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A new book by Henry G. Brinton

Together We Can Make A Difference!
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Birthday Greetings for the month of **August**

Sam Atiemo	Diane Hendricks	Jacob Rodawla
Don Benjamin, HR	Ann Herlin	Mary Rodgers
Lucy Bowerman	Patrick Hunnicutt	JoAnn Staebler
Jean Brown	Elenora Ivory, HR	Steven Swanson, HR
Chris Chatelaine-Samsen	Chul Kim	Bev Swayze
Jen Dunfee	Shannon Kiser	Donna Weddle, HR
David Gray	Bill Kosanovich, HR	Juli Wilson-Black
Chris Halverson, HR	Donna Marsh	Dick Winter, HR
Ruth Hamilton	Jan Moody	John Yoo
Bob Harris, HR	Gail Porter Nelson, HR	Yeo Cheon Yun
Maggie Hayward	Debbie Parsons	

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



Pastoral Concerns:

We offer prayers to the **Rev. Stephen Yaw Nkansah, Pastor of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church**, Woodbridge, VA. His wife Mrs. Peppertual Nkansah, died on Tuesday July 20, after a short illness. Service of Thanksgiving was held on August 22.

Announcements:



NCP Welcomes

Jesy!



Office Administrator - Jesy Littlejohn (Pronouns: They/Them)

Jesy is excited to join the National Capital Presbytery staff. Jesy is also the Office Manager at Oaklands Presbyterian Church in Laurel, Maryland. Jesy is a ruling Elder, having served on Session at Oaklands from 2014-2020; and they are presently serving as Oaklands' Clerk of Session. Jesy is an ICF Trained Coach, has a bachelor's degree in Political Science, and a master's degree in Human and Social Services.

When they aren't working or fulfilling church duties, Jesy and their wife Sara are working hard to keep up with their two-year-old son Tobias (Toby) and memorizing all of the latest songs on Sesame Street, Cocomelon, and Daniel Tiger. It's not always easy, but they've accepted the challenge!



Clifton Presbyterian Church, Clifton, VA -Clifton Presbyterian Church's 150th Anniversary Committee leadership, along with Pastor Diane Hendricks, were honored to welcome Delegate Dan Helmer at Sunday worship on August 15. The commending resolution Delegate Helmer presents here was passed by the Commonwealth of Virginia House of Delegates, recognizing the anniversary and CPC's long service to the Clifton Community.

National Capital Presbytery and Geneva Presbyterian Church invite you to the **Installation Service of the Rev. Patrick McElwaine**, pastor, Geneva Presbyterian Church, September 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Geneva Presbyterian Church for the link.

Opportunities for your churches from the Refugee Ministry Network of National Capital Presbytery - Solutions in Hometown Connections (SHC) is a DC-area non-profit that grew out of a congregation in NCP, and that the Presbytery's Refugee Ministry Network has been supporting and promoting: Back to School 2021; Youth Group Back to School; and SHCchef Series. See flyers included in this TM.



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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.

From the Desk of the Stated Clerk

Remembering, Celebrating, and Moving Forward

Ordinarily, the work of National Capital Presbytery slows down during the summer months. Yet, this summer many committees and commissions did not take a break from serving the presbytery.

- The **Commission on Preparation for Ministry** (CPM), a commission for which Dina Bickle and I provide administrative assistance, put in overtime over the summer to revise the CPM Manual to provide guidance for members of the commission and for those Inquirers and Candidates who are under their care. In May and June, CPM certified as ready to receive a call the following people:

- ❖ **Courtney Steininger**, Darnestown PC
- ❖ **Rebecca Leland**, Falls Church PC
- ❖ **Sara Sadler**, Leesburg PC and Geneva PC
- ❖ **Tamarah Bush**, Church of the Pilgrims

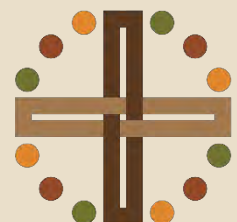
Prayers for the next chapters in their ministries and the continued faithful work of CPM.

- The **Session Records Committee** worked this summer to plan for session record reviews this fall after needing to postpone the 2020 reviews because of COVID restrictions on in person meetings. The plan for fall reviews will be sent to churches soon.
- The **Bills and Overtures Committee** hosted an Open Space in June to provide an update on the 2022 General Assembly (GA). For information on GA, the process for applying to serve as a commissioner, and how to submit an overture, go to <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/225th-general-assembly-2022/>.

To everything there is a season. As August winds down and the cooler days of fall await, I look forward to supporting the many creative ways that NCP will be missional, pastoral, and prophetic in the coming months.

