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October 10, 2019



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Sponsored by NCP, BPU and NEXT Church

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with New Officer Training from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

On-line Registration now available – visit www.thepresbytery.org

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led by Brian Hehn

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Special Guest – Colbert King

December 8 – Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

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Sponsored by the Earth Care Team of NCP

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Birthday Greetings for the month of **OCTOBER**

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John Chiang, HR
Tom Davidson, HR
Abigail Evans
Michelle Fincher
Nancy Fox
Wally Harman, HR
Mary Hill

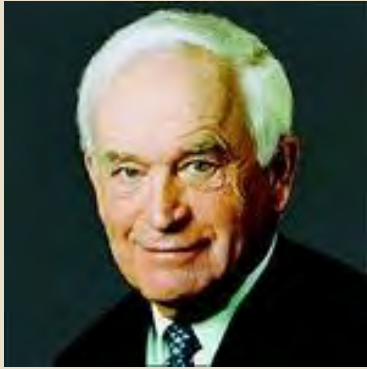
Glenda Simpkins Hoffman
Woong Joe Kang, HR
Haekil Kim
Bob Long, HR
Joe Matthews, HR
Geoff McLean
Michael McNamara
Kevin Powell

Amy Schacht
Stephen Smith-Cobbs
Ed Taylor, HR
Holly Ulmer
Jim Williams, HR
Alice Ann Winters, HR
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***From
the staff of
National Capital Presbytery
debbie, jan, john, lajuan,
sara, tara, todd***



PASTORAL CONCERNS



The Rev. Charles Wright, H.R., died on August 14, 2019. Chuck and his family moved to McLean, Virginia, in 1985. As a Parish Associate at National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, Chuck devoted all of his time to the fellowship work in Washington and around the world. *A memorial service was held on September 5th.*

Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Margee Adams Iddings will be held at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at 11:00 A.M.





Congratulations to the Molina-Moore Family ~ 3 becomes 4! Welcome **Otis Juanito Molina-Moore**, born **September 26th**, weighing in at 7lbs 15ozs, 20" long! All are doing well!

Our General Presbyter is now officially on paternity leave. He is scheduled to be back in office on November 12th. In the meantime, if you need immediate assistance, please contact Sara Coe our stated clerk at scoe@thepresbytery.org.

For Committee on Ministry matters contact the Rev. Stephen Smith-Cobbs, stephensmithcobbs@gmail.com .

We look forward to seeing you at the installation service on October 27th!



***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
(Color of the Day is Red)***

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



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October 10, 2019

As a newbie, I am asking a lot of questions.

- How do I make copies?
- When is this meeting?
- What do you like to do with each other?
- Where does this money go?
- Who needs to be a part of that conversation?
- How do I set up a zoom meeting or conversation?
- Can I have more pens and post its?
- Who needs to be a part of this conversation?
- Have we, the royal we, asked this question yet?

When starting a fresh or anew, there are a lot of questions with some assumptions. The delightful dance is to not start with an assumption but with a question. This is the dance that is giving me the most energy and agility right now as your Transitional Director of Congregational Development and Mission.

About this title, all acronym ideas are welcome as it is long to write! Transitional is the reality of what is going on right now in your NCP office as new staff is finding our place. And therefore, with transition comes a lot of questions. The main questions I am asked from others are:

- Are you overwhelmed?
- Why is there Transitional in the title?

But the one most recent question that gave me a chance to think anew: How are you having fun? Not, am I having fun (maybe they asked that) but how am I having fun? First, I am having fun. How I am having fun is relishing in your responses to all my questions. You are sharing with me why you serve, why we have and want to budget this way, how we go about new things and new ideas and where there are areas or ways, we can be more agile. You invite me to see your churches and your ministries in response to my questions. This is a lot of fun for me.

Asking questions is also the root of how we each are able to connect with a coaching mantra: I am creative, resourceful, and whole. In all my questions I will be asking you, I ask with a foundational belief that you and our presbytery is creative, resourceful, and whole therefore the answers are within us and connected to each other. We are connected in our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why we are creative, resourceful, and whole!

Thank you for staying in a welcoming disposition to all my questions.

Tara



POTLUCK AND SCREENING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 6 PM

WARNER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SOCIAL HALL

Bring your friends, family and a shareable dish. Screening starts at 7pm.

