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Edith Torrico joins National Capital Presbytery, as a Bookkeeper/ Office Administrator

She brings with her over 19 years of experience working in the Food and Customer Service Industry of which 15 years were focused on Accounting. Her extensive experience has helped previous workplaces thrive. Edith is fluent in English and Spanish, which has helped throughout her career in both Customer Service and Accounting.

Edith is originally from Argentina but has resided in Maryland most of her life. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, crafting, and watching movies with family. She is married, has two wonderful kids and 2 pets.

National Capital Presbytery and the members of Ashburn Presbyterian Church invite you to the **Installation Service of Rev. Robert Zemke, as pastor, Ashburn Presbyterian Church**, Sunday, April 18, 2021, at 4:00 PM at Ashburn Presbyterian Church 20962 Ashburn Road Ashburn VA 20147

Save the Date! NCP Presbyterian Women - Saturday, May 15, 2021: 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Theme: Renew, Refresh & Rejuvenate. More details coming soon.

Save the date for Planned Giving Days 2021! - The National Capital Gift Planning Council will host the 29th annual Planned Giving Days virtually on June 10-11, 2021.

Mark your calendars NOW and make plans to attend the #1 Planned Giving conference in the DMV region! The National Capital Gift Planning Council (NCGPC) is already hard at work, planning a terrific conference for fundraising professionals and advisors. Whether you are brand new to the profession or marking your 20th year, you won't want to miss it. More information [here](#).

This Event Features:

Educational sessions ranging from basic to expert level. Learn proven strategies, current trends, and best practices from some of the most well-respected members of the philanthropic planning community.

Lively and informative roundtable discussions — a conference favorite!

Boundless networking with your colleagues.

Opportunities to meet a diverse group of sponsors and exhibitors to help solve your planned giving needs.

Minister Information Form – ALL NCP CLERGY, especially if you are new to NCP. We have updated the method for submitting your personal information. Please visit [Minister Information Form](#) and submit this document at your earliest convenience. If you are not sure we have your current information, now is the time to update!

For more information contact Dina Bickel, dbickel@thepresbytery.org. Form can also be accessed from NCP website, documents-committee on ministry.

Getting Back in the Building? Are you and/or your sessions wondering whether it's time to return to in-person and inside gatherings—and how to do so safely? Here's some [guidance—not legal advice—from PC\(USA\) Legal Services](#). Be sure to read the details, but the bottom line is caution and consultation. A companion piece, [guidelines from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Mitchell, KY](#), might also be helpful to share.

An Invitation from the Clerk . . .

Dear Clerks of Session,

Among the many duties of a clerk of session is to preserve church records. The Presbyterian Historical Society (PHS) has many solutions for congregations for record creation, local storage, management, and permanent storage. On **Wednesday, April 28, from 11:00 to 12:30** you are invited to join, via Zoom, David Staniunas of the Presbyterian Historical Society for an introduction to sorting and keeping the records of your congregation. Come learn as well about PHS's new work in born-digital collecting, about the African American Leaders and Congregations initiative, and other news from the past year.

Here is the link to the meeting:

<https://thepresbytery.zoom.us/j/99699637913?pwd=RThMT3VHT0FENHFRCWNXVGJ4VUVhZz09>

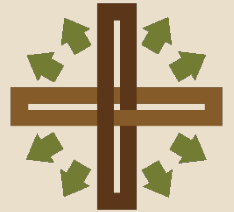
Grace and Peace,

Jan

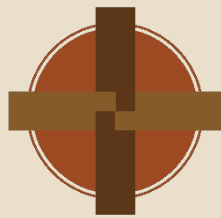
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Greetings People,

Jesus is Arisen! We are activated to go out and make disciples of Christ's Love in Missional, Pastoral, and Prophetic ways! We know that each week your congregations and communities are evaluating next steps into your days. We know that you are discerning what is next in a "hybrid" ministry world that you have been an active part of! We want to support you in all ways possible through these next steps.



