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A Pilgrimage of Discovery

Israel and Palestine

October 9-19, 2020



Birthday Greetings for the month of March

Bruce Bowen, HR

Bill Clark, HR

Laura Collins, HR

Stephany Crosby, HR

Shannon Daley-Harris

Dan Duggan, HR

Beth Goss

William Jokela, HR

Lloyd Kinzer, HR

Jill Lum

Jack Mathison, HR

Rhoda Nixon, HR

Gary Pinder, HR

Mary Pullen, HR

David Renwick

Susan Wisseman

Rick Wurst, HR

Michael Parker

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



Pastoral Concern

The Reverend G. Trout, PHD, HR, passed away on February 26, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healthy Boundaries - Registration is open for Healthy Boundaries training for 2020. Go to the [Events](#) section of thepresbytery.org and register for a date this year if your mandated training was last completed in 2017 or earlier.

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 brochure in this Thursday Mail; for more information, contact Susan at wildersus@gmail.com or Ben at ben@gracepresby.org.

NCP OFFICES MOVED! Our address is 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 408, Rockville, MD 20852



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WE'RE HAVING AN OFFICE OPEN HOUSE!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
11 AM - 2 PM

11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 408, Rockville, MD 20850
Light refreshments. Garage and meter parking.

RSVP: lquander@thepresbytery.org



Greetings!

This weekend we are co-hosting the **Beyoncé Mass** at the Kennedy Center. The event begins at 6:00 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m. and **ALL THE FREE TICKETS** are distributed on a first come first serve basis. (*informational flyer included in this TM*)

So, you might be reading this post, or any of the other information about this event, and be thinking, “is this really for me”? Fair question. The answer is a resounding yes.

Here are a couple of helpful pieces of information from the curators of the mass...

The Beyoncé Mass is a womanist worship service that uses the music and personal life of Beyoncé as a tool to foster an empowering conversation about Black women—their lives, their bodies, and their voices.

ARE YOU WORSHIPING BEYONCÉ?

No. **Beyoncé Mass** is a Christian worship service that is open to all. It does not deify Beyoncé. The worship service uses Beyoncé’s life and music as a tool to engender positive, empowering conversations about Black women.

WHAT IS WOMANISM?

Beyoncé Mass is a womanist worship service. Womanism recognizes and celebrates the lives, beauty, culture, spirituality, and experiences of Black women and is committed to the survival, well-being, and wholeness of all people.

All of this helps us as the body of Christ. We are aware that Christ’s body here on earth does not take on any one shape, color, or size. Think of the work we do as the church as coloring with crayons. If we’re only given 2 or 3 crayons to use sure we can make a great picture. Think how much more radiant and beautiful that picture would be if we had more crayons to use. Not valuing one crayon over another but celebrating the unique offering it has to the larger picture. Coming to the mass this weekend will broaden your image of the living body of Christ.

I hope many of you will join us this Sunday, March 8th. Many of your siblings from around our presbytery will be singing in the choir, reading, and serving communion as we together offer an opportunity for worship to the city of Washington. If you cannot make it this weekend there will be other opportunities throughout this year in our presbytery to explore how womanism can enhance our image of God while also honoring the voices of those who are often overheard.

John



March 5, 2019

Although this is hard for me, I am writing to let the presbytery know that I will be resigning as stated clerk as of May 29, 2020. I have loved this job and continue to love this job. And I love the people I have gotten to know in NCP. Nevertheless, I need to go.

My family is growing! In addition to my 3-year-old grandson, I now have a six-week-old grandson. And at the beginning of June, my daughter will be having a little girl. And all are local. Blessings aplenty! I would like to spend more time with my daughter in New Orleans. My husband of 47 years is winding down his work—he would like to see more of me, too.

So, I am leaving this job. But I am not leaving the area. I hope still to be involved with the church and contribute as I can. And I count so many of you as friends I want to continue to see.

National Capital Presbytery is in good shape. Your staff is dedicated and competent. As I look at the church around the country, as a presbytery we have much to be thankful for.

Peace and blessings, Sara

Sara M. Coe, Stated Clerk
National Capital Presbytery
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Guidance for Congregations

In response to severe infectious disease outbreak

As the media generates interest in the current outbreak of Coronavirus, presbyteries and congregations have an opportunity for a ‘teachable moment’ about how to prepare for and respond to widespread contagious diseases. As you begin to plan, two items to address are what can/should be done NOW, and what may be necessary LATER.

WHAT TO DO NOW.....

Create a task force to coordinate the church’s response within the congregation and in the community. Name one person the primary contact for all messages related to the response.