Grace and Peace,

Jan



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August 26, 2021

Greetings from NCP's Business Office,

A quick google search let me know that I have been on staff here for exactly 300 days. If there is one word that sums up that time, it has to be **transition**. There has been a great deal of transition lately – and, if we are honest, it hasn't just been in the presbytery's business office! Something I have been reminded of during this season, is that in the midst of the growing pains and "figuring things out" there is a tremendous amount of opportunity and hope. Transition provides us with the opportunity to examine and adjust our processes and rooted in those actions, is the hope and belief that they will yield strength and growth.

As we move through this transition together, you will see that things don't look the way they always have. Our processes are changing. We are streamlining and realigning to make better use of our resources. Our office is committed to doing this in a transparent way. Most importantly, my hope is that you continue to see the business office as a resource. Your treasurers and finance committees are encouraged to reach out with questions. If we don't know the answers, we know who to connect with to get the answers. Collectively sharing our knowledge and resources is one of the most important ways we can work in partnership, towards our common goal of strengthening our congregations and ministries so that we might all grow, together, in Christ.

Heather Deacon

Director of Business Affairs

so that our churches can grow 

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



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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



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Redeeming the Heart and Soul of America

with Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II



As one of the best known social justice advocates in America today, Rev Barber's passion and eloquence has inspired millions. In this new webinar, you'll join a conversation between Rev. Barber and Rev. William Lamar IV, pastor of Metropolitan AME Church, as they explore what we should all be doing to help "redeem the heart and soul of America."

Rev. Barber and Rev. Lamar will discuss faith, activism, and social change, and at several points, we'll invite you to join the conversation by submitting questions for Rev. Barber.

Thursday, August 26, 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar Program at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Register to receive the zoom link:

www.revbarberaugust26.eventbrite.com



For more information: 240 393-7246 or dialogdays@aol.com

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](#)

NCP PW VIRTUAL FALL GATHERING

Saturday September 18th 2021

Please join us for our virtual
event with keynote speaker the
Rev. Denise Anderson

This year's theme will look at
how we can "*do justice, love
kindness and walk humbly with
our God*".

Micah 6:8

We will also hear from
local organizations
whose mission is to
support incarcerated and
formerly incarcerated
men, women and youth.

Books to Prisons

**Returning Citizens
Assistance Network
(RCAN)**

Friends of Guest House

Save the Date!

When
10am

Please register
[HERE](#) by
September 15,
2021

Where
Zoom

Zoom link will
be sent to all
registered
attendees

Who
You

Please share this
flyer with your
congregation
and community

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 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**





Pastors, Educators, and Church Leaders,

Help College Students through Presbyterian Connectionalism!

Please remember to refer young adults who will be at a college or university this fall to Presbyterian related campus ministries, chaplaincies, or PCUSA congregations near campus.

Together, through mission partnerships, we can share with our young people the hope we have in Christ Jesus, especially in these challenging times.

For University of Maryland, College Park referrals, or for assistance with other referrals, contact

**Chaplain Holly Ulmer, ulmer@umd.edu,
<https://ucmcollegepark.org>**

**WELCOME
to All**

**WONDER
& Question**



**WORK
for Justice**

**WORSHIP
Together**

FALL 2021
Join Us at
Common Grounds!



Group Me Code

Study Space with Coffee, Snacks & Wifi

Mondays & Thursdays, 1-5 pm, starting 8/23

20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7pm, starting 9/1

Bagel Brunch after Worship Service

Sundays, 12 pm, starting 8/22

Yoga in Westminster Courtyard

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, starting 8/26

Feeding Families Service Project

1st Sundays, 12:30 pm, starting 9/5

Friendsgiving Feast

November 17, 7 pm

Who Are We?

UKirk literally means "University Church."

UKirk is a welcoming community of students that explores what it means to receive and share divine love, and to live out faith in a complex world.

UKirk is located in the Common Grounds Building at
Westminster Presbyterian Church
(480 Rugby Road, next to Beta Bridge).

www.ukirkuva.org

UNITY WALK 2021
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH
1-6PM



Join us as we support one another and begin to heal ourselves and our communities at Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington's annual Unity Walk. The walk will take place along Massachusetts Ave., NW beginning at Washington Hebrew Congregation.

To register and for more information, visit:
www.ifcmw.org



SHChef Series

Connecting refugee chefs with congregations to build community while cooking delicious meals together.

Your congregation will work with a refugee chef to plan and prepare meals for purchase by your community. Proceeds support the refugee chef and her family.



How it works:

A team of 4-6 volunteers from your congregation work with a SHC refugee chef to plan and cook a menu of authentic dishes from the chef's home country. Meals are prepared in your congregation's kitchen for purchase and pick up by members of your community at your location.

SHC can provide a list of specialty stores and budget for purchasing meal ingredients and supplies. Proceeds reimburse SHC for upfront costs and compensate the refugee chef for her time.

Timeline:

Two weeks from cook day -- congregation volunteer team (CVT) and refugee chef meet to plan menu and shopping lists. CVT takes pre-orders from the community for the prepared meals.

