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Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service

Sponsored by Black Presbyterians United (BPU) & Spiritual Formation Team of NCP

January 17 – 10 am – 12 noon



December

Birthday Greetings

Paul Anderson, HR

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Joyce Mercer

Judith Michaels, HR

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Todd Sutton

George Taylor, HR

Beth Williams

***From the staff of
National Capital Presbytery
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lajuan, tara***



Announcements:

Did you miss **GIVING TUESDAY** . . . It's not too late. Use this link to make your one time offering: <https://thepresbytery.org/online-giving/>

**YOUR generosity enables
National Capital Presbytery
to provide offerings**



So that our churches can grow

**Will you consider a gift?
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



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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/>



There are three things I hope you get out of this retreat... *(flyer with registration LINK included in this TM)*

Relationships – It's been a while since some of us have been in the same room together. There's nothing you can do to replace what can organically happen when people are gathered around a firepit with good conversation as the only agenda. I hope this happens left and right at this retreat. We are intentionally building time in the schedule for this. For many of our leaders it has been easy to feel like they have been all alone this past year. We want to interrupt that. If you come, plan to walk away with a few new friends who will be added to your support network for the journey ahead.

Respite – A change in location can go a long way. You can easily sit at home or in your office and virtually attend the best digital conference that your con-ed budget can get you. We all know how that goes though. You find reasons to pick up the routine of being in a familiar place. It's amazing what a short drive will do for your spirit. Let this be a break from the regular. There will be plenty of time to walk, pray, take a mid-day nap, sleep in and turn off your phone.

Reignition – The content for this retreat is going to be PRACTICAL. Each of you will walk away refreshed and filled with new ideas. Ideas that won't just keep the plate spinning but will ignite a new passion for your calling. You may rediscover why you fell in love with ministry. You may discover a skill set in engaging new people in your community that you never knew you had.

My hope is that everything that happens between 4pm on that Monday and something around lunch on that Wednesday directly impacts the churches that each of you will drive back to. I hope that the folks in your pew see a new flame in your heart that burns brighter for the work of Christ in them and in you.

John



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Note from the Stated Clerk

Dear Clerk of Session,

Please share with your congregation the following *highlights from the November 16th presbytery meeting:*

The presbytery meeting began with worship led by the staff, lay leaders, and music ministry of Prince George's Community Church. Rev. Dr. Edward P. Harding, Jr. preached a sermon titled "God is Rope" based on the Hebrew Scripture Joshua 2:1-11. The General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore, led a time of remembrance of Ruling and Teaching Elders who died between October 31, 2020 through November 1, 2021. Moderator Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks called the Stated meeting to order, and Vice Moderator Elder Shani McIlwain opened the meeting with prayer.

Action Items Approved:

- **Commissioners for 2022 General Assembly**

The following Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament were approved to serve as commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly:

NCP Moderator: Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks

NCP Vice-Moderator: Elder Shani McIlwain (Faith)

Ministers of Word and Sacrament

Rev. Jean Coyle

Rev. Robert Erickson

Rev. Alice Tewell

Rev. Rachel Vaagenes (Alternate)

Ruling Elders

Elder Lou Durden (Northminster)

Elder George Kerr (Westminster, DC)

Elder Jesy Littlejohn (Oaklands)

Elder Edward Jones (Faith) (Alternate)

- **2022 NCP Operating and Mission Budget**

2022 Operating Budget of \$1,069,599.02 with a Per Capita Rate of \$42.67.

2022 NCP Mission Budget of \$975,189.50.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

Advent Blessings,

Jan



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Greetings People,

Congregational Development and Mission are separated in how we organize our committees and sometimes our money. In all fairness, we cannot have one without the other! Both are necessary for Congregational Vitality! How we live out the Gospel and the Good News of Jesus Christ is directly related to how we are congregations in our communities. The Good News of Jesus Christ demands that we are always developing through effective missional practices of faith. The Good News of Jesus Christ does not change but how we live it out does. For me, the Good News is a constant action message that God loves us so much that God has sent God's only Son to make The Way clear for us! We know this by our love, our work, and our care! How we, TODAY, organize our congregation's budgets, time, and talents will always need to shift to be effective in our love, work, and care. Culture shifts are our "friends". They keep us agile within The Way of the Good News.

