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*led by Service Never Sleeps (mandatory training for all clergy)
first session begins September 21-22 (registration required)*

Youth Carbon Analyst Program (YCAP)

*Sponsored by Earth Care Network of NCP
“Divest from Fossil Fuels”*

Together We Can Make A Difference!
ON-LINE GIVING

Pastoral Concerns:

Prayers for the Rev. Juan Guthrie, pastor, Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, and his family on the death of his mother, Dr. Vallie Williams Guthrie on Sunday, April 18th. Funeral services for Dr. Vallie Williams Guthrie were held on Sunday April 25, 2021 at Woodard Funeral Home, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Rev. Dr. M. James “Jim” Gardiner, 89 of Assumption, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at home surrounded by his family. As a minister member of NCP, Jim served as pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Ft. Washington, MD before his retirement in 1999.

The Reverend Lewis M. Johnson, HR, passed away on March 21, 2021.

Announcements:

Save the Date! NCP Presbyterian Women - Saturday, May 15, 2021: 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Theme: Renew, Refresh & Rejuvenate. Details included in this TM.

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.

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Dear Clerks of Session,

The Session Records Committee and I have designed a two -part plan for reviewing minutes/registers/rolls. Because of Covid restrictions, many of the 2019 reviews were postponed in the spring of 2020. The 2020 in person reviews were also postponed. As more people are vaccinated, we are hopeful that in the fall of 2021 we will be able to schedule in person reviews.

Meanwhile, we are asking you to do a self-review of 2019 and 2020 records. The checklist provides space for you to note special circumstances that may have occurred due to the pandemic and social distancing. [Here is the link](#) to the check list for 2019 and 2020:

The two-part plan:

1. Complete checklists and then submit to jmoody@thepresbytery.org by June 15, 2021
2. Attend a traditional in person review at a church in the fall—date and location to be determined in early September.

If you have questions, please contact me.

I am grateful for your patience as we seek to discern best practices for reviewing records.

Grace and Peace,

Jan



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Greetings People!

What's that you ask? Any updates on: Dismantling Racism Trainings; Global Mission Network Survey; Allyship Trainings; Light to the Nations Fellowships; Learning Labs; New Worshipping Communities of NCP; Innovation Cohorts, DC-Young Adult Volunteers; and me? Well, I am glad you asked. Here is a brief update with links, attachments, or a person to contact if you have more curiosity about the impact and reach happening through all of this!

The Dismantling Racism Team of NCP continues to provide ongoing trainings through this year. **Registration** is now open for the Fall: Cohort #2 (clergy and other ministry professionals of NCP) and Allyship Training (any members and friends of NCP congregations and communities). Information/registration link included in this TM.

With support from the **Mission Coordinating Committee**, there are several updates. Thank you for participating in the **Global Mission Network** Survey. Almost half of our congregations participated. The responses will be shared next month. Again, thank you! DC-YAVs are interviewing candidates to join the '21-'22 program year here in DC. The board intends to work with four volunteers. So far, placement sites are with NCP office and PCUSA Office of Public Witness here in DC. We are looking for other working placement sites.

With support from the **Church Development Committee/Commission** there are new things happening all over! **Learning Labs** and **Innovation Cohorts (by invitation only)** have begun with Convergence! Thank you to the Spiritual Formation Team, CDC, and COM for your leadership and enthusiasm. We hear that NCP folks want more! We intend to get back with you soon. Light to the Nations, our fellowship communities, are working closely with Rev. Yena Hwang and Elder Joyce Rarumangkay in discerning each of their next growth opportunities. Pray along with them and consider becoming a missional partner with them and their growth! New Things Team continues to navigate the adaptive work of supporting New Worshipping opportunities and leaders in NCP. Brazilian Bible Church, Riverdale Fellowship, and Clarksburg Ministry all have been accepted into the 1001NWC grant program this year. Join the New Things Team for an Open Space update at the May Presbytery meeting.

Whew! That is what I have for a quick update. **Oh wait, NCP will provide another downloadable worship service for May 30th.** It will be available by May 14th. If you have any questions and curiosity about these opportunities, please reach out to me, tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

**Join us to learn of one local Presbyterian church's efforts
to name, claim and heal its own hard historic legacy of racism ...**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 7:00-8:00 PM
"BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN: A RACIAL RECKONING"**

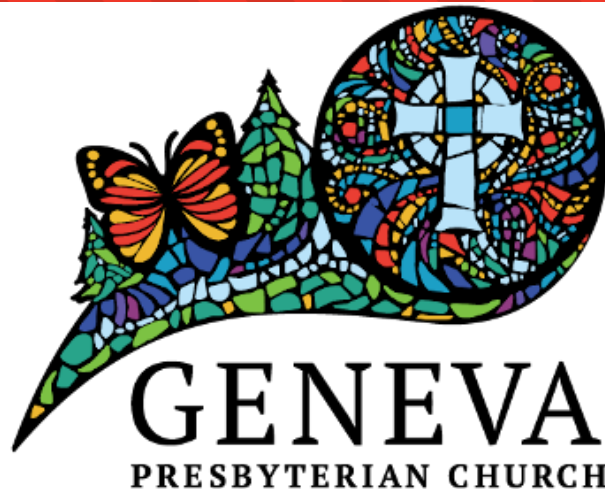
Presenter: Ron Grim
Ruling Elder, Bethesda Presbyterian Church
and Curator of Maps Emeritus, Boston Public Library



[Here's the Zoom link.](#)

**Join us for Ron's preliminary examination of church and census records
to determine and assess the slave-holding abominations
of Bethesda Presbyterian families on the eve of the Civil War.**

He will do so with an eye toward reparations that eventually may be made.



