

THURSDAY MAILING



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC

February 4, 2021



In this edition **(ALL EVENTS ARE VIRTUAL)**

February Birthday Greetings

Pastoral Concerns/Announcements

Opening Prayer to the January 26, 2021 NCP Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Vice Moderator

From the Stated Clerk

*Highlights from the January 26, 2021 Presbytery Meeting
Jan Moody*

From the desk of

Tara Spuhler McCabe, TDir. Of Congregational Dev. & Mission

Conversations about COVID-19

*Two-part series about the coronavirus and the vaccines
February 4 & 18 – Hosted by Black Presbyterians United (BPU)*

The Miseducation of the Nation

February 9 - Hosted by McCormick Theological Seminary

Growth ~ Impact ~ Reach

NCP Stewardship Committee Questionnaire (respond by Feb. 11th)

NCP Presbyterian Women Annual Prayer Gathering

*“Finding Hope and Peace through Challenging Times”
February 13 – Hosted by Presbyterian Women*

Fire Friday: Open Mic Night

Featured Artist: Ty Scott King

February 26 – Hosted by Black Presbyterians United (BPU)

2021 National Gathering

*BREAKING, BLESSING, BUILDING: A Call for The Common Good
March 5-7 – NEXT Church*

Dismantling Racism Training

*offered in partnership with Service Never Sleeps
March 30-31 with additional dates through May
Sponsored by the Dismantling Racism Team of NCP*

DISMANTLING RACISM

**“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 **February**

Henry Brinton	Dick Houghton, HR	Molly Blythe Teichert
Byron Buck, HR	Yena Hwang	Richard Thomas
Brian Clark	Lynn Jostes, HR	Casey Wait
Karen Doty, HR	Yunkuk David Kim, HR	Rose Wayland
Susan Fellows, HR	Leslie Klingensmith	Jerry Wheat, HR
Debbie Golden	Rusty Lynn, HR	Ed White, HR
Bill Hale, HR	Katherine Ross	Scott Wilson
Brian Hamilton	Jon Smoot	Bill Yolton, HR
Larry Hayward	William Stuart, HR	

*From
the staff of
National Capital Presbytery
debbie, dina, heather, jan, joan, john,
lajuan, tara,*



Pastoral Concerns:

Lifting **the Rev. Dr. Edward A. White, H.R., former General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery**, in prayer on the death of his wife. **The White family will celebrate** the life of **Dr. Louise Giesey White** with an online memorial service, on Saturday, February 6th at 11:00 am (ET), hosted by Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend. Contact the church for the zoom link. Obituary [here](#). Notes for Ed White can be sent to Mary White Giffin giffin.mary@gmail.com.

Announcements:

National Capital Presbytery and the members of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church invite you to the Installation Service of **Rev. Ron Hankins, as pastor, Silver Spring Presbyterian Church**, Sunday, February 7, 2021, 3:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

National Capital Presbytery and the members of Patuxent Presbyterian Church invite you to the Installation Service of **Rev. Matthew Pooley, as pastor, Patuxent Presbyterian Church**, Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

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.

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

Opening Prayer to the January 26, 2021 NCP Meeting
The Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks, Vice Moderator

Holy One, we open ourselves to you in prayer, that you might grow in us and we might grow in you, by the power of your Spirit.

Hear the prayers of your weary people. It has been so long that we have been at this
- being church in this pandemic, gathering online instead of in person, and we are tired.
Grant us energy.

Hear the prayers of your sorrowing people. We grieve being with our fellow presbyters in 3D, shaking hands and sitting at table. We lament the loss of loved ones, colleagues, and friends, not only from COVID-19, but from the normal course of life.
Grant us peace and comfort.

Hear the prayers of your confused people. While some have become way too practiced in this technology, others of us are still learning, and still learning the strange language of presbyterian gatherings. Grant relief in the confusion and clarity to know the next thing we need to do.

Hear the prayers of your frustrated people. God, there is so much holy work that has become obvious in these days. We want to be about doing your work of justice, we long to offer ourselves as peacemakers, we know we are called to share your mercy.
Remove impediments that keep us from fulfilling our calling and grant us insight on how to move forward.

Hear the prayers of your skeptical people, the ones who wonder, is it even possible to be church, to discern your will in this way? Via webinar and chat and online voting?
Grant us the assurance that you can work even now.

