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***From the staff of
National Capital Presbytery
dina, heather, jesy, john,
lajuan, tara***





Congratulations to Maggie Niles (pastor, Idylwood) and Jon Niles on the birth of **Sophie Kathryn Niles** born on her due date 8/20/22 coming in at 8 lbs. 12 ounces.

Announcements:

The Peace and Justice Team (PJT) of the Mission Coordinating Committee conducted a survey of congregations earlier in 2021 to solicit information on 1) current NCP congregational peace and social justice activities, 2) what social justice issues each congregation is passionate about, and 3) how the PJT can provide support to congregations in fostering those ministries. The results show congregations are actively engaged with a wide range of issues. Some of the more common themes include Black Lives Matter/Racial Justice, Immigration/Refugees, Mental Health, LGBTQ+, and Gun Violence/Mass Shootings. Respondents were in favor of developing a directory that would enable others in the Presbytery to connect with congregations doing work in their areas of interest and we hope to release on by this Fall. In the meantime, if you are interested in filling out the survey for your congregation, you may do so here: <https://forms.gle/PXLPre5zVhMBABXF6>. If you want to learn more about Peace and Justice or get involved with the group, please contact Pat Petty Morse at pettymorse@aol.com

For the Taking: Blue Presbyterian Hymnals (dozens), glass communion cups (lots), blue attendance registers and refill pads (dozens). Contact Rev. Juli Wilson-Black at Fairlington, pastor@fpcusa.org.

Clerks of Session – Please sign up for your records review. Dates and locations for the review of 2022 session records. **Each session is from 9:00am – 12:00pm:**

- **September 24** – [Warner Memorial](#)
- **October 22** – [Grace \(Springfield\)](#)
- **November 12** – [Lewinsville](#)

This year we are asking Clerks of Sessions to choose which date and location will work best for them. We have 35 slots available for each location. Sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4ca9af2fa1f49-sessions>

ALLY TRAINING – September 27 & 28 – open to ALL (Members of NCP congregations & communities & friends of our congregations) Led by Whitney Parnell, CEO and Founder of Service Never Sleeps, these sessions will provide helpful definitions, invitations to self-mirroring, and active ally education involving the CLAIM acronym: Care, Learn, Act, Influence, and Maintain. The workshops teach individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others. Our time together on Zoom will involve breakouts for practice together in pairs and small groups intermittently throughout our time of learning, so come ready to "try on" the Ally Training strategies of Service Never Sleeps. Registration is open for the September session. *Want to send your entire session for training? Now is the time! Flyer with Registration link included in this TM.*

We are offering additional training dates: Monday, Oct 24 & Tuesday, Oct 25 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm) and Wednesday, Nov 2 & Thursday, Nov 3 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm) – Registration for these additional dates will post after the September training.

In collaboration with Baltimore Presbytery, we are looking to provide a weeklong training through **Dialogue for Peaceful Change, November 6th – 11th**. This will be an in-person training to be held at The Bishop Claggett Center. Details and registration information included in this TM.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!! Continuing Education Event for Clergy and Church Professionals – March 13-15, 2023, at the Hyatt – Cambridge, Maryland

September 8, 2022



Greetings People!



Keep Awake!!!! Is your lantern filled with enough oil? In this Thursday Mail we are promoting the [Keep Awake High School Event at Massanetta Springs, November 18-20th](#). This is a Matthew 25 Event! You do not have to be a Matthew 25 congregation to attend. ***This is for all of our NCP youth!***

We are offering this [“NCP Group Registration”](#) for a few reasons. (1) There are youth members of a congregation and adult leadership is not able to attend; (2) There are a few youths and one leader that has never attended a denominational level event, and it can be daunting to go the first time. We find when we collaborate together there is an abundance! This is also an opportunity for youth and leaders who attend these events regularly to make connections with sister NCP congregations.

We want to share the gifts of all stages and phases of what it can mean to support youth in our worshipping realities of National Capital Presbytery. In our registration link, we have a price point per congregations/fellowships/new worshipping communities according to church membership. In this registration you will be able to sign up as a church/fellowship/new worshipping community. Youth and no leadership are welcome! Let us know on the registration form.

We ask our congregations, fellowships, and New Things to please register through the NCP link provided on the flyer within this Thursday Mail. This avails equitable access for all of our 103 congregations, 4 Fellowships, and 4 New Things to be part of the whole NCP body participation. As we gather the names and numbers from NCP we can then register as a whole Presbytery and support coordinating transportation. I am grateful to the leadership within our Presbytery who are already coordinating to make this accessible for all of us!

