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

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led by Brian Hehn

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Joys

The Rev. Mary Austin will be installed as pastor of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church on November 24, 2019, at 11:15 a.m.

PASTORAL CONCERNS



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Childcare will be provided. Please share broadly. ***The color of the day is RED (clergy wear red robes or stoles)***

National Capital Presbytery is committed to supporting clergy. NCP expects that all clergy would be in some kind of support group and NCP does provide some funds for clergy support groups. The Care Team is collecting information about Clergy Support Groups to help clergy who want to be in a group but haven't been able to identify one.

Are you currently in a Clergy Support Group? How long has your group existed? Are you open to receiving new members? We'd like your feedback!

Please help our crowd sourcing efforts by responding to Fay Acker at fayacker@gmail.com and Nancy Clark at revnjbclark@gmail.com. Thank you.

PIPE ORGAN NEEDS A LOVING HOME! St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church in Fairfax Station VA will be embarking on a sanctuary renovation in the coming months. As such, due to architectural and programming changes, we will no longer be able to service our small pipe organ. I am writing in hopes you can help me spread the word and find a new home for it.

SPW obtained this organ from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Croom (Upper Marlboro) MD. It was custom built in the 1950s (?) by Lewis & Hitchcock, Washington DC.

The single manual has 5 octaves, the AGO pedal board has 2 1/2 octaves. There are 16 slider stops (I think it splits at G). The oboe reeds need to be refurbished, and the cornets are not hooked up right now.

I have contacted Lewis & Hitchcock to request more technical and historical information.

The footprint for the entire instrument is 10.5'W x 9.5'D x 11'T

SPW is eager to donate this instrument to any interested party; the recipient will need to arrange for dismantling and transport (We could provide some limited help ...).

Please contact me if you would like to view/play the organ. I can send some pictures if interested. Please feel free to share this information and provide my contact info: Chad A. Steffey, Director of Music, SPW Episcopal Church, Cell: (478) 918-3350, Church Office: (703) 503-9210

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.

Message from the Stated Clerk Officer Training



One of the distinctions of the Presbyterian system of church government is the concept of officers who are called to ordered ministry. These officers are, of course, deacons, ministers of Word and Sacrament, and ruling elders. In the context of an individual church, ruling elders and installed MSW are called “presbyters” and, together as the session, they govern the congregation. The session’s responsibilities and authority are significant, see BoO G-3.02, and so it is needful that ruling elders be trained when they undertake this critical responsibility.

Not only is it needful that ruling elders be trained, the Book of Order makes it imperative that ruling elders and deacons be trained, that they undergo a period of study and preparation. It provides that all persons elected to be ruling elders or deacons are to be examined by the session of their church concerning their personal faith, their knowledge of the doctrine, government, and discipline contained in the Constitution of the PCUSA, and the duties of the ministry. BoO G-2.0402.

Many churches provide the training to their officers. But I have learned that some do not and also that other officers could use a refresher. And there may be some people who are thinking about becoming an officer who would like to learn more about the church. Although it will not be in depth, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, I will provide an overview of church doctrine, the form of government, and the duties of deacons and ruling elders at the ***Leadership Training being held at Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church. (See the flyer in this edition of the Thursday Mail and on the NCP Facebook page for other offerings at the Training.)*** Those attending are encouraged to bring a Book of Order with them. The new 2019/2021 Book of Order is available on the PCUSA website: <https://www.pcusastore.com/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?SearchTerm=book+of+order>. It can be ordered in paper for \$10.00 or downloaded for free. It is available in Korean, Spanish, Indonesian, Braille, Large Print English, and English.

I hope to see many of you there. It is a privilege to work among so many dedicated folks.

Peace, Sara



October 24, 2019

Greetings!

I really want to talk about DMV championships! The Mystics WNBA victory and now Nationals onto the World Series! Not because I know all the stats of the journey, but it is exhilarating to be part of a championship! I love hearing all the flashbacks and retellings of the hard work it has taken the teams to get into the championships. What are the celebrations even championships you have with your "teams": committee, congregation, community, work, and family?

