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david, dina, heather, john,
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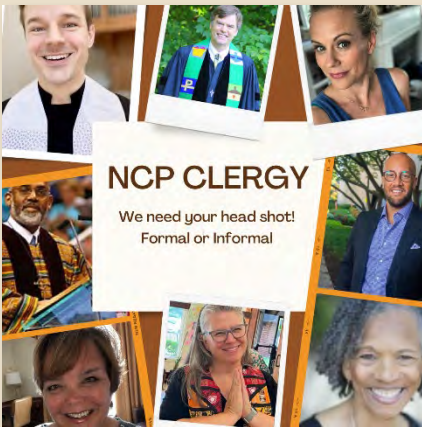
Pastoral Concerns:

The Rev. Wayne Blaser went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 10, 2023. He was born on June 30, 1948, in Philadelphia, Pa to Samuel and Elva Blaser. Wayne served as an Associate Pastor, Vienna Presbyterian Church, and Designated Pastor, Faith Chapel/Furnace Mountain. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Donna Germroth Blaser, son-Keith (Karen) of Apollo, PA, and daughter Staci Rihs (Jonathan) of Leesburg, VA.

Announcements:

2024 Pastor Compensation Policy - The Committee on Ministry has approved the 2024 Pastor Compensation Policy. It may be found on the website under [DOCUMENTS – COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY \(COM\) DOCUMENTS - Compensation](#). If you have any questions, reach out to Dina Bickel, dbickel@thepresbytery.org

Darnestown PC has 5 boxes of the blue Presbyterian Hymnal available. If your church can use them, please call the office at 301-948-9127.



Clergy folks, do we have a current headshot of you? We are preparing our “Ordination Anniversary” recognition slides (year multiples of 5). Send your photo to lquander@thepresbytery.org by August 31st.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FALL ALLYSHIP TRAINING – Monday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Registration open!



*Yours is the day, yours also the night;
you established the luminaries and the sun.
You have fixed all the bounds of the earth;
you made summer and winter.
– Psalm 74:16-17, NRSV –*

Dear Friends,

The summer months have flown by! My children start school this week, and many of you are doubtless resuming your routines after summer vacations or just the different pace afforded by longer days and warm weather. I am looking forward to a busy fall in National Capital Presbytery, and I wanted to remind you of some important upcoming events.

We will gather for an **in-person stated meeting of the presbytery on September 26** at National Presbyterian Church. Please remember that while this meeting will be live-streamed, members of the presbytery and session commissioners will be able to participate in deliberations and exercise the privileges of voice and vote *only* if they are physically present. But I encourage you all to come for what promises to be an eventful and joyful meeting. At this stated meeting we are hoping, among other business, to:

- worship God together, hearing the proclamation of the Word by our outgoing Moderator, Elder Shani McIlwain, and installing our new Moderator (Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon), Vice Moderator (Elder Lou Durden), and Stated Clerk;
- recognize Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church as a fully chartered congregation of the presbytery;
- commission one or more ruling elders to pastoral service; and
- welcome new members of our community and reconnect with old friends.

Session records reviews are scheduled for September 23 (Takoma Park), October 21 (Grace, Springfield), and November 4 (Lewinsville). Clerks of session should look for an invitation e-mail with a link to sign up. You can choose the time and place that is most convenient for you, regardless of where your church might be located.

I am also looking forward to our **presbytery-wide installation service on October 28**, celebrating the individual calls of new pastors while giving thanks for the gift of shared ministry. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, will be our preacher, and we will be led in praise by a presbytery choir. Come and help us complete the call process as we install these new pastors in an enthusiastic and energetic service of worship.

This is a small preview of what I'm looking forward to this fall. I wish you God's blessings in what remains of summer and in any transitions that the fall may bring!

Grace and Peace,
Rev. David Baer, Stated Clerk

August 24, 2023



Greetings People, “Welcome Back”!

Name the TV series with this theme song? Even if you are not returning to school or kicking off “program” year at church there is always a VIBE of Welcome Back to something!

From the desk I serve with Congregational Development and Mission, we want you to go ahead and get into all the tools, resourcing, and gatherings coming up!

