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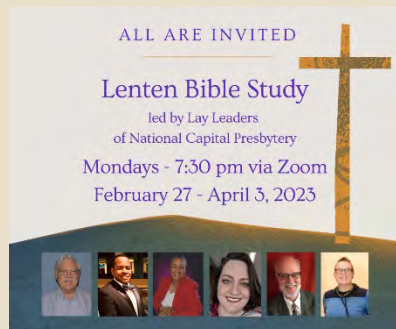
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National Capital Presbytery...

and United Korean Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland, invite you to the **Installation service of the Rev. Taekhan Yoon, Pastor** on April 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.



Keep your calendars marked! – We have lay leaders from Lewinsville, Fifteenth Street, Church of the Redeemer, St. Andrew, Georgetown and Oaklands, Presbyterian Churches! Zoom link found here: <https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/>



Use this link to the [BCMC website](#) where more information and how to register is available.



“Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows the journey’s end. But we know that it will be a road of boundless mercy. Discipleship means joy.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

Dear Friends,

Joy... is not a word I associate with Lent. The ringing alleluias and bright decorations of Easter call joy to mind more easily than does this season patterned on Jesus’ fasting and prayer in the wilderness. We might take on typical Lenten practices like study, self-denial, or acts of mercy in a serious or even hopeful spirit, but joy? Still, when someone like Dietrich Bonhoeffer describes discipleship as joy, you pay attention.

The *Book of Order* has a lot to say about how we organize and govern ourselves as Presbyterians. But before it sets forth any governing structures, it lays a foundation of what it means to be part of the church: “Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a **joy** and a privilege” (G-1.0304, there’s that word!). It then offers this rich and challenging description of what it means to take part in God’s mission through this community of believers:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, caring for God’s creation,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and regularly evaluating the integrity of one’s membership and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

As you consider all the ways of serving God, which of these inspires *joy* in you? I invite you, in this Lenten season, to pray and discern over where God may be calling you to deepen your joy and your commitment as a disciple of Jesus.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. David Baer, Stated Clerk

March 23, 2023



Greetings People,

P – Y – C, Pretty Young Christians? Not exactly... **PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION** is what used to be in existence throughout the denomination and in our Presbytery. It has been gone...UNTIL NOW, we hope. At least for National Capital Presbytery. NCP – Y – C, ***NCPresbytery Youth Connection!***



This past weekend, NCP youth from ten different congregations in our presbytery gathered at The Claggett Center for a Confirmation Retreat. Rev. John Molina-Moore and leadership from the Reformed Institute taught, supported, and connected a beautiful band of Presbyterians! Thank you to all the volunteer leaders, youth ministry staff and pastors who nurtured an impactful weekend.

I was struck by a running theme I heard from young and older attendees, “it is really important and good for me to be here because I am getting out of my bubble.” I witnessed youth sharing, “I never have met other presbyterian youth from other parts of the DMV (DC, Maryland and Virginia congregations were present). I also heard, “I do not feel comfortable talking to other people outside of my family and my own church, but I am able to trust talking here.” And a youth minister shared, “I started working with this congregation during Covid so I just have not met other leaders from other presbyterian churches” . . .the bubble bursting can go on and on.

A few different reports are coming out that youth and children did lose aspects of emotional and other forms of developmental growth, including faith formation, during the lock-down realities of the pandemic. What we have relied upon for a personal faith development being in person could not happen. As a Presbytery we did lean into ways to stay connected **AND STILL** we must accept what was lost. To repair the breach, close the gap, heal the wound, we are cultivating intentional IN-Person gatherings and Events to nurture our faith formation and development, for us adults. WE also need to cultivate renewal community shared space with our youth across our congregations and with one another. Did you know that some of our largest and growing-est youth programs are at Solo Pastor or Part-Time pastor led churches? They deserve a connected Presbytery, that is us!



Along with leaders from the Spiritual Formation Team, Church Development Committee, and Black Presbyterians United, we are doing a revival of NCP-Y-C! Look for upcoming announcements for regional small group gatherings with our youth, volunteer youth leadership development events, and youth retreats.

