

# THURSDAY MAILING



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***Together We Can Make A Difference!***  
**ON-LINE GIVING**

## ***Announcements:***

**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for Reverend James Brassard** at National Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, October 30, at 10:00 a.m. Rev. James was a beloved pastor for many years at Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC). All are welcome to honor and celebrate his life. The church is located at 4101 Nebraska Ave., NW, Washington, DC. A reception will follow the service.

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.

National Capital Presbytery and Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church invite you to the **Installation Service of the Rev. Adele Crawford**, pastor, Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, October 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church for the link.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, Rev. Joseph Nyamutera will be speaking via Zoom, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. about his ministry in Rwanda and around the world. Please put this date on your calendar. On October 14, 2021, the Zoom link to the program will be available for persons interested in attending this presentation. Contact Elder Pat Morse at [pettymorse@aol.com](mailto:pettymorse@aol.com), for information about the Zoom link.

Rev. Joseph is one of the primary instructors of the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations course, which is conducted every two years at the International School of Reconciliation (ISOR) in Rwanda. He is presently in the United States on sabbatical. In January 2022, the course will be conducted in the U.S. in the form of workshops in four different locations. For additional information about the workshops, see the Healing Hearts Transforming Nations website, [hhtnglobal.org](http://hhtnglobal.org), (the Events tab).

Rev. Joseph is a pastor in the Pentecostal Church in Rwanda who lived through the 1994 Rwanda genocide. He is also the founder and director of Rabagirana Ministries in Kigali and has conducted healing and training sessions in Rwanda and other African, Asian, and European countries. He is considered an international expert in peace and reconciliation, and has done capacity building for organizations, including churches, that have experienced conflict in the last 10 years.

Rev. Joseph's presentation, entitled "Invisible Scars," is about his journey, sharing his testimony of God's grace, and encouraging churches to find hope and take responsibility as the repairers of the walls and the bridge builders of community. Referencing Ezekiel 47: 1-12, "What started as a drop in the ocean, became a river of life." Come and hear!



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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.

September 23, 2021

Dear Church Sessions,

In-person reviews of church minutes and registers are back!

Here are the dates and locations for the review of 2019/2022 session records:

- **September 25**-Chevy Chase PC
- **October 16**-Darnestown PC
- **October 30**-Warner Memorial PC
- **November 13**-Vienna PC

The Session Records Committee and I are grateful to the churches that are hosting the return to in-person reviews of church records.

We are also grateful for the many ways that clerks and sessions have adapted in order to comply with the Book of Order mandate of a general administrative review at least every two years to “determine whether the proceedings have been correctly recorded, have been in accordance with the Book of Order, have been prudent and equitable, and have been faithful in the mission of the whole church.” (G-3.0108) Please contact me at [jmoody@thepresbytery.org](mailto:jmoody@thepresbytery.org) if you have questions.

Despite the challenges, our presbytery continues to pursue an openness to new ways of doing its work that it might be more effective in its mission.

Grace and Peace,

Jan



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## **Nomination of Commissioners to the Hybrid In-Person/On-Line 2022 General Assembly**

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

The upcoming General Assembly will be very different from the traditional in-person Assembly, and even from the 224th General Assembly, which was held online in June 2020. The docket (attached) adopted by COGA provides that all Assembly meetings will be held between Saturday, June 18, and Saturday, July 9. Please read the following information carefully to discern if you can serve as a commissioner.

### **Planning Time for Assembly Meetings**

The meetings of the 225th General Assembly will be a blend between in-person Assembly committee meetings held at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville and online plenaries convened via Zoom.

### **How will this work?**

All Assembly meetings will be held between Friday, June 17, 2022, and Saturday, July 9, 2022. Commissioners and advisory delegates are asked to hold this full block of time until they have been notified of their Assembly committee assignment. Assembly committee assignment and specific dates for travel to Louisville will be distributed on or about Feb. 28, 2022. Requests to change committee assignments due to scheduling conflicts or other preferences cannot be honored due to the committee assignment requirements of the GA Standing Rules.

### **What are the time commitments for commissioners and advisory delegates while in Louisville for Assembly committee meetings?**

Teaching elders and ruling elders considered for election as commissioners must be able to be in attendance for the duration of the General Assembly (SR B.1.c.). This will mean a considerable commitment of time to participate fully in both in-person and online meetings that will make up this Assembly.