- **Money!** Thanks to leadership with Rev. Jeri Fields, Rev. Mark Gaskill, and Rev. Rachel Pacheco we are working to streamline the application and matching grant forms for vital missional and training financial support. Look for new updates!
- **Tech Grants!** CDC still is committed to supporting congregations to deepen their HYBRID ministry connection. Data is showing that INPERSON is still a “hub” of engagement while having adaptive online offerings and experiences. Reach out and learn of ways to deepen your HYBRID ministry.
- **Intercultural Ministries (Light to the Nations)** are excited to be moving forward into discernment work of Ministry Partnerships or Chartered Churches. Elder Joyce Rarumangkay is coordinating upcoming events with BPU for World Communion Sunday!
- **Congregational Webinars from HolyCow! Consulting.** Last year they started a series that has been helpful for leadership groups in our congregations to attend. CDC has access to the recordings and can provide “re-runs” of the sessions to support ongoing discussions and discernment.
- **Church Assessment Tool!** This is a tool that is shared in practice with leaders and clergy of the congregation. We know that a handful of congregations will be scheduling their CATs this fall. We look forward to supporting your best practices with our team of Interpreters from around our Presbytery. Rev. Jeri Fields is your best contact for initial conversations on scheduling your CAT.
- **NCP Youth Connection** is just starting! Several congregations are asking to join up with other congregations for quarterly NCP youth training and gatherings. Be on the lookout for monthly information. Thank you to leaders from Silver Spring, Hope, and Grace (Lanham) for the energy around this!!! We know other congregations are ready too!
- **Dismantling Racism Team** has coordinated another Allyship Training offering for October 2 & 3, 5:30pm-9:00pm. The DR Team can also provide talkback sessions after the training is completed. **For minister members of our Presbytery note this is still mandated every three years.** Thanks to Rev. Pat Jackson and the team as they provide ongoing best practices and connections for this sacred life in dismantling.
- **Dialogue for Peaceful Change** is a conflict management and mediative training we do alongside Baltimore Presbytery. Thanks to the leadership of Rev. Juli Wilson-Black and others on MRT and CDC, we have many leaders who have completed the training and participate in a Community of Practice on case studies. The upcoming training is in September and this class is full! Next training is at the end of January, in person, in Columbia, MD.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



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Dear Partners in Ministry,

As we all try to squeeze in the last little bit of summer before fall and all things pumpkin take over (I'm looking at you Starbucks with your August fall menu release date), the call of the 2024 budget becomes a bit more pronounced. And while it may not be riveting information, I wanted to pull back the curtain a bit and share some of what goes on behind the scenes in our budget planning process and highlight some important steps where YOU are needed.

2024 Budget Planning

- May/June: NCP Staff (under direction of LaJuan Quander, Director of Communications) begins work on 2023 Impact report. This report accompanies our budget and tells the story of how money was used in the year prior AND our priorities for 2024. (Check out last year's Impact Report [HERE](#))
- June: Budget & Finance prepares and distributes guidance memo and budget request forms to committees/commissions.
- July-August: Committees/Commissions review current year expenditures, evaluate spending priorities/programs and create drafts of their 2024 budgets. NCP staff are available to meet with any committees/commissions to discuss budgets, plan and/or dream!
- August: Investment committee prepares proposed draw off NCP investments. Budget & Finance evaluate unified mission giving to project giving for 2024.
- September: Draft budgets are prepared and reviewed by Budget & Finance. If spending needs to be adjusted, this is when those conversations happen. Budget & Finance recommends the Operating Budget, Mission Budget and 2024 per capita rate to Leadership Council.
- October: Leadership Council receives, reviews, and acts on the proposed budgets and per capita rate. Those actions include approval or sending back to Budget & Finance with guidance for adjustments. Ultimately, the Leadership Council will move both budgets and proposed 2024 per capita rate to Presbytery.
- Once approved by the Leadership Council, work begins to prepare the presentation video, finalize the 2023 Impact Report and physical budgets for distribution ahead of the November presbytery meeting. Proposed per capita rates are circulated.
- November: The 2024 budget presentation and materials are shared with the body in preparation for the November 14 Presbytery Meeting. Folks are encouraged to reach out to NCP Staff with any questions about the budgets. An Action Item Dialogue will be held the evening before the presbytery meeting for anyone wishing to discuss. Budgets are presented for discussion and vote on the floor of Presbytery.

I hope you see the opportunities where YOUR voice is needed in this process. If you don't, please reach out – we don't do ministry in a vacuum and we don't fund ministry that way either! We are a connected church, and our budgets tell the story of who and what is important to us and to the congregations we represent.

