

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.