

THURSDAY MAILING



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC

January 9, 2019



In this edition

January Birthday Greetings

Pastoral Concerns/Announcements

John's Jottings

John Molina-Moore, General Presbyter

From Tara's Table

Tara Spuhler McCabe, TDirector of Congregational Dev. & Mission

Free Film and Discussion Series

Five Awake

January 12 – St. Mark's Episcopal Church

2020 Salzman Lecture

"The #MeToo Reckoning: Facing the Church's Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct"

Rev. Ruth Everhart Presenting

January 19 – Lewinsville Presbyterian Church

Youth Carbon Analyst Program

Project of the Earth Care Network

January 25 – Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

(lunch included) Registration required

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

presents Acclaimed and Renowned Pianist Brian Ganz

January 26 – St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

OPEN SPACE TOPICS-Presbytery Meeting: January 28 – National Presbyterian Church

see full list on thepresbytery.org "open space topics"

- A Fishbowl Dialogue on "Eviscerating Racism" with the MCC and Reconciliation Team

- Leadership Embodiment for the Church – with Kirsten Melone

HERON A Documentary

presented by Christian Peacemaker Team

January 30 – Bethesda Presbyterian Church

NCP PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Annual Prayer Breakfast

"Prayer Journeys" speakers: Rev. Lucy Der-Garabedian and Rev. Evangeline Taylor

February 1 – Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA

CALM to the Waves: A Winter Retreat

guest presenter: The Rev. Melanie Jones

sponsored by the Care Team of Committee on Ministry

February 3-5, 2020 – Dunes Manor, Ocean City, MD

Registration closes January 13th- REGISTER NOW

NEXT CHURCH 2020 National Gathering

“what do these stones mean?”

March 2-4, 2020 – Cincinnati, OH

(Spiritual Formation Team of NCP offers scholarships towards the registration fee)

Travel to Israel and Palestine on a Pilgrimage and Study Tour

Led by Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick and Rev. Susan Wilder

October 9 – 19, 2020

Next Call in Ministry Scholarship

offered by Wesley Theological Seminary



Birthday Greetings for the month of January

Denise Anderson

Carol Barrett

Anne Benefield, HR

Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman

Tim Cargal

Mary Boyd Click, HR

Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer

MaryAnn McKibben Dana

Anne Ellestad

Joyce Emery

Hilaire Henthorne

Laura Hollister

Roy Howard

Megan Klose

Lisa Larsen

John Lee

Craig Meek

Chares Reinhold

Young Chan Ro

Blaine Smith, HR

Dewey Wallace, HR

David Williams

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



Pastoral Concerns

Continued prayers for the **Rev. Robert "Rocky" Laha, pastor, Old Presbyterian Meeting House** on the death of his son, Ben. A service of witness to the resurrection in celebration of the life of Benjamin Ryan Laha was held at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House (321 S. Fairfax St) on Tuesday, January 7. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to provide future educational funds for Ben's 10-year-old daughter. Checks may be made out to Old Presbyterian Meeting House, with "Ben Laha Memorial" in the memo line. You can also give online at opmh.org/give.

Please continue to keep Rocky and Sally, Ben's wife Lynda, his daughter Grace, his sister Jenny and her family, and all who loved Ben in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for clerks of sessions to submit their church's **2019 Statistical Report** to General Assembly is **Feb. 3, 2020**. Contact Jan Moody, Assistant to the Stated Clerk, at jmoody@thepresbytery.org, if you have any questions.

Accommodation needed for Congolese doctor with Inter-Church Medical Assistance. Rev. Debbie Braaksma of Presbyterian World Mission, and Rev. Larry Sthreshley, mission co-worker in Congo, are looking for a room for three months for a Congolese physician. The Mission Board is sponsoring Dr. Bernard Ngoy for English language training and experience, so he can advance in his work with Inter-Church Medical Assistance in Congo. For ten years, he has been Technical Director of one of their biggest projects. From January to March, Dr. Ngoy will work in the IMA's Washington office and take an English course. When his English is good enough, IMA will promote him to be director of future projects.

