

# THURSDAY MAILING



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*August 15, 2019*

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### **Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2019**

*“The Pulse of Generosity: Vital Signs of a Healthy Steward*

*September 30-October 2 – San Diego, CA*

***NCP Stewardship Committee is offering Scholarships to attend this conference!***

**BIG SING with John Bell, hymn writer & social justice leader**

*Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar in Residence Program*

*October 2 – New York Avenue Presbyterian Church*

**The Presbyterian Outlook**

*Bicentennial Celebration Forum and Luncheon*

*“Celebrating our Past, Envisioning Our Future”*

*October 5- Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA*

**Community Coalition for Haiti: Travel to Haiti and Share your Skills**

*October 5-12 – contact [kate@cchaiti.org](mailto:kate@cchaiti.org)*

**Presbyterian Peace Fellowship – Celebrating 75 Years!**

*“Learn & Discern – Accompaniment & Peacebuilding in Colombia  
& the US/Mexico Borderlands”*

*October 11-14 (**sign up required**)*

**Racial Awareness and Mindfulness 2019**

**Join Us for ALLYSHIP TRAINING – Led by Whitney Parnell**

*October 19 – Westminster Presbyterian Church, DC (**registration required**)*

**Healthy Congregations – Led by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center**

**Sponsored by Ministry Relations Team of NCP**

*October 25-26 – Saint Mark Presbyterian church (**registration required**)*

**Cuba Educational and Mission Trip**

*Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church*

*November 6-13 Cuba*



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

Sam Atiemo  
Don Benjamin, HR  
Lucy Bowerman  
Jean Brown  
Jen Dunfee  
David Emery  
David Gray  
Chris Halverson, HR  
Ruth Hamilton  
Bob Harris, HR  
Maggie Hayward

Diane Hendricks  
Ann Herlin  
Patrick Hunnicutt  
Elenora Ivory, HR  
Chul Kim  
Shannon Kiser  
Bill Kosanovich, HR  
Donna Marsh  
Jan Moody  
Gail Porter Nelson  
Debbie Parsons

Jacob Rodawla  
Mary Rodgers  
Jo Ann Staebler  
Steven Swanson, HR  
Bev Swayze  
Donna Weddle, HR  
Juli Wilson-Black  
Dick Winter, HR  
John Yoo  
Yeo Cheon Un, HR

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





## PASTORAL CONCERNS

**The Rev. David Ensign, pastor, Clarendon Presbyterian Church**, mother, Jane Harrigan Ensign, 91. died peacefully on July 31, 2019, in Chattanooga, surrounded by her loving family. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Northside Presbyterian Church.

**The Rev. Diane Hutchins, HR**, fell in June and broke her pelvis. She is now home and is recovering after spending some time in rehab. At this time, it is difficult for Diane to talk, so she prefers not to be called. Cards and emails, along with prayers and words of encouragement, would be greatly appreciated. Here is her information:

9109 Parliament Dr

Burke, VA 22015

[hutchinsdiane@aol.com](mailto:hutchinsdiane@aol.com)

**The Rev. David Jordan-Haas of the Vienna Church**, On Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 5:13 p.m., Pastor David Jordan-Haas entered into the glorious presence of his Savior, Jesus. Praise our good, good God for David's faithful life! Connie and the Jordan-Haas families are grateful for your outpouring of prayer and support. David died from hypoxemia respiratory failure, but he now has entered into the life that is LIFE. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection of The Reverend David Stewart Jordan-Haas was held on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Virginia. Please keep **the Rev. Connie Jordon-Haas** and family in your prayers.

**Mary Helen, wife of the Rev. Bob Harris, H.R.**, died just after midnight July 16. She had fought multiple myeloma for almost a year and developed a galloping pneumonia the previous Saturday night. Medical staff at Virginia Hospital Center did all they could but her body was too weak and immune system compromised. Her memorial service was July 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rock Spring Congregational Church, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA. Bob, honorably retired, served for nearly 14 years as pastor of the Arlington Presbyterian Church and as interim pastor at Trinity and Little Falls in Arlington, Kirkwood in Springfield, and Christ Fairfax. He led the presbytery's interim pastor group for over a decade.