- Most commissioners and advisory delegates will spend four nights and three full days in Louisville for Assembly committee meetings.
- There will be some commissioners assigned to four specific committees who will have an additional two days and nights in Louisville so that they can constitute the in-person quorum required for Plenary 1.
- While in Louisville, commissioners and advisory delegates should expect to spend up to 12 hours each day (including breaks) in Assembly committee meetings and other Assembly events.
- Meals and lodging during this time will be provided through the per capita budget.

## **What are the time commitments for the Zoom online plenary sessions?**

- During the online plenaries on Saturday, June 18, 2022, and Tuesday, July 5, 2022, through Saturday, July 9, 2022, commissioners, and advisory delegates should expect to spend up to 12 hours each day (including breaks) in worship, plenary gatherings and other Assembly functions. Each day will begin with worship at 11 a.m. (EDT).
- Commissioners and advisory delegates should make plans to be present for the full day on each of these days, as if attending a meeting out of town. Presbyteries are encouraged to make plans<sup>3</sup> to gather their commissioners and advisory delegates in person for plenary meetings when possible

Nomination forms for Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/dependent-care-reimbursement-policy-commissioners-advisory-delegates-ga/>

All forms are due by **Friday, October 15, 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](mailto: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

*The National Capital Presbytery (NCP) Mission Coordinating Committee's Peace and Justice Team (PJT) is requesting your assistance in reviewing the perspective of your congregation on peace and social justice ministries.*

**The Peace and Justice Team (PJT)** is an emerging community of congregations engaged in peace and social justice activities and ministry in the National Capital Presbytery (NCP). This survey solicits information on 1) current NCP congregational peace and social justice activities, 2) what social justice issues your congregation is passionate about, and 3) how the PJT can provide support to your congregation in fostering those ministries. This survey should take between five and ten minutes to complete. The information you provide is critical in helping us set priorities for action.

**You can access the survey here:** <https://forms.gle/V1Hx7eYWxirUo6kx6>.

If there is someone else in your congregation who is the right person to complete the survey, please forward this email to that person. If possible, we would like responses back **as soon as possible but no later than November 1, 2021**. If you have any questions about the survey or the Peace and Justice Team, feel free to contact Trey Davis, [davis.trey@live.com](mailto:davis.trey@live.com), or Patricia Morse, [pettymorse@aol.com](mailto:pettymorse@aol.com). Thank you in advance for your support! Trey and Pat.





# DC YAV STARTS THE 2021-22 YEAR: WELCOME QUINN!

We welcome Quinn Bacon (they/them/fae) to DC for the 2021-22 YAV YEAR. Quinn is serving at SOME (So Others Might Eat), working with people experiencing homelessness and mental health challenges.

DC YAV is excited to partner this year with Lutheran Volunteer Corps through shared housing and collaboration in programming.



**How can you connect to DC YAV? Reach out to invite Quinn or a DC YAV Board member to your congregation!! And donate [here](#), specifying DC YAV under Directed Giving Project Name.**

**Contact Rev. Blair Moorhead (she/her), Site Coordinator, at [dcyavprogram@gmail.com](mailto:dcyavprogram@gmail.com)**





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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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WORSHIP WILL OCCUR AT 10AM AT LEGACY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND AT 10AM ON-LINE

JOIN THE DISCUSSION:  
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UNRAVELLING RACISM DISCUSSION GROUPS  
CO-HOSTED BY REV. ELIZABETH BROOKENS-STURMAN  
AND THE GUEST PREACHER ON SUNDAYS AT 5-6PM VIA ZOOM



# Unravelling Racism

FALL SERMON SERIES



Rev. Elizabeth Brookens-Sturman  
Sept. 19 & 26  
Oct. 31

During his earthly ministry  
Jesus Christ commissioned the  
church to be the community known  
for its radical and welcoming unity. No one  
is to be marginalized. No one is to be excluded.

No one is less than. No one is unwelcome. The mission of the church of Jesus  
Christ is clear. We must strive to ensure that God's love, mercy and justice flow to all  
people; in every corner of the globe.



