

THURSDAY MAILING



National Capital
P R E S B Y T E R Y
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC

July 8, 2021



In this edition

July Birthday Greetings

Pastoral Concerns/Announcements

Nomination of Commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly

Nominating Committee of NCP

Learning Labs

Sponsored by NCP led by Convergence

July 22 – October 28

The Annual Campaign: What Does it Look Like Now?

Sponsored by NCP Stewardship Committee

July 21 – Zoom (link included on flyer) join us! No registration

An Evening with Rev. Melanie Jones

“A Womanist Theology Experience”

Sponsored by Black Presbyterians United (BPU) of NCP

*July 22 – Zoom – **registration required***

NCP TECH TALKS

Learn about Hybrid Worship

Sponsored by NCP Church Development Commission

*July 26,27 & August 7 – Zoom – **registration required***

ALLY TRAINING

led by Service Never Sleeps with

the Dismantling Racism Team of NCP

(this training is NOT for Clergy)

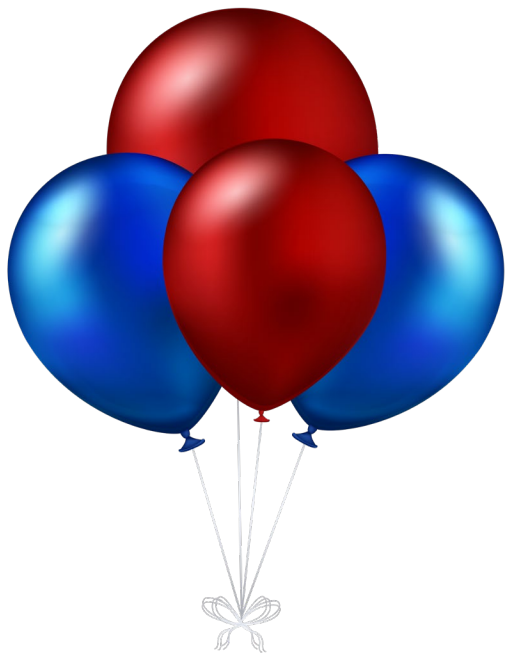
September 15-16 (registration required)

Dismantling Racism Training – Fall Cohort

led by Service Never Sleeps (mandatory training for all clergy)

first session begins September 21-22 (registration required)

Together We Can Make A Difference!
ON-LINE GIVING



Birthday Greetings for the month of **July**

Eric Beckman

John Boyles, HR

Nancy Clark, HR

Rob Erickson

Ben Garris

Susan Graceson

Juan Guthrie

Garrett Hoffman

Lynn Johnson, HR

Connie Jordan-Haas

Gene Kendall, HR

Gyeong Mok Kim

Derek Longbrake

Chris Looker

Tara Spuhler McCabe

Riley McDonald, HR

John Molina-Moore

Truman Nabors, HR

Walter Owensby, HR

John Peterson, HR

Bill Phillippe, HR

Suzanne Rudiselle, HR

Knox Swayze

Nancy Thornton, HR

Charles VanGorder

Robb Wellington

Susan Wilder

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



Pastoral Concerns:

We hold the **Rev. Curtis Kearns, HR**, and family in prayer on the death of his wife, Thaye Ann.

It is with deep sorrow that I inform all our friends and loved ones of the death of Thaye Ann Richards Kearns after a long struggle with Early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Ann had a strong faith, a beautiful soul and a wonderful spirit and she leaves an enduring legacy of care and nurture that will benefit us all.

Announcements:



NCP Welcomes

Sonia!



Sonia Pedroso, Bookkeeper/Office Administrator - NCP

Sonia brings over 20 years of accounting and bookkeeping experience with diverse companies and organizations. For the past 12 years she worked as an Accounting Consultant for Robert Half/Accountemps division, where she helped non-profit and for-profit streamline and apply industry policies and procedures. She was also instrumental in setting and helping to research suitable accounting software to meet their needs.

Sonia is of Cuban decent and has resided in Maryland for 6 years. She is originally from "The Big Apple" New York City. She enjoys travelling, crocheting, teaching, cooking and spending time with family and friends.

Darnestown Presbyterian Church has 39 blue hymnbooks and 6 large print blue hymnbooks that are available to give to another congregation/group. Pickup from Darnestown Presbyterian Church (15120 Turkey Foot Road, Gaithersburg MD 20878) contact Carole at 301-948-9127 or dpchurch@comcast.net.



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. Register here:** <https://faithlead.org/p/learninglabs-ncp>



Access [NCP's calendar](#) from upper right-hand side of the main page. Hover over "About" the menu will drop, click on NCP Calendar. The calendar includes a listing of all NCP committee meetings and NCP sponsored events.

The TM is taking a rest! It will resume on August 26th!



Nomination of Commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly

Grace and Peace, brothers, and sisters of the National Capital Presbytery.

Nomination forms for Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly to be held virtually and in Louisville, KY, from June 18-July 9 are now available on the [NCP website](#). There you can also find nomination forms for the Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs). These forms can ONLY be submitted electronically. No paper copies will be accepted. Criteria for nominations from NCP to the General Assembly can be found [here](#).

