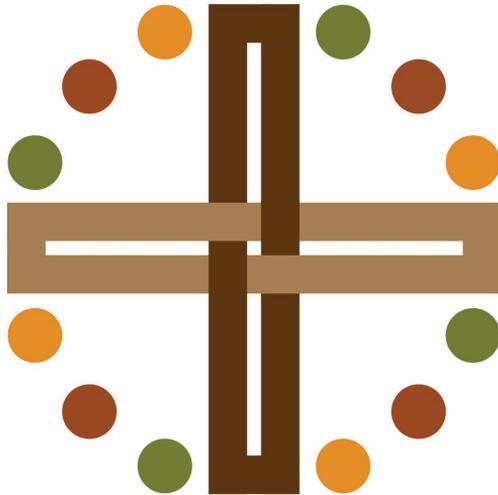


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*January 10, 2019*

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*March 30 – Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church*

##### **Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019**

*July 16-20 – Purdue University*

# Birthday Greetings for the month of **January**



Denise Anderson  
Carol Barrett  
Anne Benefield, HR  
Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman  
Tim Cargal  
Karen Chamis  
Mary Boyd Click, HR  
MaryAnn Collins-Stauffer  
MaryAnn McKibben Dana

Anne Ellestad  
Joyce Emery  
Hilaire Henthorne  
Laura Hollister  
Roy Howard  
Wes Jamison  
Megan Klose  
Lisa Larsen  
John Lee

Craig Meek  
Tom Miles, HR  
Charles Reinhold  
Young Chan Ro  
Blaine Smith, HR  
Dewey Wallace, HR  
David Williams

From  
the staff of  
**National Capital Presbytery**  
colette debbie, jan, karen,  
lajuan, sara, todd,



## PASTORAL CONCERNS



Prayers for **Nancy and Quinn Fox (Assoc. Pastor, National Presbyterian Church)** on the death of Nancy's father, Edward Patrick "Ed" Trumble, December 26, 2018. He was 94 years old.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Reformed Institute's annual convocation** is January 26 at National Presbyterian. Please see publicity in this Thursday Mail. Note: To reserve childcare contact Mary Hill ([mhill@reformedinstitute.org](mailto:mhill@reformedinstitute.org)) by Jan. 20.

**Earth Care Congregation Applications now being received! Earth Care Congregation annual enrollment/recertification period is January 1-February 15.** First Year Application (excel form) and Recertification (excel form) are to be submitted by email to [jessica.maudlin@pcusa.org](mailto:jessica.maudlin@pcusa.org). To become a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation, a church tracks its commitments to earth care in the areas of worship, education, facilities, and outreach. For information go to: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/> National Capital Presbytery Earth Care Network members are ready to assist. Meet us in the foyer at the next Presbytery meeting.

January 10, 2019



Dear Friends,

Talk to me for any length of time, and you'll learn I'm a native of Buffalo, NY. You'll also learn of my passion for snow, especially snowstorms. Even as an adult, I can still appreciate a snow day. As a child it was time away from school, and time spent with family by the fire. As an adult, I've discovered that snow days can be best appreciated as forced Sabbath-time.... a break in the normal pattern of work that gives me much needed space to breathe and to remember who I am, and Whose I am. (I'm also aware that not everyone has the luxury of enjoying a snow day. For many, it's a costly event that impacts income and welfare. Still. I love snow!)

In this in-between season of the Presbytery, I'm being deliberate about sabbath-keeping, both personal and organizational. I'm also becoming more aware that there are different sorts of sabbath – and some of that is driven by our intent. There's the sort of sabbath that is part of our faith-rhythm, the purposeful weekly break (or longer sabbatical) for re-creation and time away from work. There's the accidental sabbath of a snow day (or a well-used traffic jam!) that is a re-framing that breaks into our normal pattern. This can be received, if we choose, as a gift. Each of these allow us time for contemplation and refreshment and re-connection with our God.

In this in-between season of our Presbytery, I'm also cognizant that there's another sort of withdrawal that occurs in our organizational life. It's akin to what happens after the busy Advent and Christmas season in the church – attendance drops, and folks pray for a Sunday snow day so that they can legitimately stay home and read the Sunday paper. Although we know the work continues – we also know we are unable to continue without rest. And for many of us, this sort of rest is essential. This isn't sabbath-time per se, but critical time apart and it comes with the promise to re-engage.