World Mission is looking for a host family in the DC area who would accommodate Dr. Ngoy, probably mid-January through March. He will need to go into Washington each workday, to the IMA office on M Street, not far from the Farragut North Metro station.

Please spread the word in your congregation, telling members about the need for a room for Dr. Ngoy. Those who are interested or would like more information should get in touch with me at Bodeendv@verizon.net, or 240-672-2636; or Larry Sthreshley at LarryPCUSA@sthreshley.org.

Travel to Israel and Palestine on a pilgrimage and study tour, October 9-19, 2020. Join others from National Capital Presbytery for this trip, led by Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick, pastor at Grace, Springfield, and Rev. Susan Wilder, interim pastor at Kirkwood, Springfield. Travelers will walk in the land of the Bible beside those who live in the land today. Visiting places of Jesus' life and ministry and having conversations with Israelis and Palestinians, the group will consider what it means to be faithful witnesses to Christ in this time. Price: \$3,650, double occupancy, includes round-trip airfare from Dulles, lodging, and meals. See flyer in this Thursday Mail; for more information and brochure, contact Susan at wildersus@gmail.com or Ben at ben@gracepresby.org.



January 9, 2020

Happy New Year!

Over the past few months we asked our Mission Coordinating Committee (MCC) and the Church Development Committee (CDC) to take an in-depth look at their ministries and budgets to assure they were aligned with the vision and mission of the presbytery; to be ***Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic***. When they identified programs that no longer matched our vision, these committees did the hard and prayerful work of deciding whether or not we as a presbytery would continue with those ministries. MCC and CDC took that charge seriously and not only clarified their committee's direction but also ignited new excitement and passion. My hope is that we can all extend that same work throughout the presbytery.

The Leadership Council has appointed a small team, reflecting the diversity of this presbytery, to spend the next year looking at the entire scope of work and ministry of this presbytery. Only what is mandated by the Book of Order will remain intact. The team will start with a blank slate. They will work to build a structure that is focused on engaging as many of our churches as possible in shared ministry, all through the lens of what it means to be ***Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic***.

This work will not be done in a vacuum or around one table. This team will need all of you. Your input on what a presbytery should look, sound, and feel like will be the most valuable information this team will gather. Our hope is to hear from every congregation and ministry in this presbytery. I, for one, am excited for the work that lies ahead.

Throughout [my travels to our churches](#) I have found that same desire in our pews. The longing to be more connectional. A presbytery is at its best when it is focused on work and ministry that can only be done when churches come together. We as a connectional body can do things together that one church on its own could only dream of, ***"Together We Are Making A Difference"***.

I encourage you to not only engage and support the work of this team but pray for them over these next few months as well. Pray that the voice they hear louder than any is the voice of Christ, already fully aware of what this body can and will be.

We'll do our best to keep you all abreast of the team's work. But, if you find yourself out of the loop, please don't hesitate to drop me a note. I welcome a chance for a conversation.

John



January 9, 2020

Greetings,

John Molina-Moore and I ask you this: *What comes to our mind for you with the word CALM? What comes to mind for you with the word WAVES?*



During our lives, we can be grateful for the powerful pastoral work of Jesus as he CALMS the WAVES in the midst of the storms. The disciples are always together in these “panic” geographical spaces. And Jesus amid it all.

Right where we are, in the midst of the storms, we need to be together as Jesus is with us! John and I along with the CARE Team believe this is how we do pastoral ministry, together. CALM to the WAVES is our Clergy, Christian educator, and Ministry church staff Winter Retreat. It is February 3-5th at Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, MD. The flyer and link for registration is in this TM. Spouses are welcomed to join. Total cost is \$50 per person that includes all meals during our gathering as well as Ocean Front view rooms! We will share in thoughtful discussion from our facilitator and have ample FREE TIME!

