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# *October Birthday Greetings*

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John Chiang, HR  
Abigail Rian Evans  
Nancy Fox, HR  
Ron Hankins  
Wally Harman, HR  
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Woong Joe Kang, HR  
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Bob Long, HR  
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*From the staff of  
National Capital Presbytery  
david, dina, heather, john,  
lajuan, tara and tempest*





## **Announcements:**

### **National Capital Presbytery**

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.

**SOLAR PANEL DEDICATION** - On Sunday, October 15th at 12:15, please join Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church when we'll dedicate our new rooftop solar panels. This is an exciting witness to our ministry as an Earth Care Congregation, especially because our roof installation is a Community Solar Project in Maryland. What does that mean? It means not only are we providing power for our own electricity, but we're also sharing some of that with a few Warner members who will see a 10% reduction in their electric rate, and with Housing Unlimited for low- to medium-income households, who will see a 44% reduction in their electric rate.

### **The Church Transitions Commission (CTC) needs people to serve as liaisons to Pastor Nominating Committees (PNC's)**

Have you or someone in your church served on a PNC in recent years? If your congregation benefited from this experience, you may be interested in helping other congregations navigate the call process. The CTC will hold a briefing for current and interested PNC liaisons on a new, expedited call process. The briefing will be held on **October 19**, 1:00-2:30, at Lewinsville Presbyterian, Room 102B. Please let Mark Harper ([markharper@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:markharper@takomaparkpc.org)) or Carla Gorrell (<mailto:carlagorrell@yahoo.com>) know if you are interested. Walk-ins are welcome!

**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](#)

### **Parish Associates**

A parish associate is a specialized teaching elder, at-large, or honorably retired teaching elder member of National Capital Presbytery who wishes to associate with a particular congregation. Does your congregation have one? If so, the parish associate relationship requires approval and/or renewal every year. The form may be found here - [https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Parish\\_Associate\\_Policy-Form\\_NCP.pdf](https://thepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Parish_Associate_Policy-Form_NCP.pdf)

Questions? Ask Dina Bickel – [dbickel@thepresbtyery.org](mailto:dbickel@thepresbtyery.org)

**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/>

***Meet our Moderators  
National Capital Presbytery  
2023 -2024***



***The Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon, Moderator***, currently serves as the Stated Supply Pastor for Redevelopment at Northwood Presbyterian Church. He previously served the United Parish of Bowie for 8 years and the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, IL for 6 years. He has served as chair of the New Things team and currently serves on CDC, Leadership Council. Within his local community, he has served as a community mentor for High School students and is a founding board member and treasurer of the Bowie Interfaith Coalition. **Reach Chris - [ckdeacon@yahoo.com](mailto:ckdeacon@yahoo.com)**

***Elder Lou Durden (Northminster), Vice-Moderator***, has been the Adult Bible School Leader for over ten years. A Commissioner of the 225th General Assembly, he is also on the Commission for Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and has served on three Administrative Commissions, including one he currently chairs. **Reach Lou – [loudurden@gmail.com](mailto:loudurden@gmail.com)**



October 5, 2023



*From the Stated Clerk*

Summary of the 313<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery

National Capital Presbytery held a stated meeting at National Presbyterian Church on September 26. The outgoing Moderator, **Elder Shani McIlwain**, convened the meeting with prayer, and the assembly was welcomed by the pastor of the host church, the **Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton**, Sr. Faith Presbyterian Church led the presbytery in a service of worship, with Elder McIlwain offering the sermon, and the **Rev. Bernice Parker-Jones** and the **Rev. Tara Spuhler-McCabe** presiding at a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The presbytery installed the Moderator, the **Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon**, and the Vice Moderator, **Elder Lou Durden**; installed the Stated Clerk, the **Rev. David Baer**; and commissioned two ruling elders to pastoral service: **Elder Vanlalhriatrenga Vanlal "VLC" Chhangte** (Mizo) and **Elder Le Quan Turner** (Southminster).

Following worship, the presbytery:

- Recognized transitions in our community:
  - The **Rev. Robert Austell**, newly installed as Associate Pastor at Vienna.
  - The **Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr.**, newly installed as Pastor at National.
  - The **Rev. Blake Collins**, newly ordained and soon to be installed as Associate Pastor at Darnestown.
  - The **Rev. Laura Fitzgibbon**, soon to be installed as Pastor at Manassas.
  - The **Rev. Casey Thompson**, serving as Stated Supply Pastor at Idylwood and Knox.
  - Elder **Vanlalhriatrenga Vanlal "VLC" Chhangte**, commissioned to pastoral service at Mizo.
  - Elder **Le Quan Turner**, commissioned to pastoral service at Southminster.
  - The **Rev. Cynthia Kekung**, organizing pastor at Emmanuel Indonesian.
- Approved an exception under G-2.0504(c) for the **Rev. Connie Jordan-Haas**, currently serving as Stated Supply Associate Pastor at Vienna Presbyterian Church, to be eligible to be called and installed as an Associate Pastor.
- Upon presentation of a signed covenant in the form prescribed in *Book of Order* G-1.0201, recognized **Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church** as a congregation of National Capital Presbytery and authorized the Congregational Development Commission to provide the required support in establishing pastoral leadership and governance for the congregation.