Thanks to Spiritual Formation Team, Congregational Development Committee, and Committee on Ministry we have put together with [Convergenceus.org](https://convergenceus.org) a series of one-off classes and cohorts for the rest of the 2021 year. You will find the list of Learning Labs (classes) with registration link and Innovation Cohorts in this TM. The Learning Labs are for everyone interested. Once you register for Learning Labs, you can enjoy all of them throughout the year or just the ones you want. You have access to all of them! The Innovation Cohorts are limited spaces and will require an invitation from the respective committees. If there are more people interested in the 6week Innovation Cohorts then we can possibly add more!



We are excited in our partnership with [Convergence](https://convergenceus.org) and hope you will engage in these tools. The Learning Labs and Innovation Cohorts are one of several tools we can provide to our congregations and communities. As you continue to evaluate what is church today do not hesitate to invite us along for the journey so can be of support with you. No matter what the mission is still the same: *Sent by the Triune God to be agents of salvation, reconciliation, and justice, we empower and challenge our congregations to be [Missional, Pastoral and Prophetic](#)*



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

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

Learning Labs:

Once a month Learning Labs are an opportunity for anyone in the Presbytery - clergy or laypeople - to engage with an online Learning Lab led by members of the [Convergence](#) Team and invited guests to explore critical topics in ministry today. **These will be held at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month.**

The current curriculum for these Labs as follows:

- Learning Lab 1: Best Practices in Online Church – [Jim Keet](#) – April 22
- Learning Lab 2: Post-COVID Trends Shaping the Church – [Cameron Trimble](#) – May 27
- Learning Lab 3: The Balanced Leader: Leading from Within Without Burning Out -[Cameron Trimble](#) – June 25
- Learning Lab 4: How to Build Community and Belonging Online – [Jim Keet](#) – July 22
- Learning Lab 5: Marketing for Ministry: What you need to know as a Local Church Leader - [Anna Golladay](#) – August 26
- Learning Lab 6: Family Systems and Conflict Transformation -[Cameron Trimble](#) – September 23
- Learning Lab 7: How to Turn Your Church into a Community Hub for Social Innovation & Neighborhood Economic Revitalization – [Anna Golladay](#) – October 28
- Learning Lab 8: Leading From the Future: Emergence Leadership For The Sake of the Church – [Cameron Trimble](#) – November (TBD)
- Learning Lab 9: Coaching Skills for Church Leaders or TBD

Our expectation is that these will be offered at 12:30 ET on the fourth Thursdays for 1.5 hours. There will be presentations, breakout groups, exercises, and opportunities for Q & A. These Labs will be recorded and edited and placed on our FaithLead.org Learning Platform so that anyone not able to access them live or who would like to go back and review them can do so on-demand and without cost.

<https://faithlead.org/p/learninglabs-ncp> The registration site will also contain recordings of each Lab for access after the live event.

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Innovation Cohorts:

Innovation Cohorts are six-week sprints of intense learning around a topic of interest. These will include weekly 1-hour Zoom live calls and extensive written and video content within the frame of an online course on our learning platform FaithLead.org. Participation in this program requires a higher level of commitment than the Learning Labs and consistent attendance will be expected. ***Registration for these Cohorts will be through National Capital Presbytery as invited through respective committees. The plan is for the live sessions to happen on Monday afternoons beginning at 4:00.***

There are four Innovation Cohorts to take place in 2021. The topics are ultimately the choice of the National Capital Presbytery Spiritual Formation Team. Currently, your team has identified four topics for the initial cohorts:

How to Do Hybrid Church with Rev. Jim Keet: Begins Monday April 19 through Monday May 24 at 4:00 pm

While it's tempting to "go back" to church as it was before the pandemic, most churches must explore how to engage ministry both virtually and physically. When it is safe to gather again, how will we shape our in-person ministries as well as honor those who have connected to our congregations virtually? What if regular church attendance has been forever impacted by this prolonged time of virtual connection? How will we staff our ministries? How should we think about our vision and mission within this changing landscape? In this cohort, facilitated by Rev. Jim Keat, Director of Online Innovation with Convergence and Digital Minister at the Riverside Church in NY, we will consider these questions and more as we lead our way through these disruptive and interesting days.