Any questions or thoughts, feel free to contact me, tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org. I will connect you to the working group.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

WELCOME TO NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY. . . .

Being introduced at the March 28, 2023, Stated Meeting



Rev. Patricia Futato, Parish Associate, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church - A cradle Presbyterian, Pat served as deacon and elder before discerning a second-career call to ministry. Pat earned her Master of Divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary while also working full-time in IT for the Federal Government. She graduated in 2013 and was certified ready to receive a call that same year. Pat was ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA) on February 26, 2023. She serves NCP as the Vice-Chairperson of the Leadership Council, and as a member of an Administrative Commission. Her hobbies include photography, golf, and cooking, and she cannot resist the urge to create and tweak spreadsheets. *Reach out to Pat here: parish.associate@kirkwoodpres.com.*



Dr. Kris Obom Maldarelli has been a Presbyterian her entire adult life and a member of Gaithersburg Presbyterian for the last 34 years. She has served in various capacities; chair of the pre-school board, Sunday School teacher, session member and for 23 years, director of the K-3 grade chime choir. After retiring from Johns Hopkins University as an academic administrator and faculty member, she pursued a Master's degree in Mission and Discipleship at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary completing a project that centered on online faith formation.

Currently, Kris is teaching courses for the OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute and taking courses in the Certificate in Older Adult Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. She is married to Frank, a physician scientist and they are the proud parents of three adult children, Grace, a physician-scientist in Infectious Diseases, Mary, a fellow in Pulmonary and Intensive Care Medicine and who is an organist and Frank, an attorney.

Kris is excited to start her ministry as CRE at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church serving as the part-time Minister for Congregational Care. *Reach out to Kris - mkobommaldarelli@gmail.com*

ALL ARE INVITED

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led by Lay Leaders
of National Capital Presbytery

Mondays – 7:30 pm via Zoom

Zoom link here: <https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/>

February 27 – April 3, 2023



Elder Rob Hunter
Lewinsville



Elder Darrell Whiting
Fifteenth Street



Elder Jochebed Jordan
Redeemer



Elder Lisa Massey
St. Andrew



Elder Alan Wisdom
Georgetown



Elder Jesy Littlejohn
Oaklands



Spring Fling Concert & Wine Tasting

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March 25 • 6–8 pm

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The Gathering

"Stewardship through Storytelling"

hosted by NCP Stewardship Committee



Stories that Motivate Stewardship -What makes us want to support our church?

The heart of our commitment to a cause or congregation that we love is an incredible story of why we've chosen that church for our commitment. It's a call by God to share our blessings - and our job is to help our congregation hear that call.

In this interactive workshop, we'll talk about our own stories and how they changed our hearts and lives, as well as identify the stories out in your congregation. We'll show you how to find those stories, where and when to tell them, and how to set your next stewardship campaign up for success.

Our presenter for the day, ***Robyn Davis Sekula, Vice President of Communications and Marketing, at the Presbyterian Foundation.***

Be prepared to share your stories and work in small groups.

Lunch will be provided

April 20, 2023

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

Open to All

Register Here

THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

ALLY TRAINING 2023

led by Service Never Sleeps



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR 2023

(Training consists of TWO sessions.

Your registration confirms you will attend both)

Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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](#)



In This Yes and the Next: Practices for Discerning God's Call

May 18-21, 2023

Massanetta Springs Camp and
Conference Center

A vocational discernment toolbox building retreat

Daring to be curious about the next “yes” God is speaking into your life can be a transformative thing. You’re invited to Massanetta Springs this May to spend some time apart in curiosity and practice. This retreat offers an exploration of frameworks for vocational discernment that hold spaciousness for how our senses of call can shift throughout our lives. God is always speaking - this space will give you the opportunity to engage in a variety of practices, tools to equip your toolbox for ongoing listening.

Join facilitators alison wood and Luke Rembold in creating a space for discernment for folks of all ages and life stages, whether you are actively discerning or want to prepare for future discernment.

Registration is available on a sliding scale to make this experience accessible to as many people as possible. More details, and registration, can be found on the [registration form](#) or at bit.ly/nextyes.