The NCP Leadership Council has adopted the following schedule for upcoming stated meetings:

- November 14, 2023 – virtual, via Zoom
- January 23, 2024 – virtual, via Zoom
- March 19, 2024 – virtual, via Zoom
- May 21, 2024 – in person
- September 24, 2024 – in person
- November 19, 2024 – virtual, via Zoom

Grace and Peace,  
David Baer, Stated Clerk

October 5, 2023

Greetings People,



What can be useful to energize and organize US? While responses can be subjective, I also offer categories that all of us deserve:

- **Connecting with a specific purpose that IMPACTS the Body of Christ.** You know this one, knowing you are needed for the bigger picture. CDC and MCC hope that along with pledging into the visions of your congregations YOU consider your impact in the *Unified Mission Giving* that resources the whole body of the Presbytery. Like supporting intercultural ministry that energizes a particular group of folks to become a chartered church. There are two more fellowships in this discernment!
- **Joining a NEW THING!** This gets each of us out of our comfort zones and supports the biblical practice of pruning so that new life can grow and be grafted in! We have churches sending youth to a Synod wide gathering for the first time this **November at Keep Awake!** We have congregations joining together for the first time in a joint BPU/NCP confirmation year program. Consider not inventing the program just for you but connecting with a new partner or congregation to share the practice and be BIGGER!
- **Always stay CURIOUS!** Join upcoming opportunities at a national and regional PCUSA level promises to support your ministries with skills, tools, refreshed lenses, and hearts. The **Matthew25 Summit in Atlanta, GA** is a first-time event. Members of MCC are looking forward to connecting with key leaders in our denomination on matters of Faith and Justice at the SUMMIT. MRT and CDC will provide another week-long training in **Dialogue for Peaceful Change** along with Baltimore Presbytery AND newly joined New Castle Presbytery. More information to come on each of these.

Some of the best practices that our congregations can do for themselves is to focus in on what we have, what we can do “exceptionally well” due to who we are and organize our resources around what energizes us as followers of Jesus Christ. My desk will continue to provide, upon request, the recent webinars from HolyCow! on Strategic Planning and Volunteer Leadership Development. We are here to equip and resource you.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe







October 5, 2023

Greetings,

I don't know about you, but October always feels like the biggest transition month of the year. School has started, fall is here, and the temperature begins its back-and-forth dance between warm and cool. It's the last month of "normal" before the holidays begin and then a quick slide right into 2024. Everywhere I look, the familiar is giving way to the new. That analogy holds true in the presbytery's business office as well. As we steadily march towards 2023, we can see 2024 on the horizon, full of possibilities. I'm not sure anything is quite so encompassing of possibilities than the budget of a new year. Rooted in those possibilities, I am excited to give you all an update on our 2024 budget process.

As of this writing, under the direction of the Budget & Finance Committee, the various committees and commissions have shared their hopes about what work NCP will undertake in 2024. Using those hopes, Budget & Finance built the 2024 Operating and Mission Budgets. Yesterday, the Leadership Council reviewed both budgets and affirmed the possibilities they contain. At our Presbytery Meeting on November 14, many of you will have the opportunity to vote on both the Operating and Mission Budgets – setting into motion the work of 2024.

We are currently working to prepare the budget presentation video and finalize the 2023 Impact Report and physical budgets for distribution. In the meantime, I'd like to share the proposed 2024 per capita rates. The proposed numbers reflect countless hours of work done by many of your colleagues: committee meetings, prayerful discernment, calculations, research, planning, wondering, and hoping. The presbytery is not immune to the issues facing many of our congregations: rising costs and shrinking memberships; however, we also believe these numbers reflect a commitment to live into possibilities instead of scarcity. While the full justification for the recommendation will be released as part of the official budget presentation later this month, below is the per capita proposal that will be considered at our November Presbytery Meeting.

	<u>2024 Per Capita Rate</u>	<u>2022 Per Capita Rate</u>
<b>General Assembly</b>	<b>\$9.80</b>	<b>\$9.85</b>
<b>Synod</b>	<b>\$1.15</b>	<b>\$1.15</b>
<b>National Capital Presbytery</b>	<b>\$37.61</b>	<b>\$36.13</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48.56</b>	<b>\$47.13</b>

We recommend that you use the 2024 numbers above when building your budgets for the coming year. If you have questions about per capita or anything else finance related, the business office is here to help!

Blessings as we continue this important work together!