We will be guided by Rev. Melanie Jones, Instructor of Ethics, Theology, and Culture and Director of the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She will ignite our theologies as we share in the pastoral, missional and prophetic work with our congregations. And the free time: visiting, resting, eating, watching movies, walking...so many possibilities together.

If you have any questions about this gathering feel free to reach out to your Care Team of Wayne Blaser, Rev. Fay Acker, Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones, and myself. Registration closes on January 13th.

Tara



exploring gun violence

Free Film and Discussion Series

Moderated Q&A Following Film Screenings

- | | | |
|------------------|--|--|
| Jan 5
2-4:30 | <i>Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence</i> | St. John's Episcopal Church
6701 Wisconsin Ave, Chevy Chase, MD |
| Jan 12
2-4:30 | <i>Five Awake</i> | St. Mark's Episcopal Church
301 A St SE, Washington, DC |
| Jan 26
2-4:30 | <i>Living for 32</i> | Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Fairfax
2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA |
| Feb 2
1-2:30 | <i>American Trauma: How the NRA Sparked a Medical Revolution / Speaking is Difficult</i> | St. Columba's Episcopal Church
4201 Albemarle St NW, Washington, DC |
| Feb 9
2-4:30 | <i>Awaken: A Tale of Inner-City Violence, Crime and its Impact</i> | Westmoreland UCC
1 Westmoreland Cir NW, Bethesda, MD |

Supporters: DC Area Interfaith Gun Violence Prevention Network ♦ St. John's Episcopal Church ♦ Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax ♦ St. Mark's Episcopal Church ♦ Westmoreland UCC ♦ St. Columba's Episcopal Church ♦ Burke-Fairfax Moms Demand Action ♦ Washington National Cathedral Congregation GVP ♦ PCUSA Office of Public Witness



**Lewinsville Presbyterian Church
2020 Salzman Lecture
January 19**

**“The #MeToo Reckoning: Facing the Church’s Complicity
in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct”**

Rev. Ruth Everhart, an author, speaker, and Presbyterian pastor of over twenty years, has been writing about sexual abuse and faith since 2012, when she began her memoir, *Ruined*, a deeply personal story of being raped at gunpoint at age 20, and her decade-long journey to build a new faith. Her Salzman lecture, like her forthcoming book of the same title, draws on her own history and her passion for scripture, weaving together contemporary stories with ancient scripture to reflect on one of the crucial issues of our day – how the church responds to sexual abuse.

A graduate of Calvin College and United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Rev. Everhart has explored this issue in a variety of venues, including cover stories for *Christian Century*, an essay in *Sojourners*, and an op-ed in the *Washington Post*. Her periodical writing has won awards from the Associated Church Press, and *Ruined* was named 2017 *Book of the Year* by *Christianity Today Women*.

Rev. Everhart, a resident of Northern Virginia and member of National Capital Presbytery, travels widely to urge faith communities to reconsider their response to sexual abuse. We are delighted that she will be joining us to deliver Lewinsville’s Annual Salzman lecture.

For more information about Rev. Everhart’s work, and for pre-ordering instructions and a discount on *The #MeToo Reckoning* (official release date: January 14, 2020), please visit www.rutheverhart.com.

Held in the Lewinsville Presbyterian Sanctuary, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia

**6:30 pm-gathering & reception in St. Andrews Hall
7:00 pm-Lecture in the Sanctuary**

Youth Carbon Analyst Program

2020 Orientation Meeting

*Because
the church building is a
testimony to the witness of
the church*



*we are
counting greenhouse gases
for net zero emissions
in our Presbytery*

All ages are welcome to learn how to support high school and college students seeking a faithful response to the climate crisis in National Capital Presbytery!

Featuring a climate science talk by

Dr. Elizabeth Dahl

of Loyola University Maryland

Climate change is a problem that can be hard to talk about. To solve problems though, we need to talk about them. During this program we'll talk about some basics of climate change science including the causes and effects of climate change, how we are experiencing climate change, and steps we can all take to help solve the problem.