We start each staff meeting with wins. Our sharing is the truth of the work, the risk, the frustration, the failure, and the victory. Sharing in the knowledge of the whole journey admits to all the work that is necessary for the win. We all deserve to share in the journey of the work and the wins. We are part of a community of congregations and leadership that are in the midst of hard and faithful work. We need to know so we can celebrate the wins!

I hope that our congregations and people of National Capital Presbytery have heard the lingo, adaptive change. Adaptive Change is work and it can be energizing work. In fact, in our family we have an adaptive word for this: NERVOUSCITED (nervous+excited). We are nervous AND excited about what we are doing or what we hope to experience. In our NCP journey right now, we can share in the transition and move of Arlington Presbyterian Church into their new space early in November. We can hold in prayer the work of congregations with PneuMatrix. We can support the engagement of congregations working with Church Assessment Tool (CAT). We can listen and learn from members in our Presbytery returning from the weeklong Faith Based Community Organizing training with NEXTChurch and IAF. We can be led by congregations who are trained in Active Allyship from the Racial Awareness Festival this past week.

A lot of work is happening. Work where we are looking, facing, and agreeing to be uncomfortable with what we do not know but EXCITED by the Holy Spirit's direction and energy. Keep doing the hard and faithful work into our ***Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic*** winning season!!!!!!

Peace and Courage,

Tara



*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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**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.

MUSIC WITH A CAUSE

Presents

The Clazzical Project

With guest artist renowned pianist

BRIAN GANZ

Also featuring guest artist oboist **MARK RUNKLES**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH | 4 PM



Tickets are \$20 at the Door; ages 17 and under admission is free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at eventbrite.com (search for music with a cause). Concert proceeds will benefit **Community Coalition For Haiti (CCH)**. CCH is devoted to transforming lives in Haiti, one by one through long term, community driven solutions in healthcare, education and community development CCH will display Haitian art pieces for silent auction.



Venue: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
711 West Main Street Purcellville, VA.

www.standrew-pres.org | 540-338-4332

The MAMMOVAN is Coming

GW Cancer Center



It's time for MAMMOGRAMS!

Church of the Redeemer, Presbyterian
1423 Girard Street, N.E. - Washington, D.C. 20017

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019
From 9:30am - 3:30pm

You MUST PRE-register by calling
202-741-3252 or

www.gwdocs.com/mammovan

Registration DEADLINE is October 28, 2019

Walk-ins accepted the same day as long as a referral is provided**

"Screening Mammograms look for cancer before a woman has any symptoms. This can help find cancer at an early stage. When abnormal tissue or cancer is found early, it may be easier to treat". (NCI)

You are eligible if you:

- Are at least 40 years old
- Have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months
- Have not experienced breast symptoms
- Do not have breast implants
- Have not been treated previously for breast cancer
- Have a current Primary Care Physician or OB/GYN*

** Please have your PCP or OB/GYN's and insurance card information when calling.
Screening mammograms have no co-payments or deductibles.

One stop can save your life!

~The Mammovan~



The GW Medical Faculty Associates

Crossing Borders

Stories about faith, courage, and hope

A matinee of stories about encounters with “other”—people from different cultures, races, religions, countries. Hear stories about changed outlooks and beliefs, how experiences with “other” affected lives, and the lessons they taught about the storyteller and “other.” A light fellowship meal and brief storytelling workshop follows.

Storytellers



Award-winning storyteller, author, public speaker, and coach **NOA BAUM** was born and raised in Israel. With a unique combination of performance art and practical workshops, she focuses on the power of storytelling to heal across the divides of identity and build bridges of understanding and peace. Noa's recordings won the Storytelling World Award and Parents' Choice Recommended Award. Her memoir *A Land Twice Promised: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace* has won several accolades, including the Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Award.



