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December Birthday Greetings

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Beth Williams

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



Announcements:

A worship service for **Sunday January 1, 2023**, will be provided for download on December 16th! The link to access will be emailed to all churches and posted on www.thepresbytery.org

Available on thepresbytery.org

*The Stewardship Committee of NCP hosted two events. Both are available for viewing, access here: [Stewardship Workshops/Webinars/Events | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](http://thepresbytery.org/Stewardship-Workshops/Webinars/Events)

Year End – and All Year – Giving: Focuses on Tools for Success led by Laura Brouse-Long – November 17, 2022

- * Does Year-End Giving Matter in Churches?
- * How do we Promote it?
- * What are common easy tools?

Slide presentation: Adding Success to your Churches Sacred Giving

Annual Giving Campaign – Just in Time – October 28, 2022

It's not too late to start on your annual campaign. Let's talk about core parts of a stewardship campaign and resources for churches!

Led by Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation and Karl Mattison, Chairperson, NCP Stewardship Committee

***AROUND NCP with General Presbyter, John Molina-Moore** – this series takes you on visits with the GP. Introducing you to what our churches are doing to affect impact within their communities and beyond! Access the series here: [Around NCP with the General Presbyter | National Capital Presbytery \(thepresbytery.org\)](http://thepresbytery.org/Around-NCP-with-the-General-Presbyter)

National Capital Presbytery and the congregation of Saint Mark Presbyterian Church invite all to **the Installation Service for the Rev. Dr. Jay Moses**, Pastor on December 18, 2022, at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, at 5:00 PM.

Dec 14, 2022, marks the tenth anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. By this December, over one million Americans will be killed or wounded by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy. We've prayed and worked for it never to happen again, but incidents like those in Uvalde TX and Buffalo NY and Colorado Springs CO and Chesapeake VA remind us that too little has changed in the intervening years. And these are just among those that made the news.

Join Rev. Adele Crawford (Warner Memorial) and the Kensington-North Chevy Chase clergy for an interfaith prayer vigil remembering victims of gun violence and committing to work for change. In person and on Zoom. [#HonorWithAction](https://twitter.com/HonorWithAction) [#EndGunViolence](https://twitter.com/EndGunViolence)

RSVP here: bit.ly/3gtclOs

The NCP Directory is now at your fingertips! It can be accessed through ACS' ChurchLife App – a free mobile app where you can look up fellow members contact information and see where they serve in NCP! If the app isn't for you, view via a website. Contact Dina dbickel@thepresbytery.org to get set up.

A parish associate is a specialized teaching elder, at-large, or honorably retired teaching elder member of National Capital Presbytery who wishes to associate with a particular congregation. Does your congregation have one? If so, the parish associate relationship requires approval and/or renewal every year. The form may be found [here](#) - Questions? Ask Dina Bickel – dbickel@thepresbytery.org

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. **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



Confirmation Retreat at Massanetta Springs: This retreat focuses on broader questions of why we join the Church, what we want our churches to be like, and how we can actively engage in that work. Participants will join mixed small groups to hear ideas from people from different congregations, and also have time with their home group to continue with their own lessons and curricula. Questions? Contact Colleen Earp, Program Director, at colleen@massanettasprings.org or visit <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/confirmation>.



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Thankyou

FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PER
CAPITA AND UNIFIED MISSION GIVING

If you have not submitted your 2022 Per Capita
and Unified Mission Giving there is still time! Email
Jesy Littlejohn (jlittlejohn@thepresbytery.org) with
any questions.

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WELCOME TO NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY. . . .