**The Rev. Judith Michaels (Jude)** recovering at home following spinal surgery and rehab and can be reached at 202-352-8200; [judedc@starpower.net](mailto:judedc@starpower.net)

## Joys



The Rev. Adam C. Bowling and his wife, Erin Kerby Bowling, of First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA welcomed a new child of God into the world this past Monday.

Kerby Elizabeth Bowling

Born Monday, July 15, 2019 at 8:35 AM

9 lbs 14.4 oz - 20 inches

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark your calendars** now for the **Installation Service of the Rev. John Molina-Moore, as General Presbyter** of National Capital Presbytery on Sunday, October 27, 2019, 4:00 p.m., with a reception to follow, at National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20016. Invitations will be sent at a later date.

**The Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness invites you to a morning devotional service** on Thursday, **September 12**, at 8:00 a.m. We hope you will join us for a brief time of worship and fellowship with our office, local faith leaders and members of Congress. The Stated Clerk of the PC(USA), **The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II**, will offer a homily and reflection on the scripture.

**Time:** 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (the service will end at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by light refreshments)

**Location:** 122 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC

Kindly RSVP to [Christian.Brooks@pcusa.org](mailto:Christian.Brooks@pcusa.org) at your earliest convenience.

**HOLD THE DATE! The Mid Council Financial Network Planning Team** has been working very hard to secure a location for the 2019 conference. We wanted to share this information with you to get it on your calendar, with the hopes that you can attend. This event is a continuing education and training opportunity for synod, presbytery, and church financial persons. We are working with presenters and various others to bring you the most up to date information for this conference. **Details are as follows:**

**Dates:** November 20-22, 2019

**Location:** Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
5700 Atlantic Avenue  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
(Group Room Rate \$69 + tax)

**Hotel Reservations:** Select the link below and enter requested information:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/hr/2019-mcfn-conference-of-the-presbyterian1>

If making reservations by phone, please call the hotel at (757) 428-7025 and reference the “2019 MCFN Conference of the Presbyterian Church” for the reduced rate. Online Registration will open in July. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (888) 728-7228, extension 5542.



August 15, 2019

Greetings!

Over these past two months I have had one-on-one meetings with over 50 leaders in our presbytery. We gathered around tables in coffee shops and restaurants and sat together in rooms and offices in churches throughout our presbytery. So many of you shared your joys and struggles of ministry. I heard so many of your stories about growing your church; wrestling with decline; ways to engage your congregations with evangelism and The Gospel; figuring out how to respond to tragic gun violence; building and equipping new leaders and disciples; dealing with the loss of beloved staff. Through all these stories there was one theme that seemed to emerge more often than not. That was the hunger for more collaboration. So many of you felt that you were out there doing it alone with little to no support from your colleagues. You were wondering if others in the presbytery were dealing with the same things that you were. And if they were, what were they doing about it.

We currently don't have the *best* platform to help build community throughout our presbytery, but we could easily make one. This might sound very elementary to some of you but hear me out. Let's do a better job of being intentional about building community when we gather as a body. This could be something as simple as introducing (or maybe reintroducing) yourself to someone in our presbytery that you don't know too well. Ask them what they are excited about in the life of their congregation. Have them share a recent "win" in ministry. And then, don't be shy, SHARE YOURS! You'll probably walk away from that conversation with a new colleague in ministry AND a new idea. It might seem like a small thing, but these are the first steps to building real and authentic relationships that will be the grounds on which we build whatever it is that will come next.

*"Go ye therefore, into the presbytery and make new friends".*

John

**Clerk's Tip**  
**The 224th General Assembly is Coming!!!!**



Although June 20, 2020, the opening day of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Baltimore seems a long way off, there is a lot to do to get ready. Sessions in National Capital Presbytery who have overtures they wish to have considered at the General Assembly will have to write, adopt, and transmit them to me by certain due dates. The Bills & Overtures Committee will have to review each overture for form and substance and decide whether to make a recommendation to the presbytery that the overture be adopted. The presbytery will have to vote on each overture—and I will transmit approved overtures to the Office of the General Assembly.

But that is not all. Sessions that sponsor an overture will have to find one or more other presbyteries to concur with their overture. And sessions may also want to recommend that NCP concur with certain overtures adopted by other presbyteries.