DANITA GREEN is an author, radio talk show host, and columnist who addresses issues that confront marginalized communities. She facilitates at the Richmond City Justice Center, where she conducts her Crown of Creation workshop for incarcerated women and provides career training for inmates. She has worked with Camp Diva and Girls for a Change, organizations both dedicated to mentoring girls. As an author, Danita has toured nationally, sharing the stage with Iyanla Vanzant, Levar Burton, and Dr. Bernice King. Her work has appeared in countless publications, including Essence magazine, USA Today, and the Wall Street Journal.



SUFIAN ZHEMUKHOV is an award-winning author, a Moth Story Slam Champion, and a winner at the 2018 National Storytelling Festival—Jonesborough. His stories bring to life his Circassian (Russia) immigrant experience as a university professor, which are funnier than one would expect! Sufian recently performed his solo show, *Flirting Like an American*, at the Capital Fringe Festival (D.C.) and at the Rochester (NY) Fringe Festival.



GAYLE TURNER is co-founder and executive producer at The Storytellers Channel, in Richmond, VA. He currently has the honor to serve as the president of The Virginia Storytelling Alliance. Among his many endeavors, he is presently recording Edgar Allan Poe's canon in cooperation with The Poe Museum. Believing we live into the stories we tell ourselves, Gayle encourages everyone to tell a story worth living, tell it on the mountain, and tell it well.

TICKETS: www.LunaRiverVoices.com/events

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019; 2–5 p.m.

WHERE: Church of the Covenant, 2666 Military Road, Arlington, VA

Net proceeds to benefit: Arlington Alliance for Housing Solutions  **The Alliance for Housing Solutions**



Sundays: Oct 6, November 3, and November 17
6:30-8:00pm, Dinner Served

RACIAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN

A Three Part Webinar Series
from More Light Presbyterians

October 6: Defining Racism and White Supremacy

Please see date changes:

November 3: Engaging White Fragility

November 17: Decentering Whiteness

Clarendon Presbyterian Church
1305 N Jackson St, Arlington VA 22203
Please RSVP to: clarendonmission@gmail.com



Featuring Jessica Vasquez Torres, webinar
facilitator

An Invitation from The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

How Do We Heal Our Frayed Republic?

with Peter Wehner
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 pm



Contributing Opinion Writer for *The New York Times*

Senior Fellow at Ethics and Public Policy Center

Author of *The Death of Politics: How to Heal Our Frayed Republic After Trump*

Free admission; but please register at www.peterwehnerov5.eventbrite.com

**Refreshments at 6:30 pm, talk begins at 7 pm
at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church**

Childcare available; Free Parking at Green City Parking on H Street between 12th and 13th NW



Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar Program at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
1313 New York Ave. NW | www.nyapc.org/mclendon-sir

Where do we go from here?

