

***THURSDAY  
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***May 4, 2023***



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## ***Announcements:***

**National Capital Presbytery** - Are you a business-minded, detail-oriented person? Do you enjoy creating order and crossing things off a check list? Do you get excited when you place the last piece in a puzzle? If so, you might be just the person National Capital Presbytery is looking to fill the finance and office administrative assistant position. [Here](#) for information.

**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.

**Rockville Presbyterian Church (Maryland) welcomes you to join us in a Holy Land pilgrimage** from January 14 to 25, 2024. The trip includes 10 days of touring in Israel, 9 nights of hotels/guest houses, bus transport, entrance fees, and most meals. An extended tour to Petra (Jordan) is being offered. A team of seasoned professionals, one a US-based Presbyterian minister and the other a Tel Aviv tour operator, will lead the trip. They have worked together since 2008 and together have more than 60 years of combined tour leading experience. For more information and registration forms, email Pat Wolff, RPC volunteer coordinator, at [superwolff@hotmail.com](mailto:superwolff@hotmail.com). Put Holy Land Pilgrimage in the subject line. The sign-up deadline is May 15 but flights are being booked as registrations are received.



*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" – Isaiah 43:19*

Dear Friends,

We Presbyterians believe that our reformed church is always in need of reform, according to the Word of God. With much prayer and discussion, we are constantly amending our *Book of Order* to make our structures and rules a more faithful expression of the church we believe God wants us to be. At the presbytery meeting on May 23, we will be voting on 33 proposed amendments to the *Book of Order* from the General Assembly.

NCP's Standing Rule #3 requires that each amendment be considered and voted upon separately. Because of the large number of proposed amendments this year, the Bills and Overtures Committee will recommend the suspension of this rule, and the use of the following process:

1. The Bills and Overtures Committee will recommend the approval of several simpler proposed amendments in an omnibus motion.
2. When the omnibus motion is presented, any voting member of the assembly will have the right to remove any of the proposed amendments from the omnibus motion for separate consideration.
3. If the presbytery adopts the omnibus motion, the Stated Clerk will report to the Office of the General Assembly that the presbytery has voted *in favor* of all the proposed amendments not removed from this motion. If the omnibus motion fails, then all the amendments will be considered separately.
4. The presbytery will proceed to consider the remaining proposed amendments in sequence.

The Bills and Overtures Committee has studied these proposals and is finalizing its recommendations, which will be released in advance of the stated meeting. In the meantime, I encourage you, if you have not already done so, to [read about the proposed amendments on the Office of the General Assembly's website](#).

An Action Item Dialogue for discussion and questions regarding the proposed amendments will be held via Zoom on Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. There will be time for your questions and insights, and a presentation on the proposed replacement to the Rules of Discipline section of the *Book of Order* (Amendment 22-GG). This event, as always, is optional—questions and comments are always in order during the formal consideration of business at the stated meeting.

The *Book of Order* reminds us that "[a]s the Church seeks reform and fresh direction, it looks to Jesus Christ who goes ahead of us and calls us to follow him" (F-1.0401). Your prayers and your faithful participation in the work of discernment will help us become the church that Christ needs us to be in this moment.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk





Greetings People,

As we continue through Eastertide and into Pentecost there are wonderful New Life traditions happening. One is **Confirmation Sunday**. You have youth throughout this year who have recently been baptized or reaffirmed their baptism through Confirmation. **You have new members in your congregations.**

I wanted to share a poem offered during the Confirmation Youth Retreat with NCP and the Reformed Institute back in January at the Bishop Claggett Center. This was shared during the closing worship sermon from the youth leaders of **Hope Presbyterian Church**. Some notes as you read through this: this poem is from extremely faithful and involved youth of our congregations, they are deeply committed. They name Egalitarianism. This is in response to learning how vital the Ordained Elder role is in our congregations AND how GRACE is for everyone! Martians are referred to in this poem, it is because the task was how would we welcome, be evangelists and explain Presbyterianism to a Martian?

### Being Presbyterian

As Presbyterians we practice Egalitarianism  
We worship and form relationships

We live in a world that's broken, but the  
Spirit of Christ has been awoken

God lives in us, in Him we trust

Reform to us in change for the good – in our  
churches, schools, and neighborhoods

Confirmation to us in choosing Christ, we  
allow Him to be the spirit that guides

We have walked these grounds, and learned  
God's love has no bounds

Yahweh is our air – we breathe in, we breathe out,  
We know He is there, His love has no bounds

As the youth – it is our responsibility to teach  
Others about love...even the Martians who come from above!

