the Coalition. I think we're good at not taking that for granted. But we must also look ahead and prepare for what's coming. We must ready ourselves now – because the work is far from done!

I have this fire in my belly that tells me something special is happening here. The stories told in this newsletter reinforce that sense of anticipation. With a very grateful heart, I thank you for being a part of this work. And with a spirit of expectation. I challenge all of us to commit ourselves to being an active and generous participant in whatever is it God has planned for CCH now and in the future. Find a way to stretch yourself a bit further - do a bit more. There are needs and opportunities specified in these pages. Are you ready?

- Call

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.



Join CCH on this global day of giving!

November 28, 2017

www.cchaiti.org

IEALTHCARE



Haitian nursing student, Ramonite (left), and US nurse, Jen Riley (right), prep their patient with an IV and some TLC.

Did Somebody Call for a Doctor?

We want to shout from the rooftops how much we love our healthcare volunteers! Since our June newsletter. 5 teams of doctors, nurses. and students have changed lives in Haiti. Teams led by Dr. Eunghwan Kim (Dentistry), Dr. Nancy Eisele (Ophthalmology), Dr.

Lori Dabinett (OB-GYN). Dr. Suzanne

Yoder (Pediatrics) and Dr. Wayne Reichman (Vascular) worked tirelessly along-

side CCH's Haitian doctors and nurses to serve patients and provide healthcare training.

There are so many powerful stories from these past months at the clinic. Take 73year-old M. Sanom (photo top left), for instance. He came to the CCH clinic with a hernia, which left him unable to support his

family as a construction worker. Connect-

Amazing place and

are here.

people. They treat us like family while we

- Jen Riley, Volunteer

ing with CCH, Mr. Sanom was not only able to under-

stand

his medical condition but also have it treated by competent, caring doctors and nurses at CCH's Jim Wilmot Surgical Center. We're pleased to report that he's feeling better and back to work.

Interested to serve in our Clinic? Contact Audrey at

audrev@cchaiti.org.

Hands-On Learning

by Carley Jackson (CCH Healthcare Intern, Summer 2017)

"From patients with broken femurs to paraplegic patients to stroke patients to patients still rehabilitating injuries from the earthquake in 2010. I have seen so much at the CCH Physical Therapy Clinic. I worked side-by-side with Juberson (the PT) to evaluate new patients,, gaining knowledge in PT, physiology, and designing treatment protocols. I have seen Barbo and Baker (the PT aides) use inventive treatment techniques, and have been able to assist them in their daily responsibilities. There are many things about the clinic that are different from anything I've ever seen. The few machines they have are outdated, the clinic is so packed in the morning that



patients share beds, but the quality of the treatment is outstanding considering the circumstances. The staff really cares about the patients, and the patients really work to get better



Above: Dr. Kim and a dental patient. Below: a Cholera Treatment Nurse (left) explains to a mom some sanitation methods to help prevent cholera.



Prevention > Treatment

End of summer ushered in the rainy season in Haiti, and with it, an increased threat of cholera.

CCH proactively trained 6 Haitian

nurses to provide cholera prevention training to an additional 4.000+ rural families in Southeast Haiti this fall. By year end, this initiative.

sponsored in part by Brother's Brother Foundation will have reached more than 66,000 families living in areas with limited access to healthcare.

EDUCATION

Exploding Volcanoes and the Teenage Brain

The intrepid heroes of the CCH Education Team traveled to Haiti twice since our last newsletter. In July, they helped host a science & arts camp, and in October, they continued teacher trainings and screened rural students for vision problems.

Summer camp highlights included: homemade volcanoes, geology lessons with solar viewing glasses, music lessons on recorders, strategy games like Othello, dramatic reenactments of Haitian history and art class.. And that was just for the students!

Teachers got to go to camp too where they learned about the teenage brain, classroom/ time management skills, calendar math, the writing process, and how to incorporate scripture lessons into classroom activities.

In October, we made a big push for health and vision screenings at our 3 partner schools (see more on p.

4). Teachers participated in 8 seminars on topics like: how and why to teach art, puzzles and games for brain stimulation, lesson planning, poetry, and large/fine motor development and how to spot delays,

We also dug into the complicated reasons why school attendance varies so much at our partner schools. Dave Pierre (CCH's Education Liaison) visited families of students who haven't been coming to school to try and better understand the problems they face.





Above: Students engage their brains with art and science at summer camp. Below left: Barb Pugliese - CCH board member, Education volunteer, and sponsor of Dachnaica, a Mt. Fleuri student.



Student Sponsors Bring Learning to Life

In September, CCH's Back to School Sponsorship Drive welcomed 16 new student sponsors. We also celebrated all of our student/ teacher sponsors and education volunteers with a luncheon hosted by Vienna Presbyterian Church.

CCH Education Liaison Dave Pierre participated in a Q&A session during the lunch, thanks to Zoom videoconferencing technology!

We know not everyone can travel to Haiti. CCH is blessed by a devoted group of education supporters who make these ministries possible - in a multitude of ways. Thank you!

If you want to get involved with the CCH Education Team and volunteer in the US or in Haiti, please contact Emmy Parker at: emelieparker@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Wellness at School and Home

CCH's focus on total wellness is a key pillar of our community development programs. One of the biggest impacts we've made towards wellness is serving students and families through school

-based health clinics.

Three times a year, we bring our mobile clinic, doctors, and nurses to each school and provide health check ups and medications for 400 students. Parents come to the wellness clinics to network with other parents and discuss any concerns they're seeing at home.

