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Racial Awareness and Mindfulness 2019

Join Us for ALLYSHIP TRAINING – Led by Whitney Parnell

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Sponsored by Ministry Relations Team of NCP

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SAVE THE DATE: NCP Leaders Training 2019

Sponsored by NCP, BPU and NEXT Church

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Birthday Greetings for the month of **SEPTEMBER**

Jim Adams, HR

Marty Albershardt

Alice Bellis

Heather Bobbitt

Judy Chan

Emily Berman D'Andrea

Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt

Campbell Hackett

Shelby Harasty

Minette Hope, HR

Kermit Johnson, HR

Casey Kaseman, HR

Erin Keys

Jodi Lingan

Jim Macdonell, HR

Jeanne MacKenzie, HR

Cathy McCollough

Sam McFerran

Gary McMichael

David Milam

Roger Miller, HR

Eric Peltz

Hallelujah Son, HR

Ted Sperduto, HR

Katherine Stanford

Jose Velazco, HR

Caroline Wilson

Dorothy Wright, HR

Eunice Yang

Chris Yim

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



PASTORAL CONCERNS



We lift the family of ***The Rev. Dr. Margee Adams Iddings, HR***, in prayer. (from the family)

The Reverend Doctor Margee Adams Iddings has Found Her Peace. She passed away Thursday August 29th at the age of 80 as a result of Lewy Body Dementia.

Margee has had a profound influence on the lives of so many and we lift all of you up as we find our own ways to CELEBRATE her.

We are Holding her in the Light as she has done for so many others.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

JOYS

Chauncey Handy will be *ordained* at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 16, 2019** at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC

Billy Kluttz will be *ordained and installed* at 2:00 PM, **Sunday, September 29, 2019** at The Church of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA.



Meet **Carson Rich, new Youth Ministry Director at Leesburg Presbyterian Church** - Carson served for many years as the Youth Pastor at Leesburg Community Church and directed UPWARDS sports program. Join Leesburg on Sunday, September 15th at 5:00 PM for their YOUTH NIGHT KICK OFF and get to know Carson!

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.

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

New Hope Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Church Safety and Security Presentation on **Sunday, September 22** at 12:30 pm. It is open to representatives of all churches in our presbytery. Montgomery County Police Department Officer Sharif Hidayat will be discussing church security and response, specifically during critical incident and active shooter situations. This sensitive topic should be a focus for all churches in light of the many incidents that have happened over recent years. Education and planning are important first steps. Please join us at our church: 17930 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855, (301) 987-8989. Please contact Donna Dettling at donna.dettling@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

Next Deadline for NCP Global Grants Program Matching Grant Proposals

As we have for the past several years, the National Capitol Presbytery (NCP) Global Grants program is soliciting matching grant applications from congregations for new cooperative initiatives between congregations and their global mission partners. **The next deadline for grant applications is September 30, 2019.**

The intent of the program is to support interactive, hands-on global mission with impact on the community. Preference will be given to new initiatives; applications may be submitted for continued funding in years two and three of a given project. Some preliminary work should be done to assess feasibility before applying, so that the project has a reasonable chance of success and some way to measure when success has been attained. Priority will be given to projects where there is an established relationship and a high level of confidence in the in-country team and where there is a plan for project sustainability. Projects with Presbyterian ecumenical partners are encouraged.

This is a matching grant program; the contribution of your congregation toward the project in both money and labor will be considered. A congregation may submit only one application each year. Travel costs will not be considered, nor will reimbursement grants. Grant proposals requesting up to \$5,000 will be considered, for \$5,000 in matching funds.

A written report and presentation will be required in the year following the award outlining how the funds were spent, the progress of the project to date including impact on the community and plans for the future.

Proposals are due to NCP by email by 30 September to Judith Dahmann (jdahmann@mitre.org) using the NCP standard application (download from www.thepresbytery.org) and addressing specific questions for global grants (part 2).

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.



September 12, 2019

Greetings!

There is a small chance that by the time you read this post I will be out of the office and at home welcoming our new son into the world!

I will be taking 6 weeks of paternity leave very soon! As you know, babies aren't German engineered machines that operate on their own schedule, so my leave will start as soon as I get *"the call"* (which means if you're in a meeting with me between now and the end of this month, I'll be on call to answer *"THE CALL"*).

