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Sponsored by the Dismantling Racism Team of NCP

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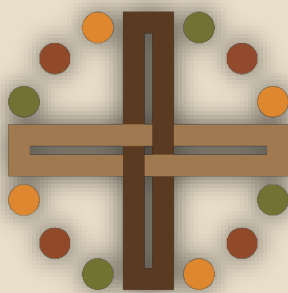
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Together We Can Make A Difference!
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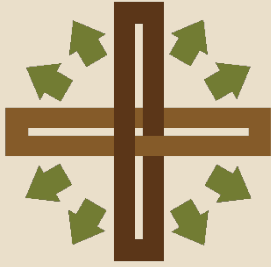
ABOUT THE March 23rd presbytery meeting . . .

- **Open Space (4:00-4:50)** will be on a zoom meeting platform. Each Open Space will have its own link.
- **Worship (5:00-5:50)** will be on a *zoom meeting platform*. Our worship leader is **Rev. Dr. Brian K. Blount**, New Testament scholar and President of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Hosted by the Worship and Theology Committee of NCP. ***We extend a special invitation “for all” to participate in this worship service.***
- **Business Meeting (6:00-adjournment)** will be on webinar platform. This platform allows us to have the ability to vote electronically and provides structure like what we as good Presbyterians are used to. The Moderator’s letter included in the packet outlines our time together. Our work will conclude our worship, begun in the 5:00 p.m. hour, with a final Affirmation of Faith and Benediction. *(registration required)*

All links will post here:
<https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/>



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Friends,

*The National Capital Presbytery (NCP) **Global Missions Network** is sending this to you and asking for your help to review the perspective of your Congregation on Global Missions.*

The NCP **Global Missions Network** is a network of congregations with a passion for global ministry. For information about the network, see the Network page on the NCP website:

<https://thepresbytery.org/the-work-of-the-presbytery/committees/mission-coordination/global-mission-network/>.

The NCP **Global Missions Network** funding is from congregational participation in the **Unified Mission Giving**, separate from Per Capita. The only way GMN can offer matching grants, financial support for new global mission partnerships, and staff support in cultivating and connecting **Global Missions Network** with local congregations is funding through **Unified Mission Giving**.



We are asking for congregational input through the short survey at the link below to help the network understand ongoing global mission activities across the Presbytery and how the network can support congregational global mission efforts. The survey should take only ten minutes or less to complete, and the information you provide will be critical in helping us set priorities for action.

You can access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVYD7TG>

If there is someone else in your congregation who is the right person in your congregation to complete the survey, feel free to forward this email to the right person! If possible, we would like responses back by 15 April. Thank you in advance!

If you have question about the survey or the Global Mission network, fee free to contact Judith Dahmann (jdahmann@MITRE.org) or myself (jakmunthali@gmail.com)

Many thanks in advance for your support!

James Munthali, Global Mission Network Leader



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Next Deadline for NCP Global Grants Program *Matching Grant Proposals*

As we have for the past several years, the National Capital Presbytery (NCP) Global Grants program is soliciting matching grant applications from congregations for new cooperative initiatives between congregations and their global mission partners. *The next deadline for grant applications is March 31.* These grants are offered through the NCP Global Mission network (<https://thepresbytery.org/the-work-of-the-presbytery/committees/mission-coordination/global-mission-network/>).

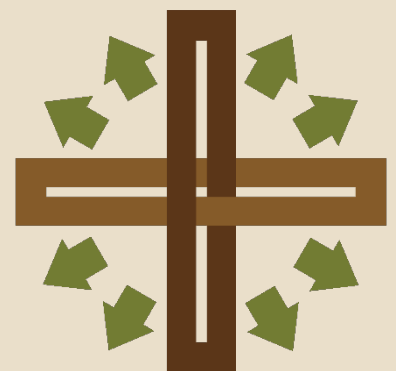
The intent of the program is to support interactive, hands-on global mission with impact on the community. Preference will be given to new initiatives; applications may be submitted for continued funding in years two and three of a given project. Some preliminary work should be done to assess feasibility before applying, so that the project has a reasonable chance of success and some way to measure when success has been attained. Priority will be given to projects where there is an established relationship and a high level of confidence in the in-country team and where there is a plan for project sustainability. Projects with Presbyterian ecumenical partners are encouraged.

This is a matching grant program; the contribution of your congregation toward the project in both money and labor will be considered. A congregation may submit only one application each year. Travel costs will not be considered, nor will reimbursement grants. Grant proposals requesting up to \$5,000 will be considered, for \$5,000 in matching funds.

A written report and presentation will be required in the year following the award outlining how the funds were spent, the progress of the project to date including impact on the community and plans for the future.