Parents cannot easily come into the clinic in

Jacmel; they're so appreciative when we bring the clinic to them.

In October we expanded our ser-

vices with vision screenings for the students and teachers. We caught several cases where prescription or reading glasses instantly improved



A nurse checks this student's pulse at her school clinic.

their quality of life.

For a few students, we've caught serious health issues,

like Marlange and Kenson (see below). But for every dramatic story like these, there are hundreds of regular families benefiting too. Parents are so grateful to find out what that rash is, or have ibuprofen at home for the next fever, or just be reassured that their children are healthy.

Vital Signs

Marlange Alexis attended a wellness clinic at her school in October, and failed her vision tests.
Dr. Nancy
Eisele, a volunteer ophthal-



mologist, diagnosed her issue as a genetic one (also shared with her brother at the same school), and plans to return to Haiti and

operate in the spring.

Kenson's lifethreatening heart condition was discovered during a

wellness check too. CCH's Dr. Francois knew that we couldn't take on his surgical case, but worked together with our network of partners in Haiti to find help. Kenson's dad says, "If it weren't for CCH and the Haiti Cardiac Alliance, my son's heart condition never would have been discovered and he wouldn't have survived another year."

Read more about Kenson and Marlange on the CCH website.

The Birds and the Bees

Our livestock and agriculture programs continue to lift up families and communities. A honey extracting centrifuge was shipped to Haiti this summer and will be used to





Left: Beekeepers harvest honey soon with CCH's new centrifuge. Right: Haiti Director, Rubinste St Louis takes care of the flocks.

harvest honey from community beehives.

School gardens are also thriving. At CCH partner schools,

students benefit from classroom and hands-on training in garden techniques, and the vegetable crops are used in school lunches.

We're also experimenting with raising ducks and geese in a new CCH-managed lot next to Isai-ah House. Check out page 5 for how you can give a gift of goats, turkeys, chickens and more to a family in Haiti!

JOIN THE COALITION

Everyone Can Serve

We celebrate how each one of you contributes in your own unique way to our mission. We want to thank everyone who:

- Gave a donation or "gift for good"
- Came to Haiti as a volunteer
- Attended or volunteered at a US event
- Donated: recorders, hygiene kits, books, pill bottles, soccer equipment, OTC medications, fluoride treatments. or eclipse viewing glasses.
- Sewed a dress or reusable pad for girls
- Shared professional expertise with CCH's board/staff/ volunteers

We are all part of the Coalition! This page is all about YOU and the ways you can help the Coalition go BEYOND AID in Haiti.

Upcoming Opportunities

Volunteer





We have a huge need for dentists, optometrists, and ophthal-mologists to serve in

Help take vital signs and records at a school wellness clinic: 1/21/18 - 2/2/18; 2/12/18 -2/16/18; 5/23/18 - 6/1/18





PT/OT professionals can join our physical therapy trip Mar. 2-11,

Help at a CCH event, like our Jim Wilmot Golf Tournament on

dates TBD





our staff and volunteers

Give back after Black #GI❤ING Friday with a "Giving Tuesday" gift on 11/28/17

Give

Purchase "gifts for good" for

holidays and birthdays





Buy a table and bring your friends to dance the night away at our 5th Annual Benefit (3/17/18)

Fund a new passenger van for

Help CCH go "Beyond Aid" with a year end gift before 12/31/17



Let's Go... Beyond Aid

Join our 2018 education trips -

For 26 years, CCH has focused on building long-term sustainable solutions, always in partnership and always with an emphasis on training. Why? Because we believe that empowering Haitians as agents of change is how real and lasting change is accomplished. Helping Haitians help themselves - that's beyond aid.

Support CCH with a year-end gift, and your dollars will go beyond aid. Use the enclosed envelope to respond now or give online at www.cchaiti.org.

Gifts for Good

Holiday shopping? Consider a "Gift for Good" from CCH. You can provide a family in Haiti with the gift of livestock, healthcare, or education through the Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH).

Check our website for in-person market dates and locations. Can't shop in person? You can purchase Gifts for Good online: www.cchaiti.org





Community Coalition for Haiti P.O. Box 1222 Vienna, VA 22183

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Team Building

"Gooooal!" is the same in every language thanks to international fervor for soccer. We were thrilled to welcome volunteers from the soccer teams of Shenandoah University and FC Shenandoah Elite club this summer. They ran a "girls empowerment" camp that taught soccer and celebrated team building both on and off the field. Girls who participated in the camp have been practicing weekly and are excited to welcome back the SU women's soccer team for another camp in January 2018.

We've seen these girls grow so much both in soccer skills, and in self discipline as they remain committed to the team.

I often feel that I'm traveling to Haiti to help others, but truth be told, I feel like I receive all the blessings.

- Morgan Carson, Volunteer

Team Building was also a theme for the Summer Mission Project volunteers from Vienna Presbyterian and First Baptist Churches (Vienna, VA) in July. These high school and college students and adults battled the Haitian sun to help build new classrooms at Lavanneau school. They also ran a Vacation Bible School for students.



Caitlyn Michalsky makes new friends at VBS.

NCP Mission Highlights Videos

Want to learn more about the **Community Coalition for Haiti** and other NCP Mission Partners?

Check out our <u>Mission Highlights Videos</u>

"Connecting our Congregations - Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH)"



Other recent videos:

Transformation – Building New Communities "The Porch" Earth Care Network Day Laborers Program