I am more than grateful to work for a presbytery that honors parents having dedicated time away to be with new additions to their families. This is not the case for most of the professional world. Our presbytery has had a parental leave policy for some time now, but I will be the first General Presbyter to use it. There was a recent article in the New York Times about the importance of leaders inside companies and organizations to not just honor parental leave for their employees, but actually use it themselves. This is one of the best ways we can change the culture around leave.

I'm blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by an amazing staff who can share some of the load in my absence and who already support the need for parental leave. I have experienced a tremendous amount of support from each of the committees and teams I serve with.

My short leave may not have an immediate impact on our system and culture, but I hope it will have a lasting impact, perhaps a cultural shift in how we view the importance of time away for the wave of young new pastors now, and in the future, accepting calls in our presbytery.

So, here's what you can expect while I'm away...

- An automatic reply on my email and phone with the date I'll be back
- If you do have a pressing issue or need please contact Colette Ramm in the presbytery office (cramm@thepresbytery.org)
- A break from my leave to become installed to this position and celebrate with you all on October 27th!

Please keep me and my family in your prayers over these next few weeks and offer me a little slack and grace when I return full of energy but sleep deprived.

John

Clerks' Tip

In Praise of Session Clerks

From an article in Presbyterian Outlook by a pastor:

"[T]he clerk can be the pastor's very best colleague. A wise and supportive clerk is worth her weight in gold."

"[T]he role of clerk is a special calling and one we ought to celebrate more often. A strong and wise clerk can contribute greatly to a pastor's and church's successful ministry. The role is definitely not flashy and sometimes it involves a lot of mundane minutiae. But attending to the minutiae with integrity and care frees the pastor to engage in other areas of ministry, since she knows the clerk has the administration well in hand. That knowledge truly is a gift and a blessing...[A] clerk who brings warmth, wisdom, integrity, energy and focus will be a gift to their presbytery, congregation and pastor."

Not only pastors appreciate the clerks. The presbytery does. Without you we would have no idea who fills our pews or be confident that churches are operating decently and in order. Jan and I love it when a clerk writes to ask when the records review schedule will be published or when the statistical report will be available for input. You keep your pastors and sessions on their toes and us on our toes.

National Capital Presbytery has been blessed with a particular clerk of session extraordinaire, Norm Stant. Norm has been the clerk of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church session for 25 YEARS!!!! He does all the regular clerk things—taking minutes, producing statistical reports and handling session correspondence and has served on multiple pastor nominating committees. He has said he loves attention to detail—an important asset in a clerk. He also generously offers Chevy Chase to the presbytery as a location for our Session Records Reviews.

Senior Pastor Molly Teichert does not take Norm for granted: "Norm is a wonderful partner in ministry and a trusted advisor. His leadership in keeping us on track and honest to our Presbyterian heritage is invaluable. After literally decades of sitting at the right hand of the pastor and taking Session minutes, he knows more about us than anyone! We are tremendously grateful for his many, many years of faithful service. He has earned a well-deserved retirement."

Yes, that's right, Norm will retire as clerk in June 2020 and has plans to travel. Best wishes to Norm, a clerk's clerk. Bon Voyage! And thank you to all of you clerks for the critical work you do.

Peace, Sara
(240) 514-5352



The Search Committee for the Transitional Director of Congregational Development and Mission recommended, and the Leadership Council approved the appointment of the Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe.

We welcome The Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, as Transitional Director for Congregational Development and Mission, National Capital Presbytery, effective September 9, 2019.

Tara will provide leadership to the Church Development Committee, the Mission Coordinating Committee, and their respective Teams as the Presbytery pursues its vision of strengthening and transforming congregations to be missional, pastoral and prophetic.

The Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe has served in the National Capital Presbytery in



Washington, D.C. for the past 19 years. Recently, she has been the Site Coordinator for the DC-Young Adult Volunteer Program. She has served in congregations throughout the presbytery as an Associate Pastor at New York Avenue Presbyterian, Stated Supply at Garden Memorial, and Sabbatical Pastor for several other congregations throughout the presbytery. Tara also served on the Nominating Committee of NCP and was recently elected to serve on Leadership Council.