Playground Get together

*joy and connection for
neurodiverse children & Their caregivers*
free | safe | siblings welcome

Every First Saturday of the Month

10:00am -12:00pm

weather permitting



Masks preferred, Covid best practices in place



CALLING ALL NCP YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Peace and Justice Team of, the Mission Coordinating Committee (MCC) NCP, led by Trey Davis and Pat Petty Morse is looking to organize a core focus group of youth/young adults, that will identify or create peace and justice initiatives in the presbytery.

The year 2020 has been a pivotal moment in the Presbytery, in our communities, and in our country. During an ongoing pandemic and a tumultuous presidential election, there were demonstrations and protests nationwide in response to many issues including police brutality, institutional racism, and white supremacy. We saw many young people of all races take to the streets to make their voices heard. And we heard them! In the years leading up to 2020, the youth, along with others, were demonstrating and protesting mass shootings and gun violence, mass incarceration, violence against women and members of the LGBTQ community, abuses against immigrant communities, climate change, and environmental justice including native reservations.

The questions: What is the church going to do about it? What stance is the church taking on these issues? What is NCP going to do to support our young people who have taken the lead in addressing many of these issues?

The Peace and Justice Team of NCP propose creating a core group of youth and young adults to lead us in an effort by way of a “Peace and Justice Youth/Young Adult Summit.” This one-day summit would provide a forum/panel discussion to shape how NCP will address these issues.

We are asking that each one of our congregations identify a youth/young adult with passion for justice and advocacy, who may be interested in helping to organize the summit and to develop a Presbytery wide ministry.



Please send your contact information to
Trey Davis - davis.trey@live.com no later than Monday, May 10, 2021



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transform lives in Haiti

Purchase online at:

www.cchaiti.org/gifts-for-good



COMMUNITY COALITION FOR
HAITI

Virtual Spring Gathering and Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2021
10:00am

Please join us on Zoom for
friendship and fellowship
starting at 9:30am



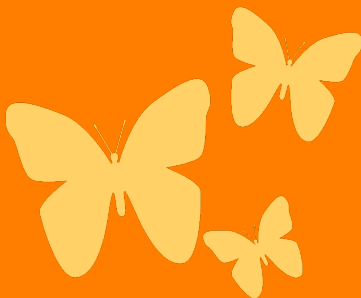
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For more information please check out the NCP PW website:

Presbyterianwomenncp.org

The Spring
Gathering
offering will
benefit the
Presbyterian
Women Annual
Fund (Mission
Pledge).



Renew, Refresh and Revitalize

With signs of spring everywhere
and feelings of hope in the air, let
us gather together and share
ways we can *renew* our
relationships, *refresh* our spaces
and *revitalize* our communities.

Please register [here](#)
by May 12th, 2021

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.

Learning Labs are sponsored by to Spiritual Formation Team, Congregational Development Committee, and Committee on Ministry in partnership with Convergence



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The Stewardship Committee of National Capital Presbytery host

A Conversation with Lovett H. Weems & Ann A. Michel



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Wednesday, June 2, 2021
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
via Webinar Platform

Our guest leaders will introduce us to their book,
"Generosity, Stewardship, and Abundance:
A Transformational Guide to Church Finance"

Register [HERE](#)

Address topics around:
The Spirituality of Money
Generosity
Stewardship
Abundance

Developing a Comprehensive, Year-round Stewardship Ministry
Leadership for Stewardship

Webinar participants, after the webinar, will receive a copy of
"Generosity, Stewardship, and Abundance: A Transformational Guide to Church Finance"



Generosity, Stewardship, and Abundance

A TRANSFORMATIONAL
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CHURCH FINANCE

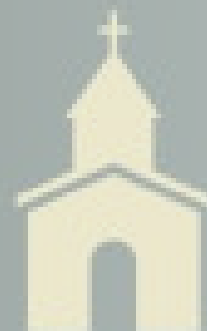
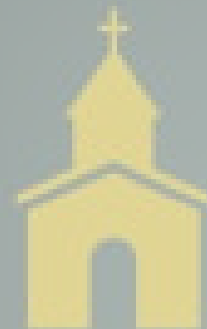
Lovett H. Weems Jr.
and Ann A. Michel



Lovett H. Weems Jr. is Wesley Seminary distinguished professor of church leadership and founding director/senior consultant of Wesley's Lewis Center for Church Leadership. He has published over 15 books on church leadership and the challenges of the church today.