In partnership with:



Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church
10123 Connecticut Ave, Kensington MD
301 949 2900 - www.WarnerMemorial.org





Information for Presbytery Newsletters, Oct. 7, 2019

First Call, First Steps

- for seminary students, candidates under care, anyone else seeking a call, and their spouses!
- Dinner provided, and child care with advance notice.
- Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, November 5, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please [RSVP](#) by October 14.
- Participants do not need to be current or former Union students – all candidates and students are welcome!

Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations (HPHC), and the Minister Educational Debt Assistance (MEDA)

- providing finance and benefits education for clergy and congregations, and grants for clergy.
- Schedule seminars in your area with your Church Consultant, Martha Reisner.

Employer Agreements and Annual Enrollment

- Log on through the church's **Benefits Connect** account.
- Employer Agreements are due by this **Friday, October 11**.
- Annual Enrollment for employees in the Board plans: **October 28 - November 15**.
- Technical questions? Call Employer Services, 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN), 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, M-F.
- Questions about options? Contact your Church Consultant, Martha Reisner

Call to Health deadline – November 15!

- Earn lower deductibles and gift cards and learn strategies for health and wholeness!

Toolkits

- communication aids for churches with their staff,
- for Annual Enrollment, Call to Health, Retirement Savings Plan, Employee Assistance Program and more

The Board of Pensions website, pensions.org, contains detailed program information and links to your Benefits Connect account, vendor sites, and forms and applications.

Martha Reisner is your Church Consultant for most of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, plus presbyteries of Donegal and Philadelphia: call 215-587-7049 or email mreisner@pensions.org.

Sunday, October 13, 2019 – 5:00 pm

The Yale Whiffenpoofs

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda MD 20817

Bradleyhillschurch.org
3013652850



The Yale Whiffenpoofs, the world's oldest and most renowned collegiate a cappella group, invite you to a night of jazz, oldies, classic rock, and everything in between. Their characteristic white tie and tails, paired with their enthusiasm and humor, have become iconic for audiences all around the United States and the globe. Recent Whiffenpoofs performance venues have included Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House, the Rose Bowl, and Lincoln Center. The Whiffenpoofs have also reached a television audience of more than 175 million in appearances on NBC's "The Sing Off," "The West Wing," "The Today Show," "60 Minutes," "Gilmore Girls," "Jeopardy!," "Saturday Night Live," and "Glee," and have performed for multiple sitting Presidents of the United States.

Tickets: \$30/25/10 for general admission, students, and children under age 15. \$5 off if purchased in advance



“Thou shall not lie: Truth-Telling and the Media”

*Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
2001 Sherwood Hall Lane*

What: A two-part, community conversation, on the role of ethics and morality in the work of journalists and reporters, led by experts in the fields of theology and the media.

