

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Conversation with Doug Dicks, Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in Israel and Palestine -- Meet your Mission Co-Worker in Israel and Palestine, Doug Dicks, at the **Open Space meeting on November 19 at 4:00 PM**. Learn about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in seeking peace in this troubled region. Based in Jerusalem, Doug serves as a liaison between PC(USA) congregations and councils, helping them prepare for pilgrimages and study tours and providing up-to-date information about the situation on the ground in the region. Learn about Doug's work and what Presbyterians can do to support a just peace for Israelis and Palestinians. More about Doug's ministry can be found [here](#).

Ways to Engage with Refugees Here in Our DMV Community - Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC) provides support and resources to their volunteers to better enable them to empower resettled refugees in Maryland, DC and Virginia. The nonprofit grew out of Chevy Chase Presbyterian's co-sponsorship of a family in 2026 and learning about unmet needs for refugees in this area. Learn how you or your church can engage with refugees now. And bring your questions for Merritt who is well-connected and familiar with all the local resources and agencies. More information about SHC. Refugee Ministry Network: Merritt Groeschel, President and Founder, Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC). *More information about SHC is included in this edition of the TM. Learn more at Open Space on November 19 at 4:00 p.m.*

Messiah Concert with a Cause - Sunday, December 1, 3 p.m. - Old Presbyterian Meeting House (323 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314) - The Meeting House Choir, soloists, and orchestra—under the direction of Music Director Dr. Steven Seigart—present Messiah, the immortal 1741 oratorio by G. F. Handel, featuring his famous “Hallelujah” chorus and some of the composer’s greatest arias.

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.