Heather Deacon,
Director of Business Affairs

Do you like football? Do you like friendly competition? Do you like your NCP colleagues? 2 out of 3 isn't bad, so join the NCP fantasy football league!



If you are interested in participating in a National Capital Fantasy Football league, please email ckdeacon@yahoo.com by August 24th!

This league is for entertainment only. There is no entry fee and gambling involved. The only thing to be gained is bragging rights and the admiration of your colleagues! All skill and experience levels are welcome.

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
WARD SIX EVENT

You Are Not Alone



#LiveLongDC

The program will run

5 to 8pm EST on August 30

Tabling and networking 5-6:30pm

Program 6:30-8:00pm

Hybrid service and In-Person

Harm Reduction at Westminster DC | Facebook

Westminster DC, 400 I Street SW, Washington DC 20024



Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP



Drug-Free Youth
Educational families and caring adults



This activity is partially sponsored by the State Opioid Response grant through the District of Columbia Department of Behavioral Health.

FROM the CLC Team at PCUSA's OGA : New CLC System Update - Opportunity Search and New Resources

We have reached the last 31 days of the New CLC release transition, from the old system to the new system. There are 210+ PDPs active in the system to be matched and 168 MDPs submitted and approved. This month, we expect more PDPs to activate to self-refer and be matched. Let your call seekers know that is very important for them to complete their PDP if they are awaiting a match for a call to serve.

The Opportunity Search in the Legacy System has been turned off. This means:

1. That call seekers can no longer access a MIF to view and possibly self-refer.
2. Churches and Mid Council Leaders can keep on matching and contacting possible candidates until August 31st.
3. The only Opportunity Search right now is the new system's Opportunity Search, so churches with MIF Call processes in the Legacy system that haven't transitioned to the new system need to do so if they are not ending the process with the last matching candidates. Not doing it will prevent them from getting more matches after September 1st.

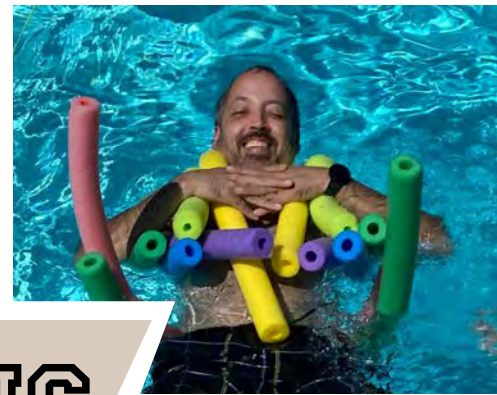
PCUSA.ORG/CLC RESOURCES FOR ALL USERS

We remind you that you can find forms, guides and webinar videos on our resources site at pcusa.org/clc. Recently added:

1. [Guide to the Competency Survey & Match Criteria](#) - We understand PNCs want to analyze how their Competency expectations selector works, and why. Use this tool to know the background of the survey and the traits that PNCs will be working with.
2. [A Complete Guide for Creating and Matching an MDP](#) - You have all the ins and outs to get your MDP released and start matching with screenshots.

We have worked non-stop to provide all your answers, fix some issues in the system and train PNCs, COMs, and Leaders alike. Remember to search our available resources before you contact us. This will help us flow into supporting your call process needs more and troubleshoot less.

Your reports help us identify bugs and fix them in a prompt matter. There is a delay in the fixes due to the developers supporting areas that will serve General Assembly, but they are on it. To report any bugs or errors, or if you have any questions, **let us know at clcsupport@pcusa.org or call us at 502-569-8550/(844) 984 2440 (toll-free).**



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SEPTEMBER 1-4

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CONCERTS FROM KIRKWOOD PRESENTS

DISTRICT 5

This DC-based wind quintet will perform "Hopelessly Romantic." Distric5 invites you to experience the passions and pitfalls of love as they guide you through a humorous concert of tantalizing works by Hector Berlioz, Cecil Chaminde, Franz Liszt, Amy Beach, and more.

