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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 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.

Attention Minister Members who serve in churches – The Congregational Transitions Commission (CTC) regularly approves pastors' contracts. Figuring out proper compensation for a pastor is a complicated task, and it helps to have data on comparable churches. It is particularly useful to have this data when churches hire new pastors.



You should have received an email requesting pastors who serve in churches, to complete the 2021 Salary Survey. To those 35 minister members who completed the survey, thank you! If you have not, you have until Monday, October 11. If you need the link to the survey, contact Dina Bickel – dbickel@thepresbytery.org Thanks for participating!

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, for information about the Zoom link.



The REvangelism Conference is designed to take you on a deeper journey into faith: into the lives of others, into justice, hope, and the wonder of God. Together we will practice habits of Evangelism that will engage us in the gospel of good news — God's justice and reconciliation for the world.

At REvangelism you will interact with the wise, diverse voices in the church who contributed to the 8-Habits of Evangelism resource. As you work through each habit together, you will experience the goodness and richness of Christ's body and the Holy Spirit transforming you, and the world around you.

Register: <https://montreat.org/events/revangelism21>



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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.

VIENNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO WELCOME NEW LEAD PASTOR

Vienna— September 30, 2021 — Vienna Presbyterian Church (VPC) is pleased to announce and welcome the Rev. Dr. Hope Italiano Lee as the church's new Lead Pastor. Hope is a seasoned leader who has served congregations in Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Most recently she was the Lead Pastor at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Florida. She is anchored by a deep love of Jesus and is a nationally recognized preacher.

Hope holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary as well as a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. In all of Hope's work, she demonstrates a strong belief that the people of the church are the face of Christ to the neighborhood and that God has already equipped us with all that we need to live out His mission and vision for the people right where we live and then to the world.

"We are so excited to welcome a pastoral leader of Hope's caliber to Vienna Presbyterian Church," said the Co-Chairs of the Pastor Nominating Committee, John Hall and Yvonne Malloy. *"Her engaging, open style both in preaching and interacting with people of all backgrounds was what inspired our call for her to be our next Lead Pastor."*

Hope and her husband, Sung Lee, have three children: Anna, Peter, and Maria. In referring to her close-knit family, she states, *"We don't take ourselves too seriously ... [but] we do take the Gospel seriously. And we try to live our lives in a way that carries the hope of Christ out into the world through our everyday living. We consistently seek to 'be the church' wherever we find ourselves."*

Hope is ready to lead Vienna Presbyterian Church forward, saying, *"We are living in a world that is desperately seeking to be transformed. I can't wait to serve with the people of VPC as we seek that transformation together for the people of Northern Virginia through the hope of Jesus Christ!"*

Hope will begin pastoral leadership at Vienna Presbyterian Church on Monday, October 4, 2021.

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For more information, press only:

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More information about Vienna Presbyterian Church can be found at www.viennapres.org



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Dear Churches,

On September 28, National Capital Presbytery gathered for worship and business virtually.

Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:

- Worship began at 5:00. Pastor Cynthia Londa Kekung, Elder Merina Hutabarat, and Elder Natalia Angkuw Suwuh led the music and liturgy for the service and General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore, preached a sermon based on Matthew 17:14-20 about discerning authentic faith.
- The business meeting began at 6:00. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Rev. Rachel Vaagenes, encouraged Teaching and Ruling Elders to apply to serve as members of NCP committees or commissions and/or as commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly. (For more information about the General Assembly, go to <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/225th-general-assembly-2022/>)

The presbytery welcomed the following new minister members:

- Rev. Layne Brubaker, Associate Pastor Christian Formation, Lewinsville PC,
- Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor, Takoma Park PC, and
- Olivia Patterson, Associate Pastor Youth and Young Adults, Westminster Alexandria

The presbytery celebrated the ministry of **Rev. Lynn Hoyle-Stanton who is now Honorably Retired.**

The presbytery approved the following action items:

- To approve the recommendation from the NCP Leadership Council to commission Ruling Elders to serve specific pastoral roles in NCP congregations or fellowships and grant authority to COM to appoint a team to prepare applicants to be commissioned by NCP to serve a particular congregation or fellowship for a particular time.
- To approve, by three-fourths vote, the recommendation for the Commission on Preparation for Ministry to waive the time limitations of G-20602 that requires a 2-year minimum process for the inquiry and candidacy phases of readiness to receive a call for Candidate Emilee Williams.