(Mid-September through October) Emergence Leadership in a Reframed World

As we journey through troubling, challenging, and curious days, we are living in a time that feels scary and unknown. But what if the fractures we are seeing in our social order, the ramifications of halting a global economy, and the unleashing of people of faith into a world seeking wisdom but not seeking institutional Church is actually revealing what has been true of our world for a long time? Our institutions were failing before this moment. Now it's clearly revealed. What does it mean? We are being invited to create a world on the other side of this time without many of the constraints that narrowed our imagination and options in previous ages. We now face one of the greatest opportunities ever seen in human history. What does this mean for our churches? As people of faith, what is our role to play? What will be demanded of us, and what should we be prepared to offer? Rev. Cameron Trimble, thought leader and CEO of Convergence, will facilitate this cohort as we explore together the impact of this moment on the Christian movement.

(June) Youth Ministry in the Hybrid Church with Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt

How has youth ministry changed over this past year? What can our youth teach us about being "church" in a post-pandemic, networked age? In this cohort, we will explore the opportunities for new approaches to youth ministry that use the gifts of online community to deepen spiritual formation

and mobilization for justice. All great movements of history are guided by the instincts and wisdom of youth. The question before us is: how might we help?

(August – Mid September) How to Preach Online (Hint: It's More than A Camera in A Sanctuary)

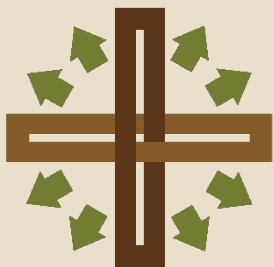
You dove into recording your sermons over the past few months, but now you wonder how to generate interesting, thoughtful sermons designed for engaging the online world. You also realize that Sunday's text is now speaking to a radically different world, one, inviting new perspectives. In this cohort with participants from across the nation, we will explore the lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday and talk about ways to engage the text in online preaching. This cohort will be a combination of "how-to" advice on technique and technology as well as an exegesis group for the next Sunday.

The Flow of Our Sessions

When we gather, here is a proposed pattern for our time:

- Opening Guided Meditation
- One Word Check-In
- Exploration of the Inquiry of the Day - Exercises and Discussion
- Recording of Our Learning
- Closing Meditation
- One Word Check-Out

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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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Last day to register is Friday, April 16th!

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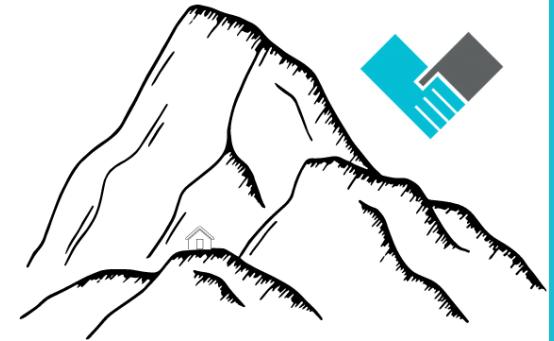


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In the rural mountain community of Lavanneau, the Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) works with a local school to provide better quality education for young Haitian students. In nearby Jacmel, we also offer low-to-no-cost healthcare at our CCH Primary 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 ministries 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! Registration closes Friday, April 16th! Join us for this FUN event!

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





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.

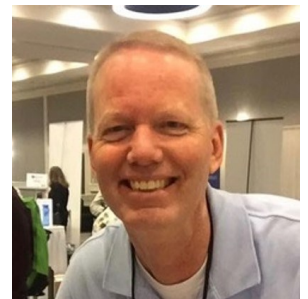


Faith practices, those actions we do as followers of Jesus Christ, have been around since the days of Jesus himself, and before. They have stood the test of time through the ages. In these days of the politicization of Christianity, the questions of “What does it mean to be Christian?” and “How do we 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

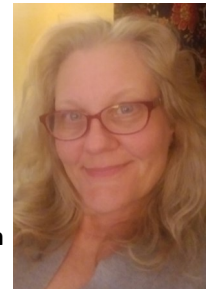
April 27, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Workshops

#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.