Being introduced at the January 24, 2023, Stated Meeting



Rev. Meghan Brown is a lifelong Presbyterian who grew up in a large urban church dedicated to mission in Dallas, Texas. After college, Meghan served as a YAV on the US-Mexico border, working as a youth director at a small, bilingual Presbyterian Church in Douglas, Arizona, providing humanitarian aid to migrants, and working with the coffee cooperative Cafe Justo. Afterwards, Meghan attended seminary at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. During her time in Atlanta, Meghan volunteered in refugee resettlement, completed a chaplain internship and residency at a large trauma hospital and at a geriatric hospital, and completed a certificate for Interfaith Spiritual Direction. Meghan spent 4 years in Ottawa where she served as an associate pastor within the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

After Ottawa, Meghan and her family lived in Mexico City until 2021. In Mexico, she worked as the Country Coordinator for Young Adults in Global Mission, a service program within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Since moving to DC, Meghan has worked for Lutheran Volunteer Corps, a domestic volunteer program serving our region. Meghan currently lives in Glover Park with her daughters Inez (9) and Lucia (6). She is excited to join the National Capital Presbytery where she will be serving as Associate Pastor at Georgetown Presbyterian Church. **Reach out to Megan here:** mb@gtownpres.org



Rev. Deborah Kapp, HR as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has served churches in Montclair, NJ (Central Presbyterian Church, Interim Assistant Pastor for Christian Education, 1975-77), Chicago, IL (Fourth Presbyterian Church, Assistant/Associate Pastor, 1981-91), Hartford, CT (First Presbyterian Church, Pastor, 1991-95), and Oak Park, IL (First United Church of Oak Park, Interim Lead Pastor, 2017-2019). She also co-staffed the Pittsburgh office for United Presbyterian Women as a member of the national denominational staff (1977-80). In 1995 Deborah joined the faculty of McCormick Theological Seminary. As assistant/ associate/ full professor,

Deborah taught extensively in the D. Min. program, and at the master's level taught both general and urban ministry courses. She also served twice as the interim dean of the faculty.

In addition to receiving her M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, Deborah holds an undergraduate degree from Brown University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Loyola University Chicago. At Loyola Deborah's work focused on the sociology of religion and culture; her primary research examined the practice and performance of worship in several congregations.

Deborah is the author of *Worship Frames: How We Shape and Interpret Our Experience of God* (The Alban Institute, 2009). She was a contributing author for *Feasting on the Word* and has published book reviews and articles in *Clergy Journal*, *Horizons*, the *Review of Religious Research*, and the *Journal of Religious Leadership*.

On a more personal note, Deborah was born and raised in central and western Pennsylvania. She is married to Anthony (Tony) Ruger, whom she met while they were both students at Union. Tony and Deborah have two sons, Geoffrey (37) and Peter (35). Their family also has two cats, Clarence, and Galahad. **Reach out to Deborah here:** dkapp49@gmail.com

Hanover Christmas



**CAMP
HANOVER**
EST. 1957

A candlelit trail winds through the woods, transporting you back in time. Along your journey, meet other travelers, shepherds, kings and angels. Immerse yourself in the greatest story ever told...

6:00 - 9:00 PM
Friday, December 9
Saturday, December 10



Open to the public, this event is suitable for all ages and physical abilities.

More than "just another live nativity," you'll experience interactive and dramatic re-enactments while leisurely strolling a candlelit wooded path.

After your journey, relax in front of the fireplace while you fellowship with others. Enjoy tasty homemade holiday treats and performances by local musicians and choral groups.

Stay as long as you like. Overnight accommodations are available. Reserve now for best selection.

For more information, visit
CampHanover.org.

Winter Camp

Enjoy Camp Hanover during a different season!

For camp veterans and newcomers alike

- Wednesday, Dec 28 – Friday, Dec 30, 2022
- Open to campers in grades 5 through 12

Winter Camp, like our popular summer camp, is filled with fun, faith, and fellowship. There are just a few differences in the packing list! Even with coats and hats, campers will enjoy camp favorites such as archery, campfires, cookouts, hikes, and games.



Register online:

CampHanover.org/winter-camp

Questions?

Call (804) 779-2811

RE-VISION, RE-ENGAGE, RE-IGNITE!

NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

TIME: 9AM- 4PM

- WORSHIP
- LUNCH PROVIDED
- WORKSHOPS
- FELLOWSHIP
- COACHING

Westminster Presbyterian Church

400 I Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Sponsored by: **Black Presbyterians United &
Ministry Relations Team of NCP**

All Church Leaders Welcomed...
(and those discerning leadership)

Register here

<https://bit.ly/leaderstraining2023>



Worship and Workshop Presenters



YOU ARE INVITED TO A LEADERSHIP RETREAT RE-VISION, RE-ENGAGE, RE-IGNITE!

