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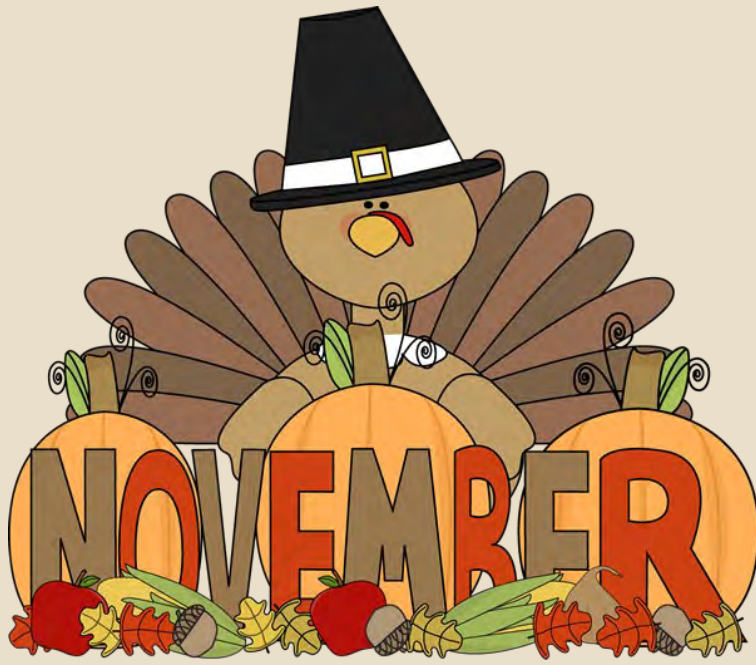
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Announcements:

The National Capital Presbytery and the Session of Vienna Presbyterian Church invite you to the **Installation of Rev. Dr. Hope Italiano Lee as Lead Pastor**, November 14, 2021, at 3:00pm, 124 Park Street, NE Vienna, VA 22180. Clergy are Invited to Process Masks and Social Distancing Required

The National Capital Presbytery and the Session of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church invite you to the **Installation Service for Rev. Layne Brubaker as the Associate Pastor for Christian Formation** at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, November 14, at 4:00 p.m. Masks are required in the church building, and a reception will follow the service.

Attention Specialized and Member-at-Large Minister Members:

Thank you to those who have already submitted their annual reports and housing requests. If you have not, please do so by Monday, November 15, 2021. If you need the forms or have questions, email Dina at dbickel@thepresbytery.org



"Pick YOUR R" NCP's retreat for Clergy, Educators and Church Ministry Professionals Formerly *Calm to the Waves* has a new focus. We will Revive, Relate, Renew, Reconnect...in a new setting! We will meet by the river! **Mark your calendars now for January 10-12!** Stay tuned for more information! Hope to see you by the river!

As you start your holiday shopping, consider adding some truly "life-changing" gifts to your list! When you shop the **Gifts for Good Online Store** at the **Community Coalition for Haiti**, you can purchase items and services that directly support healthcare and education ministries. CCH has worked with their partners in Haiti to curate a special list of offerings that reflect what those partners really need. You can buy gifts like a week of school lunches, health check-ups for patients, a box of medicines, Kreyol books for children learning to read - and more! CCH even sends you or your gift recipient a lovely card that explains the gift! **CCH invites you to please circulate and the CCH flyer included in this TM to your Mission Committee and congregations.**

Learn more by contacting Clark Seipt, CCH Executive Director, at clark@cchaiti.org. CCH is a faith-based, 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Vienna, VA. They were a 2017 NCP Mission Highlight partner and work closely with a number of congregations in the NCP. Learn more at www.cchaiti.org.



