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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

