

PCUSA Mission Co-worker Visits Heritage
Sunday, March 12
Rev. Cheryl Barnes — teaching & preaching
Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Worship Service at 10:00 AM



Rev. Cheryl Barnes

Mission co-worker in
Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Serving as the education facilitator for the Church
of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Join us to learn about Rev. Barnes's mission and
ministry in southeast Africa.

As the education facilitator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Cheryl Barnes collaborates with the CCAP Education Department and the education departments of the five CCAP Synods — three in Malawi, one in Zambia, and one in Zimbabwe — to improve the quality of primary school education in the many schools under the CCAP umbrella. In her role as an education advisor, Cheryl strives to assist the CCAP in improving the quality of teaching and implementing best practices in educating children, including those with special needs. A focus of Cheryl's ministry is working with the CCAP to safeguard the rights of children by developing child protection policies and implementing them in schools. Of particular emphasis is protecting young girls against violence and empowering them to continue their schooling.

The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) is a thriving denomination with a membership of more than 3 million congregants throughout Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Despite minimal budgets, the CCAP has multiple departments through which vibrant holistic ministry takes place — especially in education, health and development. Educating thousands of students each year, the CCAP's approximately 1500 schools play a vital role in their communities.

Due to a lack of financial resources, the CCAP schools face a number of challenges that compromise their effectiveness. They are chronically under-staffed and over-crowded, with student-teacher ratios as high as 100:1. Books are in short supply. Moreover, schools struggle to address issues such as early childhood development, child protection, the rights and needs of young girls, clean water and sanitation.

Unflagging in its commitment to helping children and communities flourish, the CCAP Education Department is working diligently to improve the educational experience for all students.

To learn more about Rev. Barnes and CCAP's mission and ministry in southeast Africa please visit her website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/cheryl-barnes/>

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