Precautions

Take common sense precautions to slow or prevent the spread of the flu among members:

- Ask ill members to stay home. Provide alternative spiritual care for those who cannot attend worship or other functions due to these precautions.
- Ask members to sit in alternate rows, to provide the recommended 3’ social distance during an outbreak.
- Train ushers to assist those who may be affected. Tissues, small bottles of sanitizer, and masks can help.
- Have alcohol-based hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol) in the restrooms for use after hand washing.
- Increase diligence when cleaning kitchens, restrooms, and classrooms. Use disinfectant spray on all hard surfaces, including door handles.
- Clean children’s toys in Sunday school classes and day care facilities after each class. Mix one part household bleach to ten

parts water (make fresh solution for the day of use), or use Clorox® surface spray with bleach.

- Turn off and mark all water fountains “do not use”.
- Increase the supervision of small children in hygiene habits (day care and Sunday school.)
- Consider changing communion practices away from common cup and shared loaf. Consider using prefilled communion sets or have on the celebrant, gloved, handle bread disbursement. Prepare elements wearing gloves and masks. Keep elements covered until used. Communicants can be brought forward by rows.
- During passing of the peace, simply smile and say the words, without hugs or handshakes.
- Ensure that those handling food (for any church functions including Meals on Wheels, food pantry or in-house food service) follow enhanced precautions for safe food handling, including the use of gloves, masks, and hair coverings.

Be aware of needs

Develop a list of individuals from the congregation and the community who may have special needs in the event of a medical emergency, and define how the church can be involved in their support.

Training

- Ask local hospital or health care agencies to provide training to members on palliative care and using infectious disease precautions when in the home of affected members.
- Those who will provide ongoing pastoral and spiritual care in homes during an outbreak should be REQUIRED to have infectious disease precaution training NOW.

Resources

Provide educational resources in simple, easily understood form.

- SIGNS – Make or ask children to make signs reminding people to wash their hands with soap and water frequently.
- BULLETIN INSERT – Create a bulletin insert encouraging best health practices. Inform members about “social distancing” so others will not be offended by a lack of hugs or handshakes, including during passing of the peace.
- HANDOUTS – prepare information (in the languages of the congregation and community) about caring for someone who has the flu. Include information about what services the church has available to help with home care.
- Order *Light Our Way – A Guide to Spiritual Care in Times of Disaster* online at <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/light-our-way/> Provide copies for staff, church leadership, and those who may be engaged in spiritual and pastoral care.

PREPARING FOR LATER.....

If a pandemic event is imminent in your state or community, the following actions are recommended:

Community Outreach

Many governmental planners assume that churches will be the principal providers of palliative care and food distribution. There will be differing responses, depending on the state response plan and the perceived severity of the outbreak.

In order to know what your local plan will be, it is important to connect with local emergency management systems, either through the Emergency Operations Center or the local

organization that responds in disaster. Many communities have a coordinating group called a VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) or a disaster committee that is part of the American Red Cross. Someone from the congregation should register with at least one of these groups as a point of contact for the church.

Clergy and other staff should consider taking Red Cross training and registering with the Red Cross.

Current Status

Please monitor the following websites for current information:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

www.cdc.gov

The World Health Organization:

www.who.int

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

www.hhs.gov

Plan for Ministry Continuation In a Stage 6 Pandemic, the method for containing the spread of the disease is to require social isolation of infected people; and to reduce opportunities for social contacts among the non-affected. Businesses could close; schools and day care centers would close; travel would be restricted.

Churches will need to decide on the proper mix of isolation (cancelling activities) versus maintaining or increasing community mission programs.

Before a Stage 6 Pandemic is declared, the church should have a plan for governance and decision-making, considering the inability to meet face to face. Conference calls might be used to conduct Session business; actions would need to be confirmed at a regular meeting following the lifting of restrictions. Congregations and presbyteries can write specific guidelines in their standing rules concerning electronic meetings.

Develop a means for worship when the congregation cannot gather. Some options:

- Contact local radio stations to explore remote feeds or taped worship.
- Contact the local Cable TV network about broadcasting videotape of worship services, church messages, or other events.
- Ask your computer internet service provider about podcasts and live internet feeds of worship, Sunday school classes, or other events. While the initial investment may be costly, this could open up a whole new ministry for those unable to attend - at a very reasonable continuing cost. Web based conferencing video/audio services such as skype.com or gotomeeting.com might be helpful.

Develop a continuation of business plan.

- Plan ways to encourage congregants to make their pledges. Give simple, clear instructions about the options open to members.
- Talk to vendors and utility companies about reduced operations at the church due to closures.
- Plan for continuing office operations and whether increased security will be warranted during closures. Can some employees work from home?

Ensure congregational care and support for ongoing community ministry.

- Food pantry ministry – discuss a plan to continue operations within the guidelines for public gatherings and with precautions not to spread the flu. Is home delivery viable?
- Member care group - explore how to provide palliative care and nutrition support to those unable to care for themselves (because of prior conditions or the flu.)

- Meals on wheels or other home feeding programs may be expanded to accommodate additional needs.

Develop plans for responding to new needs as they arise.

