

# THURSDAY MAILING



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## ***Pastoral Concerns:***

**The Rev. Robert Bob Criswell, HR** former pastor of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, and former NCP Moderator, died on Christmas night (12/25). While we grieve our loss, we can rest in the comfort that Bob has been received into the loving arms of Jesus for life eternal. He is at peace. Please keep the Criswell family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

## ***Announcements:***

**\*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 \(thepresbytery.org\)](https://thepresbytery.org/around-ncp-with-the-general-presbyter/)

### **Book Your Group Stay at the Washington Seminar Center**

Bringing a youth or faith group to downtown DC? Stay at [Washington Seminar Center](#)! The WSC is a hostel space available for group bookings in the heart of Capitol Hill. It is located in the basement of the historical Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. The Center had a soft reopening after COVID in September 2021 and has since welcomed back groups looking for budget accommodation with a communal space, a fully equipped kitchen and parking in DC. We are now taking bookings for 2023. Please review our [calendar](#) to see which dates are available and complete the [reservation request form](#). Or, feel free to contact [Zoë Paglee](#), WSC Director, with any questions.



**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](mailto:colleen@massanettasprings.org) or visit <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/confirmation>.

# WELCOME TO NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY. . . .

*Being introduced at the January 24, 2023, Stated Meeting*



**Rev. Dr. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard** - Rev. Dr. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard - After earning a Master of Divinity in South Korea, Grace came to Los Angeles in 2001.

Grace studied Youth Family and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. The CPM of National Capital Presbytery required her husband to take a class in a Presbyterian Seminary. While studying for her D. Min. at San Francisco Theological Seminary, they met in a class on the Book of Confessions taught by Dr. Jack Rogers. Grace moved to Pocomoke City, MD in 2010 for her husband,

Jeff's call. Rev. Dr. Oh-Howard started a new church in Princess Anne, MD and was ordained by New Castle Presbytery in 2011. Grace made disciples cross-culturally after coming to America. She is currently training disciples to be Christian leaders at World Mission College of The Greater Washington in VA. Rev. Dr. Oh-Howard, served at Korean Presbyterian Church of Rockville, MD as pulpit supply pastor. Grace enjoys cooking, playing a guitar and praising God. She plans to learn to sing and dance in 2023. **Reach out to Grace here:**

**[gracehoward0326@gmail.com](mailto:gracehoward0326@gmail.com)**



**Rev. Emma Horn** - Pastor Emma is a graduate of Mars Hill College and Union Presbyterian Seminary. She has previously worked at church in Washington DC, Northern Virginia, Delaware, and Maryland. Pastor Emma has a special passion for Christian Education and for walking with people in their faith walk as they face all of the beautiful and heart-breaking aspects of life, being involved in all levels of the PCUSA denomination, ministry with children, youth, and families and camp and conference ministry. She is originally from North Carolina and although the accent has faded, her love of sweet tea, BBQ, and every kind of

fried food has not. One of her favorite things is when she can use her pop culture knowledge to help people to understand and experience their faith more fully. **Reach out to Emma here: [ehorn@ipcmclean.org](mailto:ehorn@ipcmclean.org)**



**Michael (Mike) Slayter (CRE)** is a retired veterinarian and also retired Lt. Col. From the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. Mike graduated from Texas A&M in 1969 and he is certified in pathology. Mike, being an Air Force brat, says "it's hard to say where I'm from originally, but my family hails from Louisiana." Mike's wife is from the South Shore of Boston, married 50 years ago, he quickly became a fan of the Red Sox and the New England Patriots. His oldest son, is a Principal at Ft. Hunt Elementary School in Fairfax, VA., and his youngest son is a mechanical engineer for Hamilton Sundstrom in Rockford, IL. **Reach out to Mike here:**

**[michaelslayter@outlook.com](mailto:michaelslayter@outlook.com)**



# 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 DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM  
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

# ALLY TRAINING 2023

led by Service Never Sleeps



## FIRST TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR 2023

(Training consists of TWO sessions.

Your registration confirms you will attend both)

**Tuesday, February 7 and Wednesday, February 8  
(1:00 pm to 4:300 pm)**

Where: **Zoom**

Who: **ALL Clergy AND Members of NCP  
congregations & communities & friends of  
our congregations. Want to register a  
group, let us know!**

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.

**[Register HERE](#)**

hosted by the **WORSHIP & THEOLOGY TEAM** of NCP

# WORSHIP *Reboot*

Join the Worship & Theology Team for a "worship reboot!" We will hear from Dr. Marcia McFee on new ways of integrating worship design, artistic rituals and more.



Led by

**MARCIA McFEE**

**Educator, Ritual Artist, Adventurer**

Marcia McFee, PhD is a professor, worship designer, author, preacher, and ritual artist. Drawing on a first career in professional dance and musical theater and equipped with a Master's in Theology and a PhD in Liturgical Studies and Ethics, she understands the role of any worship artist in the church as that of creating extraordinary portals through which communities' journey with the Spirit. The task is at once deeply theological and wonderfully artistic.

**Register *HERE***

**Thursday**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**COST: FREE! (Your Unified Giving at work!)**

**Lewinsville Presbyterian Church  
McLean, VA**



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**Confirmation Retreat  
Sponsored by the  
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Presbytery**

**February 24-26, 2023**

**“Tenets for Today:  
Making our Faith Alive”  
with John Molina-Moore**

*Grow in your faith and share in fellowship*



In our beautiful Reformed history and tradition, we talk a lot about “the church reformed and always being reformed by the Word of God.” But what does that new form of being a Christian look like? Over this weekend retreat we will examine the foundations of our beliefs and begin the work of crafting a unique faith that works for our lives today. Participants will hear presentations, discuss their faith and questions with each other, and share experiences that strengthen their lives.

Rev. John Molina-Moore is the General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, serving 103 PCUSA congregations in the greater Washington DC area. John graduated from Sterling College in 2005, completed his Master of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2011, where he won the “The Gerald R. Johnson Award in Speech Communication in Ministry.” for his bold speaking ability. In 2017, John completed a Certificate in Advanced Executive Leadership for Ministers from Howard University. He lives in Silver Spring, MD with his wife and two sons. John has a passion for mountain biking, all that is active, and is a self-proclaimed hip hop connoisseur.

Cost is: \$175 per person. Adult leaders of Reformed Institute member congregations pay \$150 per person. Some scholarships available for youth.

Make reservations for your confirmation class with the online form at <https://reformedinstitute.org/event/confirmation-retreat-2023/> or with Yvonne McKinney at [ymckinney@reformedinstitute.org](mailto:ymckinney@reformedinstitute.org). For more information contact Mary Hill at [crpowell@verizon.net](mailto:crpowell@verizon.net).

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# 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

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**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](mailto:daycamp@massanettasprings.org) or scan the code below!