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9:00-4:00
(Snow date January 28)

Westminster Presbyterian Church, SW Washington DC

Do you have questions about becoming, or have agreed to become, a Presbyterian church leader? Whether you are a new or a seasoned leader, you may find answers when you attend the National Capital Presbytery/Black Presbyterians United Leadership Retreat for leaders from all our DC/MD/VA congregations. Topics related to Clerks of Session, elders, deacons, trustees, worship leaders, committee leaders, worship technology teams, and much more will be offered. You will have an opportunity to interact with other church leaders and engage in discussions on how to implement different strategies at your home church. Attend the whole or part of the day as you are able. Register here. Sign up today, this is an event you won't want to miss. Looking forward to seeing you there! -- *Planning team members Elder Jochebed Jordan, Elder Shani McIlwain, Elder Dr. Jacquelyn R. Moore, Elder Linda Lanam, Rev. Nancy Neal, Rev. Eric Forsyth, Rev. Juli Wilson-Black, Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstadt, Abby Madden*

Schedule

9:00 Registration with Continental Breakfast

9:20-10:00 Worship

Led by Musicians Billy Klutz, Abby Madden, and Rachel Pacheco, and Willie Montgomery, NCP Moderator Ruling Elder Shani McIlwain, and Ministry Relations T-team Co-Chair Rev. Juli Wilson-Black

10:00 Workshop Descriptions & Locations (led by the leaders)

10:10-11:00 Plenary

Preparation for Ordered Ministry led by Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse

What are the roles and responsibilities laid out in our Book of Order for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and most recently, Commissioned Ruling Elders? What are principles of leadership for PC(USA) officers? Whether you are a new or experienced officer, you will learn something new in this informative and inspiring presentation.

11:05-11:50 Break out sessions with NCP Coaches

Did you know NCP has a network of trained ministry coaches? We will break out in groups by role--Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Clerk --for coaching around the challenges you experience in your particular leadership role.

12:00-12:45 lunch

12:45-1:55 Afternoon Workshop Session 1

2:00-3:10 Afternoon Workshop Session 2

3:15-4:00 Closing Worship

"A Charge to Serve" General Presbyter Rev. John Molina Moore

Workshop Offerings (choose two)

Polity 1.0 You've been elected to be an Elder or Clerk of Session. Now what? Our experienced Clerks of Session will cover the basics of Session administration, including the Annual Statistical Reports for Clerks. (offered during Workshop Session 1)

Polity 2.0 -- General Presbyter John Molina Moore This workshop for experienced elders and Clerks of Session will introduce participants to some of the options and flexibility now available to churches thanks to major revisions to the Book of Order. You will walk away with a greater understanding of how our Constitution empowers your church to do ministry in a way that fits your current context. (offered during Workshop Session 2)

Ordained Spiritual Leadership outside of the (Session, Deacon, Trustee) Meeting -- Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, NCP Director of Congregational Development and Mission Ordained Officers are called into Spiritual Leadership of the church. How we live into and practice this spiritual leadership deserves to be constant and not just in our meetings. (repeated twice)

What could you do with your resources?! -- Heather Deacon, NCP Director of Business Affairs, staff to the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property Your church building is an incredible asset, but can also feel like a drain on your congregation's finances and energy. Learn about some creative ways to use your church's property for mission and the paths that other congregations have taken to do this. (repeated twice)

Tools for Managing Conflict --Committee on Ministry's Ministry Relations Team Conflict is inevitable in every organization, including the church. How can you understand, manage and transform conflict to enable your congregation to grow and thrive? Members of the Presbytery's Ministry Relations Team will offer some helpful tools you can use right away, and also introduce the new Presbytery Conflict Mediation resources available at no cost to congregations. (repeated twice)

Worship Leadership training -- NCP Moderator and Ruling Elder Shani McIlwain Are you called upon to lead worship as a liturgist, Scripture reader or even stepping into the pulpit? Learn some best practices for worship leadership from our Moderator, who leads worship in a variety of churches across our Presbytery every week and has some valuable "do's" and "don't's" to share! (Offered during Workshop Session 1)