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
Oct. 3



Rev. John Molina-Moore  
Oct. 10

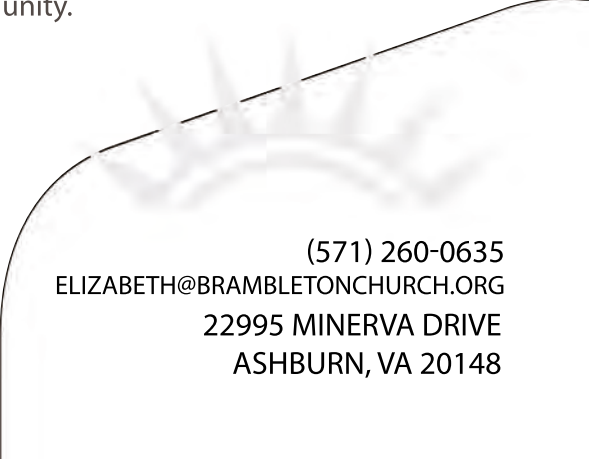
Sadly, there are many barriers that make God's vision for our lives difficult to realize. We have invited four well-known PCUSA pastors to help us explore one of the barriers; racism. After each sermon, Pastor Elizabeth and our guest preacher will co-host a small group for further discussion. Our heart-felt prayer is through this series God will empower our church to be true to our calling and to be a healing force in our community.



Rev. Sandra Luciano Andújar  
Oct. 17



Rev. Edwin Andrade  
Oct. 24



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**Black Presbyterians United of National Capital Presbytery**  
*presents...*

# **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD 3:00 P.M. EST.**

**Via Zoom**

**Guest Preacher: Reverend Gloria Yi,  
Hope Presbyterian Church**

**Let us break bread **TOGETHER.****

Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/worldcommunion>



National Capital Presbytery presents a

**workshop** to include

**one-on-one sessions** and  
**small group discussions**

to

# MAKE HYBRID WORSHIP A REALITY!

Thursday, October 14, 2021  
@ 6:00p.m. via Zoom

led by Elder James Butler III Fifteenth Street PC  
Sam Guillermo Christian Community PC  
Elder Willie Montgomery Fifteenth Street PC

REGISTER [HERE](#)



# SAVE THE DATE

Black Presbyterians United of National Capitol Presbytery  
Presents

Revive to Thrive Retreat: Reflecting & Restoring  
in Changing Times

*"Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!  
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!"*

Psalm 80:19

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021**  
**9:30AM-3:30 PM EST**

REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 1ST



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## Ecology and Theology Event November 13



### JUST CREATION: SHALOM FOR OUR COMMON HOME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DC

## Dr. William Brown

Columbia Theological Seminary



People of faith seek justice. We are challenged today to expand our faith to recognize the great injustices in our global environmental crisis. Our speaker has been leading the Reformed community in such an expansion, by bringing Scripture, science, and living faith to the issues. This session will change your thinking and is not to be missed.

Info and RSVP Here:

<https://reformedinstitute.org/>

Bill shares: "I grew up on the desert, surrounded by stars, away from the city lights." It was there, in high school, with the aid of a six-inch telescope that Bill built himself, that theology began to prevail in his life. "Just trying to comprehend the vastness of the universe, for me, was a spiritual exploration of God's creation."

Bill Brown is the [William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta](#). He has abiding interests in the use of scripture in the life of the church and the world, particularly related to issues of ecology and justice: including creation theology, faith and science, the Psalms, and wisdom literature. He is a founder of the Earth Covenant Ministry, a grass-roots organization of Presbyterian churches in Georgia, and has offered seminars and workshops at Montreat, Ghost Ranch, and scores of churches. He coordinated the Science and Seminaries project at Columbia Theological Seminary, sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science's program in the Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion.

Author of over a dozen books, Brown's recent publications include *The Seven Pillars of Creation: Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder* (Oxford University), *Wisdom's Wonder* (Wm. B. Eerdmans), and *Sacred Sense: Discovering the Wonder of God's Word and World* (Wm. B. Eerdmans), and Editor of *The Oxford Handbook of the Psalms* (Oxford University Press). He was named as a Henry Luce III Fellow in theology for 2007-2008.

Cosponsored by the [Reformed Institute](#) and [Earth Care Network of National Capital Presbytery](#).

To RSVP, visit: <https://reformedinstitute.org/events/>