

# THURSDAY MAILING



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PRESBYTERY  
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*March 24, 2022*



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## Pastoral Concern:

**The Rev. Richard A. (Dick) Houghton, HR** entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, March 4, 2022. He died from complications with congestive heart failure. The family is currently planning a memorial service that will be held in the Riderwood Chapel. Once those are finalized, they will be shared.

**The Rev. Theodore "Ted" Rosche, HR** died on Monday morning, March 21<sup>st</sup>. His wife, Marie and his family were with him. Ted was 95. The family is in the process of planning for a memorial service. Once those are finalized, they will be shared.

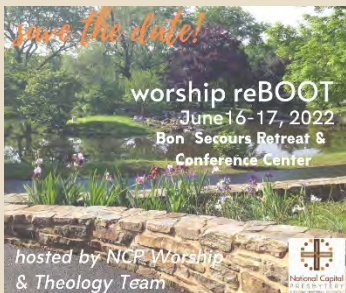
## Announcements:



All are invited to join for **A Lenten Bible Study led by current and former Lay Leadership of National Capital Presbytery**, Every Monday beginning **March 7 through Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.** via zoom. Text will come from "Lectionary of Sundays during Lent" No need to register, visit [NCP Events | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](https://ncp.events) for the link to join.



Our trans friends and family members deserve respect, support, and care – especially now when trans children and students are under political attack. Please join us for **Beyond Pink & Blue: Trans+family and Spiritual Care**, Saturday, May 14 from 9:30am to 4:00pm ET. This free hybrid community event in person and online is offered by Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland. For more info and to register: [beyondpinkandblueregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:beyondpinkandblueregistrar@gmail.com)



**SAVE THE DATES: "Worship REBoot"**, Thursday - Friday, June 16-17, 2022, at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD, cost \$199.00 (This includes lodging, dinner on Thursday, and breakfast and lunch on Friday.) Sponsored by the Worship and Theology Team of NCP. More information coming soon!

**National Capital Presbytery (NCP) Presbyterian Women (PW)** has several positions on the Coordinating Team (CT) for which we are seeking nominees for the 2022-2024 term. If you are interested in developing and using your leadership and creative skills, please consider joining our team! The most important qualifications are enthusiasm and an interest in working with other women in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia metropolitan area to help us shine our light to create and support programs that further the key elements of the PW Purpose.

The CT meets throughout the year, currently via Zoom, to plan several events, some of which you may have attended:

- Fall Gathering
- Prayer Gathering
- Spring Gathering and Business Meeting

We also participate in the Summer Gathering of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and provide resources for that planning committee on a rotational basis.

We would love to have you join us, as you feel called, to participate at the Presbytery level and hope you will contact our CT Search Committee coordinator Sue Burns at [Mburnssusan@verizon.net](mailto:Mburnssusan@verizon.net) or (301)-691-8756 to learn more about the positions available and find out how you can join the NCP PW CT.

We reaffirmed that all Clergy and Certified Christian Educators must attend a **“Healthy Boundaries” training** within one year of being received by the Presbytery and renewed every three years. A new three-year cycle began November 15, 2021. An Online Healthy Boundary Training through the Convergence Learning Platform FaithLead will be available in an on-demand format by which clergy and educators can access the course 24/7 and complete it at their own pace. To register: [Complete the form here](#). You will receive an automated response immediately with a link to register for the course. Once the course is completed, send your certificate to Dina Bickel. Questions? [dbickel@thepresbytery.org](mailto:dbickel@thepresbytery.org)



March 24, 2022

At its March 22, 2022, Stated Meeting, National Capital Presbytery (NCP) participated in the work of the upcoming General Assembly and considered and then approved concurring with the proposed overture titled “On Declaring the Time IS Now to “Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon, and Speak Up”. While planning for the 225<sup>th</sup> GA, our denomination continues to build on the theme of the 2020 GA of moving from lament to hope with the belief that “faith is assurance of things hoped for; a conviction of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) For more information about GA 2022 go to <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

Additional highlights from the March presbytery meeting included:

- The welcoming and introductions of **Rev. Emilee Williams and Rev. Crawford Brubaker.**
- The honoring and recognition of the ministry of Honorably Retired **Rev. Dr. Nancy Trumble Fox.**

Prior to the business meeting, First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City led worship that included prayers of the people, songs of praise, and Rev. Adam Bowling’s sermon titled “Biblical Witness and Radical Welcome”.