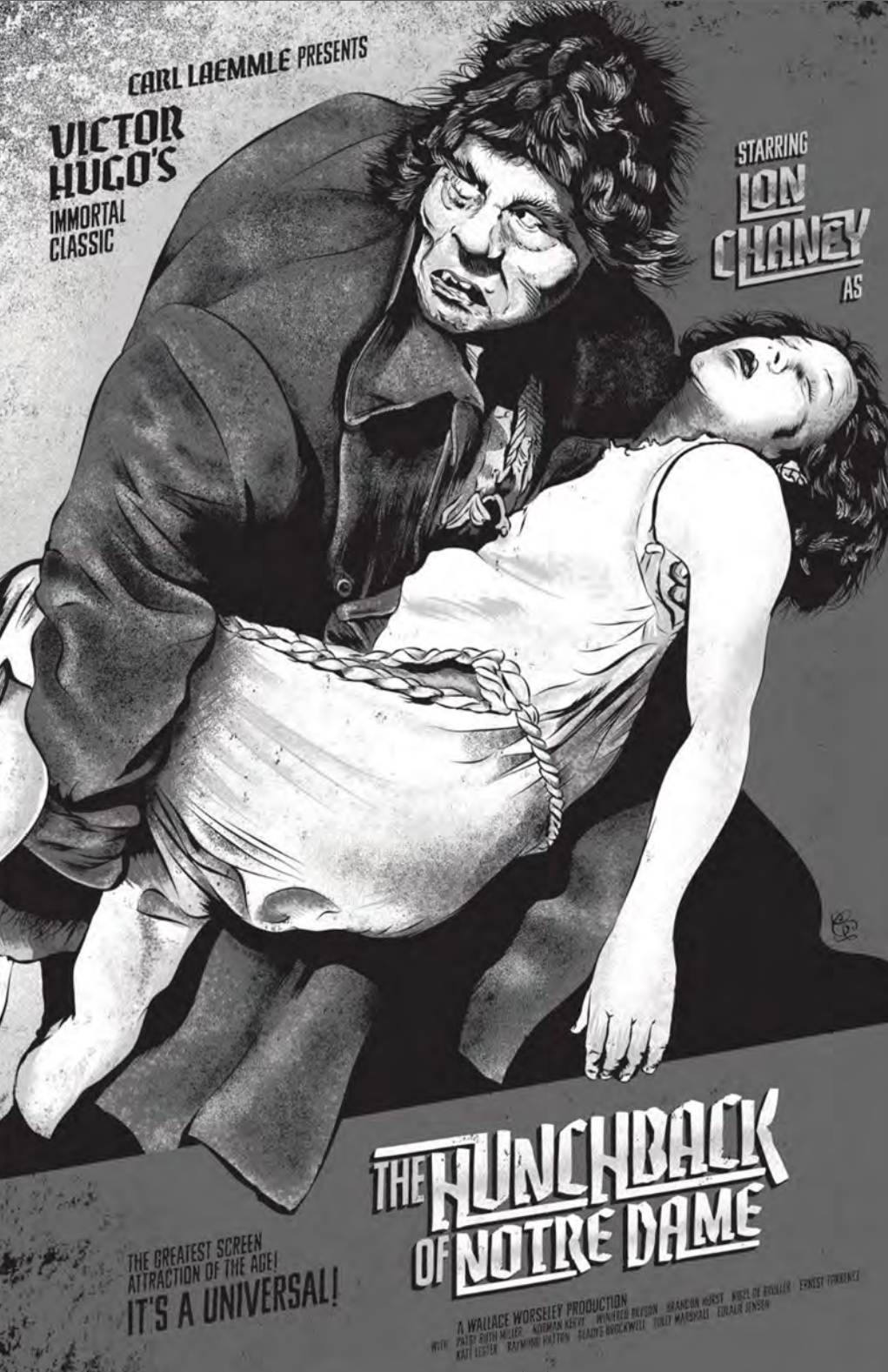
When: **Wednesday, October 16**
Dinner 6:00 pm; Program 7:00 – 8:30

Wednesday, October 23
Dessert and Program 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Who: **10/16 – Olivier Knox**
President of the White House Correspondents Association
and chief Washington correspondent for Sirius XM

10/23 – Sam Adams
Chair of Biblical Studies and Professor of Old Testament
Union Seminary, Richmond

Both evenings are free and open to the public!



Join us as our
Music
Director Dr.
Steven Seigart
presents a
silent film
screening of
Universal
Pictures'
1923
adaptation of
the classic tale
with a live
organ
soundtrack.

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019, 7 P.M. | 323 S. FAIRFAX ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Free-will offering proceeds benefit the Meeting House's sponsorship of
a student in T.C. Williams High School's International Academy.

Old Presbyterian Meeting House

OPMH.ORG

*Concerts from Kirkwood
presents*



Carles & Sofia

Piano Duo

Saturday, Oct. 19, 3:00 PM



Kirkwood Presbyterian Church,
8336 Carrleigh Pkwy. Springfield, VA 22152,
www.kirkwoodpres.com, 703-451-5320. One
block north of the intersection of Old Keene
Mill Rd. and Carrleigh Pkwy., in Springfield.

FREE!
Donations
welcome

RACIAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN

Sundays: Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 3

6:30-8:00pm

Dinner will be served

Webinar series presented by:



A Three Part Series:

Oct 6: Defining Racism and White Supremacy

Oct 20: Engaging White Fragility

Nov 3: Decentering Whiteness



1305 N Jackson St
Arlington VA
22203
703-527-9513

Please RSVP to: clarendonmission@gmail.com

Webinars Featuring:
Jessica Vasquez Torres, National
Program Director of Crossroads
Anti-Racism Organizing and
Training



RACIAL WEALTH GAP

Learning
Simulation



Sunday, October 20
12:15 - 2:15 pm
with a Light Lunch

The simulation is an interactive tool that helps people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth. It is a good first step for people unaware of structural inequality, a support tool for those who want a deeper understanding of structural inequality, and a source of information for experts who want to know the quantifiable economic impact of each policy that has widened today's racial hunger, income, and wealth divides.