I fear, however, that sometimes we confuse sabbath time – deliberate, accidental or critical – with apathy. Whereas sabbath assumes reintegration into work, apathy offers no such path. Defined as a lack or suppression of emotion, apathy eats away at the core of our personal and communal lives. It spreads as a dis-ease amongst the body and we become lukewarm, neither cold or hot. Of all the potential dangers to an organization – apathy is the most treacherous. Ironically, one of the best ways to deter apathy... is with sabbath-keeping.

So... let us find some sabbath rest in this in-between season but let us not lose our excitement for the ministry we do together. And, if you find yourself lacking passion for our work together... call me. Let's discover how we might light that flame again.

Grateful for you,

Karen

## Clerks' Tip of the Month Happy New Year!!



And welcome to new Clerks of Session! You are reading a monthly column by me, the Stated Clerk of National Capital Presbytery. If you've never been a clerk before, there are a lot of things to learn, and I will cover some of them in my Tips of the Month. My assistant, Jan Moody ([jmoody@thepresbytery.org](mailto:jmoody@thepresbytery.org)), and I are also here to help you when you have questions.

First, some presbytery resources. The presbytery has a webpage, [www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org), which is chock full of information. If your personnel committee needs a sample terms of call, you can find it under Committee on Ministry Documents. If you need a sample Child Protection Policy, you can find it under Documents. If you want to connect with other churches doing refugee ministry or earth care, look under Work of the Presbytery, National Capital Mission. If ministries in your church might benefit from a grant, webinars on communications, or stewardship resources, look under the "Resources for Congregations" tab.

And importantly for clerks, there is an Office of the Stated Clerk page, which can be accessed from the Home Page, under "Presbytery Meetings." The Stated Clerk page has information on the [required] session records reviews and on the [required] annual reports. It also has a copy of a "Manual for Stated Clerks" outlining the duties of stated clerks and providing some helps. All my previous Tips for Clerks are archived there. And there is a downloadable copy of the Book of Order.

Another website you might find useful is [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org), the website of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Frankly, although it has a lot of information, the search engine leaves something to be desired. It is worth your time poking around on, but if you are interested in a particular topic, you would probably have greater success Googling it than using the inhouse search engine, a tip I learned from an employee of the Office of General Assembly. Of particular interest to clerks of session is a page concerning ruling elders—that has training resources and through which you can access (and provide to your session) "Regarding Ruling Elders," a monthly series for ruling elders: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/ruling-elders/>. Another useful PCUSA website for clerks is the Presbyterian Historical Society site that has information on managing records: <https://www.history.pcusa.org/services/records-management/records-congregations>.

One of the most important things a clerk does, although it isn't mentioned specifically in the Book of Order, is to communicate things that are useful. This column is my attempt to communicate to you things that will help you as clerks. I hope you find things to communicate that will be useful to your sessions and congregations.

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

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



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**Dismantling Racism**

**NCP Confronting Racism Task Force  
Listening Project Open Space  
January 22, 2019, and March 26, 2019**

The NCP Confronting Racism Task Force is beginning phase II of its three-phase process, which ends with three or four strong recommendations to Leadership Council to address the Presbytery's five-year Mission emphasis to "Bear public witness to the love, truth, and justice of God in Jesus Christ specifically in the areas of racism and reconciliation," by listening first to each of our own congregations, and following to listen as broadly as possible throughout the Presbytery at three opportunities offered at Open Spaces, two opportunities remain, January, and March, and listening to our elders at retirement centers throughout National Capital Presbytery.

Our sessions will consist of a focus group of 10-12 members, facilitated and recorded by two members of the NCP Confronting Racism Task Force. If you are interested in participating in one of these listening sessions, please show up on time (4:00PM) at one of the three Open Spaces listed above. We will accept the first 10-12 persons, creating the most diverse group possible. Please arrive having considered the following four questions:

- 1)As a child, what have you heard adults around you say about people of other races?
- 2)What are your basic thoughts/beliefs about people who are a different race than you?
- 3)How does your faith impact how you understand race?
- 4)What has been your experience of race in the church?

We look forward to hearing from you!