Despite the challenge of hybrid presbytery meetings, NCP continues to carry out its responsibility for “assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.” (From G-3.031 of the Book of Order)

With gratitude for the worshipful work of NCP,

Jan





Greetings People,

Well, your responses are, “If I could drive a Manual I would.” And the EAT is an Electric Automatic Transmission. These days, the Electric car and Hybrid are of value. Just like Hybrid worship! See how I did that...it all comes back to worship.

Last week, many leaders in our Presbytery gathered together in Cambridge, MD for our Continuing Education Gathering. There were no hybrid options. And the worship (giving thanks to God) flowed with games, table fellowship, friendship walks, prayers, song, scripture, strategy talks, and so much laughter. The value of being with one another has provided me with vigor into our future hybrid and zoom meetings. Hybrid options are of value for there is a level of access that expands our ministry and engagement. And the value of in person is to support our energy level into all the ways the church of Jesus Christ is present and accessible!



Committees I resource are looking at sporadic in person meetings to connect through vision, discussion, and play! Note the fantastic photo of the *Church Development Committee/Commission* on the playground (Thank you Fairlington Pres.). Be sure to find some play and laughter time with one another while we are serving this Presbytery. The value of fellowship, play, worship, and work brings balance into trusting one another as we navigate these days of ministry, together!

***To continue in my play questions: What do you prefer? Board Games, Card Games, or Charades!!!!!!***

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



Greetings!

I am the Rev. Maggie Taylor Smith, New Worshipping Community Administrator for the New Things Team of NCP. I work closely with Tara to ensure that the new worshipping community (NWC) leaders are being supported and guided in how to start these new ministries. I also work with 1001 New Worshipping Communities through the PCUSA. I also serve as the pastor at Idylwood Presbyterian Church.



I am writing to introduce myself and ***"The Adoptive and Innovative Ministry Certificate Program."*** I, myself am a graduate of this program and found it to be both educational and experiential. I met people from all over the country struggling and discerning with what it means to do ministry in the world today. We talked with ministry leaders from different cities about the new ministries they had started, their process and journey. The cohort provided much needed support, encouragement and creative sharing that has continued on after the program has ended. This program is for anyone starting or thinking about starting a new ministry as well as all of those who want to make their current ministries more creative and adaptable but just aren't quite sure where to start. You will leave with many resources, most importantly a community of like-minded ministry leaders all working towards the same goal. If you have any questions or would like to know more about my experience, you can reach me at [MaggietaylorSmith@gmail.com](mailto:MaggietaylorSmith@gmail.com)

**Center for Adaptive and Creative Ministry** - *The Adaptive and Innovative Ministry Certificate* is a 15-month arc of practical learning explored in community, focused on coursework to convene guide communities to discern and enact faithful change. Our process for leading change is mirrored by our course progression, wherein we start with practices of listening, move to engaging the challenges and complexities we have heard, practice repentance and the re-visioning of our communal lives of faith, build cultures of trust and integrity, and leverage the health in our faith community to walk through the changes before us. The program includes:

- Learning in a cohort of 12-15 students from different locations, traditions, and leadership roles
- Gathering for 5 four-day intensives spread over 15 months, in 3 different locations--so that you remain rooted in your ministry context while you explore innovative church in a variety of contexts, learning and processing in deep community
- Working with an experienced innovative church coach
- Generating coursework that is focused in your current context so that your work in the courses directly supports the community you serve
- Earning 12 accredited graduate level semester credit hours, which can be transfer into a master's level program if desired

Visit our website for more information: [website](#) Questions? Reach out to: [AIMadmissions@pts.edu](mailto:AIMadmissions@pts.edu) or 412.924.1412.

Rev. Karen Rohrer, Director of the Center for Adaptive and Innovative Ministry, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

so that our churches can grow 



# All Are Invited!

## Lenten Bible Study

led by current and former Moderators  
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Every Monday  
March 7 through April 11  
7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Based on  
"Lectionary of Sundays during Lent"







The Waypoint (Fairlington Presbyterian)

Wondering if God may be calling you  
to use your church property  
to better serve your community?