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9
3 PM**

FREE ADMISSION,
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APPRECIATED

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, VA 22152
kirkwoodpres.com

Berger Lecture

AN EVENING WITH

Marcus Hummon



Book/Music and Lyrics
American Prophet:
Frederick Douglass in
His Own Words



*Grammy
winner, and
2019 inductee
into the
Nashville
Songwriter's
Hall of Fame.*

**Saturday,
September 9, 2023
7:00pm-9:00pm**

301.299.6007

potomacpresbyterian.org

10301 River Road, Potomac, MD

Money Basics: Let's Build a Plan

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us Thursday, September 14, from 2-3:30 p.m. ET
for the free webinar **Money Basics: Let's Build a Plan**

William K. Wesley, JD, MBA, and the **Reverend Reginald Tuggle** will teach you how to build a plan to feel more confident in your personal finances, focusing on four key areas:

- controlling spending
- prioritizing savings
- managing debt
- maintaining excellent credit

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



William K. Wesley, JD, MBA, author of *Full Life Balance*, is a financial coach, corporate trainer, and transformational speaker. He has a 20-plus-year career in financial services and retail management, including over 10 years in financial, management, and lifestyle coaching. He has taught management principles, organizational behavior, and management communication at the university level. After working with some of the major firms in the financial services industry, William started his own, and currently runs, a management training, lifestyle and financial coaching, and keynote presentation practice.



The Reverend Reginald Tuggle served as pastor at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roosevelt, New York, for 38 years. He co-founded the Roosevelt Charter School and was president of two nonprofit organizations raising funds for youth services and economic development. He is currently the interim pastor of the Grier Heights Presbyterian Church and the chairperson of the Restorative Justice CLT organization, which he co-founded in 2019. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Bishop College, a master's degree from Yale, and a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary. Rev. Tuggle is the author of *A Journey Through Grace*, an inspiring story of one man's redemptive and grace-filled journey out of the grim and limiting depths of poverty and loss.

Visit pensions.org/boarduniversity for more information about this and other educational opportunities, or scan here for more information.



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY

2023 FALL GATHERING

Hybrid Gathering

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 10am to 12pm

Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church

1701 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Speaker: Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

Director for Congregational Development and Mission (NCP)

Interim Pastor 15th Street Presbyterian

Subject: Faith Discipleship is Uncomfortable

The Least Coin collection will be gathered

Please no loose or rolled coins

Here is the link to Register to Attend:

<https://forms.gle/JNcpvr7kUMVRDhxd7>

You're Invited!

Fall for Lunch

With Rev. Drew Enszt



- Delight in good stories about campus ministry.
- Enjoy great colleagues.
- Bring someone with you from church.
- Wonder about faith that shapes learning.
- Consider your church's support for this mission.

Date:

Monday, September 18, 2023

Time:

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where:

4916 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

R.S.V.P:

office@bushhill.org by Friday, September 15



Come with colleagues and friends interested in campus ministry, faith development of young adults, and strategies to connect the different worlds of the local church and campus ministry.

The Sun Can Shine: A Call to Assist Those Who Are or Were Incarcerated



*An evening with Anthony Ray Hinton of the Equal Justice Initiative
Best selling author who spent 30 years as an innocent man on death row*

Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 PM EDT

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

1313 New York Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

Free Parking and close to Metro Center

Refreshments and appetizers will be served at 6:00 PM

Available as a webinar for those who can't attend in person

Anthony Ray Hinton spent 30 years on death row in Alabama for a crime he did not commit before he was finally freed in 2015 through the efforts of Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative. Hear about his experiences and learn ways that individuals and congregations can assist those who are currently or formerly incarcerated.

Register to attend in person: <https://HintonSeptember20.eventbrite.com>

Register to attend the webinar: <https://HintonSeptember20webinar.eventbrite.com>

Organizations assisting this program include: Returning Citizens Assistance Network, Free Minds Book Club, Voices for a Second Chance, Offender Aid and Restoration, Welcome Home Program of Catholic Charities and DC Books to Prisons.

The Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Church USA is happy to announce plans for our Annual Meeting in September 2023. We hope many Presbyterians in the D.C. Area will be able to participate.

Dates: September 26-28, 2023

Location: United Methodist Building, 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, D.C.

“Loosening the Chains: Advocating for Sanctions Relief for Syria and Lebanon

PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 26th – 1-3 pm, at the United Methodist Center

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Joshua Landis, Sandra Mackey Chair, Director, Center of Middle East Studies, University of Oklahoma,

Rev. Salam Hanna, Pastor of Evangelical Church in Latakia, Syria and Director of NESSL Relief Program in Syria

Wednesday, September 27th – in person lobbying with lawmakers & staff of Treasury and State Departments with training and logistical support from the PCUSA Office of Public Witness

Thursday, September 28th – 9 am-noon at the United Methodist Center

Reports from the National Evangelical Synod of Syria & Lebanon, Compassion Protestant Service, Mission Co-Worker Elmarie Parker, Business Meeting with election of officers, Closing Worship

We urge people to register as soon as possible by going to the website

www.syrialedonpn.org.