The deadline for submitting to me (1) overtures amending the Book of Order, (2) overtures seeking an authoritative interpretation of the Book of Order, and (3) all requests for concurrences with other presbyteries' overtures amending the Book of Order or seeking an authoritative interpretation is November 30, 2019. These overtures will be voted on at the January 28, 2020 Presbytery meeting. I recommend that sessions strive to finalize their overtures well before that date to allow enough time to find concurring presbyteries.

**The deadline for submitting all overtures and requests for concurrences other than those in the three categories listed above is January 31, 2020. They will be voted on at the March 24, 2020 Presbytery meeting.**

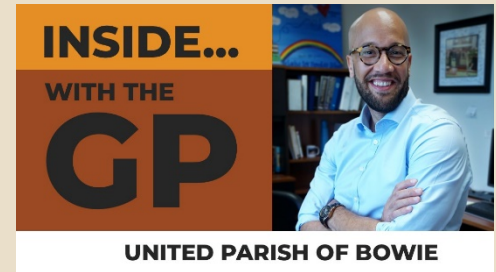
Every General Assembly there are some churches who are disappointed because their overture came too late. The strict deadlines of the Office of General Assembly, the relatively new requirement that concurrences be obtained, and the presbytery meeting calendar require us to plan ahead. We have posted links to some helps regarding overtures and the General Assembly on presbytery home page: [www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org). Take a look.

**One last thing.** I get requests from time to time for samples of church **sexual misconduct policies and child protection policies**. If you have one you would be willing to share with a fellow NCP congregation, would you send it to me at [scoe@thepresbytery.org](mailto:scoe@thepresbytery.org). We are a connectional church!

Peace, Sara  
(240) 514-5352

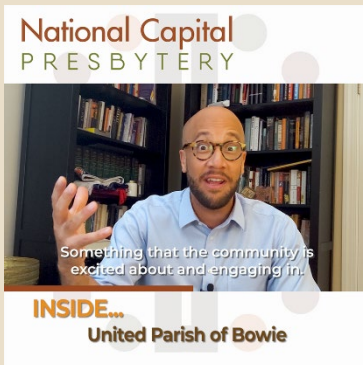
Greetings!!

As you may recall, our newly elected General Presbyter, John Molina-Moore committed to visiting with you in your worship settings! He hit the ground running! We are sharing these visits with you by way of our social media platforms. LOOK FOR ***“INSIDE...with the GP”***



You can view all John's visits on Facebook and our YouTube Channel. The best way to make sure you don't miss a visit is to like us on Facebook and/or subscribe to our YouTube channel. Both can be found using ***“National Capital Presbytery and Friends.”***

Don't like social media, ok! You can also access the visits from the homepage of [www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org). Hover over "About Us" click on "INSIDE...with the GP"



We are sharing on Monday mornings with a RECAP on Thursday's! This is an opportunity to get an INSIDE view of what our congregations are passionate about and how they are ministering in their communities. You don't want to miss the RECAP, it offers a deeper dive into the lives of our congregations!

We are excited about this new undertaking and hope you will be too! If you haven't gotten on the GP's list for visits you may do so by contacting Colette Ramm, [cramm@thepresbytery.org](mailto:cramm@thepresbytery.org). The calendar is full until January 2020, as our GP will be on paternity leave beginning sometime in September, as he and his wife Amy and big brother Arthur welcome baby Molina-Moore!

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*From the director of communication  
National Capital Presbytery – LaJuan Quander*





**Nomination of Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly**  
**National Capital Presbytery**  
**June 20-27, 2020 – Baltimore, MD**

Grace and Peace, brothers and sisters of the National Capital Presbytery!

The General Assembly is coming to Baltimore next June! The Nominating Committee will be nominating a slate of ruling and teaching elders to become commissioners and a young adult to be an advisory delegate to the Assembly. We encourage all those eligible to consider applying for one of our slots.

**Nomination forms** for Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder Commissioners to the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to be held in Baltimore, MD, June 20-27 are now available on the NCP website. You can access from the link provided or from the homepage, see **“224<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2020)”**. There you can also find nomination forms for the Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs). These forms can ONLY be submitted electronically. No paper copies will be accepted. Criteria for nominations from NCP to the General Assembly can be found [here](#).