*Bearing public witness to the*

**love, truth and justice**  
of God in Jesus Christ

# Re-Envision Your Ministry

## 2019 Bridges Evangelism Workshop

**How has God called you to engage your community?**

**What is your vision for your social network?**

**During this workshop,**

- ❖ **create a vision board that visually captures the direction of your ministry beyond the walls of the church,**
- ❖ **see what others are doing, and**
- ❖ **get re-inspired to do God's work in the world!**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church**

**610 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD**

**9 am – 12 pm - \$15 per person - Lunch provided with registration at noon**

**Register now at: [www.bridgesus.org/re-envision-your-ministry-2019](http://www.bridgesus.org/re-envision-your-ministry-2019)**

*“Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. Habakkuk 2:2:3 (Message)*

# THE REFORMED INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

PRESENTS ITS SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

## Still People of the Book? — Protestant Identity in Our Time

Does it matter whether Christians know anything about the Bible? Does it matter whether they understand the claims their churches' creeds make? For most of their history Protestants assumed the answer to questions of this sort was obvious. Not only did they seek to make the Bible as widely available as possible, but they also made a concerted effort to enable people to understand the basic doctrines of their churches. They valued, in other words, an educated laity, out of a conviction that religious literacy is important to the practice of discipleship, and that is a reason why Protestants were so effective in influencing the wider culture. In our time, however, that appears to be less and less the case — in the industrialized world, at least. In other parts of the world Protestants often exhibit today some of the same zeal for Biblical and theological knowledge that past generations did in this part of the world. But even in the United States, the level of Biblical knowledge among Protestants (including evangelicals) appears to be quite low, and the churches seem to be unable to do anything about it. What is the meaning and significance of this development? Does it portend a fundamental change in Protestant identity? If so, of what sort? Where is it taking us?



### Dr. R. Bruce Douglass

*Outgoing Director of the Reformed Institute  
Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Government  
Georgetown University*

Dr. Bruce Douglass, a ruling elder in the PCUSA, was the Director of the Reformed Institute from its inception in 2003 until 2018. He is Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Government, Georgetown University and Dean of the Faculty, Georgetown College 1994–1998. Bruce is the author of *The Iron Cage Revisited* (Routledge 2018) (among other works).



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WASHINGTON

## Saturday, January 26, 2019

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

Continental breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Presentation and Response, 9:30 a.m. to Noon

*No charge for this event; registration is helpful but not required  
Books will be available for sale.*

Snow Date: Saturday, March 23

To register: [www.reformedinstitute.org](http://www.reformedinstitute.org) or contact  
Mary Hill, program coordinator, 703-518-5125, [mhill@reformedinstitute.org](mailto:mhill@reformedinstitute.org)

From the director of  
*BONHOEFFER, The Power of Forgiveness, and  
An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*

# **BACKS AGAINST THE WALL**

The Howard Thurman Story

A film by  
Martin Doblmeier

**February 5, 2019, 6:30 pm**  
**New York Avenue**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
**1313 New York Avenue NW**  
**Washington, DC 20005**

*Panel discussion with the filmmaker and  
local DC pastors immediately following*

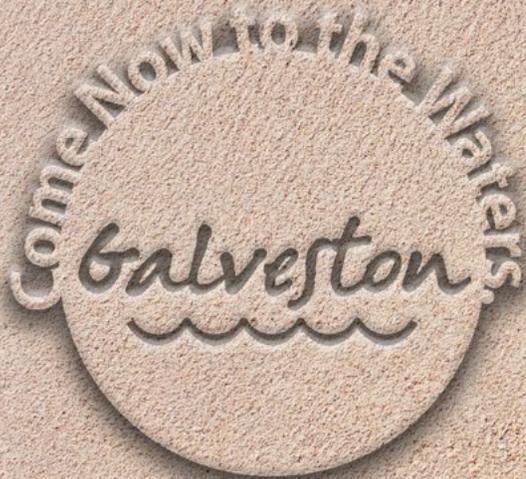
Free and open to the public  
RSVP at

[www.howardthurmanfilm.eventbrite.com](http://www.howardthurmanfilm.eventbrite.com)

*Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar Program at  
New York Presbyterian Church and  
Howard University School of Divinity*

[www.journeyfilms.com](http://www.journeyfilms.com)





*Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters . . .*

—Isaiah 55:1a



**2019 APCE Annual Event**  
February 6–9, 2019

Consider a piece of sea glass or driftwood. Each time the item is washed out to sea and washed back in to shore it is changed: the rough edges are refined, and the grain is softened. Each has the potential to become something new. Just as objects are changed by the ebb and flow of the tides, so our ministry is reshaped by the changes in the world around us.