Ann A. Michel is associate director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary and teaches in the areas of stewardship and leadership. She is the author of Synergy: A Leadership Guide for Church Staff and Volunteers.





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The Stewardship committee of NCP supports and recommends to our stewardship minded folks the opportunity to participate in two offerings!

Through your Unified Giving

Scholarships Are Available!

Click to Apply



National Capital
Gift Planning Council

Planned Giving Days June 10-11, 2021

This is a unique opportunity to learn from leaders in the non-profit sector.

The Committee is offering full scholarships, on first come first serve basis for virtual attendance.

Throughout the two-day event, you'll have the opportunity to learn from experts in sessions like "A Legacy Plan in Your Hand," "Using Your Fundraising Campaign as a Catalyst for Legacy Giving," "How a Pandemic Magnified the 'Why' in Planned Giving," and more. For more info, click [HERE](#).



Stewardship
Kaleidoscope
Real Tools for Real Ministry

Stewardship Kaleidoscope September 13-15, 2021

This annual conference offers education, worship, and amazing opportunities for growth in stewardship and generosity. Kaleidoscope is the Presbyterian Foundation-sponsored Annual National Stewardship Conference.

The Committee is offering scholarships for the "virtual experience". NCP is a "friends sponsor" of this conference and we encourage NCP member participation. For more info, click [HERE](#).



Are you ready to return to Massanetta?! There is still time to register your group for the Middle School Conference with the choice of in person or virtual attendance.

Massanetta's Middle School Conference transforms the faith journey of hundreds of middle schoolers from all around the country. Every aspect of this conference is crafted with middle schoolers in mind. Conference activities like keynote, recreation, encounter groups, and workshops are centered on the theme of the summer.

We host four sessions for you to choose from:

- June 17-20
- June 22-25
- July 8-11
- July 13-16

You can visit our website to learn more about our Middle School Conference at www.massanettasprings.org/programs/msc

You can also learn more about our COVID policies at www.massanettasprings.org/covid-safety

THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

ALLY TRAINING



FALL

led by Service Never Sleeps



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Dismantling Racism

When:

Wednesday, September 15, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
AND

Thursday, September 16, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

(This is a TWO day training. Your registration confirms
you will attend both sessions.)

Where: **Zoom**

Who: **ALL (Members of NCP congregations &
communities & friends of our congregations)**

Led by Whitney Parnell, CEO and Founder of Service Never Sleeps, these sessions will provide helpful definitions, invitations to self-mirroring, and active ally education involving the CLAIM acronym: Care, Learn, Act, Influence, and Maintain. The workshops teach individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others. Our time together on Zoom will involve breakouts for practice together in pairs and small groups intermittently throughout our time of learning, so come ready to "try on" the Ally Training strategies of Service Never Sleeps.

[Register HERE](#)

DISMANTLING RACISM -TRAINING- FALL COHORT

BROUGHT TO YOU THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH
SERVICE NEVER SLEEPS



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Dismantling Racism

COHORT TWO begins September 21! Space is limited to 50 participants for cohort one! Sign up today to reserve your spot in this four-part series happening September through November.

WHO: Minister members of NCP (**mandatory for all clergy every 3 years**) and ministry professionals of member congregations and specialized ministries ([Policy Statement on Dismantling Racism](#))

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), September 21 & 22
- Class Two: White Supremacy 101, October 12
- Class Three: Bias and Microaggressions, October 13
- Class Four: Building Equity (TWO sessions), November 9-10

Register [HERE](#)

registration for this cohort closes 9/15

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**





**NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY, PC(USA)
VOTED TO DIVEST FROM FOSSIL FUELS ON MARCH 23, 2021**



YCAP is a program of the Earth Care Network of National Capital Presbytery, involving an intergenerational partnership of youth and adults in the presbytery seeking to fulfill the 2006 PC(USA) 'carbon neutral lives' resolution by advocating for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the church while measuring current emissions and monitoring reductions over time.

This Earth Day, YCAP released *our article on National Capital Presbytery's 3/23/21 decision to divest from fossil fuels* and we invite you to take another step towards a net-zero denomination by completing *our building portfolio survey*, answering questions about your congregation's building/s and associated energy usage.

Just released for Earth Day:

Claire Wilson-Black & Anne-Fleur Winter of YCAP review National Capital Presbytery's recent Divestment decision, interviewing David Kepley and Mark Eakin of the NCP Earth Care Network.

READ the divestment article posted on the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Food & Faith blog and downloadable on the Eco-Stewards site [here](#).

To build upon this momentum, YCAP is completing a greenhouse gas inventory of National Capital Presbytery's buildings to examine the NCP carbon footprint.

We invite you to complete our survey about your congregation's energy usage to support our carbon footprint project in National Capital Presbytery. Complete the survey here, hosted on kobotoolbox: <https://ee.kobotoolbox.org/x/HKuTUovk>

Your partners in Christ,
The Youth Carbon Analyst Program
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