It is the mandate of the Presbytery to nominate commissioners who reflect the theological diversity as well as the social diversity that exists in our presbytery. The information provided on these forms helps the Nominating committee assure an appropriate balance of theological diversity; clergy and lay people; male and female; all ages; racial/ethnic groups; geographical area; and congregation sizes.

- All applications should be emailed to [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto:nominating@thepresbytery.org), attached as a word document or pdf. The file should be named [LAST NAME] GAapp. All candidates must also attach a picture. [LAST NAME] GAPic
- Clergy may submit forms on their own. Letters of recommendation are not required but may be submitted if desired.
- Elders and those seeking to be YAADs will complete the form and send it electronically to their Clerk or Moderator of Session. The Clerk or Moderator shall complete and submit the form electronically after the Session has endorsed the nomination.
- At least one (and up to three) reference forms for Ruling Elders and YAADs are to be submitted electronically by the person writing the recommendation.

Transportation to the General Assembly, and room and board are reimbursed for commissioners and YAADS in accordance with General Assembly policy. A [Dependent Care Reimbursement Policy](#) was developed for commissioners and advisory delegates to the General Assembly – beginning with the 222nd GA (2016).

**All forms are due by Saturday, September 28, 2019.** The Nominating Committee will post the slate of commissioners and delegates online by October 29, 2019. Anyone who is not nominated at that point and wishes to be nominated from the floor must submit a completed form to the Presbytery office by November 5, two weeks before the November 19th presbytery meeting.

If you have questions about this process, please contact me at [RLV@gtownpres.org](mailto:RLV@gtownpres.org) or contact Sara Coe, [scoe@thepresbytery.org](mailto:scoe@thepresbytery.org). We anticipate a larger than usual number of applicants this year, so whether you are selected, we thank you for your willingness to serve the church in this special way.

God's Peace,

Rev. Rachel Landers Vaagenes,  
NCP Nominating Committee Chair  
202.644.3447 cell





**Submission of Overtures for 224th General Assembly  
June 20-27, 2020  
Baltimore, Maryland**

**Deadlines** for Submission to the Bills and Overtures  
Committee of Overtures and Requests for Concurrences with  
Other Presbyteries' Overtures for the 224th General  
Assembly:

- a) November 30, 2019 for
  - a. amendments to the Book of Order,
  - b. overtures seeking an authoritative interpretation of the Book of Order, and
  - c. all requests for concurrences with other presbyteries' overtures amending the Book of Order or seeking an authoritative interpretation.
  
- b) January 31, 2020 for all other overtures and for all requests for concurrences with other presbyteries' other overtures.





## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Healthy congregations are those that are missionally focused and stable in terms of resources (people as well as financial). They manage conflict, and continue to re-evaluate their internal and external contexts and adapt accordingly.

The Next Steps for Healthy Congregations Grant is one way in which National Capital Presbytery partners with its congregations, by providing matching funds of up to \$20,000 a year for congregations taking the next step in church growth by creating a new program or staff position.

To be considered for the Next Step Grant, churches must have completed the Congregational Assessment Tool and should be in the Transformational quadrant. More information about the grant and the process can be found at [www.ncptransforms.org](http://www.ncptransforms.org). Proposals are due by November 15, 2019 for the 2020 fiscal year. These grants as well other grants from the Transformation Team of the Presbytery are available through Unified Mission Giving and the Resurrection Fund.

**Reverend E. Russell Lynn, Jr. (Hon. Ret.)  
3969 South Woodrow Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22206**



Aug. 12, 2019

National Capital Presbytery

Dear Friends:

I composed this letter originally to be sent to McCormick Theological Seminary to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on June 20, 1969, shortly after receiving my divinity degree from McCormick. I am happy to share this with all my fellows in ministry in NCP.

My career in ministry has been eventful and filled with change and surprise. After graduating from McCormick, I was called to the position of Assistant Director for the Arts at Market Place Ministries in Northern Virginia, to which I was ordained. Market Place Ministries was disbanded soon after, and I wrestled with whether to stay in ministry or go back to school in landscape design. I chose to stay in ministry and found a position as assistant pastor at Old First Presbyterian Church in Newark, New Jersey. After three years there I returned to the Washington, D.C., area and had a series of positions in Christian Education and leadership training. Then I was called to three years as assistant pastor at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington. Part of these three years coincided with the period when Dr. Art McKay, president at McCormick during my years there, was interim pastor.