Sponsored by
Western's Anti- Racism Group



Led by Christian Brooks
from the Office of Public Witness



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**10.19.19
10AM-5PM**

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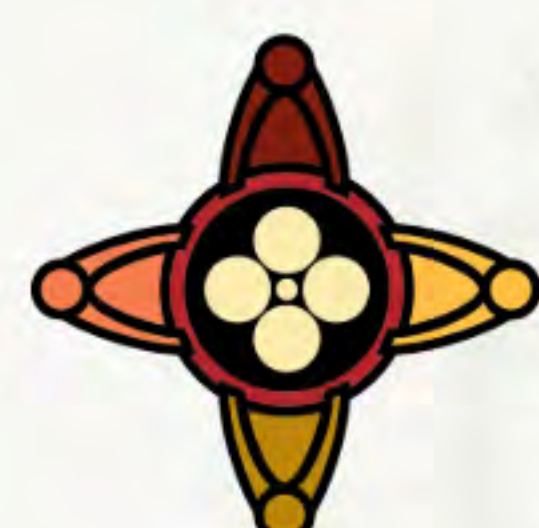


On the Same Page:

WRITE
NIGHT

Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm

At On the Same Page: Write Night, community volunteers gather alongside Free Minds Poet Ambassadors home from prison to provide feedback on the writing of Book Club members still incarcerated. It is a simple and powerful way to support members' processes of self-awareness and change, as well as read great writing and meet other volunteers!



WESTERN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2401 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20037
westernpresbyterian.org | 202-835-8383

Book Talk on Henry G. Brinton's "City of Peace"

Thursday, October 24, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Meadowkirk at Delta Farm

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!" (Luke 19:41-42)

Come to the Stone Barn at Meadowkirk for a talk on pastor Henry Brinton's mystery novel *City of Peace*. Henry is senior pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian Church and has served on the Meadowkirk Board of Directors. His book has been described as "a unique murder mystery with spiritual overtones, demonstrating how God can deliver good out of evil." (John J. Jessop, author of *Guardian Angel: Unforgiven*)

Henry will give a short talk, Meadowkirk Executive Director Timothy Sipols will offer a response, and then Henry will sign books for those who are interested. Fairfax Presbyterian's "Men y Mujeres on a Mission" will sell copies of the novel for \$17.00 as a fundraiser for their mission work in Honduras.

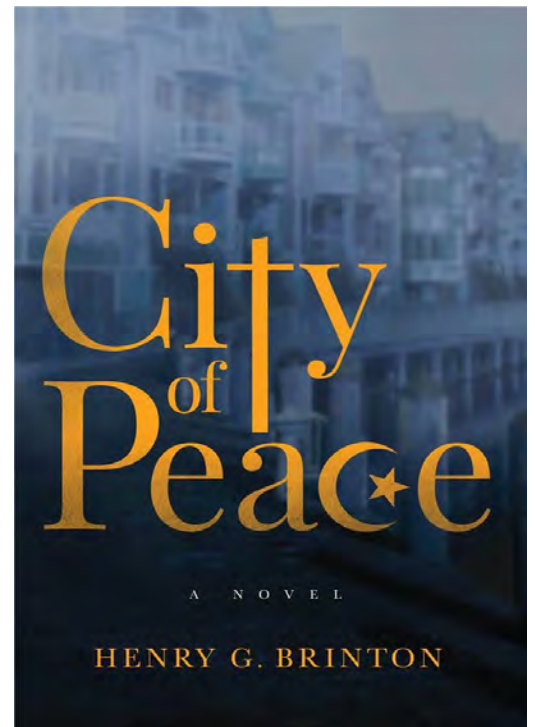
The event is without charge, and no reservations are required.

"Deeply spiritual writers often have difficulty with suspense. Not Henry Brinton. *City of Peace* is timely, compelling and entertaining."

(Al Sikes, author of *Culture Leads Leaders Follow* and former Chair of the Federal Communications Commission under George H.W. Bush)

For more information, contact:

Meadowkirk at Delta Farm
38012 Delta Farm Ln, Middleburg, VA 20117
540-687-5565



City of Peace is Winner in the Mystery/Suspense: Cozy Mystery category of the 2019 American Fiction Awards

Save the Date

NCP LEADERS TRAINING 2019

Saturday, November 9th, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All active and discerning leaders of God's Church are welcome!