Moderator Rev. Diane Hendricks closed the meeting with prayer at 7:20 PM.

At the next presbytery meeting on November 16, in worship we will pause and remember the Ruling and Teaching Elders who have died this past year. In the business meeting we will discuss and vote on the NCP 2022 Operating and Mission budgets.

Presbytery meetings provide space for commissioners and guests to come together to remember, renew, and reimagine so that our churches can grow in service to God's mission.

Grace and Peace,

Jan



October 7, 2021

Greetings People,

One aspect of my work is to follow up! I want to share and highlight some Follow Ups from the Mission Coordinating Committee and Commission. Note that this is not all of it but some of it!

First, the **Global Mission Network (GMN)** recently sent out a follow up to many of you and your congregations who participated in the GMN survey. These emails are coming from the lay leader, Judith Dahmann. **Please be mindful to take some time and respond to her follow up email.** This is the work of all of us to connect, re-connect and to share the knowledge, faith, and resources we feel called to be about in God's world.

Second, I want to make sure you have heard about the diligent follow through from the **Earth Care Network** and MCC. Thanks to a faithful question from members of MCC and from the Presbytery meeting a few months back, "when we di-vest from something, what do we re-invest in?" The Earth Care Network responded. They reached through the connectional church and was introduced to **Coalfield Development** (<https://coalfield-development.org/>). Earth Care Network has already directed some funding towards this relationship, and they have called MCC to task as well. How can MCC connect other congregations to this relationship and re-investment? MCC will be discerning the 2022 budget with this question as well as support Earth Care Network to introduce this partnership throughout the Presbytery.



Third, the **Peace and Justice Team** survey is still up and live! You can find it in this Thursday Mail. MCC continues to receive scholarship and grant applications around creative partnerships and community engagements in the areas of advocacy, witness, justice, and growth. MCC does not want to miss a connectional and funding opportunity to support congregations in missional based ministries! Please take the time and participate in this survey!

I recognize the importance of sharing faithful follow throughs and faithful follow ups! You all deserve to know and celebrate the deep discerning work that your committees do with time, talents, and resources! Please consider joining the **Mission Coordinating Committee and Commission**. If you have more questions about this specific committee, contact me and I can introduce you to members of the committee.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

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 plans³ 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, 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: <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 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, or Patricia Morse, pettymorse@aol.com. Thank you in advance for your support! Trey and Pat.



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

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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

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.

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



Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Oct. 3



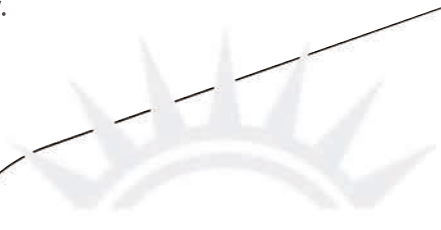
Rev. John Molina-Moore
Oct. 10



Rev. Sandra Luciano Andújar
Oct. 17



Rev. Edwin Andrade
Oct. 24



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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](#)

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope & Healing



with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe

Dr. Hayhoe, a prominent climate scientist and evangelical Christian, has become a leading voice in the effort to educate and mobilize people to address the climate crisis.

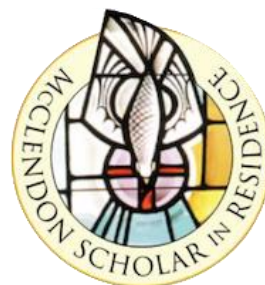
The New York Times called her “one of the nation’s most effective communicators on climate change” and her TED talk on the subject has been viewed over 5 million times.

In this webinar, Dr. Hayhoe will talk about her new book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, and discuss practical things that we all can do to combat the climate crisis.