I then decided to attend Catholic University to work toward a Master's in Social Work, which I received in May of 1980. After working as a psychotherapist and management trainer, I felt called back to ministry. I began working in 1983 at the Falls Church Presbyterian Church in Virginia as an interim assistant minister, and then for a period as Interim Associate for Mission and Witness for NCP, where I worked with LaJuan Quander. The Rev. Ed White was Presbytery Executive at that time. I also continued to see clients in my developing counseling-psychotherapy practice.

Then, as the AIDS crisis emerged in the 1980s, I sought ways to be more involved helping persons with HIV. I was offered a position in 1986 as a social worker in the growing AIDS Services Program at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in Washington, D.C. And then after a year as one of the social workers, I became Director of AIDS Services at Whitman-Walker. And after three difficult years, left that position very burned out.

I returned to full-time private practice in 1989, and soon realized that the kind of counseling I was practicing is called pastoral counseling. In 1998, I joined the Centers for Pastoral Counseling of Virginia and saw clients as part of that group until I retired in March 2008. Over these years I maintained my connection with The Falls Church Presbyterian Church as a parish associate, and I am still there today.

I am a gay man and coming to acceptance of myself and my gifts has been part of my journey in ministry. There were several men at McCormick who were very instrumental in my progress toward self-acceptance. And coming out in the church has been part of my journey as well. The people at Falls Church Presbyterian have been accepting of and celebrating my full humanity from the very first of our ministry together in 1983. I am extremely grateful for them and for Ed, my partner since 1984 and husband since 2015.

Gratefully,

Rev. E. Russell "Rusty" Lynn, (Hon. Ret.)

# Enneagram Retreat: *Exploring Subtypes*

**August 21, 2019**

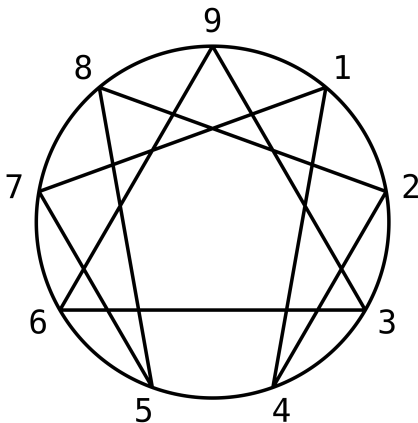
**9:00am-3:00pm**

Providence Presbyterian Church  
9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA

**Cost: \$70** *Scholarships available*

Bring a bag lunch; cost includes hearty snacks & hand-outs

**RSVP by August 18th: [cmhovis@gmail.com](mailto:cmhovis@gmail.com)**



**The Enneagram** is a powerful tool to look at 9 distinct personality strategies of how we humans cope in relationships, work & the world.

**Subtypes** are 3 specific arenas of life where the vice/passion of our type shows up. Knowing our subtype helps us relax the energy of our vice.

**This is an opportunity** to learn & reflect upon our internal motivations and focus of attention.

**An invitation** to shift our daily patterns of thinking, feeling & acting in the world.

**Rev. Carol Hovis**  
**[cmhovis@gmail.com](mailto:cmhovis@gmail.com)**  
**Scholarships available**

Carol is a Presbyterian minister, spiritual director and certified enneagram teacher with Enneagram Studies in the Narrative Tradition (ESNT). Carol served on staff at Providence, 1988-1997.



# SEPTEMBER 11

## A STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

### Vulnerability and Courage: The Practice of Stewardship

This is an introductory workshop that explores the practice of stewardship through the lens of researcher Brené Brown. Dr. Brown, a practicing Christian and professor of Social Work, has published her research on shame, vulnerability, and the practice of courage that leads to “wholeheartedness”. Her data conclude that persons who experience “wholeheartedness” strengthen the communities to which they belong, including congregations.