- How can the church provide support to families if businesses, schools and manufacturing plants close? How will the church care for the homeless and the displaced due to economic disruptions in the community?
- How can churches work together to provide support to those affected? Can churches share Parish Nurses and Stephen Ministers?



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www.pcusa.org/pda

Salary Report Form

Use this form to: verify current salary and/or report annual salary updates

The effective salary with updates must be reported annually, preferably at the start of your fiscal year. Please complete the below and forward a copy to Joan Erickson at the Presbytery office – comadmin@thepresbytery.org

This information is used to produce the average and median salary reports we are required to provide to the BOP on a yearly basis. It is also used to verify compliance with the Presbytery minimum salary guide. The information is not available for public distribution and will not be shared beyond the Presbytery Staff and members of the Committee on Ministry.

A. Minister Information

Name: _____

Congregation

Name _____

B. Annual Salary Information

Effective Date of Salary Reported here _____

Number of hours expected to work per week _____

Please enter annual amounts or zero if not applicable.

1. Cash salary (including employee contributions to 403(b)(9) plans; tax-sheltered annuity plans; unvouchered book, car, and study allowances; vacation pay and overtime) 1. \$ _____
2. Housing allowance, utilities, and furnishings allowances (if manse provided see below) 2. \$ _____
3. Employing organization contributions to 403(b)(9) plans, tax-sheltered annuity plans, and equity allowances (Matching contributions to the Board's Retirement Savings Plan should not be included.) 3. \$ _____
4. Bonus (will be included in the year in which the bonus is paid; if continuing, you will need to report annually) 4. \$ _____
Year in which bonus is paid _____
5. Reimbursement in excess of 50% of the minister's SECA tax obligation) 5. \$ _____
6. Other allowances (including copayment and medical expense reimbursement allowances) 6. \$ _____
Do not include expenses reimbursed through vouchers or Benefits Plan dues.
7. Manse amount (fair market rental value plus any utility or furniture allowance; at least 30% of lines 1-6 for members residing in a manse) 7. \$ _____
8. **Total Effective Salary (total of lines 1-7)** 8. \$ _____
9. Board of Pensions (37% of line 8) 9. \$ _____
10. SECA offset (FICA 7.65% of line 8) 10. \$ _____
11. Total Cash Salary (sum of lines 1 - 11) 11. \$ _____
12. Continuing Education (vouchered) 12. \$ _____
13. Professional expenses (vouchered) 13. \$ _____
14. Mileage allowance at IRS effective rate- 14. \$ _____

Total Package (sum of lines 1 – 14) _____

You may use the Total Effective Salary Calculator and the Dues Calculator on Pensions.org to determine the impact the reported effective salary has on dues.

Effective salary is any compensation a member receives during a plan year from an employing organization. This does not include vouchered expenses. For more information, see the *Understanding Effective Salary* booklet, available on Pensions.org.

Join us on
March 8th

BEYONCÉ MASS

On Sunday March 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Kennedy Center, Eisenhower Theater, Washington, DC National Capital Presbytery is co-sponsoring “**BEYONCÉ MASS**,” a womanist worship service that uses the music and personal life of Beyoncé as a tool to foster an empowering conversation about Black women—their lives, their bodies, and their voices. Curated by Rev. Yolanda Norton, this groundbreaking spiritual experience has gathered thousands of people at worship services from Southern California to Portugal.” (*doors open at 5:30 pm - tickets are not needed*)

What is Beyoncé Mass?

What if “Flaws and All” was a song about a complicated relationship with God? And “Survivor” spoke to how Black women thrive even as they’re undervalued and underestimated? Beyoncé Mass is a womanist worship service that uses the music and personal life of Beyoncé as a tool to foster an empowering conversation about Black women—their lives, their bodies, and their voices. Curated by Rev. Yolanda Norton, the H. Eugene Farlough Chair of Black Church Studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary, this groundbreaking spiritual experience has gathered thousands of people at worship services from Southern California to Portugal

For more information visit: <https://www.beyoncemass.com/home/#about>



REVEREND YOLANDA NORTON

Rev. Yolanda M. Norton is the H. Eugene Farlough Chair of Black Church Studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Her womanist scholarship explores how Scripture treats foreign women and how this has led to the oppression of women of color who encounter the Bible today. She is also a PhD candidate in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel and Theology and Practice Fellow at Vanderbilt University.

Rev. Norton is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and she holds a Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies degree from Wesley Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Syracuse University.

THIS EVENT IS FREE!!



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Paige Trevor

Speaker, Parent Educator
& Professional Organizer

March 8

“Positive Tools”

March 15

“Misbehavior”

March 29

**“Development &
Temperament”**

April 19

“Screens & Chores”

*Serving our city,
united in Christ.*

Parenting Workshop Series

Join the GPC Children’s and Family Ministries Committee for a parenting workshop series with Certified Parent Educator, Paige Trevor. We will laugh, learn and leave with inspiration and resources for our families. Our four sessions are designed for parents of toddlers through teens.

