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***September 21, 2023***



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## ***Announcements:***

### ***National Capital Presbytery***

and **National Presbyterian Church**, Washington, DC, invite you to the installation service of **Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Sr.** on Sunday, September 24 at 2:00 p.m.

and **Fairfax Presbyterian Church**, Fairfax, VA, invite you to the installation service of **Rev. Emilee Williams** on Sunday, October 1, at 4:00 p.m.

and **Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church**, Bethesda, MD, invite you to the ordination service of **Matthew Nabinger** on Sunday, October 8 at 3:00 p.m.

and the congregations of **Christian Community Church**, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Leesburg Presbyterian Church, Rockville Presbyterian Church, Church of the Pilgrims, Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church, and Manassas Presbyterian Church, invite you to the installation service of **Rev. Dr. Kori Phillips McMurtry, Rev. Blake Collins, Rev. Katie Strednak Singer, Rev. Susan Graceson, Rev. Erin Counihan, Rev. Cynthia Kekung, and Rev. Laura Fitzgibbon** on Saturday, October 28 at 3:00 p.m. at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.

**The Stewardship Committee of NCP** is not hosting a planned giving or year-end giving event. GOOD NEWS! We have several offerings on our resource page from previous events. Visit -

<https://thepresbytery.org/resources-for-congregations/stewardship-workshops-webinars-events/> for a complete list. You can also find all our taped events on NCP's YouTube Channel - [National Capital Presbytery - YouTube](#)



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

**Camp Hanover** has three events coming up this fall:

#### **Youth Retreat**

October 13-15, 2023

Youth ministry leaders, bring your middle and high schoolers to Camp Hanover for a fun-filled weekend. With retreat leader Rev. Mike Burcher, youth will explore the idea of belonging and fitting in by not fitting in. Youth will grow their faith through keynote presentations, small group discussion, and other activities. This event is for youth groups of all sizes.

<https://www.camphanover.org/youth-retreat/>

#### **Women's Retreat**

October 20-21, 2023

Get away from the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life. Spend a night at Camp Hanover with someone else doing the planning and preparing. The retreat consists of a planned program, quiet time, activities, and worship. The speaker and program theme will be announced soon.

<https://www.camphanover.org/womens-retreat/>

**Fall Mini Camp**

October 27-29, 2023

Youth in grades 5-12 can explore Camp Hanover in the cooler temperatures of fall. Spend time outside enjoying creation and nature through favorite camp activities. Campers are divided into groups based on their ages, each supervised by our caring staff of counselors.

<https://www.camphanover.org/fall-mini-camp/>



## WELCOME TO NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY. . . .

*Being introduced at the September 26, 2023, Stated Meeting*



**Blake A. Collins** has accepted his first call for associate pastor at Darnestown Presbyterian! Blake grew up in Columbia, MD as a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. Blake attended Temple University in Philadelphia receiving degrees in Communications with a focus on Police & Community Relations. Following grad school, Blake served as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Comas, Peru accompanying local churches' partnerships with the Joining Hands Network Against Poverty. Afterwards, Blake worked for the national office in Louisville, Kentucky in fundraising, recruitment, and communications for YAV. In Louisville, Blake met Kelsey and together they set out for a new chapter in Chicago. Blake graduated from McCormick Seminary in May 2022.

In seminary, Blake passionately supported students in pre-trial detention with the Solidarity Building Initiative while also working as a hospital chaplain. He interned at Friendship Presbyterian Church assisting the congregation's move to the commercial floor of a brand new, affordable housing complex for veterans, people with disabilities, and working families in Chicago's northwest-side. Blake is excited about an (almost) return home and joining the National Capital team. **Blake can be reached at [blake@darnestownnpc.org](mailto:blake@darnestownnpc.org)**



**Rev. Dr. Robert Austell** has spent most of his life in NC/SC and comes to Vienna Pres after serving 21 years as a solo pastor in Charlotte, NC. He is a lifelong musician and spent several years in Nashville as a studio musician and engineer before going to seminary at Gordon-Conwell and Princeton Seminaries. He has been active in worship and music leadership, most notably as the conference worship leader for the Montreat Wee Kirk Conference for 20 years. He is thrilled to be called to serve Vienna Pres as Associate Pastor for Worship and Adult Discipleship and focus on two areas of pastoral ministry that have been central to his lifelong calling as pastor, teacher, and musician. Robert was also very involved in the leadership of Charlotte Presbytery, working through significant re-visioning and re-structuring. Robert is married to

Heather, and they have three young adult daughters who all live in the Charlotte area. **Reach out to Robert Here: [robert.austell@viennapres.org](mailto:robert.austell@viennapres.org)**



**Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr.** is a devoted family man, happily married to his childhood sweetheart, Judith, whom he met in their native Jamaica. She and Ray together are the authors of a book on Christian marriage, *Five Disciplines of a Growing Marriage: Falling in Love Again*. They are the grateful parents of three adult children: Judene, Ray Jr., and Joel.

