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***“Bear public witness to the love, truth, and justice of God in Jesus Christ specifically
in the areas of racism and reconciliation.”***



Birthday Greetings for the month of **January**

Denise Anderson

Carol Barrett

Anne Benefield, HR

Elizabeth Brookins-Sturman

Tim Cargal

Mary Boyd Click, HR

Mary Ann Collins-Stauffer

Mary Ann McKibben Dana

Anne Ellestad

Joyce Emery

Hilaire Henthorne

Laura Hollister

Roy Howard, HR

Megan Klose

Lisa Larsen

John Lee

Craig Meek

Charles Reinhold

Young Chan Ro

Blaine Smith, HR

Dewey Wallace, HR

David Williams

*From
the staff of
National Capital Presbytery
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lajuan, tara,*



Announcements:



National Capital Presbytery welcomes Dina Bickle as Administrative Assistant working with COM, CPM, Leadership Council and Presbytery Meeting Coordinator, effective February 1, 2021

For over five years, Dina served as the Office Manager/Administrative Assistant for Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed supporting Warner in fulfilling their ministries. Prior to this work, she was a stay-at-home mother and a planner/architect at a local architecture firm. Dina holds a BS and MS in Architecture from the University of Maryland, College Park. She brings church administrative skills and a flexible nature to the presbytery and looks forward to working with ministers and congregations.

Dina resides in Kensington, Maryland with her husband, Eric, and three children. She is a member of the United Parish of Bowie where she served on the Parish Board and the PNC. When not working, she enjoys playing tennis and watching her children compete in their sports.

Reminder to Clerks of Sessions: **Feb. 1, 2021** is the deadline for submitting The Statistical Report to the Office of General Assembly. Contact Jan Moody, the NCP Stated Clerk at jmoody@thepresbytery.org if you have questions.

The COM Coordinating Commission of National Capital Presbytery voted to strongly encourage sessions and congregations of our presbytery to allow pastors, if they desire to do so, to carry over unused continuing education time and allowances from 2020 into 2021. We offer this advice in light of how the pandemic resulted in the cancelling of continuing education events, discouraged travel, and made it difficult to get away for those who had family members (children or older adults) to care for, and increased pastoral responsibilities that made taking time off challenging. The COM stands ready to assist sessions and congregations in making the use of continuing education more accessible to pastors as we all deal with the challenges presented by COVID-19.

Save the Date: Black Presbyterians and Racial Justice: Reshaping the Reformed Tradition in the U.S.

January 23, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm- Free – Sponsored by the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington

The Reformed Tradition has been complicit in slavery, segregation, and White dominance throughout U.S. history. At the same time, Black Presbyterians have drawn on deep wells of resilience and prophetic vision to contest such racism and to reframe the tradition from within. Two gifted scholars will present the narratives of African American Presbyterians, including Francis Grimke and Gayraud Wilmore, that refashion today's church and its theology to serve racial diversity, equity, and justice. Speakers will explore such history in relation to this moment of racial reckoning in the U.S.

Registration: <https://reformedinstitute.org/event/convocation2021/>

NCP churches looking to transition from Zoom/Facebook live/etc. into live streaming services from their sanctuaries we want to help take some of the guess work out of where to start. The proposal, *"Hybrid Worship Proposal"* posted on the TM page, is from Zeke Dowty. He has produced ALL NCP videos for more than 7 years (*mission highlights,*

INSIDE with the GP, tribute videos), all found on NCP's [YouTube Channel](#) and his wife, the Rev. Dana Olson, is a minister member of our Presbytery. Zeke has worked with several churches in our Presbytery, all very happy with his work. What Zeke is offering is designed to be easy to operate and can be done by any leader/volunteer in your congregation. This isn't intended to be the ONLY option for live streaming, but it is one we in the NCP office are fully confident in supporting. [Tech Support Grant Request](#)

We are also offering our congregations information on **web support** through NCP's provider, **Tomahawk**. Posted on the TM page is a proposal for services offering the ability to add streaming services for live church sermons, events, and other social events.

For congregations that might find these options a financial burden we have resources to help. Contact [John Molina-Moore](#) or [Tara Spuhler McCabe](#).

Together We Can Make A Difference!
ON-LINE GIVING



Happy New Year!!

We will have new and exciting things happening around our presbytery in the coming year. Our hope for this year is to strengthen all our ministries so that they can grow. Many of you have heard me talk about framing things through the lens of “...*so that our churches can grow*”. That is our focus for 2021. All our efforts will center on church growth. Growth not by numbers alone, but a focus on impact and reach. Together, we can achieve this goal. I look forward to the adventure with all of you!

Loving God, may the year ahead be filled with your blessings. May our churches be strengthened. May our mission and ministry be received to our communities fresh and anew. May our work together continue to glorify you. Amen

John

January 7, 2021

Greetings People,

Thank you to every congregation and community for being present with your people during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. I was able to engage with Vienna Presbyterian during their Saturday of mission engagement and attend worship services across NCP. For the January start, your presbytery continues to grow into the priorities we have in front of us through 2022! I want to highlight how Church Development Commission and Mission Coordinating Committee are working in these three priorities this year!



We will challenge, equip, and support our congregations and their leaders in their discernment of God's invitation to discipleship and stewardship. CDC continues to provide Church Assessment Tools and match you with interpreters and coaches. [Tech Grants](#) continue to be assessed and provided so our congregations can worship safely. Programs (virtually still) are provided across the presbytery for growth and development. MCC continues to respond to requests of mission growth opportunities in areas of food scarcity, health care, and environmental stewardship. MCC also serves as a strong ministry partner with three College Ministries throughout the DMV. The DC YAV program will welcome new Young Adult Volunteers this coming program year, we pray!!!!!!