Each session will take place in the Youth Room from 9:30 -10:45 a.m. while your children are in nursery care or Sunday School.

Come to one or all four!
Sessions are \$20 each, or \$60 if you attend the whole series.

**To register and learn more
visit
gtownpres.org/parentingworkshop
or
email jdl@gtownpres.org**



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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Beyond the Rhetoric: Faithful Conversations about Gun Violence



March 13-15, 2020
Grace Presbyterian Church
7434 Bath Street
Springfield, VA
www.gracepresby.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

7-9pm: Documentary screening and discussion
Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8-9am: Registration and breakfast

9-10: "Changing the Conversation about Firearms and Faith"- Rev. Atwood

10:30-12:30: "How to Have Courageous Conversations about Gun Violence"- Rev. Hollas

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:15am: "Unmasking the Powers Behind Gun Violence"- Rev. Hollas

10:30am: Morning worship with Rev. Hollas preaching

REGISTER: www.gracepresby.org/beyond-the-rhetoric



Rev. Jim Atwood is a retired pastor, activist, and author of *Collateral Damage* and other books on guns and faith.

Rev. Deanna Hollas is the Gun Violence Prevention Ministry Coordinator with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.



A Lenten Biblical Discussion on **Class and Race**



Dr. Joshua Wright



Dr. Phaedra Blocker



Mr. Alexei Laushkin



Dr. Sherrill McMillan

14
March

Discussion from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lunch Provided

Prince Georges Community Church

4401 Brinkley Road Temple Hills, MD 20748

(301) 449-1121 | pgcchurch2005@gmail.com

www.princegeorgescommunitychurch.com



Hosted By Rev. Dr. Edward P Harding, Jr
Speaker & Senior Pastor

Register at

<https://adiscussiononclassandrace.eventbrite.com/>



ESTATE PLANNING


Get Your Assets in Order!

Wills vs. Trusts | Living Wills & Health Care Directives
Gifts & Allocation of Assets | Property Power of Attorney

Free Estate Planning Seminar

at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church

Saturday, March 14 10am-2pm



- This half day seminar is meant for people
- nearing retirement or already retired. Invited
- speakers include estate lawyers, financial planners and retirement community consultants.

The seminar is meant to give the community a general overview of issues and decisions faced in the middle years of life. Light snacks and refreshments will be served!

For the agenda of speakers and other information: visit www.bushhill.org



Planned Giving Round Table

sponsored by NCP Stewardship Committee

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD

Date: March 18, 2020

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Pastries and Coffee provided

Agenda:

9:30 – Welcome

Introductions:

Name/Church/Planned Giving Status (2 min. each)

10:00 – Presentations

Special Report: Giving USA's *Leaving a Legacy*

A new look at today's planned giving donors.

Research on what motivates a planned gift, how to reach donors, what donors expect, when donors are most likely to make a gift, etc.

Presenter: Karl Mattison

Re-energizing a planned giving program

Assessing a program's status and planning a way forward.

Presenter: Aaron Sirilia, Business Administrator, OPMH

11:15 – General round table discussion

Sharing materials

Sharing experiences

Resources

Q&A

PARKING: park at the front of the church and enter up the outside stairs to the front of the church
OR park on the office side (off Greentree Road) and use door #4 into the office (our doors are numbered above each exterior entrance.)



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Presents
Spring 2020 Short Courses
March 21, 28, and April 4, 2020

Renewing Theology and the Church for Public Life: Reformed Voices

SCHEDULE:

9:00am Check-in and Continental Breakfast
9:30am-12pm Short Course

**Host Church and
Location:**

National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Avenue NW
Agencies Building ♦ Room 105
Washington, DC 20016

March 21, 2020

Cultural Challenges to the Church

Presenter: Rev. Jessica Tate



A lifelong Presbyterian, Jessica became the **Director of NEXT Church in 2012**, where she had been in leadership since 2010. Prior to coming to NEXT Church, she served as Associate Pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian. She also served as clergy co-chair of VOICE, a broad-based interfaith, community power organization. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she served as a Young Adult Intern for the PC(USA) at the denomination's Washington's office. Jessica then received a MDiv. and a MA in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Jessica and her husband John live in Washington, DC.

March 28, 2020

Renewing Church and Public Witness

Presenter: Rev. John Molina-Moore



John was called as the **General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery** in May 2019. He holds a bachelor's degree from Sterling College in Communications, where he was a scholarship student in both music and athletics. He has a MDiv. from Princeton Theological Seminary, where he won the Gerald R. Johnson Award in Speech Communication in Ministry in preaching and communications. John completed a Certificate in Advanced Executive Leadership for Ministers from Howard University. John served pastorates at Red Clay and Calvary Presbyterian Churches in Wilmington, Delaware. In National Capital, he has served as Stated Supply Pastor of Northminster PC and Stated Supply Pastor for Community Life at Western PC.