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Let Freedom Ring: Journeys through the Civil Rights Movement and the Roots of American Music Alabama Pilgrimage 2022

Join a “Civil Rights Pilgrimage” to Birmingham and Montgomery Alabama from March 21-27, 2022. Led by Reverends Maggie and Larry Hayward, pastors at Northwood in Silver Spring and Westminster in Alexandria, the trip is organized by Classical Movements, a Washington, DC agency. This trip will expose participants to the political, cultural, and agricultural landscape of the South, fundamentally shaped by the institution of slavery and its after-effects, and the way some of the world’s most vibrant and distinctive musical styles impacted the Movement. We will visit critical sites in the American civil rights movement and experience meaningful cultural and historic tours of the region’s musical tradition. We will grow together in faith and understanding of our nation’s history and our nation’s present response to concerns of race and ethnicity. We hope you will consider joining us for Let Freedom Ring: Journeys through the Civil Rights Movement and the Roots of American Music Alabama Pilgrimage 2022. A \$150 refundable deposit is due no later than December 15. Pricing, details, and registration information can be found here: <https://wpc-alex.org/alabama-pilgrimage-2022/>

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Greetings Partners in Ministry,

I want to share a few updates from different parts of the life of our presbytery...



Retreat

In the winters that preceded this pandemic we offered a retreat away at the beach in Ocean City for church leaders around the presbytery. For good reason, we put it on hold last year. Having a year away has given us some time and space to rethink a whole new shape this retreat will take on in the years to come. We not only want to offer time for relaxation and renewal but for our leaders to walk away with practical pieces that are going to strengthen their ministries. In the pages of this post, you will see a “save the date”. So, mark your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for more information to come.

Worship and Theology

Traditionally, our Worship and Theology team has been responsible for planning the worship services that are part of our presbytery meetings. Starting in 2022 the team will be expanding the work they do in service to all of you. For many church leaders who are involved in the week-to-week planning of worship it is often hard to find time to participate in worship. Our team wants to help change that. The hope is to offer worship services throughout the year, not tied to a Tuesday night presbytery meeting, to allow leaders time to participate in worship and to experience worship in new ways.

COLA

Each year, usually late in the summer, Committee on Ministry (COM) puts together all the requirements and recommendations about pastor compensation. As part of that process, they put forward a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as a guideline to help churches plan for their upcoming budgets. Since late summer, the Consumer Price Index, which is where we gather our data, has had a significant increase. Our formula will not see this increase until next year. This means there might be a very steep figure moving forward for 2023. To better prepare for that potential increase, and to have a more real time figure for 2022, we are encouraging churches to go above and beyond the 1.5% increase. COM will also be reexamining how we calculate this figure going forward and will keep you informed along the way.

Healthy Boundaries

Like all things during this pandemic, finding a way to fully translate something we did in person to a completely digital experience has been a constant challenge. The Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinating Team has been trying to find a way to fulfill our requirement for a “Healthy Boundaries” training. The team has chosen to use a completely digital package that can be done on demand, which means a time and place that is most agreeable to the user’s schedule. We offer an opportunity to complete the training during the remainder of this year as well as using the same platform for 2022. Please be on the lookout for registration information.

Sunday, December 26th

Christmas is coming early! Well, sort of. Your presbytery staff will provide another downloadable service for the Sunday after Christmas to give all our congregational leaders a well-deserved Sunday off.

John



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Greetings People,

In the past few weeks, some of us have been gathering with one another NOT in committee meetings. We have been gathering through webinars and conferences that are connecting us to one another in creative ways. I need this energy outside of myself! The most recent Learning Lab held on October 28th was on Family Systems and Conflict. Registration is necessary to have access to this webinar and previous ones. We were guided with supportive practices in how to navigate and deal with congregational conflict through a lens of family systems. More importantly, we are able to connect with



one another for further processing and discussion. Anybody in our congregations and communities have access to these webinars that support creative ministry. **The next lab is November 18th, [Learning Lab #7](#)** - Leading from the Future: Emergence Leadership for The Sake of the Church with Rev. Cameron Trimble. Church Development and Spiritual Formation Committees are able to offer these labs through your generous contributions to [Unified Giving](#)!

Last week, through Montreat Conference Programming, a handful of us attended the Re-Evangelism conference. There were over 150 participants from all over our denomination locally and internationally. Our ideas and practices of Evangelism were stretched through Eight Theologically centered practices: Sacraments, Worship, Generosity, Fellowship, Teaching, Prayer, Justice, and Radical Welcome. Fresh ideas stimulated those of us from NCP to connect with one another for follow-up discussion and ACTION. What a blessing that part of my work with our leadership and congregations is to connect our shared experiences so that we can be a blessing with the whole of our Presbytery!