The season of transformational Climate Action has arrived.

Jan 25, 2020

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

with lunch included @ Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

10123 Connecticut Ave., Kensington, MD 20895

Register via email to Dave Grace (dce@warnermemorial.org)

Event Description:

The event will begin with Dr. Elizabeth Dahl's climate change talk – which she is offering to various communities in our region. We will then have lunch and hear a review of the Youth Carbon Analyst Program's pilot year in 2018-2019, featuring the inaugural youth carbon analysts Simon Winter and Hannah Wilson-Black. Lastly, we will facilitate participation from the group before we outline opportunities for participation in YCAP this year.

Speaker Bio's:

Dr. Elizabeth Dahl is an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Loyola University Maryland. Her PhD is in Earth System Science and she specializes in marine and atmospheric chemistry and analytical chemistry. At Loyola she teaches courses in the environmental studies program and advanced analytical chemistry for chemistry majors. She also conducts research with undergraduates in environmental chemistry and advises the Environmental Action Club. When she isn't working, she's usually getting her two kids to their activities & spending time with them.

Simon Winter (YCAP '19) is a 1st year student in Environmental Studies at University of Maryland Baltimore County. Simon is a Sondheim Scholar and Honors student, and interested in studying climate justice throughout the world

Hannah Wilson-Black (YCAP '19) is a 1st year student pursuing a major in Environmental Studies at University of Chicago.

Dave Grace is the coordinator of YCAP and is Director of Christian Education at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church in Kensington, MD. He holds masters degrees in Environmental Management and Divinity from Duke University. At WMPC, Dave works with all ages to equip the congregation for faithful service in today's changing climate.

Background

In the 2006 General Assembly, Presbyterians resolved to seek to lead "Carbon Neutral Lives." Fourteen years later, it is now time for that seeking to bear fruit worthy of repentance. In 2008, the PC(USA) proclaimed the "Power to Change", asking the U.S. government to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) 20% from 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% by 2050. It is now 2020, and U.S. GHGs have likely increased, rather than decreased. Further, the GHG reduction timeline proclaimed in 2008 is now inadequate to sufficiently limit global temperature increase brought about by new and lingering GHGs (cf. UN Emissions Gap Report 2019). Today, the impacts of failure to see beyond the horizon of nonrenewable, fossil fuels and the failure to mobilize around an urgent date for reaching net zero GHG emissions are increasingly unconscionable. Thus, in 2018 the PC(USA) proclaimed that "The Earth is the Lord's" and urged courageous moral leadership on climate with transformational, incarnational climate action. Therefore, YCAP is counting GHGs to outline pathways to net zero GHG emissions in the National Capital Presbytery and the PC(USA). We ask for your help.

Project Listings:

1. Creating a Building Energy-Use Portfolio for NCP
 - a. Background: Using real data for two churches and publically available data on church size for the remaining eight churches, the inaugural youth carbon analysts estimated the GHG emissions of the Earth Care Network at a range of energy use intensities.
 - b. Outputs: The analyst/s will work with the YCAP team to produce a Portfolio for the ~100 church properties in the presbytery using the EPA, Energy Star tool called Portfolio Manager (PM), yielding:
 - i. A PM Portfolio that will serve as the basis for later data input via voluntary reporting from churches.
 - ii. A rough estimate of the total GHG emissions of NCP churches.
2. Assessing Renewable Energy Options for NCP
 - a. Background: Catholic Charities, working with Dan Misleh of Catholic Energies and others, recently installed what is said to be the largest solar array in Washington, DC ([here](#)). The UCC – a full communion partner of our denomination – has recently accepted the Architecture 2030 challenge ([here](#)).
 - b. Outputs: The analyst/s will work with the YCAP team to consult with partner churches and organizations to analyze a range of options for large scale greenhouse gas reduction activities that may be pursued by National Capital Presbytery, yielding:
 - i. A set of recommendations for a suite of renewable energy technologies to be implemented at presbytery scale.
 - ii. A stakeholder engagement plan to deploy these technologies.
3. Advocating for Climate Justice in NCP
 - a. Background: The benefits of planning for greenhouse gas reductions at the scale of the presbytery are numerous when considered in engineering and financial terms as well as in terms of a climate justice perspective. However, the benefits to individuals in congregations or their sessions may not be immediately obvious, particularly given the tendency to adopt a ‘fiduciary responsibility’ mindset that can easily be limited to the particular church. Yet, stewardship of the financial resources of a congregation is an important task and, thus, possibilities for co-benefits in GHG reducing activities throughout the presbytery should not be left unconsidered. Financial arguments aside, the Church is committed to climate justice so intersections between inequality, racism, xenophobia, environmental quality and climate impacts, mission spending, GHG reduction activities and potential, and varying congregational budgets deserve more attention. YCAP