April 4, 2020

Theology and Public Policy

Presenter: Rev. Jimmie Hawkins



Jimmie is **Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness**. He earned a BA in Social Studies from North Carolina Central University; a MA in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education; and a MDiv. from the Interdenominational Theological Center/Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. For twenty years he served as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC. He also served as the senior pastor of Grace PC, Holmes Memorial and Trinity PC in Western Virginia. He has been leader for the Moral Monday Movement since its onset in 2013.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 18, 2020 Payments must be received prior to March 21.

To Register: Email ymckinney@reformedinstitute.org

DISCOUNT IF REGISTERED AND PAID BY MONDAY, MARCH 16

Series Fee: Non-Member Churches - \$100 **\$75**

Member Churches - \$75 **\$50**

Single Session: Non-Member Churches - \$30

Member Churches - \$25

MAIL CHECKS TO: REFORMED INSTITUTE, PO BOX 1928 ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22313

PAY VIA CASHAPP: \$REFORMEDINSTITUTE

REQUIRED READING FOR EACH COURSE WILL BE FORWARDED ON REGISTRATION.

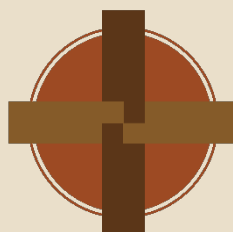
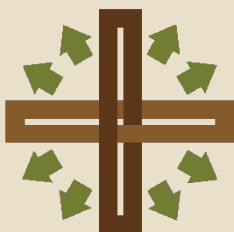
Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Training With Holy Cow Consulting

Join a team of interpreters equipping our congregations! Would you like to be trained as an interpreter of the Congregational Assessment Tool? Limited spaces are available for our next training session, Monday March 23 and Tuesday, March 24, 9 am - 3 pm, at National Presbyterian Church. This is open to anyone currently a member of congregations in NCP and minister members of NCP.

Holy Cow Consulting works to assist congregations and organizations determine where they are in order to help them get to where they need to be. Take a quick look [here](#). Current Interpreters in our Presbytery share that this training and experience gives them a chance to see more of our presbytery and gain solid visions and bigger dreams of what they can do with their congregations and in their ministry. Living into visions and dreams is our opportunity in being *Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic*.

If interested, email Tara Spuhler McCabe, tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org with your responses to the questions below. No more than 200 words per question. *Due by February 18, 2020*. Applicants will be reviewed and informed by CDC leadership if they have been selected by February 20, 2020.

1. Why do you want to be an Interpreter in NCP?
2. What excites you about congregations and ministry these days?
3. What do you notice about yourself in facilitating group conversations?





MARCH OPEN SPACE

DOES YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA NEED HELP?

- Learn tips, tricks, and resources for your church.
- Bring your laptop and Holy Week service times to get started!

Tuesday, March 24 at 4pm
National Presbyterian Church
RSVP to lquander@thepresbytery.org



Presented by

JESS FISHER

**Freelance Graphic Designer &
Communications Coordinator
at Western Presbyterian Church**
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Communications

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



ColInspire Conference
October 7-10, 2019

This is a followup to our January Open Space, where we attempted to grapple with the questions below in community. At our March Open Space, we come back to grapple with the questions: “Where do we go from here?” What can we take back for our congregations to live out a commitment to Antiracism?”

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, and Elder Therese Taylor-Stinson, Liaison, MCC Race and Reconciliation Team



THROUGH the Fire

*The 39th
Anniversary of
the Sargent
Gospel-Aires*

*Saturday,
April 4, 2020
4:00 pm*

Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church
5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20019
(202) 396-1710
Rev. Juan P. Guthrie, Pastor

*"If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of
blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us." Daniel 3:17 NRSV*



Join us for Compassion, Peace & Justice Training Day

Stay for Ecumenical Advocacy Days

April 24-27 | Washington, D.C.

We believe that God created this world, called it good, and told humans to care for it. We are blessed to have this sacred task.

On April 24, 2020, join with Presbyterians from across the nation in Washington, D.C. to

learn how Presbyterians and partners are answering this call and working for the restoration of God's creation and people. Through plenaries, workshops, and networking opportunities, this CPJ Training Day offers the chance to explore the various ways we are addressing climate change, ecological destruction and environmental racism. Advancing climate justice and just transition to value and protect people who have historically been made vulnerable by economic and environmental injustice will be a special focus.

Many will continue the learning by attending the Ecumenical Advocacy Days: Imagine! God's Earth and People Restored from Friday evening on April 24 through Lobby Day on Monday the 27th. Almost 1,000 Christian advocates join us every year for a weekend of workshops, lectures and concrete actions addressing movements for social change.