A graduate of Duke University Divinity School, Dr. Hylton received his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and holds a master's degree in pastoral leadership from Huntington University. His undergraduate degree is from

Taylor University, a Christian university in Indiana.

After serving in churches in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and New Castle, Pennsylvania, Dr. Hylton was called to serve as the senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Evanston, Illinois, in 2009. His service near Northwestern University has given him extensive experience partnering for engagement with students and young adults. He has joyfully accepted the call to be the senior pastor of National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. **Reach out to Ray here at [mrhylton@nationalpres.org](mailto:mrhylton@nationalpres.org).**



**Vanlalhriatrenga Vanlal Chhangte “VLC” (CRE)** - I was born into a Presbyterian Church family in Mizoram, India. I have been engaged in so many interesting stories from my childhood days to date. I was elected as President of the Evangelical Union in High School; Student's Representative in Higher Secondary School, President & Vice President of Literature Club and Evangelical Union in College, Joint Editor of Christian Outlook Magazine etc., Secretary of The Writer's Club etc., besides my professional services as a Counselor/Director of Counseling. I have conducted Research on Substance Abuse among the Youths. I am passionate about formal and non-formal education. I did my Bachelor of Arts, Master of Social Work, Bachelor of Divinity at the Presbyterian Seminary, which is called Aizawl Theological College (University), and continued a Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling and Psychology at Trinity International University, Chicago, Illinois. I am pursuing a doctorate in Trauma, Moral Injury and Christian Life and a PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy. I have been actively involved in Counseling, literature, and presented my papers at an International Seminar and attended an Advocacy Workshop at the United Nations General Headquarters, New York beyond the pastoral ministry. I am so grateful for the support I have received from the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, Mizo Presbyterian Church, and the National Capital Presbytery. Most importantly, I am deeply touched by the gracious God allowing me to be His servant. **Reach out to VLC:** [vlcvanlalhriatrenga@gmail.com](mailto:vlcvanlalhriatrenga@gmail.com)



**Elder Le Quan Turner, (CRE)** M.Div., was born into a family of preachers and teachers of the gospel. At a young age, she made a public confession of her faith and was baptized. A member of Westminster Presbyterian Church (Washington, DC) she has served as a Seminary Student Intern at Faith Presbyterian Church (2012-2014) and Minister for Community Life at Northminster Presbyterian Church (2019-2020). She has served on several committees throughout National Capital Presbytery to include Spiritual Nurture Communicator for the National Capital Presbyterian Women (2021-2022), Mission Coordination Committee (2017-2019), General Presbyter Search Committee (2018-2019). She currently serves on the Leadership Council National Capital Presbytery (2019-present). Le Quan has provided pulpit supply for many NCP churches.

Le Quan holds a Master of Arts degree in Human Resource Development with a concentration in Training and Consulting from Bowie State University.

Le Quan is a native Washingtonian and a product of the Prince George's County Public School System. Ms. Turner is a solo world traveler and has traveled extensively throughout the United States (35 states) and internationally (50 countries visited). Le Quan has visited all seven (7) continents. Additionally, Le Quan competed and finished the 30th Annual Marine Corps Marathon and a 2-mile high-120 mph free fall skydive. She enjoys reading, traveling, and farmers markets. **Reach out to LeQuan here:** [readabook14@hotmail.com](mailto:readabook14@hotmail.com)

# NCP NOMINATIONS FOR 226TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Applications due

Applications are due by September 28. Send applications, photos and reference letters to [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto: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

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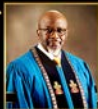
*World*  
**Communion**  
*Sunday*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 3:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Northeastern Presbyterian Church  
2112 Varnum St NE  
Washington, DC 20018

Guest Preacher:  
Rev. Dr. Ron Hankins  
Pastor, Silver Spring Presbyterian Church



THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM  
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

# ALLY TRAINING 2023

led by Service Never Sleeps



## 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](#)**





# NCP FALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

for current session members and elders elect

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
via Zoom

This training will address:

- Being a Session from the New Form of Government, BOO
- The roles, duties, responsibilities of the Session
- The spiritual role and responsibilities of the Session

