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LAST OPPORTUNITY to apply for GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS!

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Presbyterian Peace Fellowship – Celebrating 75 Years!

"Learn & Discern – Accompaniment & Peacebuilding in Colombia & the US/Mexico Borderlands"
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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)

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. Invitation included in this edition. Please share broadly.

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 at your earliest convenience.

Clergy, Are You Thinking of Taking a Sabbatical? Elder Commissioners, Has Your Pastor Served for 6 Years or Longer and Is Eligible for a Sabbatical? The NCP COM Care Team is sponsoring an Open Space at the September 24th Presbytery Meeting. Care Team members will review the recently revised Sabbatical Policy. Hear the stories of some of our members who have taken a sabbatical in the last 5 years, and answer questions and brainstorm how to plan for and complete a sabbatical. Come join us!

Greetings to All Women in the National Capital Presbytery:

As you may or may not know, Presbyterian Women are among you, the purpose of PW reads "Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom." You are specifically invited to attend the Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of National Capital Presbytery, September 21, 2019. Please come for the fellowship and the learning more about one of the major issues of our day. More information is on the flyer included in this edition of the TM. We hope to greet you there. The Co-ordinating Team of Presbyterian Women National Capital Presbytery

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 29, 2019

During each of our staff meetings at the presbytery office we open in prayer and then we go around the table and each member offers up a recent "win" to share with the group. The definition we use for win is pretty broad. It can be something that has been successful in your personal or professional life. It can be the completion of a large project or one of the first pieces to be put in place for something down the line. I have also used this in my conversations with pastors and leaders: "What's been a recent win in your ministry?" As you can imagine the answers to this question cover the map. The ones that had the most lasting impression, at least on me, were the wins that started from a new idea. This then led me to think, if we want more lasting "wins" then we need to be trying more new things!

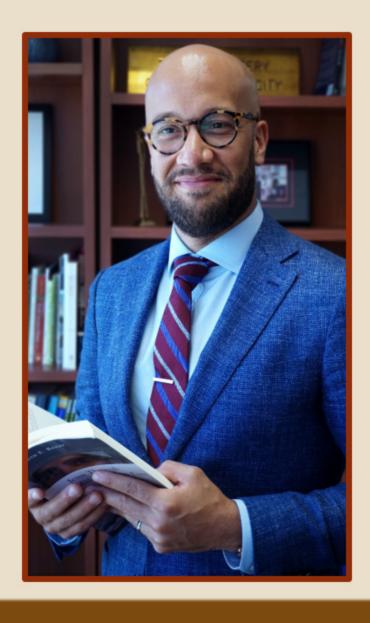
Now, for those of you who are already straightening up in your chair, ready to fire back with your best response against doing anything new, hear me out. When I say trying something new, I don't mean at the expense of things that we have always done. Most of these successes that were shared with me weren't brand new ideas. They were new flesh on old bones. They were the same album but heard as an mp3 instead of on an 8-track. If we take seriously the words of Ecclesiastes, then there is "nothing new under the sun", just fresh ways of telling the same story. So, here's what I'm asking each of you to do; go try something new. Hopefully it turns into a "win", but even if it doesn't, it will help you exercise the muscles of creativity.

By now all of you are probably familiar with Netflix. But, do you remember how they started out? You signed up for the service, made a list of all the movies you wanted to watch and then they would mail you three of them. You could keep the movies as long as you wanted but you couldn't get any other movies on your list unless you returned the ones that had already been sent to you. Netflix big selling point was that there would be NO late fees. Blockbuster (remember them?) also thought about this model. Except that Blockbuster made billions of dollars every year in collecting late fees. So, this "new idea" would seriously jeopardize their bottom line. It was in direct coemption of the famous last words of companies and churches, "It's not the way we do things". They let the fear of a new idea get in the way of the story of who they were. Their job wasn't to collect late fees, it was to get movies into the hands of people who wanted to watch them. That's all Netflix was doing, just in a new way.

So, as you go out into our churches and ministries to try new things, remember that the story still stays the same. We're not reinventing ministry, we're just telling the same story in a new medium.

So, what's your win to share?

John



You are invited to attend the installation of the Rev. John Molina-Moore as
General Presbyter of

General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery on

October 27, 2019 ~ 4:00 p.m. reception to follow

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



Clerks' Tip What is a Full Financial Review? When is my Session Records Review?