Use this link for more information and registration:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/washington/advocacy-training-weekend/>



The poster features a grid layout with the title 'REVOLUTIONARY LOVE 2020' in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, the dates 'APR. 24 - 26' are displayed in large, bold, blue letters. The central text reads 'Toward A More Perfect Union' in large, bold, white letters, followed by 'Learn more at RevolutionaryLoveConference.com' in smaller, bold, white letters. The poster is framed by a blue border and includes numerous small portraits of speakers and organizers. Key speakers highlighted with larger portraits and names are Linda Sarsour, William Barber, Eve Ensler, and Jacqui Lewis.

We who believe in freedom know that our liberation is tied together, and we can't rest until the moral arc of the universe bends toward justice and equality. This April, join hundreds of activated social leaders at the **Revolutionary Love conference in Washington D.C.** Together, we'll hear from some of the country's most prophetic voices—like Women's March organizer Linda Sarsour, Civil Rights icon Ruby Sales, author Eve Ensler, and Poor People's Campaign co-chair William Barber. We will work alongside young activists who are organizing on climate change, poverty, gun control, immigration reform and voting rights to build an unprecedented, intergenerational, intersectional fusion of art, education and movement building that is intent on seizing this moment to heal the soul of our nation.

See a full schedule and speaker lineup, and buy your ticket at RevolutionaryLoveConference.com. And, as a special offer, use the code SPREADLOVE to get a ticket for only \$150 (usually \$399)! This movement is growing, but it needs your voice. Join us, and let's build the more perfect union we all deserve.

Keynote Speaker:
John Roberto

John Roberto is a member of the Vibrant Faith Executive Team, and Project Coordinator for the Vibrant Faith Institute. He is the Founder and President of Life-long Faith Associates, editor of the *Lifelong Faith Journal*, and coordinator for the Faith Formation 2020 Initiative. For over four decades John has provided consultation to churches, and authored books and manuals in youth ministry, family ministry, and intergenerational faith formation.



Through four plenary sessions, we will explore several timely questions for congregations.

- 1. What does research on congregations teach us about creating a culture of life-long faith formation?
- 2. Which practices create and sustain a culture of lifelong faith formation?
- 3. What are the process and tools for building such a culture?
- 4. How can church leaders apply the practices, process, and tools in their congregations?

Whether you are a volunteer in your congregation, a full or part-time educator, or a pastor, the importance of creating a culture of lifelong faith formation affects the church of today and tomorrow.

Worship: Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

Anna is pastor of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg, West Virginia, a congregation founded in 1783 worshipping in a sanctuary built in 1796. A child of Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC, she’s a graduate of Agnes Scott College, Union Theological Seminary in New York City and Wesley Theological Seminary. The last 22 years of ministry have (joyfully) taken her full circle – from WV to PA to NC, and now back to WV.



Music: Anne Marie Juliano

Anne Marie was born to Christian Cuban missionaries in Tangier, Morocco, and grew up in Spain before her family moved to NJ where her father pastored a Hispanic Baptist church. From age 14, Anne Marie was the church pianist and director of music and choirs! Now retired after 35 years teaching music in public schools, she currently is the Director of Music at The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair.

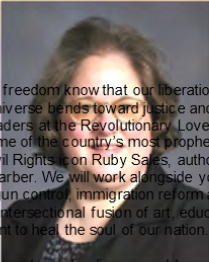


**Morning Workshops:
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon**

**#1. Life-long Faith Formation:
When Does it Begin?**

Led by Lynne Pabst, CCE

This workshop explores the Biblical and Developmental beginnings of faith formation and the faith community’s response to this understanding. Participants leave with a new way of thinking about how early life experiences lay the foundation for life-long faith and how in acting as a community of faith the church nurtures relationships in response to baptismal vows.



**#2. I Don’t Care How Old You Are, We
Need to Finish the Roof Before It Rains**

Led by Rev. Derek Wadlington

Evangelism through service: how a motley group of college students and retirees learn from each other and form a community while performing disaster relief work. A collaboration between students from Wilson College and volunteers from Lend A Hand. Find inspiration for your own mission context from intergenerational mission.



**#3. Connecting Bible Stories with
Discipleship**

Led by Carol Wehrheim, CCE

Using stories from *Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible*, we will read them with discipleship and how to live faithfully with differences (race, culture, abilities, etc.) in mind. This is the child’s version of reading the Bible with the newspaper alongside it. Bring contemporary picture books you like to use with children.



Afternoon Workshops: 1:00-2:30 PM

#4. Lifelong Learning Toward Justice

Led by Rev. Jimmie Hawkins

Justice is integral to a life of faith. As Christians we embrace the Biblical command to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.” Our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus criticized the Pharisees for neglecting the “weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and faithfulness.” We teach children stories of Jesus’ love for children as he blessed them. Let’s learn that the church is called to engage in mission. As adults, we challenge systemic evils which prevent others from realizing their full humanity as self-sustaining children of God. We will engage in conversations about utilizing the gifts and resources God has placed before us to transform this world into the Beloved Community.