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27
7:00-8:00 PM**

**Public Zoom
“Table Talk”**

**with the
Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly**

**WHAT IS PROCESS
THEOLOGY –
AND WHY
DOES IT MATTER?**



Sponsored by Bethesda Presbyterian Church

[Here's the Zoom link](#)

Process Theology presents a creative and transformative theological vision of God, human existence, spirituality, religious pluralism, science and medicine. It enables Christians to go beyond binary and parochial thinking in its vision of faith as a holy adventure.

This one-hour session – half lecture, half Q-and-A – will explore the insights of process theology and ways they deepen and energize personal and congregational life "for just such a time as this."

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly (M.Div., Ph.D.) is a pastor, professor, author, spiritual guide, and author of over 70 books, including *Walking with Francis of Assisi: From Privilege to Activism* and *Messy Incarnation: Reflections on Christ in Process*. While "retired", Bruce teaches at Wesley Theological Seminary and gives seminars on theology, spirituality, and clergy well-being across the nation.

NCP NOMINATIONS FOR 226TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Applications due

Applications are due by September 28. Send applications, photos and reference letters to nominating@thepresbytery.org

How many folks will we send?

3 Teaching Elders (including NCP Moderator, Rev. Chris Deacon)

3 Ruling Elders (including NCP Vice-Moderator, Lou Durden)

1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD), age 18-23

2 Alternates (1 Ruling Elder, 1 Teaching Elder).

When and where?

The 226th GA will be virtual and in person.

Virtual committee meetings will be Tuesday, June 25 to Thursday, June 27.

In-Person plenary sessions will be Sunday, June 30 to Thursday, July 4 in Salt Lake City, UT.



How to apply

Applications for nominations are available here on the NCP website.

There are separate applications for Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Young Adult Advisory Delegates.

REs and YAADs must be endorsed by their sessions.

Timeline Review:

- September 28, 2023: All forms and recommendations due to the NCP Nominating Committee
- By October 25, 2023: NCP approves slate of nominees to be posted on the NCP website
- October 31: Forms due for those seeking to be nominated from the floor of Presbytery during the November 14, 2023 meeting
- November 14, 2023: Delegates approved at Presbytery Meeting

BLACK PRESBYTERIANS UNITED

Invites All



ALL ARE WELCOME WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Sunday, October 1, 2023

3PM

Northeastern Presbyterian Church

2112 Varnum Street NE

Washington, DC 20018

Fellowship to follow service



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THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

ALLY TRAINING 2023

led by Service Never Sleeps



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Dismantling Racism

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

(Training consists of TWO sessions.

Your registration confirms you will attend both)

Monday, October 2 & Tuesday, October 3
(5:30 pm to 9:00 pm)

via Zoom

**Open to CLERGY and members of NCP
congregations, communities and friends**

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](#)

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date



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You are invited to the

*Presbytery-wide
Installation Service*

Saturday, October 28, 2023

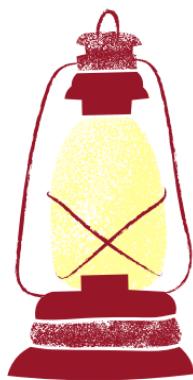
3:00 PM



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church

(Reception to follow)

NEW!



**KEEP
AWAKE!**
A MATTHEW 25 EVENT
November 17-19, 2023



Preacher:

Rev. John Molina-Moore
National Capital Presbytery
General Presbyter



Worship Leader:

Gene Burke
Musician and Producer
Gene Keys Music

Registration is open! For more information, visit:
massanettasprings.org/programs/keep-awake



Massanetta Springs 

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

February 2-4, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

For more information contact Colleen Earp at
colleen@massanettasprings.org, or
call (540) 434-3829.

Scan the QR code below!



A MISSION INVITATION IN WARTIME UKRAINE

After meeting with Rev. Dr. Ivan Rusyn, President of Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary (UETS), the Global Mission Network encourages NCP congregations and members to consider supporting UETS in Kyiv.



July 8 was the 500th day of the large-scale war waged by Russia against Ukraine. War continues to take its toll, but UETS (like other faith-based outreach efforts) is responding with creative ministry.