Gilliam Place (Arlington Presbyterian)

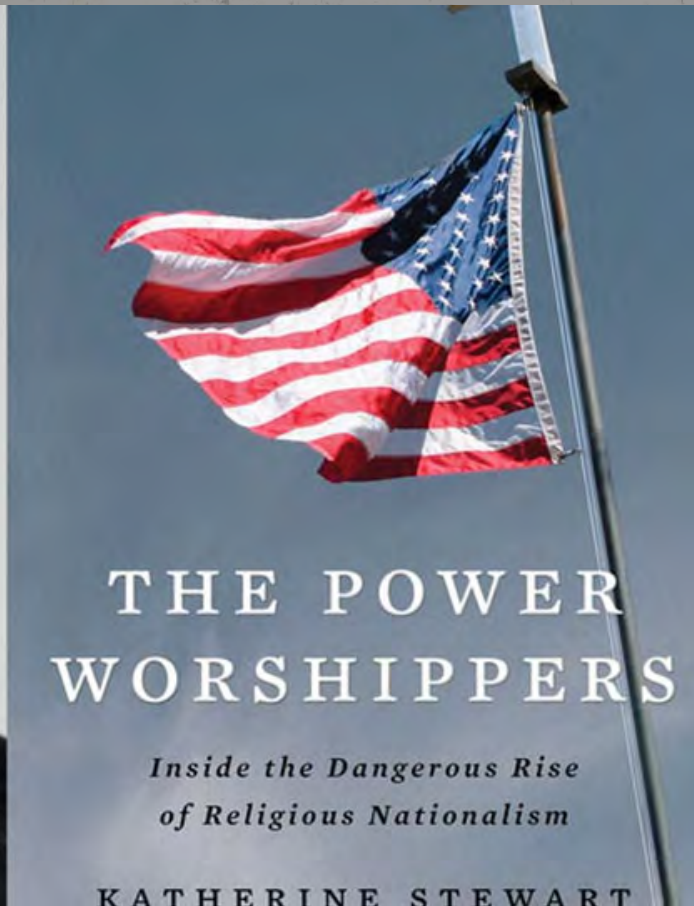
**Interested in learning more about the experience of congregations  
in our Presbytery building affordable housing?**

The NCP Affordable Housing Network is here to help congregations become advocates for affordable housing and explore innovative and missional uses of their property. To find out more, contact Elder Jerry Hopkins (jhop2020@gmail.com) or Elder Susan Etherton (sretherton@aol.com), co-chairs.



# Live Author Talk

with Katherine Stewart



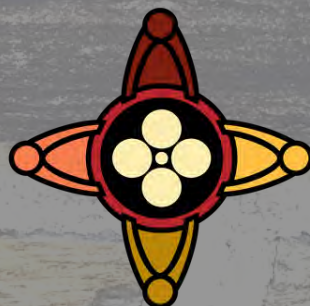
Western Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 27, 11 am (following worship)

In-person and On-line

Sponsored by the Free Inquiry Class

The email to contact to request a zoom link is [info@westernpresbyterian.org](mailto:info@westernpresbyterian.org)



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# DAY OF LEARNING PLANNED GIVING

Join the Presbyterian Foundation for a free, online Day of Learning with presentations and conversations about planned giving programs and best practices for your congregation. This learning opportunity will take place on March 29 and will feature the following presentations:

- **Good, Better, Best: Right-sized Planned Giving Program** with Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer of the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, and Karl Mattison, Vice President for Planned Giving Resources
- **Having the Talk and Making the Ask** with Olanda Carr, Senior Ministry Relations Officer of the East Region, and Rev. Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Georgia.

**TIME:** Tuesday, March 29

10:00am PT/1:00pm ET - Good, Better, Best:  
Right-sized Planned Giving Program

1:00pm PT/4:00pm ET - Having the Talk and  
Making the Ask

**TO REGISTER:** Visit

[presbyterianfoundation.org/dolregistration](https://presbyterianfoundation.org/dolregistration)

If you can't attend live, please register and we will send you the recordings for both sessions afterwards.

**QUESTIONS:** For more information, please email [serving@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:serving@presbyterianfoundation.org).