Creating Hybrid Worship & the Technology it Takes -- Ruling Elder Kevin Moore, Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian, and Rev. Nancy Neal, specialized minister This workshop will consider how to cultivate meaningful worship experiences for both online and in-person worshippers and what technology it takes to get there. (Offered during Workshop Session 2)

Laser Coaching --NCP Ministry Coaches will offer 1-on-1 coaching for challenges you may be facing in your ministry. (sign up for a half-hour session)

The Power of Pilgrimage: Alabama Civil Rights Pilgrimage March 13-18, 2023

Birmingham

Bethel Baptist Church

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute

16th Street Baptist Church and meeting Sarah Randolph, the fifth little girl

Montgomery

The Legacy Museum

National Memorial for Peace and Justice

Rosa Parks Library and Museum The Harris House

The Civil Rights Memorial (Maya Lin)

Frank M. Johnson, Jr. Federal Building and US State Courthouse

Selma

Walk Across the Pettus Bridge

The Jackson House

COST INCLUDES

- * 5 nights accommodation with included hotel breakfast in twin/double sharing rooms
- * 5 group lunches or dinners at restaurants
- * One motor-coach
- * One tour manager from start to finish and local guides
- * Tips to drivers and guides

(depending on how many):

\$2104.00 for 40, \$2172.00 for 35, \$2264.00 for 30.

Single supplement for hotel rooms: \$560

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: DECEMBER 12, 2022

<https://classicalmovements.wufoo.com/forms/m2rw5u1lrduhr/>

For more information, contact Rev. Catherine Taylor at 703-850-2845 or
Catherine@BurkePresChurch.org.



CULTURE

Trends & Shifts

NCP'S ANNUAL CONTINUING ED GATHERING & RETREAT

March 13-15, 2023



*Keynote Speaker: Niala Boodhoo,
Host/Editor, Axios Today*

Niala is the host of Axios Today, the flagship daily news podcast of Axios. She's been a journalist since 2000 for Reuters, the Associated Press, the Miami Herald and public radio stations including WBEZ/Chicago Public Media. A fourth-generation Presbyterian, Niala serves on the Board of Trustees of her alma mater, Calvin University, where she obtained an undergraduate degree in Philosophy/Psychology. She also has a M.S.J. from Northwestern University's Medill School and a M.A. in Latin American/Caribbean Studies from Florida International University. Niala is a certified spiritual director, a Veriditas-trained labyrinth facilitator and an ordained elder in the Presbyterian church. She lives in Washington, DC.



Faith Talks

- Dialogue in the Divides
- Bold Action
- Praise and Prayer



Countering Burnout Through

- Equipping More Leaders
- Worship Practices
- Breaking Out of Isolation

**Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay
Golf Resort, Spa and Marina -
Cambridge, MD**

Cost:

\$350 per person (single occupancy)

\$225 per person (double occupancy)

**Register [HERE](#) (Registration closes
on February 17, 2023)**



CULTURE

Trends & Shifts

NCP'S ANNUAL CONTINUING ED GATHERING & RETREAT

March 13-15, 2023

Schedule



Monday, March 13

- 4:00PM Official Check-in
(welcome to use facility prior to check-in)
- 6:30PM Welcome Reception - Hors d'oeuvres



Tuesday, March 14

- 8:00AM Breakfast
- 9:00-12:00PM Keynote & Questions with Niala Boodhoo
- Faith Talks (small groups)
 - Dialogue in the Divides
 - Bold Action
 - Praise and Prayer
- 12:30PM Lunch
- 3:00-5:00PM Countering Burnout Through
 - Equipping More Leaders
 - Worship Practices
 - Breaking Out of Isolation
- 5:30PM Dinner
- After Dinner Fireside Chats



Wednesday, March 15

- 8:00AM Breakfast (on your own)
- 9:00AM Debrief / Worship





SUMMER 2023 STAFF

Massanetta Springs is hiring Netta Camp Staff for summer 2023! Serve as a leader for week-long, themed camps where kids can swim, paddle, create, play, and explore all within a caring Christian environment. We're hiring camp counselors and recreation staff— housing and meals included!

For more information and to apply contact Christian Deen, Day Camp Manager, at daycamp@massanettasprings.org or scan the code below!