One week from cook day -- CVT works with the refugee chef to shop for ingredients and supplies.

Cook day -- CVT assists refugee chef in the kitchen to prepare meals and coordinate order pick up.

For more information, email merritt@shconnections.org





Since 2018 SHC has distributed school supplies and uniforms to refugee and newcomer families.

This Fall students will return to classrooms, and uniforms will be required. Since students have been out of school buildings for more than 18 months, there is no stock of used uniforms or hand-me-downs to help ease the cost of going Back to School.

Our goal is to provide 400 children in our community with a shirt and pants so they can proudly and confidently return to school.

Please help us provide uniforms by visiting our website to make a contribution today.

**[https://www.shconnections.org/
back-to-school-2021.html](https://www.shconnections.org/back-to-school-2021.html)**




Back to School 2021

CELEBRATING A RETURN TO CLASSROOMS

Uniform items are what is most needed this year. If you would like to take a collection, please fill a pencil case with these needed items for school:

one pair of scissors
3-5 new sharpened pencils
erasers
one pocket pack of tissues
small hand sanitizer

We are also asking for donations of **new socks** in kids and youth sizes

 Please note, we are unable to accept any used items due to COVID precautions

**[https://www.shconnections.org/
back-to-school-2021.html](https://www.shconnections.org/back-to-school-2021.html)**

NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING
MAY 16-19, 2022 | MONTREAT, NC



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where the mountains meet the water

Rest, Restore, and Explore

Where the Mountains Meet the Water

Montreat Conference Center, NC
May 16-19, 2022

The 2022 NEXT Church National Gathering is an invitation to rest, restore, and explore stories that need to be told - about why we rest, why we resist rest, and why some [of us] cannot rest.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THEME](#)

Save the Date! Registration opens in December.



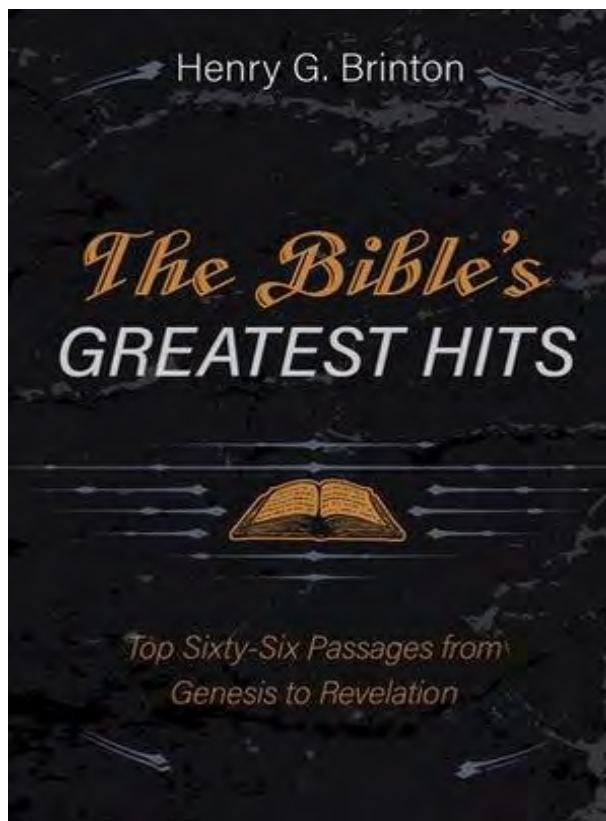
The Bible's Greatest Hits: *Top Sixty-Six Passages from Genesis to Revelation*

A new book by Henry G. Brinton

Written for both private devotion and group discussion, the book can serve as an introduction to the Bible for adults and youths.

Includes the best in biblical scholarship as well as practical connections to daily life, along with questions for reflection at the end of each chapter.

Available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Bookshop.org



Henry G. Brinton is pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

"In this small but powerful book, Henry Brinton has opened up the Bible in surprising and insightful ways. In passages that may be familiar to readers, Brinton finds unexpected treasures. This book will make you hungry to consume Scripture, which then can metabolize as acts of mercy, compassion, and love."

— Ruling Elder Bill Tammeus, author of *Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety*

"Perfect for Bible study groups or for simple enjoyment and edification. The usual texts are included (Ps 23, John 3, Acts 2), but who knew that Nahum could be so memorable? *The Bible's Greatest Hits* belongs on the bookshelf of every serious student of Scripture."

— Timothy Merrill, pastor of Trinity Congregation, Shanghai

"Brinton writes with a columnist's eagle eye and a preacher's fiery heart. Students of Scripture will be awed by his perceptive summary of major themes. Preachers will find his seamless weaving of biblical visions with current issues refreshing and compelling. Every chapter is a smashing hit. Once started, this brilliant book is hard to put down."

— Professor John Yieh, Virginia Theological Seminary