**#5. Baptismal Water is Thicker
Than Blood: Becoming a Church
That Embraces Single People**

Led by Stephanie Borger

Nearly half of American adults are unmarried, increasing numbers are remaining single their entire lives. Yet so much of congregational life centers around the nuclear family, often leaving adults without spouses and/or children feeling profoundly alienated by the church. Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than in our faith formation and educational ministries. We will reclaim a robust theology of singleness, consider practical ways to fully welcome unpartnered and/or childless adults into the household of faith, and discover how the singles in our congregations can help remind us all that our primary site of belonging is not to our biological family, but to the Body of Christ.



**#6. When They Stop Coming to Sunday
School – Creating Teaching Moments**

Led by Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, CCE

These days, many sessions have decided to let go of Sunday School because “nobody comes.” We will explore ways for grandparents (and any adult who cares about lifelong learning and discipleship) to create and make the most of teaching moments. Nurturing spiritual growth can be as simple as anticipating and making theologically meaningful what already goes on around the church building – from unlocking doors, to collecting Communion cups, to setting up for a church supper. Let’s connect life-in-the-church activities to scripture and discipleship.



Afternoon Workshop: 2:30-4:00 PM

#7. Art for Everyone

Led by Barbara Chalfant

How do you make traditional art forms accessible to everyone, even those who “don’t do crafts?” Come join us, try out “Suminagashi” an early form of paper marbling, and other crafts. We will discuss how they are made fail proof so that people of all skill sets and ages can enjoy working together. Busy hands help open hearts in conversation and allow deep fellowship to form.



Spirituality Center

The 2020 EAPCE Event Spirituality Center will be constructed as an example where children and youth can learn, appreciate, and enjoy some of the Spiritual Disciplines of the church.

Stations and activities will be created highlighting a specific Bible story, each one concerning a child or youth. Instructions and handouts will be available to enable each participant to create as they need. **Created by Carolyn Leah, CCE, EAPCE’s 2020 Educator of the Year**



EAPCE SPRING EVENT 2020
REGISTRATION FORM

Name (as desired on your nametag) _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Church/Position _____

APCE Member? Yes _____ No _____

First time attendee? Yes _____

Are there any dietary or special needs? _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES: (circle one for each time slot)

10:30 AM #1 / #2 / #3 1:00 PM #4 / #5 / #6

2:30 PM #7 (optional)

Conference Fees:

(Includes Conference, Keynotes, Workshops,
2 nights lodging and 5 meals and snacks):

Double Room(\$380) _____

Single Room(\$430) _____

Commuter.....\$150 3 day (meals included) _____

.....\$115 1 day (meals included) _____

Add \$40 for non-APCE members _____

Conference Fee Total _____

Roommate Preference _____

Scholarships Available for Spring 2020 Event

For first-time conference attendees, EAPCE will provide partial scholarships on a first-come first-served basis, as funds allow. Share the good news with your church friends! Email Cheryl Betts EAPCE Treasurer/Registrar, cheryl.betts52@gmail.com to receive a Scholarship Application Form.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations can be honored only if made ten days or more before the event.

Please complete and mail registration with check payable to APCE Eastern Region to:

Cheryl Betts EAPCE Treasurer/Registrar,
Gettysburg Presbyterian Church,
208 Baltimore Street,
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Deadline to Register: Wed, April 1, 2020

Questions: Treasurer/Registrar Cheryl Betts (717.334.1235/church)

Hearts and Minds Bookstore

Byron Borger will be back with the newest resources edited with his experienced and trustworthy eye. Remember to save luggage space for your purchases.

Book Exchange

If you need to make space for new books and want to share your resources, there will be a book exchange. Bring some, take some, and make sure you take back what is not snapped up by other conference goers.



Keynote: John Roberto

Monday April 27

- 1:00 Registration and Check-In
- 3:00 Welcome and Community Building
- 4:00 Opening Worship with Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight and Anne Marie Juliano
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Plenary #1
- 8:00 Vespers
- 8:30 Hospitality Hymn Sing

Tuesday April 28

- 7:30 Morning Prayer
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Plenary #2
- 10:30 Morning Workshops
 - #1 Lifelong Faith Formation
 - #2 Finish the Roof
 - #3 Connecting Bible Stories
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Afternoon Workshops
 - #4 Lifelong Learning Toward Justice
 - #5 Baptismal Water is Thicker Than Blood
 - #6 When They Stop Coming to Sunday School
- 2:30 Free Time – Spirituality Center, Movie, or joining Workshop #7 Art for Everyone
- 4:00 The Best from Hearts and Minds Bookstore
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Plenary #3
- 8:00 Evening Worship
- 8:45 Educator of the Year Celebration

Wednesday April 29

- 7:30 Morning Prayer
- 8:00 Breakfast (reminder: check out is at 11 AM)
- 8:45 EAPCE meeting
- 9:30 Plenary #4
- 11:15 Closing Worship with Communion

EAPCE EVENT
Eastern Association of Presbyterian Church Educators



April 27-29, 2020
Rhodes Grove Conference Center
7693 Browns Mill Road
Chambersburg, PA

Keynote:

John Roberto

Creating a Culture
of Lifelong Faith Formation

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight
Music:
Anne Marie Juliano



Pricing:

\$3,675 per person, based on double occupancy. For a single room, add \$700.