Proposals are due to NCP by email by March 31 to Judith Dahmann (jdahmann@mitre.org) using the NCP standard application (download part II of the application [here](#))

For more information contact Dahmann (jdahmann@mitre.org).



**New McClendon Scholar Webinar
The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church**

Dreams, Visions and Apocalypse: Alternate Realities in the Old Testament

**Saturday, March 20, 10:00 am
with Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams**

Interactions with alternate realities, dreams, and prophetic and apocalyptic visions are frequent in Old Testament literature. In this webinar, McClendon Scholar Judy Fentress-Williams will explore what these alternate worlds teach us about our own reality and how they equip us to live in that reality.

Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams is professor of Old Testament at Virginia Theological Seminary, a pastor at Alfred Street Baptist Church, and author of the just-published book *Holy Imagination*.



[Register Here for Link](#)

www.march20webinar.eventbrite.com





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Spring 2021 Short Course (Virtual)
March 6, 13, and 20, 2021

**Renewing Theology and the Church
for Public Life: Reformed Voices**

March 6, 2021

**Renewing Church and Public
Witness**

Presenter: Rev. John Molina-Moore



John Molina-Moore 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.

March 13, 2021

Theology and Public Policy

Presenter: Rev. Jimmie Hawkins



Jimmie Hawkins is **Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness**, which advocates for policy issues of the PCUSA General Assembly. 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.

March 20, 2021

**Cultural Disruption as a
Challenge to the Church**

Presenter: Rev. Jessica Tate

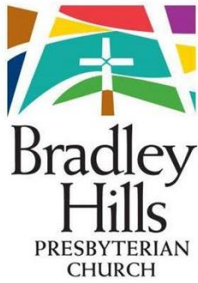


A lifelong Presbyterian, Jessica Tate became the **Director of NEXT Church in 2012**, where she had been in leadership since 2010. NEXT CHURCH is dedicated to strengthening the relational fabric and transformation of the Presbyterian church. Prior to this ministry, she served as Associate Pastor of Fairfax 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 church's Washington office. Jessica received a MDiv. and a MA in Christian Education from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond.

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CHURCH LEADERS, MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2020 (online link will be sent before event)

To Register Visit: <https://reformedinstitute.org/events>

**REQUIRED READING FOR EACH WEEK WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON
AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE, <https://reformedinstitute.org>**



Adult Education, March 2021
At Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

[Click Here to Join the Meeting Each Sunday](#)

Meeting ID: 857 6618 3170

You may also call in at (301) 715-8592

March 7, 14, and 21: Dr. Marcia Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary – *Reimagining Beloved Community in a Polarized Church and Society*. In this special three-week Lenten series, Dr. Riggs will examine how people of faith respond in an age of protest and polarization. Questions guiding the series will be:

- Why are we so afraid and angry?
- What is moral courage?
- What is moral advocacy?

The series will use poetry, music, art, and video to reflect ethically upon these three questions. Participants will engage these sources as the basis for dialogical interpretation of scriptures for Lent (selections from the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings).

Dr. Riggs is the inaugural J. Erskine Love Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. She has an undergraduate degree from Randolph-Macon Women's College, a Master's of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a PhD. in religion and ethics from Vanderbilt University. She is an award-winning teacher, researcher, and theologian.

March 28 (Palm Sunday): Father David Grenier ofm, Vicar and Secretariat of the Franciscan Monastery, Washington, DC -- *History and Responsibilities of the Franciscans as Custody of the Holy Land*. What better day to visit the holy sites of Jerusalem than Palm Sunday? Few can offer a tour as authoritative as Father Grenier, who has lived in the Holy Land for several years caring for the sites that are central to our faith.

Heritage Presbyterian Church
2021 Virtual Lenten Wednesdays Series
“God’s Covenant with God’s People”
7:00 P.M. via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3tJ63Mz>

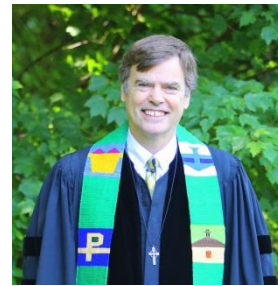


February 24

“God’s Covenant with Noah and Creation” featuring **Professor Cliff Cain**. Dr. Cain is a minister, teacher and author of *Attunement: Living in Harmony with Nature*, *An Ecological Theology: Re-understanding Our Relation to Nature*, and *Down to Earth: Religious Paths toward Custodianship of Nature*.