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**Led by the Revs. Roy  
Howard and Shelby  
Etheridge Harasty,  
pastors, Saint Mark  
Presbyterian Church**

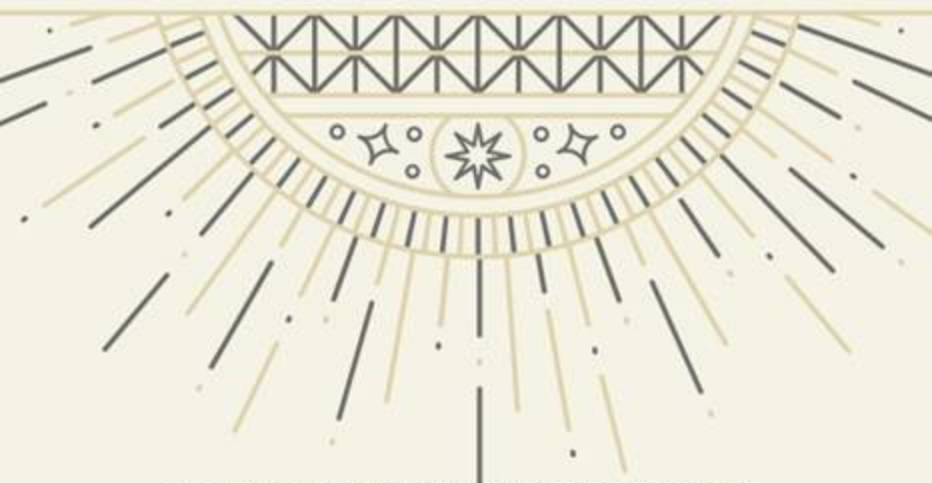
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**Registration  
Required**  
([click here](#))

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**September 11, 2019  
9:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Saint Mark  
Presbyterian Church,  
North Bethesda, MD**





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# DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

*A time of faith and fellowship for members of  
Congress and their staff led by the Stated Clerk  
of the PC(USA), The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert  
Nelson, II.*

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 | 8 - 9 AM**  
**122 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING**

The service will be held in the Presbyterian tradition, but all faiths are  
welcome to join us.

Contact [Christian.Brooks@PCUSA.org](mailto:Christian.Brooks@PCUSA.org) with questions



Come on out and support a NCP Global Mission Grant recipient!!

- Race or Volunteer
- It's a way **YOU** can give hands on help for disadvantaged youth – locally and globally!!

**When: Sunday Sept 15**(over in time for church)

**What: Super Sprint Triathlon** – ages 5 and up

**Where:** Lincolnia Park Recreation Club

**Why:** Proceeds support ACCA Child Development Center In Annandale, VA and Kisima Academy in Kenya.



**Learn More:** [www.friendsofkisima.org](http://www.friendsofkisima.org) - FTKI, a registered 501c3 charity

**Registration:** [FTKI.org](http://FTKI.org)

Entry fee includes technical race shirt and finisher medals

**ADULTS / 15 and up: Start Time 7:00am**

Elite/Experienced – Wave 1

300 m pool swim; 9-mile bike; 2.0-mile run

Age 15 and up – Wave 2

150 m pool swim; 6-mile bike; 2.0-mile run

Individual entry - \$65      Team Entry - \$120



**YOUTH: Start Time 7:45am**

Ages 12 -14 – Wave 1

150 m pool swim; 4.5-mile bike; 1.0-mile run

Ages 9 – 11 –Wave 2

100 m swim: 3-mile bike; 0.6 mi run

Ages 8 and under – Wave 3

50 m swim: 1.5-mile bike; 0.6 mi run

Individual entry - \$50      Team Entry - \$95



For more information, contact Bonnie at [Lefbomcvca@gmail.com](mailto:Lefbomcvca@gmail.com)

# Ministry in the Age of Amazon

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

12:00-3:30 – National Presbyterian Church, Rm. 5  
(Prior to the Presbytery meeting!)



**Renée and James B. Notkin** are the lead pastors at **Union** in Seattle, Washington, a PC(USA) New Church Development that is creatively and innovatively reaching out into the high tech world in which they have been called to minister.

Join them for a lunch seminar about ministry in the shadows of Amazon, Facebook, Microsoft, and Google. Serving the Church with “energy, intelligence, imagination and love” is at the heart of their ministries, and their wisdom can serve to guide all those seeking to more faithfully minister in the DMV – the new home of Amazon!