Hear the prayers of your resentful people, the ones who are wondering if this prayer will ever end, the ones who have spent way too long on zoom already today, who don't want to spend another 95 minutes (dear God let it please end in 95 minutes) in front of a screen.
Grant us patience.

Help us to be your faithful people, your grace-filled people, your wise people, your loving people, your trusting people, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ
our crucified and risen Lord, that in this time we might be a part of your work in the world, and the building of your coming new day. Amen.



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC

from the Stated Clerk



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL • PASTORAL • PROPHETIC

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2021 PRESBYTERY MEETING

“God is doing a new thing, now it springs forth. Do you perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19

National Capital Presbytery inaugurated the new year with a virtual presbytery meeting on January 26, 2021. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Guest preacher Rev. Cameron Trimble’s sermon the “Great Unveiling”
- Music led by the Clarendon PC’s Director of Music Brooklyn Anderson
- The welcoming of the following NCP ministers:
 - Rev. Ron Hankins**, Silver Spring PC
 - Rev. Matthew Pooley**, Patuxent PC
 - Rev. Robert Zenke**, Ashburn PC
 - Rev. Ill Jong Park**, Northern Virginia Korean PC
 - Rev. David Jeltima**, Chaplain US Navy
- The approval of the Leadership Council motion to a onetime allocation of \$100,000.00 from the New Growth Fund be used to contribute to the New Things’ and Congregational Development Commission’s effort to establish a Germantown Ministry Hub.

Rev. Trimble called for courage and honesty as churches face an unknown future. She described us as “pioneers of a new frontier rather than survivors of a declining institution.” By God’s grace let us move forward faithfully and boldly!

Jan

February 4, 2021

Greetings People,

“At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.” — Mark 1:28

What does God’s world teach us? How can meeting, seeing, and learning from others in God’s world connect us stronger to the Body of Christ? In what ways are you being called closer to the Body of Christ through Global Mission opportunities? How can you connect, globally, during a pandemic? **Global Mission Network of National Capital Presbytery** can support answering these questions!



Global Mission Network (GMN) with Mission Coordinating Committee (MCC) has had a re-vamp in online communication! Please take the time to connect with this [link](#) and learn about GMN of National Capital Presbytery. Incredible leadership throughout your presbytery extends the missional and prophetic work of NCP in GMN. In this [link](#) you will learn of matching grants that congregations can apply for to deepen Global Mission connections, Mission Networks that you can join around the world, and who the key leaders and congregations are in NCP with the **Global Mission Network**.



In the next month each congregation can participate in an online, LESS THAN TEN MINUTES, survey. The intention of this survey is to gather interests and activities of Global Mission and Ministry of our congregations. By participating in this survey, others will also be able to learn about joining groups within NCP for future collaborative work and trips! GMN hopes the survey will inform the network of needs and best supportive practices for our NCP congregations in Global Mission.

We all look forward to hearing from you soon.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



Black Presbyterians United
Presents

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COVID19

Two-part series about the coronavirus and the vaccines.

Get Informed

Know your history

Knowledge is Power

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Thursday, February 18, 2021

7:00 PM

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Eventbrite

A link with the zoom information will be sent.

<https://bpucovidtownhall.eventbrite.com>

LEADING CHANGE

IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

February 2021

McCormick

McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

CROSS-CULTURAL Urban Reformed ECUMENICAL



Dr. Reggie Williams

The Miseducation of the Nation

As McCormick's Initiative for Incarnational Ethics prepares for its Spring Lecture, Dr. Reggie Williams, associate professor of Christian Ethics and director of the Initiative, opens up the discussion that will explore how education has been used to form a society that embraces white supremacy as the norm.

"What was 'stolen' from the people who stormed the Capitol and ransacked the place on January 6," questioned Dr. Reggie Williams, associate professor of Christian Ethics and director of McCormick's Initiative for Incarnational Ethics. "It wasn't money nor an election; it was a belief that they were losing their coveted grip on the dominating concept of white supremacy."

This is a recurring pattern, noted Dr. Williams, and one that will be a focus of the Spring Lecture that will be given by Dr. Willie Jennings, associate professor of Systematic Theology and Africana Studies at Yale Divinity School. "One of things that Dr. Jennings points out for us is a sensitivity to theological education that shapes us to an understanding of life that is governed by white supremacy as normal," said Dr. Williams. "It's a violent practice of inclusion that incorporates black people and other racial groups in ways that demonstrate that whites are superior. Think slavery, Jim Crow, housing discrimination, voter suppression and other political measures to keep 'others in their place' and away from experiencing full citizenship. Much of the education in this nation cunningly facilitates those political practices by teaching us all how to know our place in a racist society."