Price includes airfare; lodging in hotels and homestays in Nablus; breakfast, lunch, and dinner; ground transportation and site entrance fees; tips for guide, driver, and hotels.

Price does not include beverages, personal expenses, or travel insurance. You are encouraged to purchase travel insurance through a company of your choosing.

Price is based upon 15 or more persons in the group. Price is subject to change if airlines or ground operators increase their prices, or if a fuel surcharge is added by the airline.

To register, please detach and send the form on the reverse and your deposit of \$500 (Check payable to Grace Presbyterian Church). Mail form and deposit to: Rev. Susan P. Wilder/5985 Queenston Street/Springfield, VA 22152.

More Information:
wildersus@gmail.com
ben@gracepresby.org

Trip Leaders:

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick has served Grace Presbyterian Church, Springfield VA, as Head of Staff since February 2017. He has previously 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 in Springfield. 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 2008-2012 and has served in pastoral roles at Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arlington.

A Pilgrimage of Discovery

**Israel and Palestine
October 9-19, 2020**



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.

Registration Form:

Name as it appears on
passport:_____

Date of birth:_____

Address:_____

Phone(s):_____

E-mail:_____

Roommate (if applicable):

If you would like to be assigned a
roommate, please check here:_____

(We'll make every effort to accommodate
your request, however we cannot
guarantee a roommate.)

If you would like a single room, please
check here:_____

(Single rooms may be available on a limited
basis; home stays will be double occupancy
in most cases.)

Note: A passport valid six months beyond
date of return to the U.S. is required. A
tourist visa is not required for U.S. citizens
visiting Israel/Palestine.

FRI Oct. 9 Departure, Brussels Air 516
Dep. Dulles 5:40 PM
Arr. Brussels 7:30 AM (next day)

SAT Oct. 10 Brussels Air 3289
Dep. Brussels 9:35 AM
Arr. Tel Aviv 3:05 PM
Meet guide and driver, transfer to Nablus.
Dinner/overnight in homes of parishioners

SUN Oct. 11 Nablus
Worship at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.
Lunch at Tanoreen Restaurant.
Visit the Samaritan Community.
Visit historic St. Philip's Episcopal Church.
Tour St. Luke's Hospital.
Dinner and overnight in Nablus host homes

MON Oct. 12 Nablus, Nazareth
Visit Jacob's Well in Nablus
Tour Mar Elias Schools in Ibillin
Nazareth, incl. Church of the Annunciation
Dinner and overnight in Golan Hotel, Tiberias

TUES Oct. 13 Galilee
Mount of Beatitudes
Capernaum Synagogue and Peter's House
Tabgha (Church of the Loaves and Fishes)
Nof Ginosar Kibbutz to see "Jesus Boat"
Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee
Dinner/overnight at Golan Hotel in Tiberias

WED Oct. 14 Jericho, Dead Sea
Check out, depart hotel
Qumran/Dead Sea
Jericho, Zacchaeus tree, Mount of Temptation
Dinner at Bedouin-style restaurant, overnight
at Manger Square Hotel in Bethlehem

THUR Oct. 15 Jerusalem
Western Wall, Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount
Church of St. Anne
Walk the Via Dolorosa
Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Dinner/overnight: Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem
After dinner meeting with Doug Dicks, PC(USA)
representative in Israel and Palestine

FRI Oct 16 Jerusalem, Bethlehem
Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Dominus
Flevit,
Church of All Nations
Meet with Peace Now, Israeli peace movement
Dinner/overnight: Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem

SAT Oct 17 Hebron, Bethlehem
Cave of Machpelah/Tomb of the Patriarchs
Visit Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT)
Visit Israeli settlement and Visit Aida Refugee Camp
Dinner/overnight: Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem

SUN Oct 18 Bethlehem
Visit Manger Square and Church of the Nativity
Visit Diyar Consortium
Meet with local leaders
Visit Tent of Nations
Dinner/overnight: Manger Square Hotel, Bethlehem

MON Oct 19 Departure
Brussels Air 3294 Tel Aviv—Brussels
Dep. Tel Aviv 4:50 AM
Arr. Brussels 8:50 AM
Brussels Air 515 Brussels—Dulles
Dep. Brussels 10:15 AM
Arr. Dulles 12:55 PM

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