should focus on climate justice as a moral imperative in its planning and not merely rest on a paradigm of financial benefit at the congregational scale.

- b. Outputs: The analyst/s will work with the YCAP team to ensure a climate justice commitment guides YCAP planning, yielding:
 - i. A set of guiding principles for seeking climate justice in the work of YCAP developed in consultation to the NCP Immigrant Ministry Network, Refugee Ministry Network, Anti-Racism Team, the ‘local expression’ of the Self Development of People, and other networks/teams.
 - ii. A work plan to complete a study document exploring climate injustice as it pertains to National Capital Presbytery and the planning of YCAP.
4. Sharing Climate Action Journeys in NCP
 - a. Background: Every congregation has its own story about how it practices Earth Care and there is a great value to sharing these stories to inspire and equip other congregations to act on the climate crisis. Presbyterians for Earth Care shares stories about [‘Earth Keepers’](#) and in 2016 recognized predecessor project for YCAP, which included a biodiesel bus tour to highlight and share these congregational stories in collaboration with partners. In the DC metro area, the local Interfaith Power and Light chapter shares these stories in [a number of ways](#): such as a ‘solar congregation’s map,’ a ‘learning from solar congregation’s booklet,’ and a ‘solar congregation’s list-serv.’
 - b. Outputs: The youth carbon analyst/s will work with the YCAP team to identify ways to enable the sharing of ‘climate action journeys’ among congregations in the National Capital Presbytery – considering partnerships to support this work, yielding:
 - i. A written or digital media report that shares the ‘climate action journeys’ of at least three churches in National Capital Presbytery.
 - ii. An event that raises attention about this report, possibly in collaboration with other youth carbon analysts working on other areas.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and *Music with a Cause* Concert Series

Presents

ACCLAIMED AND RENOWNED PIANIST

BRIAN GANZ

performing "*Chopin and the Growth of Genius,*"
featuring polonaises, mazurkas, waltzes and more!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | 4PM

\$20 at the Door; ages 17 and under admission is free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for music with a cause).

Concert proceeds benefit Loudoun Free Clinic. A non-profit organization that is committed to providing healthcare services to Loudoun County residents.



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

www.standrew-pres.org

JANUARY 28, 2020 OPEN SPACE

A Fishbowl Dialogue on “Eviscerating Racism” with the MCC Race and Reconciliation Team



ColInspire Conference
October 7-10, 2019

From the October ColInspire Purpose Statement:

“In the Kingdom of God, our liberation is bound together with all others. We cannot live as one body in Christ as long as the sin of racism is commonplace in our communities, our institutions, and our lives. It’s not enough for us to live in isolation in our churches, waiting for the storm to pass. To “conspire” is to “breathe with” another; as the church conspires to eviscerate racism, we must think about what it means to truly breathe with one another, even as we acknowledge that people of different races experience racism differently and have different roles to play in this work. We must “breathe together” as one community, lifting up our many differences and strengths while supporting each other through our trials and shortcomings. Taking in the breath of hope, resilience, love, and knowledge gives us the courage and strength for the uncomfortable work of destroying racism.