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:00 pm

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

Register to receive the zoom link:
www.hayhoeoct26.eventbrite.com





New
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The current curriculum for these Labs as follows:

- Learning Lab 6: Family Systems and Conflict Transformation -Cameron Trimble – **October 28**
- Learning Lab 7: Leading from the Future: Emergence Leadership for The Sake of the Church – Cameron Trimble – **November 18**
- Learning Lab 8: How to Turn Your Church into a Community Hub for Social Innovation & Neighborhood Economic Revitalization – Anna Golladay – **January 27, 2022**
- Learning Lab 9: Coaching Skills for Church Leaders – **February 2022**

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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THE YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM COMMITTEE PRESENTS
WORLDCHANGING 101

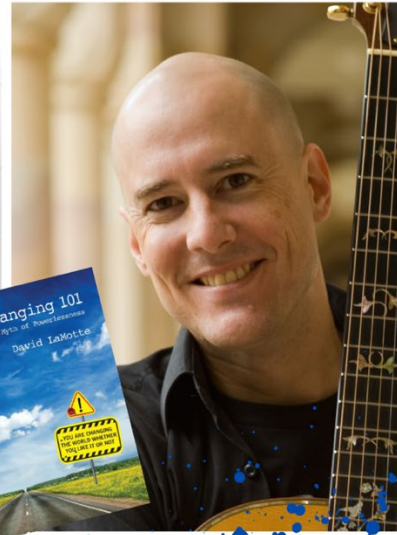
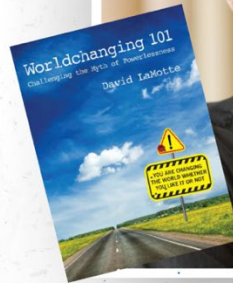
David LaMotte

OCTOBER 30, 2021 | 5:00PM
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WORKSHOP/DINNER/CONCERT



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This unique event combines a workshop, dinner, and concert that allows participants to put into action what they hear and experience. A suggested donation (at the door) for this event is \$20.00, but any amount is welcome. **REGISTRATION OPENS September 15!**

Workshop Description

Like any good first year (101) college course, David's workshops and keynotes do not pretend to offer answers, but rather suggest productive questions. In this case, the questions have to do with how we are called to engage the world around us and how to approach that work in practice. Through story, historical and cultural analysis, and conversation, he examines the downside of hero stories, then offers a fresh framework to examine our ability to have significant impact on the world, and what our faith has to say about these questions.

Schedule: 5:00-6:30 Workshop 6:30-7:00 Dinner 7:00-8:30 Concert

David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, speaker, and author. *The Boston Globe* writes that his music "pushes the envelope with challenging lyrics and unusual tunings, but he also pays homage to folk tradition," while *BBC Radio Belfast* lauds his "charm, stories, humor, insightful songs, sweet voice, and dazzling guitar ability." A veteran of twelve CDs and over 3000 concerts on five continents, he suspended his music career in 2008 to accept a Rotary World Peace Fellowship and obtain a Master's degree in International Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. During his studies, he spent time in rural Andhra Pradesh, India working with a Gandhian development organization. He served for six years on the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee. He has written three books, and spoken at venues all over the world. His next book, "Harmony: What Music Can Teach Us About Peace Work," is based on his TED talk. He lives in Black Mountain, North Carolina with his wife, soon-to-be-teenaged son, and six backyard chickens.

Special thanks to our event sponsors: The Youth and Young Adult Program Committee of the Reformed Institute, Westminster Presbyterian Church, DC., Heritage Presbyterian Church, and Darnestown Presbyterian Church. For more information visit: <https://reformedinstitute.org>



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REVIVE TO THRIVE RETREAT: REFLECTING & RESTORING IN CHANGING TIMES



Guest Preacher: Rev. Brian McCollum

Facilitators:



Zeena Regis, MDiv



Therese Taylor-Stinson



Rev. Fay Acker

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021. 9:30 AM - 2 PM EST

Registration Required: <https://bit.ly/revivetothrive2021>



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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/>