*Carey Che and Ella Yi of Hope Presbyterian Church*

This poem invites me to look at how I practice **my own responsibility to teach others about God's love!** What an important and practical responsibility to have as a Christian! This poem reminds us how our faith is a journey that hooks into the Reformed doctrines of our tradition and how we are reforming along the way, so that we can grow. Please be sure to affirm your youth in their faith, **right where they are today!** Give thanks to all the amazing volunteers and staff who support them in your congregation. Each young person in your congregation does appreciate learning that you know their name and you see their faithfulness.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

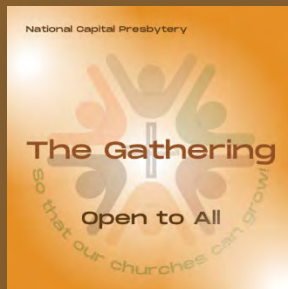
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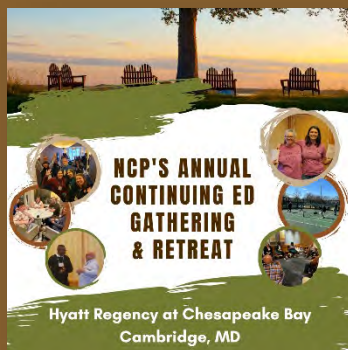
**STATED MEETINGS** of National Capital Presbytery will be held 5 times a year; January, March, May, September, and November. September will be “In Person”, all other meetings will be held on a Zoom platform.



**ACTION ITEM DIALOGUE** - This space and time will be the Monday prior to Presbytery Meetings, 7:30 p.m. via zoom. (*start time may change*) *ORDINARILY*, this time will be used for an action item docketed, that Leadership has determined needs additional time for a presentation and Q&A for commissioners. It will be led by the Committee bringing forth the motion for presbytery action.



**THE GATHERING** – created to bring our community together to join in meaningful discussion around topics helpful to the growth of our members and churches. This space and time will be offered “off” months of our “Stated Meetings”



**NCP'S ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING AND RETREAT FOR CLERGY AND CHURCH PROFESSIONALS** - Will be offered yearly, with a concentration on issues helpful to the growth of our members.



# Stewardship through Storytelling - PART II

## MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU!

Hosted by the Stewardship Committee of NCP

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**7:00 - 8:00 pm**

**via Zoom**

During our time together we will recap the April 20th Storytelling event with Robyn Davis Sekula and offer practical ways to boost your stewardship by sharing your stories.



**HIGHLIGHTS  
FROM  
APRIL 20TH**



**STORYTELLING  
USING 4 METHODS:**

- VIRTUAL
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- SPOKEN WORD
- PRINT

To receive the Zoom link

*Register  
Here*





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](https://bit.ly/nextyes).



CONCERT  
FOR A  
CAUSE

# DONA NOBIS PACEM

## A CONCERT FOR PEACE & UNITY

BERNSTEIN  
*Chichester Psalms*

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
*Dona Nobis Pacem*

BONDS  
CREDO  
(EXCERPT)

HERRINGTON  
PEACE  
(PREMIERE)



SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 | 3:00 PM  
OLD PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE

[opmh.org](http://opmh.org)





# AUTHOR TALK: What Kind of Christianity

**by Dr. William Yoo**

A DISCUSSION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH'S HISTORY OF SLAVERY AND  
ANTI-BLACK RACISM

## Sunday, May 21

### 11:00am

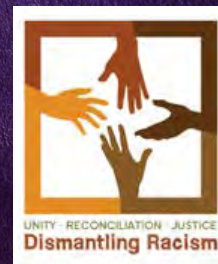
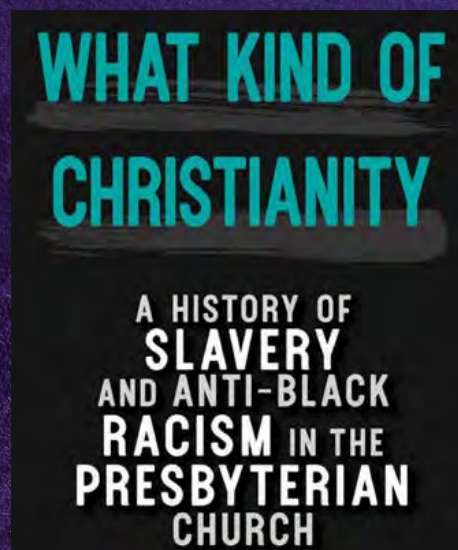
Worship at Old  
Presbyterian Meeting  
House, Dr. Yoo preaching  
323 S. Fairfax St  
Alexandria, VA 22314

### 3:00pm

Presentation and Q&A  
with Dr. Yoo  
Fairlington Presbyterian  
Church  
3846 King St  
Alexandria VA 22302

Reception to follow

[Registration here](#) requested but not required.







# ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Managing Your  
Church's Balance Sheet

*Free webinar*  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
1:00 PM EST

**Church leaders** need an understanding of a church's debts and assets – two major components of the balance sheet. If you don't quite know what we're talking about, or have questions, this is the webinar for you.

You'll hear from experts with the Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, and New Covenant Trust Company. **We will spend time on three aspects of church finances:**

- Understanding your balance sheet
- Appropriate levels of debt and the process for acquiring debt
- Matching assets with time horizons for optimal investment returns

The first 60 minutes of the webinar will focus on presentations, and the last 30 minutes (if needed) will be reserved for anything you'd like us to explain in more depth and remaining questions you may have.

This webinar is presented free of charge, and will be recorded for those who cannot attend in person – but we encourage you to participate live so you can get your questions answered.

**Sign up at [www.presbyterianfoundation.org/webinar](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/webinar) and in the extra space provided during registration, tell us your financial questions that you'd like to see addressed.**



# *Support DC YAV with your Pentecost offering on May 28*

Your congregation can designate PC(USA) Pentecost offering funds to a local program serving youth and young adults. Please consider DC YAV as we enter into a season of discernment for the future of our program.

Funds can be sent to the Presbytery office with DC YAV on the memo line or [donate here!](#)

With  
gratitude for  
your  
support!



PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

## BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.

— EPH. 4:12, CEB

Uniting Presbyterians  
in support of young people  
sharing their faith, ideas and gifts  
with the Church and the world.



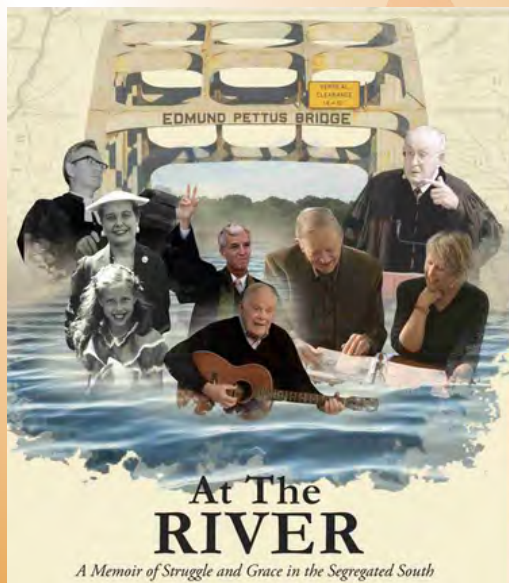


National Capital Presbytery

# The Gathering

## "At the River: Struggle and Grace in the Segregated South"

presented by Burke Presbyterian Church and the Dismantling Racism Team of NCP



*At The River* is a feature length film documentary about a certain time and place in the deep south. In the Civil Rights era of the 50's and 60's, most Presbyterian ministers stood on the banks of the cultural river of segregation and white supremacy. They opted not to stir the waters in their congregations and communities by speaking out. However, a few young southern Presbyterian ministers did brave those currents through their sermons, community organizing and participating in marches and protests. They faced dangerous, hate-filled consequences for these actions.

*At The River* chronicles their lives and their decisions, as well as director Carolyn Crowder's firsthand experience as a young white southern girl from Montgomery, Alabama. During those mean and turbulent times these ministers, through their love and example, had a huge impact on her life in helping her overcome her southern racist brainwashing. More information: <http://carolyncrowder.com/>

Registration coming soon!

June 4, 2023

3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

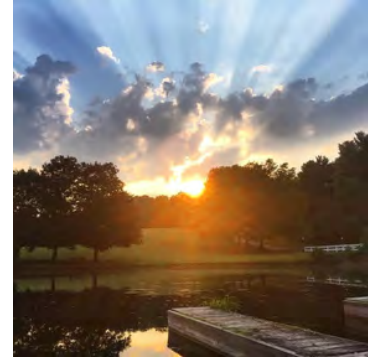
Southminster

Presbyterian Church

Open to All

Register  
here!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
**2023 Summer Gathering**  
June 8-11, 2023



*Open your heart to a Sacred Encounter . . .  
Come on to me (Luke 18:16)*



Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir

Author of 2023-2024 Horizons Bible Study  
*Sacred Encounters: The Power and  
Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts*

**Featuring...**



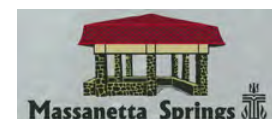
Shani McIlwain

Author - Podcaster - Leadership Coach  
Sharing Love, Light and Life  
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**Also joining us are:**  
**PW Moderator Kathy Reeves & PW Executive Director Susan Jackson Dowd**

**For more information  
and to register:**  
[www.pwsma.com](http://www.pwsma.com)

**Hybrid Option**  
Plenaries & some  
workshops will be  
available on zoom.



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