Change is all around us: in the church, in our communities, and in the world. New understandings of how disciples are formed lead us to examine and try new models of ministry, involving education, mission, and worship.

This **2019 APCE Annual Event** is for your entire team. Pastors, educators, musicians, mission advocates, youth workers, lay leaders, and volunteers of every kind: **“Come Now to the Waters”** to be enriched, empowered, connected, and sustained!

## Meet our Plenary and Worship Leaders!



**Dr. Lisa Kimball** will lead us in a discussion of the changing language of Christian Education and Faith Formation.



**Dr. Tom Long’s** two plenary presentations will explore the role worship plays in faith formation and show how participating in mission and service shapes faith.



**Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long** will design and lead worship services.



**Hugh Donnelly** will be our event music leader and will offer an opportunity to experience a different “style” of worship each day.



**Karen DeBoer, Dr. Tori Smit,** and the **Rev. Tony McNeill** will share their experiences and insights about the strengths that intergenerational ministry offers the church.



## Pre-events—3 Reasons to Come Early!



### Silent Retreat at Villa de Matel

Spend four hours in silence (numerous prayer spaces within the center, a labyrinth on the grounds, and trails for walking)

and debrief the experience led by a spiritual director. Lunch will be provided and eaten in silence.



### Visit to Space Center Houston

Encounter the exciting future and remarkable past of America's space program. This experience is designed to engage adults and children alike.



### Hotel Registration is open NOW!

This year there are three hotels to choose from: Hilton Hotel, San Luis Hotel, and Holiday Inn Resort. All are within walking distance to the Galveston Island Convention Center, where worship, plenaries, marketplace, and most workshops will be held.

**Over 70 Workshops** will be featured—for the brand-new educator as well as seasoned educator. Special tracts will be offered for church musicians and youth workers.

**Bonus Workshops** will be offered on Wednesday morning at no additional cost!

### Welcome to the 2020s: Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation

The arrival of a new decade is a good time to create an “agenda” for the future of faith formation. Presenter John Roberto will explore seven areas for the future development of faith formation in congregations.



Opening night will  
kick off with a  
Mardi Gras celebration.

A taste of Texas • Mardi Gras beads •  
Michael Deacon and Texas Heat Band •  
photo booths • Texas displays • and more

**Certification Class** will be a hybrid model of Worship and Sacraments led by Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski.

**Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM)** partners with APCE in 2019. Many new enriching options will be offered, such as a hymn festival, conference choir, reading sessions, and an operetta.

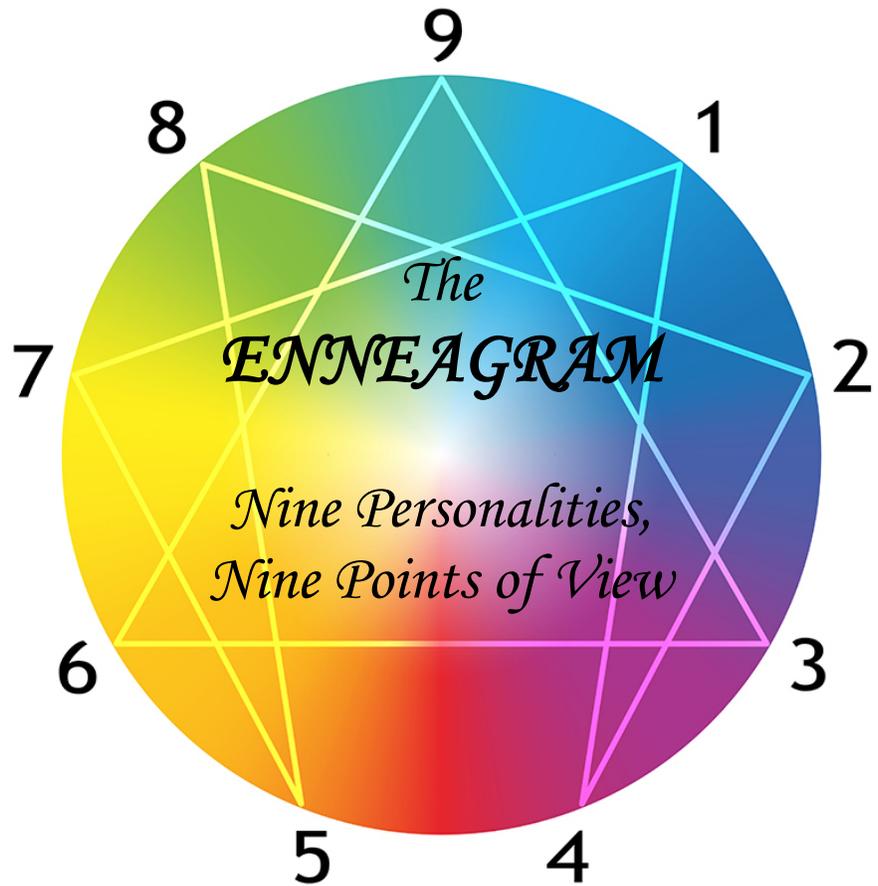
**Presbyterian Youth Workers Association (PYWA)** continues Partnership with APCE for 2019.