We want you to join us at the NCP Continuing Education and Retreat Gathering in Cambridge, MD. January 10th, 4pm – January 12th, 11am. (Flyer with registration link included in this TM) You deserve collective colleague time to integrate the love, the work, and the care of missional theology in being the relevant church today. Several of our congregations and communities are engaging in these adaptive practices at different places along the growth spectrum of congregational vitality. It is always better to practice with others. We also want you to actually meet one another. NCP, during the pandemic, has welcomed many new colleagues! You all are the supportive body of Jesus Christ for one another. Our bodies of faith and leadership will also be restored along the water, heated pools, fireside chats, free time, and building up collegueship!

Your presbytery committees of the Unified Mission Budget continue to provide leadership and tools for our clergy, ministry professionals, and members. Our goal is that you are equipped to navigate shifts and live into effective contextual ministry: Convergence Webinars for you to tap into these creative spaces and meet local partners in our presbytery; The Church Assessment Tool with data to see where the energy is and how your priorities as a congregation can work with your energy; Grants for growth opportunities of community mission; Leadership and resources in what to do with a church building (if this has been a brewing question and concern) for effective ministry. Gather for the shared Cont. Ed and Retreat Event to learn and hear how these tools equip us to do the work in growing our churches as effective bodies of Christ.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



At the November 16, 2021, stated meeting of National Capital Presbytery, the slate of minister and elder nominees for the 225th General Assembly were elected to serve as commissioners:



Rev. Diane Hendricks,
Moderator



Rev. Jean Coyle, HR



Rev. Robert Erickson



Rev. Alice Tewell



Elder Shani McIlwain,
Vice Moderator (Faith)



Elder Lou Darden
(Northminster)



Elder George Kerr
(Westminster, DC)



Elder Jesy Littlejohn
(Oaklands)

Alternate General Assembly Commissioners:



Rev. Rachel Vaagenes



Elder Edward Jones (Faith)

CONNECT WITH YAV! 3 EASY WAYS



1. Donate! Give to help more young adults discover the DC community and the call god has given them to serve and create change.

2. Check out our Website!

3. Invite us over! reach out to ask a yav, yav board member, or our site coordinator to come to speak at your church.

***Contact Rev. Blair Moorhead at
dcyavprogram@gmail.com***

The PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people (ages 19–30) in sites across the United States and around the world.

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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Healthcare



Health Check-Ups for 3 Patients... \$30
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.

One Box of Clinic Medicines... \$50

Even when medicine is urgently needed, some patients go without because of the cost. Help make sure patients receive the prescriptions they need.



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

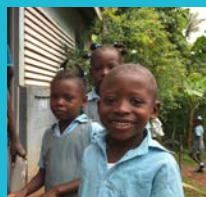
Give the gift of a women's health exam plus dedicated Q&A session with a doctor to someone's mother, sister or daughter.



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

Whether we're working together to combat COVID or cholera, E. coli or the common cold - more hand-washing stations lead to healthier communities.

Education



Send 3 Kids to Summer Camp ... \$45

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.



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.

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.



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!



The Care Team of COM presents

a Continuing Ed and Retreat Gathering for
Clergy-Educators-Church Ministry Professionals

Missional Theology: Being a Relevant Neighborhood Church

Monday, January 10 - Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Hyatt Regency Golf Resort, Spa & Marina, Cambridge, MD

Retreat includes: Two Nights, Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Tuesday

Cost: \$250 per person; Space is limited.

Arrival - Jan 10 @ 4PM ; Departure - Jan 12 @ 11AM

Registration: Register and pay online at <https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/>

Registration and non-refundable fee must be received by 12/20/21

Schedule

Monday, Jan 10

4PM - Arrival
Dinner - On Your Own
7PM - Welcome & Gathering
8PM - Fireside Chats

Tuesday, Jan 11

8AM - Breakfast
9AM - Program w/Worship
12:30PM - Lunch
Free Time and Fireside Chats
3PM - Program
6:30PM - Dinner
7PM - Fireside Chats
8PM - Evening Prayer

Wednesday, Jan 12

Breakfast - On Your Own
9-10:30AM - Program w/John
11:00AM - Check Out
Group Outing to
Harriet Tubman Museum

The Leadership



Shayla Redfearn,
Center's
Steering
Committee

Rev.
McKenna
Lewellen,
Asst. Director

Rev. Kate
Foster,
Founding
Director

The Center is a community engagement initiative of the Baltimore Presbytery whose aim is to serve as a catalyst for congregational innovation and engagement. They host groups of all ages for hands-on, relational mission experiences, and consult with congregations wanting to connect more deeply with their local communities.



New
dates

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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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Martin Luther King, Jr.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022
10AM-12NOON

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