It is the mandate of the Presbytery to nominate commissioners who reflect the theological diversity as well as the social diversity that exists in our presbytery. The information provided on these forms helps the Nominating committee assure an appropriate balance of theological diversity; clergy and lay people; male and female; all ages; racial/ethnic groups; geographical area; and congregation sizes.

- All applications should be emailed to nominating@thepresbytery.org, attached as a word document or pdf. The file should be named [LAST NAME]GAapp
- All candidates must also attach a picture, named [LAST NAME]GApic
- Clergy may submit forms on their own. Letters of recommendation are not required but may be submitted if desired.
- Elders and those seeking to be YAADs will complete the form and send it electronically to their Clerk or Moderator of Session. The Clerk or Moderator shall complete and submit the form electronically after the Session has endorsed the nomination.
- At least one (and up to three) reference forms for Ruling Elders and YAADs are to be submitted electronically by the person writing the recommendation to nominating@thepresbytery.org.

Transportation to the General Assembly, and room and board are reimbursed for commissioners and YAADS in accordance with General Assembly policy. A Dependent Care Reimbursement Policy was developed for commissioners and advisory delegates to the General Assembly – beginning with the 222nd GA (2016). Follow this link for info: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/dependent-care-reimbursement-policy-commissioners-/>

All forms are due by **Tuesday, September 28, 2021**. The Nominating Committee will post the slate of commissioners and delegates online by October 23, 2021. Anyone who



is not nominated at that point and wishes to be nominated from the floor must submit a completed form to the Presbytery office by November 2, two weeks before the November 16th presbytery meeting.

If you have questions about this process, please contact me at R.E.Landers@gmail.com or call the presbytery office. We anticipate a larger than usual number of applicants this year, so whether or not you are selected, we thank you for your willingness to serve the church in this special way.

God's Peace,

Rev. Rachel Landers Vaagenes,
NCP Nominating Committee Chair
202.644.3447 cell



Revised

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. Dates are subject to change, follow our IG @ncpandfriends for any updates!**

The current curriculum for these Labs as follows:

- Learning Lab 3: The Balanced Leader: Leading from Within Without Burning Out -Cameron Trimble – **July 22**
- Learning Lab 4: How to Build Community and Belonging Online – Jim Keet – **August 26**
- Learning Lab 5: Marketing for Ministry: What you need to know as a Local Church Leader - Anna Golladay – **September 23**
- Learning Lab 6: Family Systems and Conflict Transformation -Cameron Trimble – **October 28**
- Learning Lab 7: How to Turn Your Church into a Community Hub for Social Innovation & Neighborhood Economic Revitalization – Anna Golladay – (TBD)
- Learning Lab 8: Leading from the Future: Emergence Leadership for The Sake of the Church – Cameron Trimble – (TBD)
- Learning Lab 9: Coaching Skills for Church Leaders - (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. **Dates are subject to change, follow our IG @ncpandfriends for any updates!**

<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



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL · PASTORAL · PROPHETIC



Olanda Carr

Senior Ministry Relations Officer
Presbyterian Foundation

will offer the basics of annual campaigns and recent online resources. We will hear from several NCP congregations on their recent experience with financial stewardship in the online age. You'll get some examples of creative ways NCP churches have adapted. This Zoom gathering will have time for sharing and questions.



National Capital
PRESBYTERY
MISSIONAL • PASTORAL • PROPHETIC

The Annual Campaign: What Does It Look Like Now?

Wednesday
July 21, 2021
@ 7:00 PM

Zoom Link [HERE](#)

Presented by the Stewardship Committee of NCP

*Black Presbyterians United
of NCP presents.....*



*AN EVENING
WITH
REV. MELANIE JONES
"A WOMANIST THEOLOGY EXPERIENCE"*



**THURSDAY, JULY 22ND
6:30 PM EST**

**[REGISTER FOR ZOOM](https://bit.ly/melaniejbpu)
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/MELANIEJBPU](https://bit.ly/melaniejbpu)**

Registration is required to get the zoom link.

NCP TECH TALKS

WORKSHOPS

1-ON-1 SESSIONS

SMALL GROUPS

This interactive program of workshops, small group discussions, and 1-on-1 conversations are designed to help discern a path forward with hybrid worship. This is a great investment of your time and an opportunity to work through, in small groups and with our facilitators, any ideas, projects, or concerns you have adapting and implementing this new worship style. Our goal is to provide congregations, clergy members, and lay leaders the support needed to make hybrid worship a welcomed reality.

FACILITATORS:

ELDER JAMES BUTLER, III FIFTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SAM GUILLERMO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ELDER WILLIE MONTGOMERY FIFTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All three facilitators have decades of experience in the technical arts, worship and other ministries, and virtual/hybrid program development, training, and implementation. Link to video bio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Zbi5kjOcCo>

WORKSHOP DATES:

MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021 – 8PM

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021 – 10AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 – 9AM

TO REGISTER:

REGISTRATION LINK HERE

Contact **Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe**: tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org for any questions. There is \$75 dollar registration fee that is refundable upon completion of the workshops and 1-on-1 sessions. This opportunity is made available through the Church Development Committee/Commission of NCP.

THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

ALLY TRAINING



FALL

led by Service Never Sleeps



UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE

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



UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE
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 1:00 PM – 4:00 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**