March 3

“God’s Covenant with the Generations and the Nations” through Abraham and Sarah with **Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson**, Pastor of Heritage. We’ll explore Genesis 17:1-7; Gen. 12:1-3; Gen. 18:9-15



March 10

“God’s Covenant of Freedom from Slavery with Moses” featuring **Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol**. Rev. Benson-Nicol is currently the Director of Philanthropic Engagement for Austin Seminary. Previously she served congregations in Michigan and Arkansas, and college chaplaincy in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She authored the Presbyterian Women’s study *Dispatches to God’s Household: The General Epistles*.

March 17

“God’s Covenant with God’s Leaders and King David” featuring **Rev. Jimmie Hawkins**, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency Office of Public Witness. Rev. Hawkins was a Presbyterian pastor for 14 years at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina.



March 24

“God’s Covenant Written Upon Our Hearts”. Role of Faith and Prayer in Politics - presented by Rear Admiral Margaret Grun Kibben (Ret.), Chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Please call the church Office at 703-360-9546 with any questions.

DISMANTLING RACISM -TRAINING-

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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**



Join us! April 17th-24th!

Walk with Us



8 miles. 8 days. *Thousands of lives transformed.*

In the rural mountain community of Lavanneau, CCH works with a local school to provide better quality education for young Haitian students. In nearby Jacmel, we also offer low-to-no-cost healthcare at our CCH Primary Care, Rehab & Surgical Clinics. When families in Lavanneau need to see a doctor, they must take a motorcycle taxi or walk the 8 miles from their home to our Clinics.

This April 17th - 24th, we invite you to *Walk with Us* in support of Haitian families. Participants commit to walk, run, swim, or bike at least 8 miles in 8 days to raise awareness & funds for CCH's education & healthcare work in Haiti. You choose how you log those miles! We provide t-shirts and a fun Facebook Group where you can engage with others, get tips and share your progress. So fun!



Learn more & register to participate:
www.cchaiti.org/events

Registration closes 4/16! Questions? Contact Clark at clark@cchaiti.org.



Polishing Stones: Nurturing Faith Practice

A Virtual Event of EAPCE April 26-28

Keynote: Meg Rift and David Maxwell

Worship & Music Leader: Rev. Dr. Jim Morgan

[Click here](#) to register.

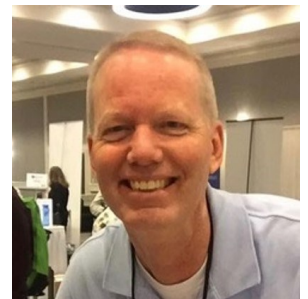


Faith practices, those actions we do as followers of Jesus Christ, have been around since the days of Jesus himself, and before. They have stood the test of time through the ages. In these days of the politicization of Christianity, the questions of “What does it mean to be Christian?” and “How do we live out our faith?” are crucial. We return to the basics. What did Jesus do and embody in his life and by his example, how are we, as followers of Jesus, to live? We practice, and practice again, to put faith and love into action because we follow the one who practiced what he preached!



Meg Rift: Meg Rift is a pastor, parent, and creative soul. She currently serves as the children’s curriculum editor at Presbyterian Publishing Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky. This year, along with her husband Dan, she will celebrate the marriages of her twin daughters (May and October) and continue to train her new rescue dog Honey, along with their still-needs-training dog Zoey.

David Maxwell: David Maxwell loves working at Presbyterian Publishing where he can make a living reading and editing brilliant, creative academic and church authors. He thinks he’s growing in discipleship as he works with a team to edit the new curriculum *Follow Me*, based on things Jesus did and told followers to do.



Rev. Dr. Jim Morgan (Worship & Music Leader): Jim Morgan is presently the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina. He has spent much of his ministry leading worship and music at youth events around the PCUSA, and maintains a busy schedule playing solo piano concerts of Advent hymns.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

EAPCE's 2021 Educator of the Year, Carolyn Leah, CCE from Pittsburgh, PA has served in Christian Education for more than 30 years; she was called to Beulah PC in 2009 where she serves as Director of Christian Discipleship. Carolyn is passionate about intergenerational ministry, and works with adult education, children and families, special needs ministries as well as the environmental ministries of her church. Currently, she is working on certification in Spiritual Formation and a Pennsylvania Naturalist Certification. When able, she enjoys hiking, nature photography, and spending time with her grandchildren.



WORKSHOPS

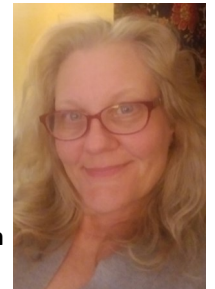
April 27, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Workshops

#1 - The Inside Scoop: Denominational Resource Panel Discussion

A panel of representatives from across our partner denominations will share cutting edge faith formation resources. Stephanie Fritz from the PC(USA), Jill Benson from the Christian Reformed Church, and Beth Hayes from the Moravian Church will bring their knowledge of resources within their denominations. Come prepared to take home some practical resource ideas!