As most of you know, the Book of Order requires that a

"full financial review of all financial books and records [of a congregation] shall be conducted every year by a public accountant or committee of members versed in accounting procedures. Reviewers should not be related to the treasurer(s). Terminology in this section is meant to provide general guidance and is not intended to require or not require specific audit procedures or practices as understood within the professional accounting community." G-3.0113 Book of Order

And, in our session records review we check to make sure that the session minutes reflect that such a financial review has occurred. Some of our churches are blessed with accountants in the congregation—but many are not. The PCUSA does not require a full-blown audit, and the PCUSA has provided a guide to help those (like me) unfamiliar with how to do a full financial review. Here is a link to a document that can help your session get this done: https://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/stewardship-education/pdfs/financialreviewguide-complete.pdf.

Speaking of session records reviews, you should have received or will shortly receive, an email telling you of the upcoming schedule for the four reviews for the 2019-2020 records review season. Around the beginning of September, check the Office of the Stated Clerk webpage to get the most current checklist to bring (completed) to the review.

We have scheduled each church for a certain day, but if that day does not work for you, please send Jan Moody, jmoody@thepresbytery.org or me, scoe@thepresbytery.org, an email asking for a different date. I am really hoping every church can make one of these four reviews. When we must, we can schedule individual reviews, but that takes time away from other things—jmoody@thepresbytery.org or me, scoe@thepresbytery.org, an email asking for a different date. I am really hoping every church can make one of these four reviews. When we must, we can schedule individual reviews, but that takes time away from other things—scoe@thepresbytery.org. Thank you for all that you do for the church. I know that being a clerk is a job that is demanding—but the Presbyterian Church couldn't exist without you!

If you have a question or topic you would like me to cover in the Clerks' Tips or the webinars, please let me know.

Peace, Sara (240) 514-5352

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.

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 <u>nominating@thepresbytery.org</u>, 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 <u>Dependent Care</u>

<u>Reimbursement Policy</u> 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 or contact Sara Coe, 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) <u>November 30, 2019</u> 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) <u>January 31, 2020</u> for all other overtures and for all requests for concurrences with other presbyteries' other overtures.

Meet Rev. Elmarie Parker PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker



Rev. Elmarie Parker serves as a Presbyterian Church (USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in the role of Regional Liaison to Church Partners in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon. The heartbeat of her work is to help deepen and strengthen the relational ties between the church in her region and the church in the United States and to develop the practical ministries that are birthed from these relationships. More specifically, she facilitates Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) support for partner programs and activities

and implements partnership strategy. Elmarie assists in strengthening healthy, effective and appropriate relationships among entities of the PC(USA) and those of partner denominations and organizations in the region. This often takes shape through PC(USA) group solidarity and learning visits to Syria, Lebanon and Iraq facilitated by Elmarie. Additionally, Elmarie supports other PC(USA) associates serving in this region through communications, information sharing, mentoring/guiding, encouraging and reflection.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

9:00 A.M. Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Fellowship Time

Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308 www.HeritageChurchVA.org 703-360-9546



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.





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

Registration
Required
(click here)

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

Living God's Kingdom: A Theology of Play



What if "play" is our *real* work — creative work through which the Holy Spirit guides us more fully into being who we are, as children of God?

September 13-15, 2019

8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

For All Ages!

GUEST SPEAKER — Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby



Professor Cynthia Rigby joined the faculty of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1995. The *Dallas Morning News* called Professor Rigby "one of the great theologians of our time."

An energetic scholar and author, Dr. Rigby's latest book is *Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Faith*. She is also one of the general editors for *Connections*, which will be a nine volume lectionary commentary series published by Westminster John Know Press. Volume four is just about to be released. She is currently completing a book on Christian feminist theology for Baker Academic Press and a book on "grace and play".