***Renée** received her undergraduate degree from the UW in biology and her MDiv from Regent College, in Vancouver, BC. Renee's passion is to Biblically and theologically encourage people to discover that the God on High delights in them and invites them into a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ through the equipping of the Spirit. She is thrilled to be a part of a worshipping community that is committed to investing in families, neighborhoods, the workplace, and the world, so that all might flourish. And she is someone who always welcomes a new book suggestion!*

***James B.** seeks to work with the community to live into our call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with Jesus. Before Union, James B. spent seasons in college, youth, adult, and new ministries, at First Presbyterian Ann Arbor (MI), and First Presbyterian Church and University Presbyterian Church in Seattle (WA). James B. is continually being schooled by his three kids, adding to the education he received at Princeton Theological Seminary. A native of Seattle he loves the rain but increasingly appreciates how sunshine makes biking and tennis more enjoyable.*

**Union** is located in a section of downtown Seattle where 36,000 people work and live! After exegeting the neighborhood, they decided that what was most needed was a space offering a café (serving coffee during the day, and beer and wine in the evenings!) and a events venue. The desire was to create a space where people, from residents of low-income housing to employees at Amazon, could work, connect, and simply mingle! The church community would share the space, but the building would NOT be called a church.

The **Rhythm** of worship at Union is understood to be a life lived in response to God's love for all and with passion for justice and reconciliation. The community works hard to expand peoples' imagination with regard to ministry: more traditionally thru music, prayer, and Scripture, but also through loving and serving others in partnership with the Holy Spirit. For that reason, every Sunday at Union is a little different! They are in a rhythm that reinforces a broad experience of worship.

If you are interested in learning more about new and creative ways of ministering within the Presbyterian tradition, particularly as National Capital Presbytery prepares to welcome Amazon into our neighborhood, then join us for this free seminar. Lunch is included, and everyone is welcome. Contact Bob Melone at [bmelone61@gmail.com](mailto:bmelone61@gmail.com) in order to reserve your spot.





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A HEALTHY STEWARD

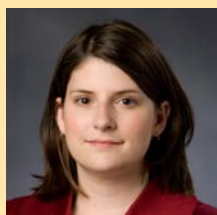


*Stewardship*  
**Kaleidoscope**  
*Real Tools for Real Ministry*

September 30 – October 2, 2019

San Diego, California

Catamaran Resort



**Keynote**

**Melissa Spas**  
*Managing Director for  
the Lake Institute on  
Faith & Giving*



**Keynote**

**Eric Law**  
*Author of "Holy Currencies:  
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**Worship Leader**

**Diane Moffett**  
*Executive Director of  
the Presbyterian  
Mission Agency*

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:  
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# generosity

## 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:

\$300 on or before August 1, 2019

\$325 after August 1, 2019

Catamaran Resort in San Diego, CA

Conference Room Rate of \$169/night

## Conference includes:

Four plenary sessions

Four workshops (30+ to choose from)

Two worship services

Dinner Monday

Lunch Tuesday

## Conference schedule:

### Monday, September 30

Registration (12-2 p.m.)

Conference begins (2 p.m.)

Plenary 1, Workshop Session 1

Dinner, Worship

### Tuesday, October 1

Plenary 2, Workshop Session 2

Lunch

Workshop Session 3, Plenary 3,

Free Evening

### Wednesday, October 2

Plenary 4, Workshop Session 4, Closing Worship

Conference ends at 12:30

## Workshops:

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

### Teaching and Preaching Biblical Stewardship

*Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago*

### Asset-Based Stewardship in the Small Church

*Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation*

### Practicing Generosity of Body, Mind and Spirit: Loving Kindness

*Cheryl Galan, Interim Executive Presbyter with The Presbytery of Carlisle and Certified Yoga Instructor*

### Stewardship Across Cultures: A panel discussion

*Neil Bullock, Stewardship Project Coordinator, Domestic Mission Unit of the ELCA and Jerry Cannon, Pastor of C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC and Jonah So, Lead Pastor of the English Ministry of Korean Presbyterian Church of Winchester, NY*

### AirBnB and the Early Church: a Theology of Possessions for the Sharing Economy

*J. C. Austin, Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of 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, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD*

### When enough is enough: the sufficiency of God's blessing

*David Loleng, Director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership at the Presbyterian Foundation*