#2 - Self Care as Spiritual Practice - MJ Junkin, Certified Christian Educator and Spiritual Director

In a culture that is utterly egocentric, it can seem selfish to want to focus on yourself and your deepest longings in life. But God has a deep yearning for you to experience the true depth of Love in which you are being created each day. And in order to experience this Love and therefore become aware of self desires, you must practice self care regularly. In this workshop, participants will be given an introduction to a variety of types of spiritual practices as a way to nurture spiritual growth.



#3 - Intentional and Attentional Faith Practices: Energizing Our Youth - Jimmy Steele, Youth Ministry Coordinator at Palms Presbyterian Church

Youth these days are mentally, physically, and spiritually drained. Want to learn more about how intentionally including and integrating faith practices such as hospitality, sabbath, retreat, prayer, storytelling, and service into our ministry can energize youth and leadership? If you are like me, you may unintentionally be including these important aspects into your programming. Join us for a time of discussion and networking as we share ways we can integrate and weave these faith practices into our ministry.

April 27, 2:00 - 3:30 pm Workshops

#4 - Advocacy as a Spiritual Discipline - Rev. Jimmie Ray Hawkins, Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC

The search for justice is a lifelong pursuit and a part of the Christian life. Mission is integral to the life of faith. Jesus criticized the Pharisees for neglecting the "weightier matters" of a life of faith, and he listed "justice" first. Presbyterians, and other denominations, promote mission and charity as vital to the life of congregations. Advocacy is connected to mission outreach as the other side of the coin. We must continue to meet the everyday needs of people, but we must also transform the structures and institutions to provide the resources needed to supplement a deficit of financial resources and opportunities. We will discuss how to talk to people of faith without alienating them accusing you of "just being political." This call comes from a biblical understanding of the role justice plays in the Christian life. Christianity has stood on the side of those impoverished and sought to transform society into a Beloved Kingdom which is just and fair.





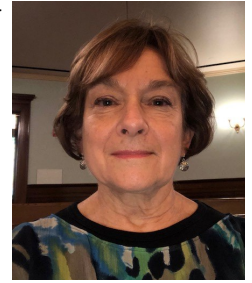
#5 - 99 Mandalas: Creativity Amid Chaos - Bonnie Edwards, Certified Christian Educator

Mandalas are circular designs found in many cultures. During the COVID-19 pandemic, one person's attempt to create order and do something joyful each day led to the discovery of nature mandalas. Sometimes spiritual practice, sometimes pure whimsy, these designs--spanning 99 days--reflect the human imagination and marvels of God's Creation.

In this workshop you are invited to:

- SEE a variety of mandalas
- FIND interesting materials near at hand
- CREATE your own unique design
- CELEBRATE the creative spark in yourself and others

No art degree or experience necessary! Bring an open mind and playful spirit.



#6 - When They Stop Coming to Sunday School: Storytelling by Zoom - Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber, Certified Christian Educator



Know someone who can tell a story about traffic jams, or parties? They can tell the story about God and God's people – by Zoom! Long before the “season of COVID-19,” many Sessions had decided to not hold Sunday School because “nobody comes.” In this workshop, we will explore ways for people-in-the-pews-who-care-about-lifelong-discipleship to anticipate (and make the most of) teaching moments with children, teens and adults. Nurturing the faith practice of storytelling by Zoom means adapting our traditional techniques to make theologically meaningful what already goes on in our lives – from unlocking doors, to preparing virtual Communion. We can do this!

EVENT SCHEDULE

Monday, April 26

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Worship with Rev. Jim Morgan

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Plenary #1

Tuesday, April 27

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Plenary #2

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Workshops #1-3

#1 The Inside Scoop: Denominational Resource Panel Discussion

#2 Self-Care as Spiritual Practice

#3 Intentional and Attentional Faith Practices: Energizing Our Youth

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Workshops #4-6

#4 Advocacy as Spiritual Discipline

#5 99 Mandalas: Creativity Amid Chaos

#6 When They Stop Coming to Sunday School

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Plenary #3

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Break

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dinner with Byron Borger, Owner of Hearts and Minds Bookstore

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Social gathering/ Educator of the Year celebration

Wednesday, April 28

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

EAPCE Meeting

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Plenary #4

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Closing Worship

REGISTRATION

[Click here](#) to register.

Please make your \$50* registration check payable to “APCE Eastern Region” and mail to:

Katy Brungraber, EAPCE Treasurer/Registrar
7 Spanish Moss Court
Chambersburg, PA 17202

*If you are unable to afford the \$50 registration fee email EasternRegionAPCE@gmail.com.

The deadline for receipt of payment is April 13, 2021. Your registration is complete when payment is received.