In the words of Dr. Rusyn, “We have learned that the best thing we can do for our wounded nation is to be with them and to

support them by our presence. Through such incarnated ministry and presence, people can feel that the church is there. And through our presence, people can feel that maybe God is also there. God is with them and God is with us. In such times, you can ask a lot of questions of God. And, you know what, I realize that I have hope. We are going through this horrible war together with our nation; we have the same scars. And yet we have something different. My own apartment in Bucha was looted by the Russian soldiers. My seminary was hit by six missiles. I had to run a funeral for my graduates. But we have something different. We have hope in our eyes because we know the Lord has the final word. It is my calling to serve my wounded nation.”

Some of UETS’ special wartime ministries include: sharing the best they have with whoever comes, accompanying people in crisis, sharing the Word of God face to face, training military chaplains and trauma care workers (the first female military chaplain in Ukraine was trained at UETS)...



...and sharing the Lord's Table ecumenically on the front lines, where some receive the sacrament for their first time...and some receive it for their last time.

For more information, contact Global Mission Network’s advocate for Ukraine Howard Frost (hefrost@gmail.com) or Rev. Nancy Fox (NancyTFox@gmail.com). For more information, see <https://uets.net/en/news/war-continues-taking-its-toll/> and <https://uets.net/en/blog-3/>.

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The story behind ***Just Brave Enough***
Scripture. Women. Story.

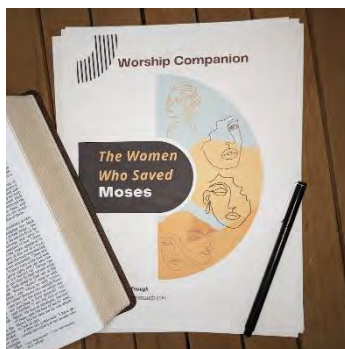
Four pastors walked into a classroom to learn the Art of Transitional Ministry in Princeton, N.J. in October of 2022. During their time together, they formed a friendship that would lead to the formation of the “Just Brave Enough” team.



Laura, the team lead, had a dream of writing a book that was a collection of first-person narratives of women in the Bible. Yena heard Laura’s dream and said, “Yes, let’s do that together!” The invitation to share that dream was extended to Becca, Lillian, and to one of the faculty, Jessica. They also all said, “Yes, let’s do that together!” And just a month after the five women met, “Just Brave Enough” team was formed.

Nine months later, our first set of narratives, “The Women who Saved Moses,” was birthed. This series highlights women who are often overlooked in the story of Exodus: the midwives Shiphrah & Puah, Pharaoh’s daughter, Miriam, and Zipporah. They all play an important part in saving Moses. If it were not for these women, Moses would not have survived infancy to eventually become the liberator of the Hebrew people. In addition to the narratives, we have created worship companions, study guide, and audio recordings of the narratives (in each author’s voice).

We all love Scripture. We love the stories of God’s people, especially the stories of women in the Bible who are lesser known but play a crucial role in God’s larger story. We feel passionate about sharing these stories to expand our understanding of how God works through all kinds of people. Our mission is to encourage people to engage the Scripture and experience the blessings that come when we are “just brave enough” to say “Yes!” to what God is calling us to do and be.



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Yena, Laura, Lillian, Jessica, Becca

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Ruling Elders are the heartbeat of their congregation and the most effective change-makers within it. Guided by our ordination vows, come join a group of Ruling Elders from across the denomination who are committed to dismantling racism, deepening their leadership skills for the work, and curious about how they might affect change from within a congregation.

Mondays @ 7:00-8:30pm EST

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The Enneagram is a personality type system that illustrates the interconnections between nine core archetypes. Each of us comes into life with a personality we use to make our way in the world. Sometimes it works well for us, and at other times we get in our own way. In conversation with the Enneagram, we can celebrate the gifts God has given us, identify our personality challenges, and put deeper self-understanding into action.

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What is the culture of your congregation? Do the dynamics of your church propel or hinder change? In this cohort, teams of clergy and church members will train together to strengthen the connective tissue in the Body of Christ through community organizing, systems theory, and adaptive/evaluative practices as we build a future of hope within and beyond our buildings.

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This cohort is for pastors who have been in ministry for 5+ years and are discerning a shift in their role, setting, or focus – from changing the type or location of ministry, shifting the leadership approach within their current context, to considering retirement. Using the metaphor of a journey, this cohort will guide participants through a series of exercises and practices intended to expand the imagination of what is possible, and through one on one coaching create an actionable plan to live into what is next.

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