### Active Community Stewardship for Hunger and the Environment

*Phoebe Morad, Lutherans Restoring Creation*

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*John Bell, a minister in the Church of Scotland and a resource worker for the Iona Community, works throughout the world on liturgy, spirituality and social justice. His music has been translated and published across the globe. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Hymn Society of the USA and Canada, and last year was awarded the Thomas Cranmer Medal by the Archbishop of Canterbury.*

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **Ted Wardlaw**

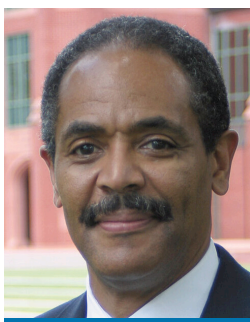
President, Austin Theological Seminary

**"Navigating between 'Amen' and 'No':  
The Dilemma and Promise of The Presbyterian Outlook"**

A native of South Carolina, Wardlaw is a graduate of Presbyterian College. He earned his divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (now Union Presbyterian Seminary). At Union, he won a graduate fellowship to continue his studies at Yale University Divinity School, where he earned a Masters of Sacred Theology in American

Church History (Magna Cum Laude). He was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by his alma mater, Presbyterian College, in 2007.

President Wardlaw led Austin Seminary through the completion of the Centennial Campaign, and he has led additional capital campaigns raising more than \$60 million to date. Under his leadership, the seminary has funded the construction of two four-story apartment buildings for students and has plans to renovate and expand a library and Learning Information Center. He preaches and teaches widely across the country and has contributed to a number of edited books and has written numerous articles for such periodicals as *The Christian Century*, *Journal for Preachers*, *Call to Worship*, and *The Presbyterian Outlook*.



### **Brian K. Blount**

President, Union Presbyterian Seminary

**"Flesh in the Word: A Presbyterian Outlook for Our Time"**

Blount was called to Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2007, after serving for 15 years as the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary. An M.Div. graduate of Princeton Seminary, he obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary. He was William and Mary's first African-American to receive membership in the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta

Kappa Honor Society. He received his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Emory University.

His primary work has been in the Gospel of Mark, the Book of Revelation and in the area of cultural studies and hermeneutics. He is the author of six books. His most recent work, *Invasion of the Dead: Preaching Resurrection*, is based on his 2011 Yale Beecher Lectures. In 2010, his Revelation commentary was voted the 2009 top reference work by the Academy of Parish Clergy.

Blount is an editor of *The Discipleship Study Bible*, by Westminster John Knox (2008). As a part of his work for the Bible, he has written the introduction and notes for Mark and Matthew. He is an associate editor of the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* for Abingdon Press and the general editor for *True To Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary* by Fortress Press.

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*Being an acompañante is to engage in the ministry of presence. It's not about changing, fixing, or even helping. It's not about analyzing or diagnosing, recommending or advising. **It's about being there as wholly and fully as possible, present to God's movement within you and those you came to stand beside.** -Susan Webb, accompanier in Barranquilla, Colombia in 2008*

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Acompañantes - accompaniers - are people of faith and conscience who are committed to spending a month being present with PPF partners. Like Susan says, acompañantes resist the urge to fix and instead show up as support for leaders who are making change in their communities.

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If you have questions or would like to learn more contact Accompaniment Coordinator  
Alison Wood at [alison@presbypeacefellowship.org](mailto:alison@presbypeacefellowship.org)





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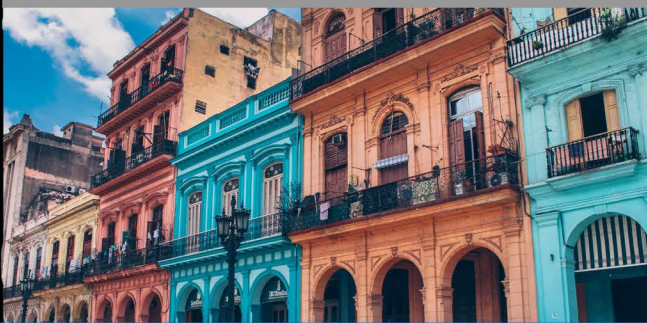
Cost: \$75/person (\$60 for each additional person from the same congregation.)

Registration fees will increase by \$20 on October 17, 2019.

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Contact Rev. Juli Wilson-Black at 703.931.7344 if you are unable to register online.





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