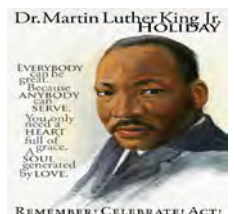


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January 6, 2022



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



Announcements:

The National Capital Presbytery and the Session of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church invite you to the **installation of Rev. Campbell Hackett** on January 23, 2022, at 4:00 PM. Here is the link to the service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dvzo4UwxSoc>

The National Capital Presbytery and the Session of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church invite you to the **ordination of Emilee Williams** on January 29, 2022, at 11:00 AM.



A message from former NCP Moderator, Elder Bill Plitt

Kay and I are happy to announce that our book is now available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), titled *"The Stories I Never Knew" - Acts of Loving Kindness Amidst the Struggle for Human Rights and Dignity in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel.*

I might add, "Our book, my story." You all were part of this journey from the beginning.

I hope its message will touch the hearts of all who read it, as it has in our writing and publishing it these last 6 months after our 3rd retirement. I feel the message, while including the story of the Nassar family, the book includes many other moments when I experienced something special in the new relationships, I encountered over a fifteen-year period and numerous trips to the region, on both sides of the wall, and throughout our tours in over 25 states.

With love and hope, I do miss my friends at National Capital Presbytery

January 6, 2022



Let's refill the tank!

Most pastors serving churches around our presbytery are tired and worn thin. Plans for vacations and opportunities for study have been delayed for almost 2 years. My hope is that even in the midst of a still raging pandemic we can start this year off strong. Over the past few weeks there have been multiple voices that I fully trust who have highly recommended the book, *A Burning in my Bones* by *Winn Collier* which is the authorized biography of Eugene Peterson. Peterson was a PCUSA pastor who founded and served a church in Bel Air, Maryland. He is most widely recognized as the translator who put together *The Message*. *A Burning in my Bones* follows the life of a pastor who faced challenges and changes while trying to remain creative and true to his calling. Words that can speak deeply to the pastors serving our churches today.

To that end, I am hosting a book group with our pastors this winter. My hope is that the reading is light, organic, and life giving. We'll read and discuss a chapter or two each gathering, with the only agenda being conversation, reflection, and prayer. I know there isn't a day and time that works for everyone, so please join when you can. *We will meet on Monday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Zoom, beginning January 24th.* The book is available on Amazon, and several other outlets, including your local bookstore.

Until then, I pray that your new year is already off to a thriving start! Blessing to each of you.

John

Link for the meeting:

<https://thepresbytery.zoom.us/j/84210023386?pwd=S3o0a0NOQINGR0NhYWVWNS3U4MlBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 1002 3386

Passcode: 151698





January 6, 2022

Dear Clerks,

Happy New Year! This is the time of year for you to complete and submit to the General Assembly the Statistical Report for your congregation. Your report supports the ministry of the denomination in many ways. In addition to fulfilling the reporting requirements mandated in the Book of Order (G-3.0202f), it is used to determine per capita assessments and to assess trends regionally. (For more information on church trends go to <https://church-trends.pcusa.org/overall/pcusa/membership/>)

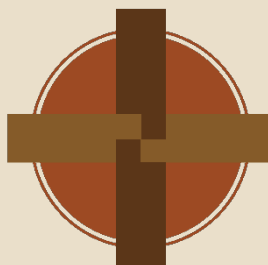
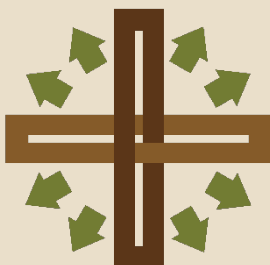
Your help in completing these reports is greatly appreciated. Please submit your reports online no later than February 7. PLEASE NOTE: The session needs to approve the report as early as possible after December 31, 2021. This is a session report and DOES NOT require approval at a congregational meeting.

To get started, visit the Statistical Reporting and FAQ page at <http://pcusa.org/stats>. Use your church Pin/ID number and the password to enter your data.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me at jmoody@thepresbytery.org.