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ZOOM LINK [HERE](#)

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**THE REV. DR.  
DAVID RENWICK**  
SPEAKER

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# Joyful Financial Stewardship - Reflections from Scripture & Experience

- Stories of Surprising Generosity
- Scriptures that Preach and Teach
- Stewardship Within Our Own Lives



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**Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
10 a.m. - noon**

**Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD**

David Renwick retired in September, 2022, after 45 years in ordained ministry, most recently at National Presbyterian Church in DC. David's ministry spanned churches of all sizes (from 17 to 2500) in diverse communities, from Texas to northern Canada. Inspired by his home congregation that covered all the costs of his seminary education, stewardship has been a key component of David's ministry. In all but one year, David's congregations ended the financial year with a surplus, and in 5 of his congregations capital campaigns of various sizes were held that usually began with much anxiety, but always ended with spiritual growth, missional unity, joyful vitality and an outpouring of generosity in each congregation.

**Hosted by the Stewardship Committee of NCP**  
[www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org)



You are invited  
to the inaugural  
*Presbytery-wide  
Installation  
Service*

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

**at 3:00 PM**

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church**

610 S. Frederick Avenue

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

*(enter through south entrance via ramp)*

*Reception to follow*



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**Preaching**

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee Walton  
Princeton Theological Seminary, President

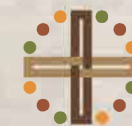
**Presbytery-wide Choir**

**Renewal of Ordination Vows**

**Liturgists**

Leadership Council  
Committee on Ministry  
Church Development Commission  
Mission Coordinating Committee

RSVP by  
Friday, October 13,  
2023



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# Looking for Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Bass



## for the Presbytery-wide Installation Service Choir



All are invited to join the presbytery-wide choir!

The choir is led by Kevin Allen Director of Music,  
John Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Kevin Allen is a multi-faceted musician, working as a music educator, conductor, pianist, accompanist, and singer.

The Service is Saturday, October 28th, 3:00 pm, at  
Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church.

Rehearsal will be held in the choir room of Gaithersburg,  
1-2:30 pm on October 28th. Use this [link](#) to sign up.





# JESUS JUSTICE

advocacy conference

## Jesus and Justice: Believe! Pray! Act!

*Commit acts of justice. Advocacy changes the world!*

Young Adult Advocacy Conference for College Students and Seminarians

Oct. 20-22, 2023 | Presbyterian Center, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville | Free to All!

Does God care about injustice? Yes! At the conference you will explore the connection between faith and justice. It is important to go to church, but it is more important to be the church. Faith means little without action (James 2). To follow Jesus involves a commitment to care for others and to act on their behalf. Anytime anyone is mistreated, God is mistreated.

College students, seminarians, and young adults in or near Louisville or Southern Indiana are invited to attend in person. If you're farther away, join us online on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m.

- Friday: Registration and Worship
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Plenary, Panel and Workshops
  - A plenary of local activists
  - Voices of young adults committed to justice
  - Lunch Provided
  - Workshops on how to engage in your school and community
- Sunday: Closing Worship and an Action

### Upcoming Conferences: Save the dates!

October 20-22: Louisville | October 2024: Charlotte, NC | October 2025: East Lansing, MI (Michigan State University)

Visit [pcusa.info/jesusandjustice](https://pcusa.info/jesusandjustice) to download a registration form.

This event is hosted by the PC(USA) Advocacy Offices (Office of Public Witness and Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations), which are part of the Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. All young people are invited to attend, regardless of their faith background.

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](http://www.syrialedonpn.org).



# ARLINGTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FALLS CHURCH EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC



30 September 2023  
10:00 AM to 01:00 PM



Arlington Presbyterian Church  
918 S. Lincoln Street, Arlington VA 22204

Inaccuracies on criminal records can present challenges to accessing employment, housing and other important opportunities. Please Pre-Register to join us at Arlington County and the City of Falls Church's Expungement Clinic to see if we can assist you in the expungement of your criminal record.

Not all criminal charges are eligible for expungement, nor should you have active warrants of arrest prior to attending the clinic. Volunteer Pro Bono defense attorneys will be present to provide assistance.

## FILING FEE COVERAGE - \$86

Filing fees to open expungement cases will be covered on a first-come, first-serve basis while funds last.

## IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

Please bring Warrant of Arrest or Final Disposition for each charge that you are seeking to expunge. Please note that your criminal records must consist of Arlington County/City of Falls Church charges to expunge in this jurisdiction. If you have not pre-registered, please arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. to complete initial paperwork

To find the Expungement Petition and for more information on the expungement process, please visit our website: [courts.arlingtonva.us](https://courts.arlingtonva.us)

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**Paul Ferguson**

Clerk of the Circuit Court



**Parisa Dehghani-Tafti**

Commonwealth's Attorney



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NAACP Arlington Branch

Arlington Coalition of  
Black Clergy

League of Women Voters  
of Arlington/Alexandria

Restorative Arlington

## PRE-REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED

<https://forms.office.com/r/2g1mpT5iEz>



Circuit Court Clerk's Office  
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**OCT. 7TH**

**SATURDAY AT 7PM**

**FOOD FROM "THE CAFE"  
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**In the community garden on  
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Bring a blanket or a chair!**

**"Veronneau** could easily fit on jazz, world, and pop radio... a kaleidoscope of internationally flavored tunes and varied textures delivered by a gorgeous voice."  
**-All About Jazz**

**An evening with award-winning, multilingual, world-jazz band benefitting **Our Stomping Ground**.**

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**Kitchen OF PURPOSE**



## Two Ukrainian Families Need a Sponsor – An Opportunity for Hands-On Ministry

Two Ukrainian families each need a US sponsor to be able to stay temporarily in the United States under the United for Ukraine program (UforU). If you're a US citizen, could you help?

### Pashchuk Family



Serhiy and Anna ("Ania") Pashchuk with two daughters, who usually reside in Kyiv, are staying with parents in nearby Zdolbuniv (which is safer than Kyiv). The parents commute to Kyiv to work or work remotely when possible.

Ania Pashchuk was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery but because she received a very optimistic prognosis has returned to work part time. Her diagnosis played a key role in the family's decision to consider applying for UforU on account of the good health insurance the program provides. She also wants to let their kids have normal school experience, without spending time in the bomb shelters or learning remotely as was the case for most of last winter.

The Pashchuks attend an Orthodox church in their hometown. Should they find a sponsor in the Washington, DC area, the family has some friends who would be willing to assist with paperwork and other logistics if needed. The Pashchuks have intermediate English abilities.

### Plisko Family



Mykola and Olena Plisko and three children are from the Odessa region, which was massively bombed this past summer.

The Pliskos are active members of a local Baptist church in Odessa. Wherever they can find sponsorship in the US, they want to move eventually to be with best friends in the Philadelphia/East Greenville, PA area (that family also came to the US with the UforU program).

The Ukrainian family in the Philadelphia area would help the Pliskos find work and housing, and there is a Ukrainian church in the area as well.

The Pliskos have basic English abilities. Mykola is a professional construction contractor, and Olena is a music teacher.



Both males have driver's licenses and could start making money with Uber or take construction jobs. The mothers also work: Ania is involved in online marketing, Olena is a music teacher.

The two couples are very committed to their country, but recent circumstances have forced them to seek safety abroad. The families are ready to cover their flight tickets costs. Also both males also can legally leave Ukraine.

The expectation from potential sponsors would be to provide accommodation, food, and occasional help with transportation for the first 2-2 1/2 months while the families get all the paperwork to be temporary residents: work permits, social security numbers, health insurance, and US driver's licenses. In terms of housing, some sponsors have been willing to host a family in their own home for these few months while they help the sponsored family finding place to rent. Other sponsors have assisted from the beginning to help the family rent an apartment, so there are alternative ways to address the housing need.

To rent a place, a sponsor may be asked to co-sign the lease, as landlords often require income and credit history statements. Sometimes although one sponsor completes the UforU form and is designated the official sponsor, friends or fellow church members will gather as a team to help refugee families. Normally the UforU program tries to help with interpreters, but this ability to help varies with the region of the country where the sponsor lives. The friends of the Plisckos in East Greenville indicate there are numerous people in the local Ukrainian community who can help with interpreting.

### **United for Ukraine**

The United for Ukraine program, announced by President Biden for Ukrainians over a year ago, and implemented by US Department of Homeland Security provides a pathway for displaced Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside the United States to come to the United States and stay temporarily for up to two years. This program quickly grants Ukrainians a legal status, work permits, health insurance, and some benefits like food stamps. The process is straightforward, and the turnaround time for the application review not long. The potential sponsor must qualify, then the family receives visas and permission to travel to the US within a period of time after approval. The official website of the program is:

<https://www.dhs.gov/ukraine>

**To volunteer as a sponsor for a family or ask questions, contact Nadiia Khomaziuk at 'nkhomaziuk@usubc.org'**



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28  
7:30 P.M.

FREE WILL DONATION: \$20/FAMILY

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