Each of these gatherings have been virtual. I am reminded in each of these gatherings that profound Impact and Reach still occurs. We each did not know that the other was going to attend. It was heartening to see renewed connections outside of a committee meeting. We took the time to check in, hold one another in prayer, and follow up with some awesome crazy possible actions that will not be done alone! Soon, NCP Clergy, Christian Educators and Church Ministry Professionals, will be welcomed to take advantage of ***“Pick your R”*** (*relate, renew, retreat, river, rest....*). I am mindful, after these past weeks, of how vital it is for all of us in this ministry to step outside of our current PODS and rhythms to be with others. Their hearts energize me and hopefully I for them. We look forward to “RRRR-ing” with many of you in January.

If you find other gatherings that would give you skill building opportunities and connections, please contact my desk for scholarship support. And if you are looking for something, contact my desk as well.

Peace and Courage,
Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



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 15, 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.





Black Presbyterians United of National Capital Presbytery
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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



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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/>



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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You can transform lives, one by one.

More than 11 million people live in Haiti. Of those, 6.5 million struggle to survive on less than \$2 USD per day. The most basic human services are not available to many. It's hard not to be discouraged.

But at CCH, we believe that change can happen in Haiti: one person, one family, one community at a time. We work with partners in Haiti to create initiatives that are maintained by Haitians themselves. We know that short-term fixes are not the answer to Haiti's challenges. That's why we emphasize in-country leadership, training and skill development.

We strive to never do what a Haitian can do for him or herself. CCH doesn't give handouts but rather empowers Haitians to improve their own lives and communities.



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CCH's primary care clinic has sliding-scale fees and never turns patients away. You can help cover the costs for those most in need.

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One Day of CCH Mobile Clinic... \$125
There are only 6 health professionals for every 10,000 people in Haiti; most are located in urban areas. CCH mobile clinics take healthcare, medicine, and health education where it's needed most in rural communities.



Women's Health Visit... \$20

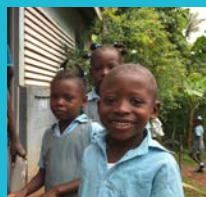
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Hand-Washing Station for a Family, School, or Business ... \$25

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Share the simple joys of art, music, science, and sports with kids while their teachers learn too.

One Week of Student Lunches ... \$50

Provide a hot, protein-enriched lunch to school children.



One-Year Student Sponsorship ... \$360

Help cover a year of tuition, books, health check ups, school improvements and hot protein-enriched lunches for one Haitian student.

One-Year Teacher Sponsorship... \$420

Help a teacher finish their own education with one year of tuition at a local teachers college, plus a stipend to help cover transportation costs.



Resource Kit for One Teacher ... \$65

Gift a full kit of supplies to a teacher for their classroom.

Creole Storybooks ... \$20

These colorful books written in Haiti's native language boost children's literacy.



One Week of School Nurses ... \$100

CCH nurses care for sick children and teach health education lessons at partner schools.



Plants & Seeds for a School Garden ... \$30

Students learn gardening skills and eat their healthy harvests at CCH partner schools.

Or help where it's needed most with a general donation that CCH stewards for effective and creative purposes!

CAMPUS MINISTRIES



Did you know that the NCP supports campus ministries through the budget of the Mission Coordinating Committee?

Did you know that we currently support three campus ministries in the area? Campus Ministries at UMD, Arise at GMU, and through Western Presby at GW.

Does your church have youth in high school who might go to one of these schools in the future? Would you like to connect with one of these ministries?

Is your church interested in becoming a partner with one of these ministries? They can use your support!

Do we want to learn how to connect with youth and Young Adults outside of our church? If you just said yes, why not reach out and engage through our shared campus ministries?

Does your congregation and community want to engage and expand ministry opportunities by starting or engaging in a College and Campus Ministry?

Want to learn more? Contact Tara at the NCP office (tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org) or Marcia Farabee, the Campus Ministry liaison with the MCC at mmpfarabee@gmail.com.