Grace and Peace,

Jan



Greetings People,

We are Into the New Year! I am stating the obvious. This is my authentic language for this time. It is not that I do not believe in Happy New Year. The assumptions I have with Happy are not qualifying what living into what this New Year means for me, my family, and many I am in relationship with. So, I am completely being authentic as I proclaim, we are into the New Year. I am not ignoring the New Year. I am not denying the New Year. I am also not going to judge the New Year. Maybe I am a little tired of the pivots and adaptations. I also know I get excited by some of the adaptations: new babies, new friendships, fresh snow. I accept that I am a part of the New Year and therefore, I am Into the New Year. How one wants to be “into it” well, that is my faith-based personal business and your personal faith-based business. What I do recognize is because of our faith and discipleship, we are called to be “into” all that is towards building up God’s sacred realm (all of it): Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven! God with us, Emmanuel.

So, into this New Year, I pray you and your leadership will engage into the New Year with the Mission Coordinating Committee and Church Development Committee through these creative ways:

- Take the time to note the update from the **Global Mission Network** that is within this Thursday Mail. You may be inspired to connect into a global partnership!
- Join Black Presbyterian United of NCP for **“A Kind of Black Theology’ Aborning”** this month for the virtual session honoring Rev. Dr. Gayraud Wilmore (flyer included in this TM)
- Engage by attending or reviewing previous webinars from our partnership with Convergence. The January session is, **Learning Lab 8: How to Turn Your Church into a Community Hub for Social Innovation & Neighborhood Economic Revitalization – Anna Golladay – January 27, 2022** (flyer included in this TM)
- Calling my desk or emailing about a congregational vitality check-up in participating in the Church Assessment Tool. There are seven congregations engaging in this right now and already over 70 congregations in our presbytery have taken the **Church Assessment Tool**. Find out why!
- Be sure to have leadership in your congregation mark the upcoming dates of **Dismantling Racism Cohort Training in 2022** (Flyer with registration link included in this TM) *dates Allyship Training for Elders and members coming soon...*
- Engage with Networks of the Presbytery around Refugee Ministries, Property Development opportunities, New Ministries and Worshipping Communities, and more.

We are into the New Year. Maybe a little bit happy, maybe a little bit glad, maybe a little tired, and maybe a little grateful. Along with the grief and hope, joy, peace, love we live into it all with Emmanuel, God with us! Joy to the World....and a little bit extra please!!!!

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. **Last opportunity to respond is January 7, 2022.** 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.



News from Global Mission Network

Global Mission Partnership Directory released! Based on congregation feedback, the Global Mission Network (GMN) has developed a directory of current congregation global mission partnerships. Download the directory from the GMN webpage: <https://thepresbytery.org/the-work-of-the-presbytery/committees/mission-coordination/global-mission-network/>



Three new Global Mission Partnership Grants awarded! In December, grants were awarded to

- St Andrew Presbyterian Church-Purchase of pharmaceuticals for the Community Coalition for Haiti Clinic
- Fairfax Presbyterian Church-Funding for a new roof and repairs, medications, reopening of Rancho Vida Youth camp and Plan Escalon Residential School in Honduras
- Westminster Alexandria-Building of a security fence at the United Orphanage and Academy in Moi's Bridge Kenya

The next deadline for grant applications is March 31. For information on the Global Mission Partnership Grant process see: https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Global_Partnerships_Part_II_2019-1.pdf

Next online GMN meeting is January 8, from 10-1. Contact Collette Ramm at coletteramm1@gmail.com for the agenda and joining instructions. All are welcome!

CALLING

ALL YOUTH

Martin Luther King, Jr.
DAY OF SERVICE

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022
10AM-12NOON

Westminster Presbyterian Church
400 I St SW, | Washington, DC 20024

Providing A Gift of The Heart Kits for
Presbyterian Disaster Agency

Donations are welcomed. Email - Rev. Gloria Yi

Register [HERE](#)

Sponsored by:

National Capital Presbytery, Spiritual Formation Team,
Black Presbyterians United



**Annual Convocation
with Dr. Brian Blount
Saturday, January 22, 2022
National Presbyterian Church
(with Livestream option)**



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Dr. Brian Blount
President and Professor of New
Testament at
Union Presbyterian Seminary

He will speak on:

***The Liberation Trajectory in
the Reformed Tradition***

9:00 a.m. Light breakfast

outdoors (weather permitting)

9:30 Welcome and Introductions

9:40 Presentation

10:30 Break and Books

10:45 Questions and Discussion

11:30 Adjourn

***Pandemic protocols in place—masks
required, please be vaccinated or take
a test the day before.***

RSVP to:

<https://reformedinstitute.org/events/>

This year's annual convocation digs deeply into the Reformed Tradition to find elements of liberation for the church and for those marginalized in society. From Calvin's theory of revolution to modern calls for freedom from oppressive church and social structures, this presentation will open your eyes to the transformative power of Reformed thought and life.