Jonathan Kuttab: A new look at Israel/Palestine



theIPMN.org

Keynote Event at IPMN Annual Meeting
FREE
Open to the Public



Friday
November 8, 2019
7 pm

First & Franklin
Presbyterian Church
210 West Madison Street
Baltimore

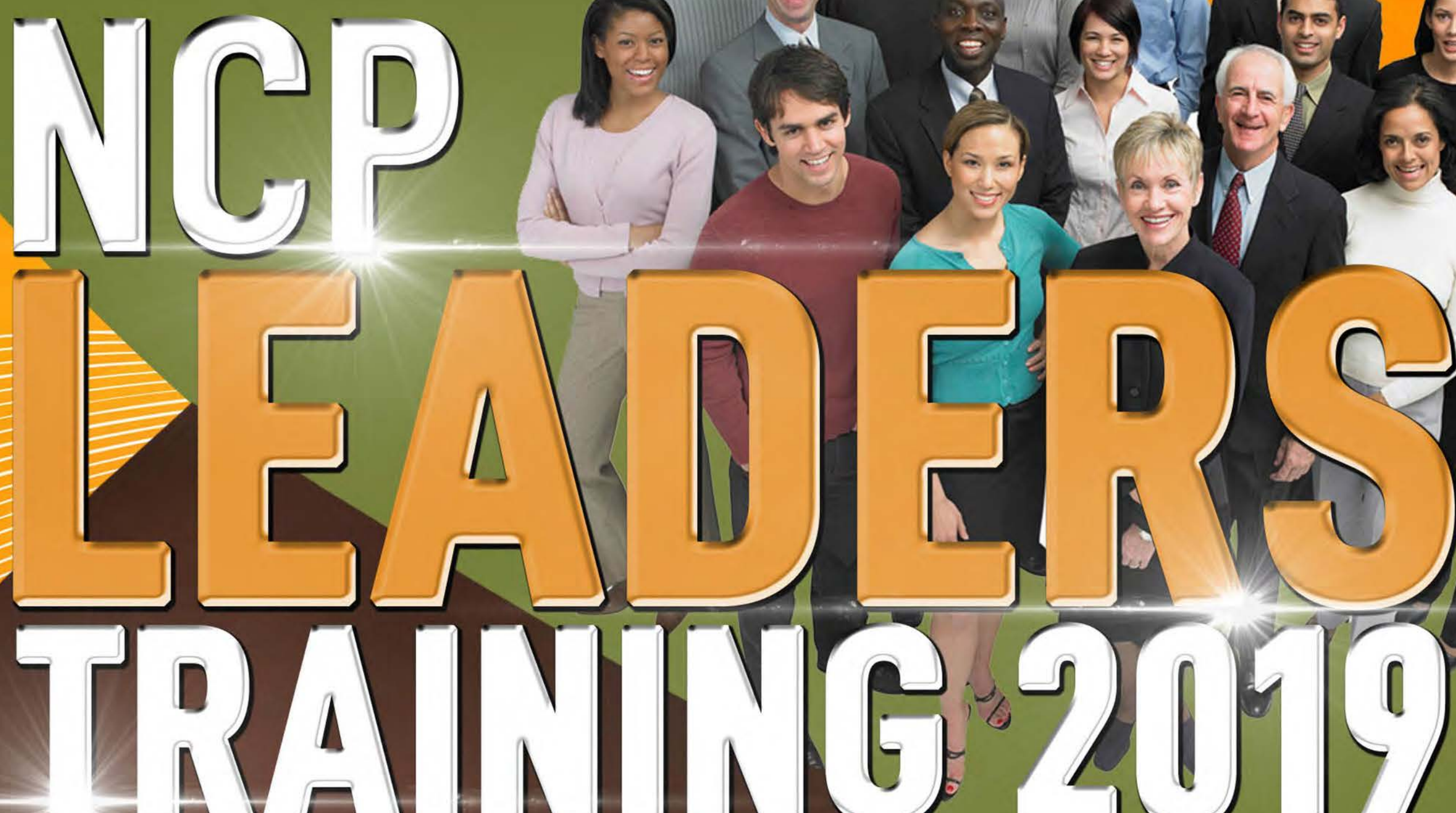
sponsored by IPMN
The Israel/Palestine Mission Network
of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

All Welcome!

Jonathan Kuttab

Jonathan Kuttab is a leading human rights attorney and advocate for Palestinian rights. He is co-founder of Al Haq –the first international human rights legal organization in Palestine– as well as Non-Violence International, and the Mandela Institute for Prisoners.

Jonathan is a Palestinian Christian who is a past chair of the Bethlehem Bible College and serves on the board of the Sabeel Ecumenical Theology Center in Jerusalem. He is a leader in the establishment of *Christ at the Checkpoint* conference and was part of the 1994 legal team for the Cairo agreement that resulted in the Oslo II Accord.



NCP LEADERS TRAINING 2019

Saturday, November 9th, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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

-  **Spiritual Formation**
-  **Christian Education**
-  **Worship & Sacraments**
-  **Stewardship and Finance**
-  **Congregational Care**
-  **Mission and Evangelism**
-  **Communications**

AGENDA FOR THE DAY

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - Introductions and Worship
- 9:20 a.m. - Keynote — The Rev. John Molina-Moore,
General Presbyter
- 9:45 a.m. - Plenary I
- 10:50 a.m. - Plenary II (repeat of Plenary I topics)
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Closing Worship and Communion
(teach about the role of serving communion)
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Officer Training for New Officers

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

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



Register link - <https://thepresbytery.org/event-directory/>

LEADER TRAINING 2019 – BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Cultivating Ministry

Moving to Impact: Getting at the “Why” of Ministry: Facilitators: Kerry Grannis and Jen James

Are your programs making a lasting impact? Why do you do what you do inside and outside your church walls? Most of us spend more time figuring out HOW to run a program rather than WHY we have the program in the first place--but the "why" can be the key to transformative ministries. Using some principles of Cultivated Ministry, a field guide from NEXT Church, come discuss how thinking about the "why" can help you build ministries with deep impact for your church and community.