What are the ages for High School? A general rule of thumb is entering into 9th grade and above. I will just leave it at that. If you want more creative clarification on that, give me a call! Again, we recognize the many creative ways that you organize and seek to affirm the youth of your worshipping communities. We are here to be creative with you! We look forward to ***Keep Awake with YOU!***

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

Our time together . . .



STATED MEETINGS of National Capital Presbytery will be held 5 times a year; January, March, May, September, and November. We are introducing a different way of meeting. September will be “Hybrid”, all other meetings will be held on a Zoom platform with business on the agenda only.



ACTION ITEM DIALOGUE - This space and time will be the Monday prior to Presbytery Meetings, i.e., Monday, September 26, 2022, 7:30 p.m. via zoom. *ORDINARILY*, this time will be used for an action item docketed, that Leadership has determined needs additional time for a presentation and Q&A for commissioners. It will be led by the Committee bringing forth the motion for presbytery action. (Link to join will post here: [Action Item Dialogue – September 2022 | National Capital Presbytery](#))



THE GATHERING – created to bring our community together to join in meaningful discussion around topics helpful to the growth of our members and churches. This space and time will be offered “off” months of our “Stated Meetings”, i.e., October, February, April, and June. ([Registration now open](#))



CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT FOR CLERGY AND CHURCH LEADERS - Will be offered yearly, with a concentration on issues helpful to the growth of our members.



Welcome to National Capital Presbytery

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CAPITAL



Drew Hill

Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)
from Sante Fe, New Mexico
Placement - L'Arche



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Fun Fact: Once dropped his glasses off
a 100 foot cliff only to find them totally
unscathed at the bottom.

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Lucy McDermott

Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)
from Chicago, Illinois
Placement - Office of Public Witness



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Fun Fact: Has broken two mirrors in her
life, but don't think she's unlucky!

Our YAVs look forward to meeting you! Contact Blair Moorhead at dcyavprogram@gmail.com if you would like a YAV to speak at your congregation. You can also donate to support their work at: <https://bit.ly/3aIKwi6>

The Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace

PC(USA) Co-Moderator

Visits Washington, DC

September 10 -11, 2022

Saturday, September 10

10:00 a.m. ~ Ecumenical Conversation

Office of Public Witness
(100 Maryland Avenue, NE, DC)

2:00 p.m. ~ Conversation

Westminster Presbyterian Church
(400 I Street, SW, DC)

Sunday, September 11

8:30 a.m. ~ Community Prayer

Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church
(1701 15th Street, NW, DC)

10:00 a.m. ~ Worship

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
(1313 New York Avenue, NW, DC)



*Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace
Co-Moderator, 225th General
Assembly, PCUSA*



*Hosted by the Office of Public Witness
and National Capital Presbytery*

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DC

**WESTMINSTER INVITES YOU TO A
MEET AND GREET
FOR
REV RUTH SANTANA-GRACE
THE NEWLY ELECTED CO-MODERATOR OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

When: Saturday September 10, 2022
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church
400 I Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

**PLEASE JOIN WESTMINSTER AND
PRESBYTERIANS FROM THE DMV, FOR AN
INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH
REV SANTANA-GRACE, ABOUT THE
DENOMINATION, CHALLENGES IT IS FACING
AND PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY.**

“In a world saturated with negative headlines and rapid tweets, we need to share these stories and claim these transformative spaces. They reflect the mountaintop experiences that will sustain us through the hard work of resisting forces that keep us from God and one another.” Rev Santana-Grace

Kindly RSVP to wpcdcoffice@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE !

NCP PW Fall Gathering

September 24, 2022
9:30 am to 12:30 pm



This year's theme is based on:

Matthew 25:35 (ESV)

For I was hungry, and you gave me food.

I was thirsty, and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.

Our Program:



Guest Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot
Author of *Discerning Welcome*, a Reformed Faith approach to Refugees.

WHERE?

Zoom – Link will be sent to all registered attendees.

OR

In person at Darnestown Presbyterian,
15120 Turkey Foot Rd.,
Gaithersburg, MD 20878



National Capital
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Presbyterian Women

We will also hear from local organizations whose mission is to support and welcome immigrants and refugees.