Registration will open in mid-September. Watch for the announcement! You'll want to sign up early for best selections.

The Enneagram is a powerful tool for self-discovery. It is based on the theory that each of us is a variation on one of nine core personality types.

In discovering our type, we gain access to the underlying motivation and focus of attention to which each of us is predisposed. By observing our motivation and attention, we can broaden our experience of life.

Over time we have become “blind” to our automatic behaviors and ingrained motivations. The Enneagram helps us to look at our “blindness” in an accepting way and move our individual lives into a more humble and effective balance.



## A Workshop for Clergy

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

-lunch provided, \$10 donation suggested -

Registration is required, but the workshop is free.

Please contact: [kchamis@thepresbytery.org](mailto:kchamis@thepresbytery.org)



### About Barbara Jaquette, MSW

**Enneagram:** Studied and taught the Enneagram for 30 years. Certified to teach by the Helen Palmer / David Daniels school of the Enneagram in the narrative tradition. (Narrative tradition means that it is in telling our story and listening to the stories of others that we come to know the Enneagram.)

**Professional:** High school teacher – home economics, family life, child development, relationship communications, independent living. Leader of program that was part of a Maryland Drop-out Prevention initiative. Pastoral Counselor with a small interdenominational agency that partnered with churches to become part of their community mission commitment.

**Presbyterian:** All my life. Baptized at Church of the Pilgrims. Member of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church for 60 years – deacon, elder, Stephen Ministry leader.



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# 2019 NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING

March 11–13, 2019 || Seattle First Presbyterian Church



*Tali Hairston*



*Jennifer Harvey*



*Mary Ellen Azada*



*Kelle Brown*



*Eliana Maxim*

The NEXT Church National Gathering is filled with church leaders (pastors, lay people, seminarians, educators, youth workers, and more) 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. And multiple opportunities to engage in workshops and conversation about particular aspects of ministry foster new and deeper connections. We hope you will make plans to join us!

**LEARN MORE & REGISTER: [WWW.NEXTCHURCH.NET](http://WWW.NEXTCHURCH.NET)**

**The Spiritual Formation Team of NCP IS offering scholarships!**



**The  
Sargent  
Gospel-Aires  
38th  
Anniversary  
Concert**

**Saturday,  
March 30, 2019  
at 4:00 p.m.**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church  
5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave. NE  
Washington, D.C. 20019  
Rev. Juan P. Guthrie  
(202) 396-1710



**PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019**  
**July 16-20, 2019 • Purdue University**

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NCP REGISTRAR:

Doug Mar, member of Immanuel PC, 703-350-1665

**Looking for adult leadership**—please contact Doug

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AUDIENCE:

High School age youth and accompanying adult advisors.  
(Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21 yrs+)

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THEME:

"Here's My Heart"

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REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open late 2018 and conclude May 2019

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REGISTRATION  
FEE:

Youth: \$555.00

18yrs & Older: \$575.00

Work Crew: \$475

(Registration fee includes all programming, food, & lodging.  
Everything but travel to the event)