What do we need to do to transform our collective imaginations? We must not only discover and dismantle the racist ideologies that hold our imaginations captive, but indeed, eviscerate racism in our bodies, souls, the ground we share, and the air we breathe. We choose to work at the level of evisceration because we acknowledge how deeply racism is lodged in the very visceral nervous systems of ourselves and communities.

Through mind-blowing sermons, to deep dives into church and societal structures, to self-examination, participants were invited to see that “With God’s help, we liberate our imagination to expansively conspire with our Creator for a church and world where racism is extinguished, where all of us can live in the abundance we were created to inhabit.”

In the spirit of the Montreat ColInspire Conference and the declarations made from the Co-Inspire Purpose Statement in the excerpt above, members of the Mission Coordinating Committee’s Race and Reconciliation Team, who attended the conference, were asked to commit to bringing some of our learnings back to our environment that will begin the whole Church thinking about what is needed to “eviscerate” racism in our families, our communities, our local congregations, the larger church, and ultimately our world. The MCC Race and Reconciliation Team would like to offer the following four questions in a fishbowl forum with people of color and whites and to ask them to share with and listen to one another’s responses in this setting, using the following questions. We will end by asking each participant to commit to one task over the next 2 months, then returning to our fishbowl at our March Presbytery Open Space to share new insights.

All are welcomed!

The questions are:

1. What at this time seems to hinder your full liberation?
2. What do you need to help you fully open to ‘the other’s’ experience?
3. What strengths to you bring from your cultural context that lend toward the evisceration of racism in your contexts.
4. What do you think we need to transform our collective imaginations.

Led by:

Elder Sandra Barrett, Garden Memorial
Elder Les Henig, Northwood
Elder Jochebed Jordan, Redeemer
Elder Therese Taylor-Stinson, Liaison, MCC Race and Reconciliation Team

O P E N S P A C E

Leadership Embodiment for the Church

Drawing upon her experience in the secular Mindfulness world and studies in Yoga & Contemplation, Kirsten Melone will present on what it means to be a leader who is in tune with their mind, body and spirit.



Kirsten Melone is the Program Coordinator & Partner Lead at Mindful Leader, Inc. She spends her free time teaching yoga & meditation and is currently working through a two-year certification program in Spiritual Direction at the Shalem Institute of Washington, DC. Kirsten's mission is to be a holder of sacred space. As a lover of stories, art, and nature she also seeks to embody the wisdom of ancient contemplative practices in an over-stimulated world.

CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS PRESENT

HEBRON

A DOCUMENTARY



christian peacemaker teams

THURSDAY
JANUARY 30
7 PM

JOIN US FOR A SCREENING AND PRESENTATION ABOUT THE CITY OF HEBRON AND THE WORK OF THE CHRISTIAN PEACEMAKER TEAMS, FOLLOWED BY A Q&A WITH YOUSEF NATSHEH AND RACHEL JOY.

HEBRON EXAMINES THE EXTENT TO WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS ARE REALIZED IN A PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY UNDER ISRAELI OCCUPATION. YOUSEF AND RACHEL HAVE BEEN SERVING WITH CPT SINCE 2013.

BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5080 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, MD | 301.986.1137

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Presbyterian Women
National Capital Presbytery
presbyterianwomenncp.org

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2701 Cameron Mills Road
Alexandria, VA 22302

Saturday, February 1, 2020
9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Prayer Journeys

Speakers:

Rev. Lucy Der-Garabedian
Rev. Evangeline Taylor

In Memorial

Be prepared to name sisters called to Eternal Rest in 2019

Registration Fee is \$15.00 (\$5.00 for Students)

To help us plan for seating and refreshments, please register by January 25, 2020.