Communications

Facilitator LaJuan Quander, Dir. Of Comm, NCP, and guest presenter Jess Fisher, Communications Coordinator, Western Pres. Church will discuss the communication tools used by NCP, the importance of identifying communication tools and having an overall communication plan. We will also talk about social media presence and its importance in a digital world. Jess Fisher will offer her expertise in content design and management. You don't want to miss this opportunity! Register now:

<https://thepresbytery.org/event-directory/>

Stewardship and Finance

Facilitator Olanda Carr, Presbyterian Foundation, Ministry Relations Officer serving the East Region - The presentation is an interactive seminar designed to help you move your church from conducting a traditional stewardship campaign to building a year-round, spiritually based culture of generosity. You will walk away from this seminar with ideas on organizing your generosity/stewardship leadership group, communicating with the different generations that exist in your congregation, integrating all aspects of your church into the life of generosity, and teaching the spirituality of generosity.

Spiritual Formation

Facilitators, Tara Spuhler McCabe, TDirector, Congregational Development and Mission, NCP and Shani McIlwain, Elder, Faith Presbyterian Church and member, NCP Spiritual Formation Team – *Spiritual Formation, what does this even mean?* Elders and Deacons in our congregations are the Spiritual Leaders of the church. Participants will be guided into best practices of how we share and lead others with our faith. It may sound easy and it is but sometimes we forget to be intentional for others to learn from our faith! Join us as we lead together.

Worship & Sacraments

How We Worship God - Facilitators Brian and Ruth Hamilton, co-pastors, Westminster Presbyterian Church, DC - *From Peacocks to Roadkill* In this honest and lighthearted workshop on an incredibly serious topic, participants will reflect on their congregation's worship and consider ways we might make our services more authentic and meaningful to ourselves and others (maybe even God).

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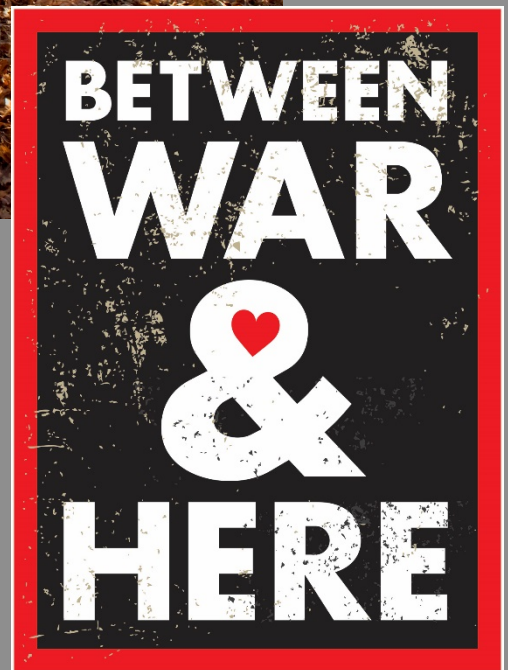
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Officer Training for New Officers, Sara Coe, Stated Clerk



Photo by Burgess Blevins

Ensemble Galilei with
Neal Conan & Anne Garrels

*Extraordinary music.
Powerful memoir. Unforgettable stories*



Monday, November 11, 2019 7:30pm

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
10701 Old Georgetown Rd, Rockville

Tickets \$20 general admission, \$15 students & seniors
\$10 active duty or retired military

Tickets and info: www.EGmusic.com

Proceeds go to support the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.



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