For the past three years, she has contributed to the ministry at Faith Presbyterian Church while serving the presbytery-at-large as a leadership coach and Church Assessment Tool Interpreter (CAT) with individuals and groups seeking to be in relationship with their communities as the larger Body of Christ.

She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College, BA and McCormick Theological Seminary, MDIV. She has total faith that in every era and every day, God is doing a new thing and it is our opportunity to participate in it! She lives in Arlington, VA with her husband, two children, and a hound dog!

Reach Tara at tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org



*You are invited to attend the installation
of the Rev. John Molina-Moore*

as

*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**



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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 224th 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 **“224th 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, 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 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



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 Service
11:00 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.”

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 Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 21, 2019

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Church _____

Please enclose registration fee.

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AS A MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 3:30 PM
BURKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5690 OAK LEATHER DR
BURKE VA 22015

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AND JOIN FOR A RECEPTION FOLLOWING



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CLERGY UNITED FOR RACIAL EMPATHY (CURE) PRESENTS:

["Congregations Working Toward a Cure"]

CURE participants will share about a recent trip in which they visited several significant sites of racial history and violence around Virginia Charlottesville, Danville, and Richmond.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 4:30-6:30 PM

CURE is an interfaith, multi racial group of clergy who are working together towards racial reconciliation

Floris United Methodist Church
13600 Frying Pan Road
Herndon, VA



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.

SAVE THE DATE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 @ 3:00 P.M. • ALL ARE WELCOME!

We gather from north, south, east, and west, to drink freely from the cup of righteousness.

**Northeastern Presbyterian Church
2112 Varnum St., NE
Washington, DC 20018
Sponsored by: BPU**



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



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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 Wardlaw

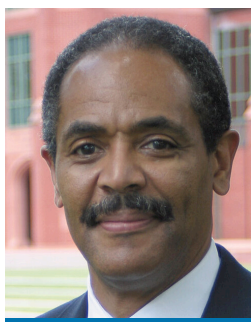
President, Austin Theological Seminary

**"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.

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 ¼ 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 ½ page ad in the last issue of 2019 with birthday wishes for the Outlook
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REGISTRATION

Space is limited. Register now at xxxxxxxx.

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Linden Row, 100 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219
\$99/119 per night, Valet parking for \$18;
Reservations at www.reservations.Indenrowinn.com

The Westin Hotel, 6631 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230
\$140 per night, Free parking, 804-205-5201

The Delta Hotel, 555 Canal Street, Richmond, VA 23219
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CHAPLAIN CORPS

The Fairfax County Community Chaplain Corps works as part of an emergency or disaster team to provide chaplain care to community members impacted by the effects of a disaster or emergency. Members of the Chaplain Corps may be deployed to assistance centers, homes or locations in Fairfax County to provide chaplain services to affected residents, family and friends.

Now recruiting for our next Community Chaplain class!

Register for an **orientation session** to meet current Community Chaplains, learn more about what it means to serve as a Community Chaplain, and learn how to apply.

October 8, 2019 4:30-6:30pm at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Conference Rooms, 2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria 22306

Register here: <https://chaplain-orientation-oct8.eventbrite.com>

October 22, 2019 10am-noon at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville 20121

Register here: <https://chaplain-orientation-oct22.eventbrite.com>

Requirements include:

- Fairfax County residency
- Being ordained, invested or certified by a legitimate certifying body
- Successfully completing criminal background, child protective services, and driving record checks
- Participating in online and in person trainings

Community Chaplains are expected to:

- Serve as an on-call Community Chaplain 4 weeks annually
- Respond to major emergencies or disasters through the year beyond their on-call shifts
- Provide a sense of spiritual safety and security as well as a sense of healing and hope
- Complete a deployment log and an "After Action" report



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

Fairfax County Community Chaplain Corps is supported by the
Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services





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Learn & Discern - October 11-14 Accompaniment & Peacebuilding in Colombia & the US/Mexico Borderlands

*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*

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.

Acompañantes actively choose nonviolence in places where violence seems like the normal way. Does this sound like you? You can begin your accompaniment journey by joining us for a weekend of training, education, and discernment in community.

To sign up to learn & discern this October go to
<http://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/discern>

If you have questions or would like to learn more contact Accompaniment Coordinator
Alison Wood at alison@presbypeacefellowship.org



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Light Dinner, Breakfast & Lunch included

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

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