Just Neighbors

Their compassionate & talented attorneys and volunteers make it possible for immigrants & refugees to achieve their American dream through immigration legal services.

AND

Greenwich Presby. Church

Their ministry offers support and friendship to refugee families from Afghanistan as they resettle in Prince William County VA.

Our voluntary offering will be divided between these charitable institutions.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/LGGobhJh1XeGycQQ8>

(If it won't open directly, try to copy and paste it into your browser.)

Please share this flyer with your congregation & friends. We look forward to seeing you!

Discerning Welcome - A Reformed Faith Approach to Refugees

Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:30-11:45 AM

9:00 AM – Continental Breakfast

Join us for an
in-person*

Presentation by and
Dialogue with

Dr. Ellen Clark Clemot



Dr. Clemot, licensed as both a lawyer and a pastor, will talk about her book, sharing from the perspective of law and ethics, with historical information about the Reformed faith tradition of welcoming refugees.

Host Church: Darnestown Presbyterian Church
15120 Turkey Foot Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878

* Attendance is also available online and is free of charge. **Both require registration.**

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

TO ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE, READ THE BOOK AND SUBMIT QUESTIONS PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE EVENT.

THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

ALLY TRAINING 2022

led by Service Never Sleeps



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Dismantling Racism

**NEW DATES &
TIMES!**

THREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

(Each Training consists of TWO sessions.

Your registration confirms you will attend both)

Training A - **Tuesday, Sept 27 & Wednesday, Sept 28 (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)**

Training B - **Monday, Oct 24 & Tuesday, Oct 25 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm)**

Training C - **Wednesday, Nov 2 & Thursday, Nov 3 (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm)**

Where: **Zoom**

Who: **ALL (Members of NCP congregations &
communities & friends of our congregations)**

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[Register HERE](#)

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The Gathering

"Community Exegesis"

"Learning a new way to discern your church's mission: Embracing your *"Have to Go!"*"

The Gospel of John says Jesus *"had to go"* through Samaria. How would your budget decisions, ministry decisions, and direction of your church be transformed if decisions were based on discerning God's *"have to go"* for your church community?

This one-day training introduces practices that help your church develop clarity and focus of mission that extends outside the building and into the community. This training will provide concrete steps and resources your church can put into action to discover and implement your *"have to go."*

*Be prepared to buy lunch at a local restaurant or food truck
as one of the exercises will include eating out.*

OCTOBER 8, 2022

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

Open to All

Register Here



Dialogue for Peaceful Change

November 7-11, 2022

Bishop Claggett Retreat and Conference Center, Buckeysville, Maryland

This training opportunity is in collaboration with Baltimore Presbytery

With gratitude to the financial support from MCC, MRT, and CDC of National Capital Presbytery!

As congregational leaders we often find ourselves in situations in which we need to navigate conflict.

Lay and clergy leaders trained in conflict mediation are a valuable asset to their churches and communities when conflicts arise.

Dialogue for Peaceful Change is a step-by-step training to support practices out of conflict and into restorative relationships.

This training will be facilitated by *Dialogue for Peaceful Change*

Included in this TM is the brochure that gives an overview of the training and background of the trainers.

There are twelve (12) spots available for members of National Capital Presbytery.

We invite you to respond to these questions:*

1. What are the ways you navigate conflict in your congregational or community settings now?
2. What would you want to gain from this training?

CONTRIBUTION: Ordained Clergy are invited to contribute \$350

Members of our congregations are invited to contribute \$250

**Contributions fund Unified Mission and can be made [here](#). Scholarships are available.*

Contact Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org with your responses and/or scholarship request.

If you have questions about this training, contact [Rev. Juli Wilson-Black](#) or [Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe](#)



NOVEMBER 18-20, 2022

Retreat for high school students and their leaders, centered on worship, leadership development, and small group discussion while learning about PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision.



Conference Preacher: Rev.
CeCe Armstrong

Associate Pastor at St. James
Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC

NCP wants to show up and show out at this wonderful opportunity. This gathering is for small, medium, and large youth groups. We are seeking donations of \$50 - \$250 per church. Please register [HERE](#) so we know how many to make the reservation for as a whole Presbytery! We will coordinate transportation once we have our numbers. This is in coordination with leadership from The Spiritual Formation Team and leadership from The NCP Youth Workers. You can contact Paige Bach paige@providencechurch.org or Tara Spuhler McCabe tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org with any questions.

