

Announcements:

Stewardship through Storytelling Part II will be held on **Zoom this Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. EST**. This is going to be an especially useful workshop that will showcase a range of videos that various NCP churches have produced (at a range of technical levels) that have used storytelling to support their stewardship efforts to great effect.

Thursday's session will also include **Robyn Davis Sekula** (VP of Communications and Marketing for the Presbyterian Foundation) who was the keynote of Part One in this series. Robyn will give a brief recap of the key points from her prior presentation about how to use storytelling to animate our giving campaigns. So, if you happened to miss Part One and could use some tools & ideas to support your stewardship efforts, the Thursday program will be loaded!

Here's the **link to register** if you're able to join.

For the asking....

Two robes, Black and White, both are size medium. The Black robe has white, gold, red and green vestments. The White robe has vestments that go over the head and cover the robe. It is a polyester robe. Contact Carol Kercheval, kerchevalc@earthlink.net, if interested.

The Mission Coordinating Committee (MCC) of the National Capitol Presbytery (NCP) agreed to share information about an important ministry related to caring for migrants arriving in need of clothes and a safe place to rest. Several Presbyterians including some from Capitol Hill Presbyterian, New York Avenue Presbyterian and Church of the Pilgrims have already been collecting clothing and volunteering their time when possible. We invite you to consider what you can do to help. Please note the flier, included in this TM, that contains information and links to opportunities for service and care.

SAFER WORSHIP COURSE, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, June 4, 2023, 11am - 3pm - The "Safer Worship" course that Ako Cromwell, Director of Security for the African Methodist Episcopal Church presents is a three-hour block of instruction that is guaranteed to raise participant situational awareness and mold an appropriate sense of preparedness to feel safer in the modern worship environment. Additionally, participants will learn: the background and trends of mass attacks, based on the findings of the Secret Service and National Threat Assessment Center; how to formulate industry-accepted plans that will facilitate response of emergency personnel in crisis situations; how to identify and contact appropriate personnel and resources; and what federal funding opportunities exist for improving security in the faith-based communities.

The first hour focuses on cultivating a survival mindset, rethinking available types of defenses, enhancing situational awareness, and the research to identify threats. The second hour focuses on learning what is entailed in formulating emergency action plans, identifying those with certain skillsets within the congregation, and how to begin the vulnerability assessment for a place of worship. The third-hour entails applying the new knowledge and then close with learning the DHS resources and websites for training and federal grants opportunities.

To register send email to Jerry Hopkins at jhop2020@gmail.com . Registration is FREE! You are encouraged to donate for the pizza lunch.

The Darnestown Presbyterian Church and its music director, Mr. Rob Keene, invite you to attend the dedication concert for our organ at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. Both organ and choral music will be presented. Please celebrate with us! 15120 Turkey Foot Rd., Darnestown (Gaithersburg), MD 20878; 301-948-9127.