You may register, in advance, by email to our treasurer, or by mail.

You may pay at the door or mail this form with your check to:
June Eakin, Treasurer, 13221 Glenhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 873-4794, june.eakin@mac.com

I plan to attend the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 1, 2020

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Church _____

Please enclose registration fee

LAST CHANCE TO
REGISTER!

CALM to the Waves: A Winter Retreat

“Igniting Education” with guest presenter the Rev. Melanie Jones
*For NCP Minister Members, Christian Educators,
NCP Staff and their Spouses*

Monday, February 3—Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Dunes Manor Hotel

2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842

Join members of the Care Team of NCP’S Committee on Ministry for:
Two nights Oceanfront Room accommodations; 2 breakfast buffets; 2 plated lunches;
and 2 plated dinners!

What to Expect: Restoring Rest and Free Time

REGISTRATION CLOSES Monday, January 13, 2020

COST: \$50.00 per person – ONLINE REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT OPTION [HERE!](#)



Teacher and activist: Rev. Melanie Jones, Instructor of Ethics, Theology and Culture / Director of the Katie Geneva Cannon Center for Womanist Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She is a Doctor of Philosophy candidate at Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS) studying ethics, theology, and culture. Her doctoral dissertation entitled “Up Against a Crooked Gospel: Black Women’s Bodies and the Politics of Character in Religion and Society”



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC



Cincinnati, OH

March 2-4, 2020

The twelve stones placed in the middle of the Jordan River served as a memorial to God's faithfulness. They witnessed to the trials and tribulations overcome by the people of God. The stones also testified to future generations that God, who made a way where there was no way, will once again lead us to redemption and transformation.

We are called to remember our forebears, the great distances they covered and the faith that carried them. Their memory inspires us and challenges us to move forward in our own faith journey. Their memory calls us to stay the course, to wade in the waters of life, to continue to struggle for the Kin-dom of God where justice, love, and peace flow freely. When we are willing to sacrifice the comfort of what we know for the gift of new life promised by God, we become living stones that witness and testify to God's provision, promise, and power that transform our hope into reality.

Please visit our website (<https://nextchurch.net/gathering/location-hotel-information/>) for more information, including how to make a hotel room reservation.

Let us meet by the river in Cincinnati for the 2020 NEXT Church National Gathering, to remember, pray, sing, and testify to God's power that transforms us and our work to reflect God's faithfulness.

Spiritual Formation Team of NCP is offering scholarships for the event! [Click here to apply.](#)



WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BEGINNING SPRING 2020

Next Call in Ministry Scholarship



Wesley Theological Seminary is pleased to announce new scholarships to help equip leaders who have recently become active in ministry or community leadership and have worked a minimum of 10 years in at least one career other than ministry.

These tuition awards are available for both full and part-time students beginning with the Spring 2020 academic year. Up to six 50% tuition awards are offered for the next academic year. Partial housing stipends toward on-campus housing are also available.

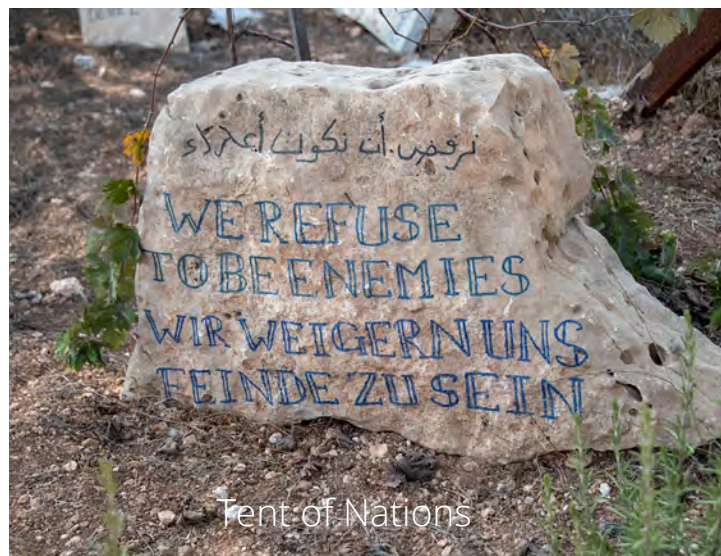
**For additional information contact the Office of Admissions:
202-885-8659 or admissions@wesleyseminary.edu**