Professor Rigby is the co-chair of the Reformed Theology and History Unit of the American Academy of Religion, where she has been an active member since 1993. She has been a member of the Workgroup on Constructive Theology for sixteen years. She is an associate editor for the *Journal of Reformed Theology* and the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

Friday

6:30 P.M. Dinner in Fellowship Hall 7-8:00 P.M. Worship: *Life on the Streets*

Saturday

9:00 A.M. Registration and coffee & donuts

9:30 A.M. Keynote: *Play & Wonder*

10:30 A.M. Break

11:00 A.M. Keynote: Play & Creation

Noon Lunch 1:00 P.M. Play Time

2-3:30 P.M. Keynote: Play & Transformation / Q&A

Sunday

9:00 A.M. Intergenerational Sunday

School Class

10:00 A.M. Worship Service11:00 A.M. Potluck Picnic

\$10 per person / \$25 per family Nursery Care Available. (Age 0-4 yrs.)

To register visit www.HeritageChurchVA.org or call the church at 703-360-9546 Deadline is September 8.

Come find out how "playing" before the sovereign God makes an actual contribution to the coming of Kingdom "on earth, as it is in heaven."



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 - FTKI, a registered 501c3 charity

Registration: 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



Presbyterian Women National Capital Presbytery

www.presbyterianwomenncp.org



FALL GATHERING

with continental breakfast

Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church 1701 15th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Beyond Thoughts and Prayers

Jennifer Stein, Montgomery County Local Group Leader, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America–Maryland Chapter Susan Bender, Chair, Gun Violence Prevention Committee Bethesda United Methodist Church, Bethesda, MD

Facilitated Small Group Discussions

Nina Khouri, Assistant Principal, Forest Oak Middle School, Gaithersburg, MD

What Can You Do?

Event fee: \$15 (\$5 for students)

Register by September 13, 2019, by email or mail to:

June Eakin, june.eakin@mac.com (301) 873-4794

13221 Glenhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Pay at the door or mail your check with this form.

I plan to attend the Spring Gathering on Saturday, September 21, 2019

Name	Phone	
Email	Church	
	Please enclose registration fee.	

Ministry in the Age of Amazon

(sponsored by the Church Development Committee of NCP)

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

12:00 pm - 3:30 pm - 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!

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 the members of CDC* for this free seminar. Lunch is included, and everyone is welcome. Contact Bob Melone at bmelone61@gmail.com in order to reserve your spot.

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.

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.





September 30 – October 2, 2019 San Diego, California Catamaran Resort



KeynoterMelissa Spas
Managing Director for
the Lake Institute on
Faith & Giving



KeynoterEric Law
Author of "Holy Currencies:
6 Blessings for Sustainable
Missional Ministries"



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: www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org



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 I, Workshop Session I
Dinner, Worship

Tuesday, October I

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

To register and for more information visit: www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org

Join us for a

BIG SING!



With John Bell, hymn writer & social justice leader



Explore songs familiar and unfamiliar from around the world!

What we sing shapes what we believe. For example, the image of Jesus as 'gentle, meek and mild' is a hangover from Victorian hymns. But song can tell the full story of Jesus - and inspire our faith and our work for social justice.

The Big Sing is meant for everybody, especially those who were told in their early days that they 'couldn't hold a tune.' A great opportunity to feed your soul and learn from this energetic, enthusiastic faith leader!

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.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7 - 9 pm

Refreshments available at 6:30 am

at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar in Residence Program





Expressing God's Love, Engaging in God's Justice

1313 New York Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20005 202-393-3700



1819 - 2019 CELEBRATING OUR PAST, ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE.

Bicentennial Celebration Forum and Lunch

CELEBRATING OUR PAST. ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE.

Saturday October 5, 2019 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

on the Richmond campus
of Union Presbyterian Seminary
Watts Hall
3401 Brook Road
Richmond, VA 23228

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US...

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ted WardlawPresident, 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. BlountPresident, 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.

EVENT TICKETS and CONGRATULATORY AD PRICES

- \$50 1 ticket: Forum and Celebration lunch.
- \$200 1 ticket: Forum, Celebration Lunch, Inclusion on 200th Anniversary Honor roll to be published in the last issue of 2019
- \$500 2 tickets: Forum, Celebration Lunch, Inclusion on 200th Anniversary Honor roll, and $\frac{1}{4}$ page ad in the last issue of 2019 with birthday wishes for the Outlook
- \$1000 4 tickets: Forum, Celebration Lunch, Inclusion on 200th Anniversary Honor roll, and $\frac{1}{2}$ page ad in the last issue of 2019 with birthday wishes for the Outlook
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