Dr. Blount holds a BA from the College of William and Mary, an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD from Emory University. He served as pastor of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, from 1982 to 1988, before studying for his doctorate. He served as the Richard J. Dearborne Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary for 15 years before being called as President of Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA in 2007. He lectures widely in local churches and the academy, including delivering the 2011 Beecher Lectures at the Yale Divinity School. He is the author of numerous articles and books, including:

Go Preach! Mark's Kingdom Message and the Black Church Today (Orbis, 1998)

Then The Whisper Put on Flesh: New Testament Ethics in an African American Context (Abingdon 2001)

Can I Get A Witness? Reading Revelation Through an African American Lens (Westminster John Knox Press, 2005)

Revelation. A Commentary in the New Testament Library Series (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009)

Invasion of the Dead. Preaching Resurrection (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)



New
dates

Learning Labs:

Once a month Learning Labs are an opportunity for anyone in the Presbytery - clergy or laypeople - to engage with an online Learning Lab led by members of the Convergence Team and invited guests to explore critical topics in ministry today. **These will be held at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month. *Dates are subject to change, follow our IG @ncpandfriends for any updates!***

The current curriculum for these Labs as follows:

- 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

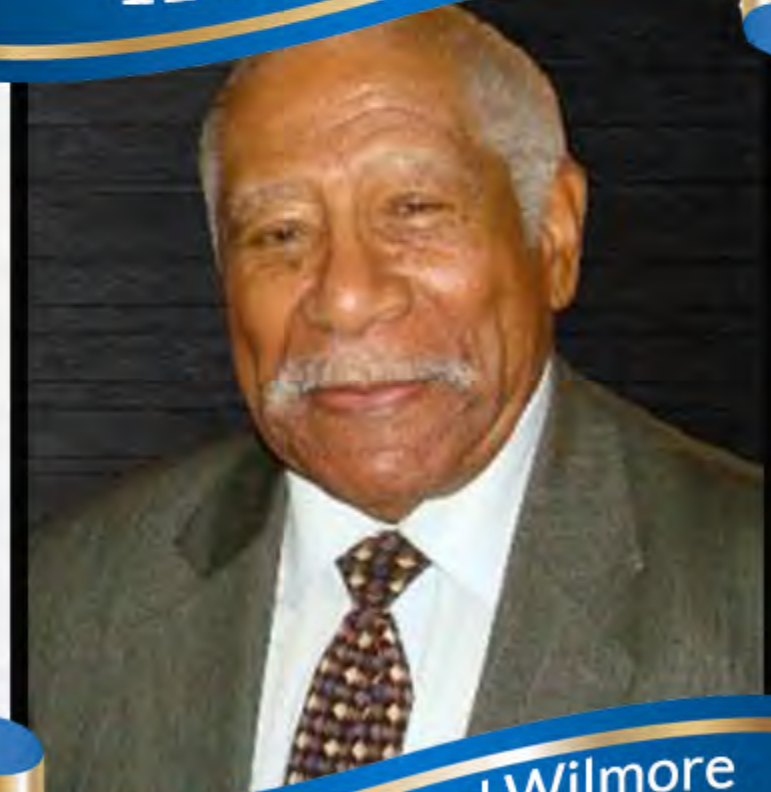


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BLACK PRESBYTERIANS UNITED
presents

“A Kind of ‘Black Theology’ Aborning”: Gayraud Wilmore and the Roots of Black Theology

HONORING



Rev. Dr. Gayraud Wilmore
1921-2020

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 27, 2022
6:30PM-8:30PM EST**



Guest Facilitator:

Rev. Dr. Douglas H. Brown Clark, Ph.D.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Wofford College
Adjunct Professor of Church History,
Lexington Theological Seminary

www.bpudmv.org | Registration is required for Zoom Info <https://bit.ly/rootsofblacktheology>



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, March 14 - Wednesday, March 16, 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 - March 14 @ 4PM ; Departure - March 16 @ 11AM

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

Proof of Vaccination Required

Registration and non-refundable fee must be received by 2/7/21

Schedule

Monday, March 14

4PM - Arrival

Dinner - On Your Own

7PM - Welcome & Gathering

8PM - Fireside Chats

Tuesday, March 15

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, March 16

Breakfast - On Your Own

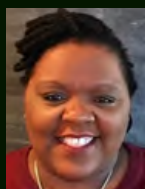
9-10:30AM - Program w/John

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.

DISMANTLING RACISM

-TRAINING - 2022

BROUGHT TO YOU THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH
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UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE
Dismantling Racism

COHORT THREE BEGINS! Space is limited to 50 participants!
Sign up today to reserve your spot in this four-part series
happening March through May.

WHO: Minister members of NCP (encouraged for all clergy every 3 years) and ministry professionals of member congregations and specialized ministries

WHAT & WHEN: Four-part series on the following topics, (all classes held from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

- Class One: Allyship (class one is TWO sessions), March 16 & 17
- Class Two: White Supremacy 101, April 6
- Class Three: Bias and Microaggressions, April 7
- Class Four: Building Equity (TWO sessions), May 18-19

WHERE: Wherever you are! Join us on Zoom.

WHY: Racism is more than individual acts of bigotry or prejudice. Racism is any system, institution, or cultural practice or tradition, which protects or prefers the lives, property, and status of White people--or any group which takes power over another, at the expense of our siblings of color or other marginalized persons or groups. Racism is contrary to the Gospel injunction to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Read the full rationale for this new, required training in the life of the Presbytery [here](#).

***National Capital Presbytery is providing this series of trainings free of charge to participants. Those who wish to contribute continuing education funds toward this important educational series, to help make it available to the widest possible audience within our Presbytery, may [make contributions](#) to National Capital Presbytery, Memo: Race & Reconciliation Fund**



Register [HERE](#)
registration for this cohort closes 3/9

January 3, 2022

— For Immediate Release —

Roxane Rucker named Co-Executive Director of Interwoven Congregations

Interwoven Congregations (IwC) is pleased to announce that Roxane Rucker is joining the IwC leadership team as Co-Executive Director effective Monday, January 3, 2022. She will share the role with Pat Jackson, the founding Co-Executive Director of IwC. Roxane joins at a time when IwC is poised to advance its mission to promote racial justice and healing through partnerships of faith communities with different racial compositions. Said Rucker, *"There's tremendous momentum across many institutions — government, industry, academia — to take a policy-oriented approach to dismantling systemic racism. Unlike these other institutions, faith communities are uniquely positioned to call upon, and when needed, challenge our deepest held beliefs — to speak to us through the language of our hearts, and to call on us to draw nearer to God's vision for our lives. Interwoven will help congregations create the environment and partnerships to facilitate individual and congregational transformation."*



For the past year, Roxane has served Interwoven Congregations as a vital member of the Board of Directors helping to shape IwC's interfaith vision, mission, and strategy, and launch its pilot program between two congregations in the Washington, D.C. area. Going forward, she will focus on expanding IwC's congregational pairs as we work to take Interwoven Congregations to scale while further developing approaches to cross-racial relationship building, training about systemic racism, and activating new anti-racist, justice projects with our congregational partners.

Roxane has many years of senior-level programmatic expertise gained with organizations addressing voting rights and the participation of people of color in the franchise and racial equity in community-based public spaces and parks. She also brings significant business, operations, and financial experience gained from her successful career in telecommunications. Roxane grew up in the African Methodist Episcopal tradition and recently joined Westminster Presbyterian Church (Washington, D.C.) as she continues her journey towards living an active Christian life rooted in love, justice, and peace. She has lived in Arlington, VA with her wife of many years and is active in her community and local politics. Roxane can be reached at roxane@interwovencongregations.org.



www.interwovencongregations.org