Travel to Israel and Palestine on a Pilgrimage and Study Tour, October 9-19, 2020

- Visit with the Palestinian Episcopal Congregation in Nablus
- See biblical sites in the areas of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and elsewhere
- Converse with local peacemakers
- Tour Bethlehem Bible College
- Visit Tent of Nations--a Palestinian Farm and Peace Center

On this educational and inspirational trip, travelers will walk in the land of the Bible beside those who live in the land today. Visiting places of Jesus' life and ministry, the group will consider what it means to be faithful witnesses to Christ in this time. Conversations with Palestinians and Israelis will offer a window on their hopes and dreams for a peace-filled future and how we can support them in that vision.



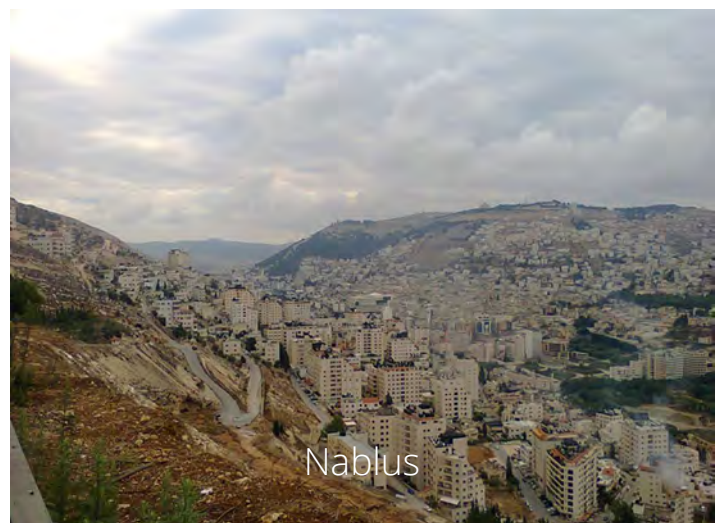
Tent of Nations

Leaders are Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, in Springfield, Virginia and Rev. Susan Wilder, interim pastor at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Virginia.

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick is Grace Presbyterian Church's Head of Staff where he has served since February 2017. Prior to accepting the call to Grace Presbyterian, Ben served as Head of Staff at North Wilkesboro (NC) Presbyterian Church (2003-2017), and as Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church, High Point, NC (1999-2003) and of New Dublin Presbyterian Church, Dublin, VA (1993-1999). Prior to entering seminary, he served four years as a US Naval Officer.

Rev. Susan Wilder is the Interim Pastor at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Susan has lived in Jerusalem, led trips to the region, and previously served as a consultant to the Faith Forum on Middle East Policy, a network of Christian denominations and organizations working for a just peace in the Middle East. She served as representative for Middle East Policy in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 2008 to 2012 and has served in pastoral roles at Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington.

For more information and brochure, contact Susan at wildersus@gmail.com or Ben at ben@gracepresby.org.





WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BEGINNING SPRING 2020

Next Call in Ministry Scholarship



Wesley Theological Seminary is pleased to announce new scholarships to help equip leaders who have recently become active in ministry or community leadership and have worked a minimum of 10 years in at least one career other than ministry.

These tuition awards are available for both full and part-time students beginning with the Spring 2020 academic year. Up to six 50% tuition awards are offered for the next academic year. Partial housing stipends toward on-campus housing are also available.

**For additional information contact the Office of Admissions:
202-885-8659 or admissions@wesleyseminary.edu**