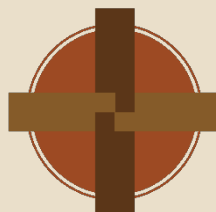
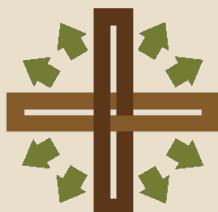
We will launch new Christian communities. EarthenHands with Rev. Jean Brown and Germantown Global Connections with Rev. Norm Gordon have begun unique Christ centered worshipping communities that connect with people who are “nones” or the “dones”. CDC supports the discernment of next growth opportunities with Mono-Culture fellowships who are a part of Light to the Nations in NCP. This is the year for critical next growth decisions to be made: nesting community with a congregation, New Worshipping Community/1001, or become a chartered church.

We will provide care, oversight and accountability for teaching elders and certified educators. CDC and MCC are following up this year with recent grant and scholarship recipients. The follow-ups begin with conversations to learn if what is being provided does strengthen and offer growth to God's invitation of discipleship! In collaboration with the Leadership Council and the Dismantling Racism Team, all Teaching Elders, Certified Educators, and other key leadership of the Presbytery will partake in Allyship and Anti-Racism training.

If there is anything that strikes your curiosity or you do not know about (you want to know about it!), please reach out to my desk via email or phone. While working remotely, I can respond and direct you to the best person for the answer.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe





Why Racial Reconciliation Matters: A Biblical Perspective

A Webinar hosted by Vienna Presbyterian Church
and First Baptist Church of Vienna
January 11, 7:00pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QtMypV52RZuCHxcSbl7NIA

Rev. Dr. Nicole Martin
Assistant Professor of Ministry and Leadership Development,
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and
VP of Church Engagement at American Bible Society

You are invited to -

A webinar with legendary Civil Rights leader Rev. James Lawson

A New Year's Message for America



Thursday, Jan. 14, 7:00 pm EST

James Lawson, one of the most important figures of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, has spent a lifetime teaching, preaching and training people in how to work for nonviolent social change. A leading theoretician and strategist for the Movement, he also served as mentor to some of the most important figures of that time, including John Lewis, Diane Nash, James Bevel, and many more.

A week before the Inauguration of a new President, Rev. Lawson will share his thoughts about where our country is now and what we need to do to live up to our founding ideals that call for equal rights and justice for all.

Register to receive the zoom link:
www.lawsonjanuary14.eventbrite.com

Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar Program at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church



For more information: 240 393-7246 or dialogdays@aol.com

18th Annual Convocation
Virtual Event, January 23, 2021.
10:00 am - 12:00 noon



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Black Presbyterians and Racial Justice: Reshaping the Reformed Tradition in the U.S.



Dr. Perzavia Praylow
Fifteenth Street
Presbyterian Church, D.C.,
Bowie State University



Dr. Douglas Clark
Louisville Presbyterian
Theological Seminary

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Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow is Pastor of Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC and teaches African American History at Bowie State University (MD). Previously, she was an assistant professor of American History at Augusta University. Dr. Praylow earned a PhD in American History, an MA in Education Policy and a MA in History all from the University of Illinois (Urbana, IL), an MDiv at Columbia Theological Seminary, a Masters of Sacred Theology at Lutheran Theology Southern Seminary (SC), and a BA in History at Drew University. Dr. Praylow's research focuses on 20th Century race relations, American religious history, African American social equality and the history of education. Her current book project is, *Educating the Talented Tenth: Fisk University Students, the Politics of Race Leadership and the Struggle for African American Equality* and is completing a manuscript on the mission work of Black women ruling elders in Black Presbyterian churches in the Carolinas. She serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Historical Society, is a member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Mission Development Resource Committee, the DC Mayor's Interfaith Council and has served on the strategy Team of Next Church and the Alumni Council of Columbia Theological Seminary. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

Rev. Dr. Douglas H. Brown Clark is Visiting Assistant Professor at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he teaches courses in American, African American, and Africana religious history as a part of the seminary's Black Church Studies program. He also teaches church history at Lexington Theological Seminary. Clark received a BA from Davidson College and an MDiv from Vanderbilt Divinity School, where he earned second honors and served as Student Body President. He then earned a PhD at Vanderbilt University, where he studied American and African American religious history with a focus on race, civil rights, and reparations. His current book project, *A Solid Black Hyphen: Race, Religion, Identity, and the Black Power Activism of Gayraud S. Wilmore*, examines the history of religion in the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, with a focus on late 1960s Black clergy advocates for reparations, especially Presbyterian minister, theologian, and activist Gayraud Wilmore. Clark's research has benefited from support as a Research Fellow with the Presbyterian Historical Society, and as a Fellow in Vanderbilt's Program in Theology and Practice. He chairs the southeast regional AAR's History of Christianity section, and previously chaired Vanderbilt's Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Committee. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister.

Peace & Hope

Prayers

Our prayer gathering will pause to remember and give thanks for the lives of those souls who have been called home. We respectfully ask you to include the names of sisters called to Eternal Rest in 2020 when you register for the gathering. We will lift these names up in memoriam and take a moment to pray for all those who died from the Coronavirus.



Please join us for a virtual Prayer Gathering

The National Capital Presbytery Presbyterian Women (NCP PW) host an annual Prayer Breakfast, which this year must be held virtually. We hope you will join us in “Finding Hope and Peace Through Challenging Times.” Our program will include speakers, Megan Klose and Le Quan Turner, who will lead us in thoughtful meditation.

Save the Date!

When

February 13, 2021

10am-12pm

Register

Please register **HERE** by February 3, 2021 or you may register at

www.presbyterianwomenncp.org

Need assistance joining the Prayer Gathering? Contact Char Wales by phone (703)-850-4955 or (703)-450-5835