Moving into its second year, the Initiative for Incarnational Ethics is seeing greater interaction among scholars, pastors, and the community. Its audience was expanded last year, recording more than 600 viewers from across the nation for its Gathering of Pastors that was held online due to the pandemic.

"It wasn't money nor an election [that was stolen]; it was a belief that they were losing their coveted grip on the dominating concept of white supremacy."

"One of the aims on our lecture series is to broaden the understanding of the Christian life to one that centers on justice as the way of Jesus," stated Dr. Williams. "We want to look at how the ideology of white supremacy shows up in theological education in order to help dismantle, within our own psyche and that of others, the problems it poses for the well-being of us all."

McCormick's Initiative for Incarnational Ethics Spring Lecture will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. CST.

Register for the virtual presentation [here](#).



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC

Greetings!

The NCP Stewardship Committee is gathering ideas to serve one another throughout this coming year. We are looking for stories or examples to inspire or teach with great ideas from around the Presbytery. Has your church done something amazing that you could share with others in these areas?

- “You won’t believe this”: Have you done something in stewardship so wonderful that you can’t wait to share it with others? We are all ears!
- Using video to invite generosity or to show impact of our collective generosity.
- Creative solutions for passing the plate or taking offering during worship during social distancing.
- Inviting and thanking for non-financial generosity and participation of members who are financially unable to give this year.
- Pledge campaign creative or compelling ideas.

Click [HERE](#) to participate! Please pass this on your stewardship folks!

We ask that you complete the questionnaire by **Thursday, February 11th**
Thank you for your participation!

Stewardship Committee of NCP
Karl Mattison, Chairperson

GROWTH ~ IMPACT ~ REACH

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

BLACK PRESBYTERIANS UNITED
PRESENTS

FIRE FRIDAY

OPEN MIC NIGHT



Where we've been | Where we are | Where we're going
Celebrating Black History Month

Friday, February 26, 2021 8 PM-10 PM

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SHARE YOUR TALENT

REGISTER HERE

<http://bit.ly/BPUOPENMIC>

You must register to get the Zoom link

FEATURED ARTIST

Ty Scott King





2021 NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING

BREAKING, BLESSING, BUILDING: A Call For The Common Good

A **FREE** Live-Streamed Gathering for **ALL** Church Leaders

COVID-19, a pandemic of racism in the United States, economic distress. Our reality right now helps us know that things need to change for the good of us all.

What if church leaders (YOU, not just your pastor) could connect with other church leaders to learn together, be inspired by one another, and be challenged to grow?

What if we gathered together in such a way that inspired us to act so the Church and the world were never the same again?



March 5-7, 2021

REGISTER NOW



Shavon Starling-Louis



Lenny Duncan



Bertram Johnson



Christine Hong



Otis Moss III

DISMANTLING RACISM -TRAINING-

BROUGHT TO YOU THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH
SERVICE NEVER SLEEPS



UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE
Dismantling Racism

COHORT ONE BEGINS DURING HOLY WEEK! Space is limited to 50 participants for cohort one! Sign up today to reserve your spot in this four-part series happening March through May.

WHO: Minister members of NCP (encouraged for all clergy every 3 years) and ministry professionals of member congregations and specialized ministries

WHAT & WHEN: Four-part series on the following topics, (all classes held from 10:00am-1:00 pm)

- Class One: Allyship (class one is TWO sessions), March 30 & 31 (Let's make this our Holy Week devotional in action!)
- Class Two: White Supremacy 101, April 20
- Class Three: Bias and Microaggressions, April 21
- Class Four: Building Equity (TWO sessions), May 18-19

Register [HERE](#)

registration for this cohort closes 3/25

WHERE: Wherever you are! Join us on Zoom.

WHY: Racism is more than individual acts of bigotry or prejudice. Racism is any system, institution, or cultural practice or tradition, which protects or prefers the lives, property, and status of White people--or any group which takes power over another, at the expense of our siblings of color or other marginalized persons or groups. Racism is contrary to the Gospel injunction to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.

***National Capital Presbytery is providing this series of trainings free of charge to participants. Those who wish to contribute continuing education funds toward this important educational series, to help make it available to the widest possible audience within our Presbytery, may [make contributions](#) to National Capital Presbytery, Memo: Race & Reconciliation Fund**