# Black Presbyterians United of NCP

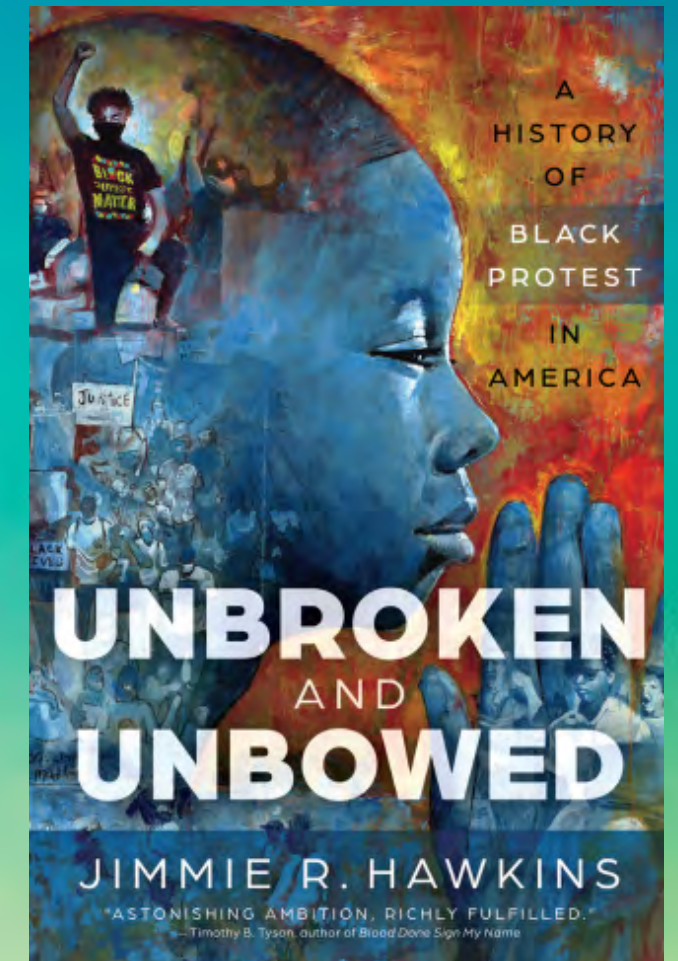
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## Book Discussion With Rev. Jimmie Hawkins



zoom

<https://bit.ly/bpuwebinars>



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**April 5, 2022**

**301-715-8592**

**Meeting ID: 892 5937 6230**

**Passcode: 3040**

**EVERY 1ST TUESDAY**  
**6:30 P.M. EST**



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# BEYOND PINK & BLUE

## Trans+Family Spiritual Care

Saturday  
May 14th  
9:30-4:00 ET

A FREE HYBRID COMMUNITY EVENT  
IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Bethesda, Maryland  
Registration at: [beyondpinkblueregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:beyondpinkblueregistrar@gmail.com)



NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING  
MAY 16-19, 2022 | MONTREAT, NC

rest restore explore  
where the mountains meet the water

## 2022 NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING A Gathering for **ALL** Church Leaders in Montreat, NC

You are invited to gather with leaders from across the Church to reconnect, to rest, to reimagine, to be restored, and to consider what needs to be restored. We are imagining a gathering in the mountains that is less about content and more about remembering what it means to be connected to one another.

*The 2022 NEXT Church National Gathering will be what we will create together.*

We believe the work of restoration is active work. You are invited to be active participants in this gathering– to show up, even in the places that make you uncomfortable, to the conversations that require vulnerability, and to those moments where courage is needed.



May 16-18, 2022

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Chanequa Walker-Barnes



Jerry Cannon



Nathan Stucky



Larissa Kwong Abazia



Gene Burke



Casey Wait

# *Changed date!!!*

## *Southminster Presbyterian Church*

(Rev. Elenora Giddings Ivory 301-273-9121)

Invites you to a ZOOM presentation by Jeff Boyd on

**May 22, 2022**, at 2:00 pm EST

Our members will hear about the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon from this Mission Worker who is in this Central Region of Africa. He will join us on this ZOOM.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84415805496?pwd=VFZNeFNNcW1tM0JsakpaeGlmQmhZZz09>

**Cameroon** **Featured Mission Worker**  
**Jeff and Christi Boyd**



**Presbyterian World Mission** supports work-scholarship programs that simultaneously provide affordable access to secondary education, while putting to use available land at rural schools so long-lasting orchards can be prepared for future sustainability. This helps balance declining Cameroon government subsidies for education, which has left parents with increased school tuition bills that they can't afford. Our church partners deeply value education, and we support their work. We also support the training of pastors as well as lay church leaders who often take the lead on rural new church development. Presbyterian World Mission has worked in Cameroon since 1875.

[Presbyterian Mission Agency Give to Presbyterian Church In Cameroon \(PCC\),](#)  
[General Support Fund | E864103 | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)



# TWO EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FROM DC YAV!

## pc(usa) Pentecost Offering

Designate DC YAV as the recipient of your discretionary portion of the offering on June 5. Your support keeps our program alive and running! We thank you for partnering with us!

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, including in Washington, DC.



**7-9PM EDT**

VIRTUAL WITH WATCH PARTIES ENCOURAGED  
CONTACT [DCYAVPROGRAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DCYAVPROGRAM@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFO

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CELEBRATION



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# worship reBOOT

June 16-17, 2022

**Bon Secours Retreat &  
Conference Center**

*hosted by NCP Worship  
& Theology Team*



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