**Spiritual
Formation**



**Christian
Education**



**Worship &
Sacraments**

Topics Include:



**Stewardship
and Finance**

Facilitators and Presenters
will be announced soon.



**Congregational
Care**



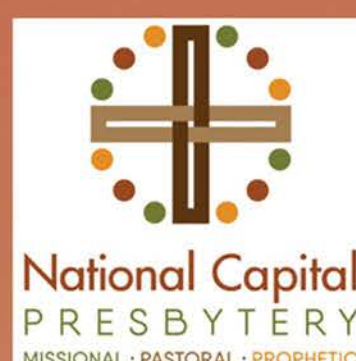
**Mission
and Evangelism**



Communications

Sargent Memorial Presbyterian
5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE WDC 20019

**This event is sponsored by
NCP, BPU, and Next Church.**



New Officer Training from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Coming this fall!



A Congregational Song Retreat

Burke Presbyterian Church
9 am-2 pm, Saturday Nov. 16

This ecumenical workshop is designed to encourage, promote, and enliven congregational singing. We will be led by Brian Hehn, director of The Center for Congregational Song in Baltimore, Md. Brian is an inspiring song leader with expertise in a variety of genres and instrumentations: He has led worship for Baptists, Roman Catholics, United Methodists, Presbyterians, and many more. All are welcome: Join us! RSVP by writing to lucindasexton@gmail.com. The event is free and includes lunch and snacks. We will accept free-will donations to cover expenses.



5690 Oak Leather Drive
Burke, VA 22015
703-764-0456
www.BurkePresChurch.org



SPECIAL
GUEST

COLBERT KING

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 8, 2019
AT SAINT MARK

COLBERT I. "COLBY" KING, THE WASHINGTON POST COLUMNIST, WILL BE OUR GUEST IN THE PULPIT ON DECEMBER 8. HE AND PASTOR HOWARD WILL HAVE A DIALOGUE AT 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AND MR. KING WILL PREACH AT 11 AM WORSHIP. COLBERT KING IS A VOICE FOR JUSTICE AND AGAINST RACISM. IN 2003, HE WON THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR COMMENTARY "FOR HIS AGAINST-THE-GRAIN COLUMNS THAT SPEAK TO PEOPLE IN POWER WITH FEROCITY AND WISDOM." MR. KING WAS PREVIOUSLY A GUEST OF SAINT MARK IN OUR FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE SERIES AND SPOKE ELOQUENTLY OF HIS OWN BACKGROUND, INCLUDING HOW DEEPLY THE CHRISTIAN FAITH HAS INFLUENCED HIS LIFE AND WRITING

Youth Carbon Analyst Program (YCAP)

- PC(USA) is committed to 'Lead Carbon Neutral Lives'
 - National Capital Presbytery's (NCP) Earth Care Network wants to partner with **YOU(th)** to measure its carbon footprint and create a plan to reduce it!
 - Last year, two youth carbon analysts – Simon Winter and Hannah Wilson-Black – created a draft climate action plan for the Presbytery. This year, we invite yca's to build on their work and submit a final climate action plan to the Earth Care Network .

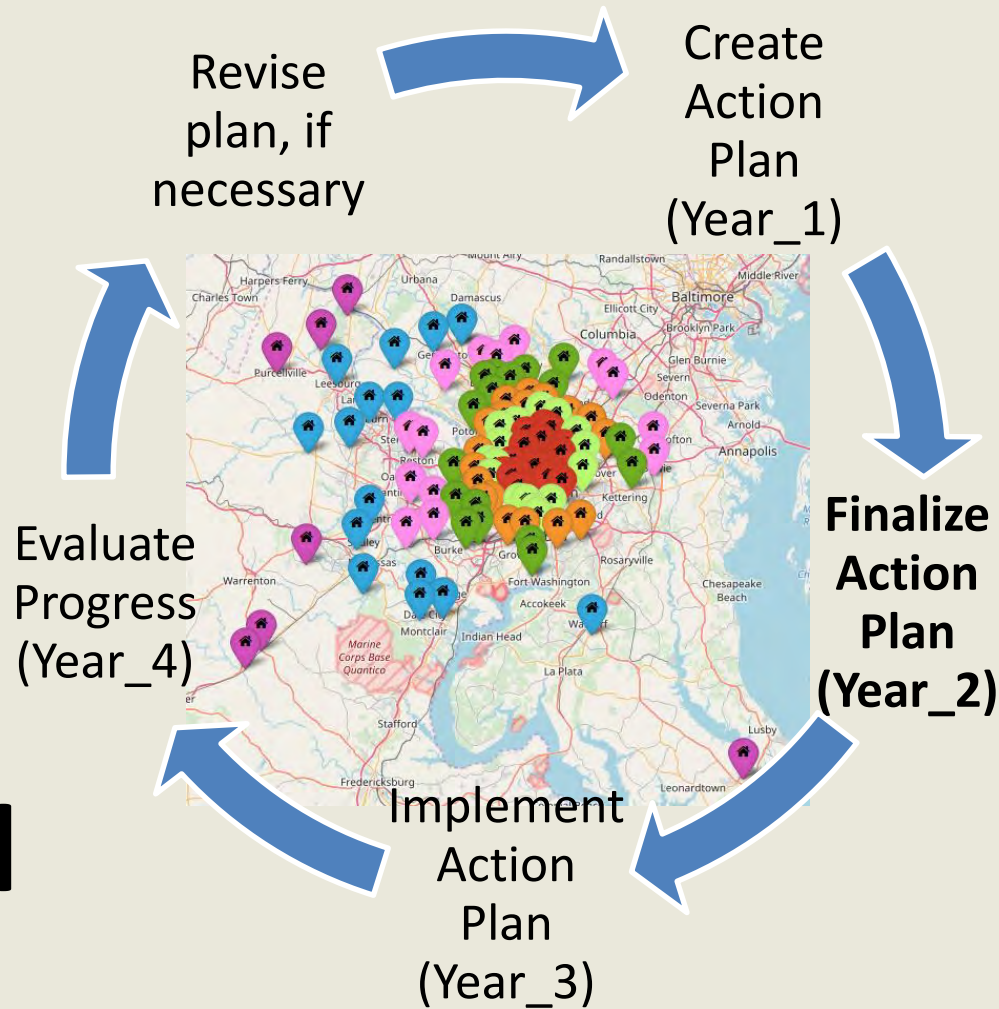
This exciting internship – at the intersection of Data Analytics, Sustainability, and the Church – takes seriously God's call to care for creation in our time and place.

- Do you think National Capital Presbytery has Good News to share in this global climate crisis?
 - **We encourage you to apply!**

YCAP

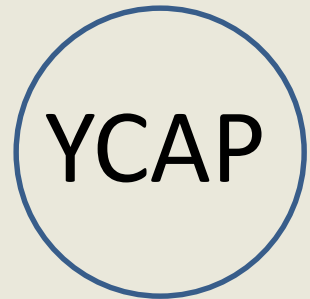
Open to High School Students in the Presbytery.

National Capital Presbytery



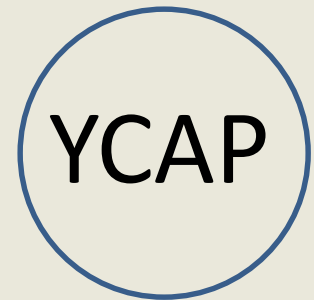
YCAP Application Details

- YCAP will pair theological reflection with measurable climate action, teaching skills in:
 - Data Analytics, Energy management & GHG accounting using Portfolio Manager; climate change communications; applied research.
 - Best of all, you offer new life in the Church's witness.
- **Apply Now**
 - Email a letter of interest to Dave Grace, Director of Christian Education at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church. (dce@warnermemorial.org)



Timeline

- In-person meetings (n=2):
 - *spring '20 and early summer '20*
- Webinars (n=5):
 - *fall, winter- x2, spring- x2*
- Self-led exploration/analysis
 - *November - May*
- Our Climate Action Plan!
 - *Submitted May '20*



Regional Carbon Accounting: Further Reading

- Inventory:
 - Regional [Inventory](#), Fairfax County, VA [Inventory](#)
- DC / Regional Climate & Energy [Climate Action Plan](#)
 - Reduction Commitments:
 - [80% by 2050 \(base=2005\)](#)
 - Montgomery County, MD:
 - » [80% by 2027, 100% by 2035](#)
- Evaluation:
 - Fairfax County, VA
 - [10% *per capita* reduction](#)
 - Montgomery County, MD
 - [67% *gov't facilities/fleet* reduction](#)
- Methods:
 - EPA's Carbon Footprint, [Household Calculator](#)
 - EPA Energy Star, [Portfolio Manager](#)