Heather Deacon  
Director, Business Affairs



# 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

LED BY



**DAVID  
BAER**  
STATED CLERK



**TARA SPUHLER  
MCCABE**  
DIR. CONGREGATIONAL  
DEV. & MISSION

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

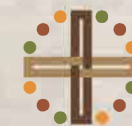
**Presbytery-wide Choir**

**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 the 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.



## Becoming Better Earth Care Stewards in Montgomery, MD: Reconsidering Lawn Care

Nearly every church in our presbytery and for that matter the whole country, confronts the same balancing act that homeowners face: How can we create an attractive landscape and also be responsible stewards of our environment? In this piece the NCP Earth Care Network would like to offer a couple of recommendations – reduce the size of our lawns and reduce the amount of herbicides, fertilizers, and pesticides that we apply to them.

### Reduce our lawns

Dan Zak of *The Washington Post* summarized the issue:

“We are still, largely, lawn people. The biggest irrigated crop, by area, in the United States? Not corn, or soybean, but lawn. Unproductive, ornamental lawn: around 40 million acres of it, or 2 percent of the land area of the Lower 48, according to multiple estimates cited by Garik Gutman, program manager for NASA’s Land-Cover/Land-Use Change Program.

Forty million acres: The entire state of Georgia couldn’t contain America’s total lawnage. And we pour 9 billion gallons of water on landscaping every day, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Meanwhile the Southwest United States is enduring a [megadrought](#); the past two decades constitute its driest period since the year 800. California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought state of emergency in October. In a world thirsty for water, lawns are a sneaky siphon.”

Dan Zak, “There’s a Water Crisis, so why do we still have lawns?” *The Washington Post*, 8/24/2022 (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2022/08/24/lawns-and-replacement/>)

We can reduce the size of our lawns and still have attractive grounds by opting for native plants. This will support native insects, birds, and other animals. So, what native plants might you consider? See this brochure from Fairfax County.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/native-plants>

### Reducing the amount of lawn chemicals

The Maryland Lawn Fertilizer Law limits the amount of nutrients that can be applied to lawns or turf and restricts phosphorus content in lawn fertilizer. The goal is to help homeowners and lawn care professionals maintain healthy lawns without applying unnecessary amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus. Homeowners and do-it-yourselfers are required to obey fertilizer application restrictions, use best management practices when applying fertilizer, observe fertilizer blackout dates and follow University of Maryland recommendations when fertilizing lawns. [Click here](#) for more information.

- A single fertilizer application may not exceed 0.9-pound total N per 1,000 sq ft which can include no more than 0.7 pound of soluble N per 1,000 sq ft
- Phosphorus may only be applied when a soil test indicates that it is needed or when a lawn is being established, patched or renovated
- Don't use fertilizer to de-ice walkways and driveways
- Clean up fertilizer spills
- Keep fertilizer 10 to 15 feet from waterways
- Do not fertilize lawns if heavy rain is predicted or the ground is frozen
- Do not apply lawn fertilizer between November 16 and March 1
- Enhanced efficiency controlled release products may be applied at no more than 2.5 pounds per year, with a maximum monthly release rate of 0.7 pound of N per 1,000 sq ft
- When hiring lawn care professionals, hire only certified professionals to fertilize lawns

This law helps protect the Chesapeake Bay from excess nutrients entering its waters from urban sources, including golf courses, parks, recreation areas, businesses and thousands of lawns. Nutrients, primarily nitrogen and phosphorus, are key ingredients in lawn fertilizer. When it rains, unused nutrients can wash into nearby storm drains and streams that empty into the Chesapeake Bay. Once in our waterways, these nutrients contribute to the growth of algae blooms that block sunlight from reaching Bay grasses, rob the water of oxygen and threaten underwater life. [Turfgrass Nutrient Management Program \(maryland.gov\)](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Lawns/Law/)

**The Pesticide Law in Montgomery County** restricts the use of certain pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas, and childcare facilities. Most synthetic pesticides are not allowed to treat pests in lawns. Only organic or minimum-risk pesticides are allowed. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Lawns/Law/>

It is recommended to prevent weeds and pests by practicing organic lawn care, which should not require the use of any chemicals.

#### **TIPS FOR MANAGING LAWNS ORGANICALLY**

- Mow grass high (keep at least 3" tall)
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn to recycle nutrients
- Only water during dry spells
- Add materials, such as compost, to support healthy soil biology
- Replace some lawn with native plants
- Overseed every fall for a dense lawn, and aerate compact soils
- Get help from an experienced organic lawn care provider
- Keep mower blades sharp.
- Use an electric or manual mower for reduced emissions and noise, and for energy efficiency.
- Use a mulching mower.
- Mulch leaves that fall on the lawn, rather than removing them.
- Do not use Weed & Feed products. These contain both a fertilizer and a pesticide and are NOT allowed for use under County law on lawns.
- Use only the following organic pesticides (Go to MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Lawns to check for allowed products):

- Products with an EPA label only if it is also labeled for organic use by the USDA
- Organic pesticides labeled by OMRI
- Organic pesticides labeled “Exempt from EPA labeling under FIFRA 25(b)” are designated a “minimum risk” pesticide by the EPA and have no EPA label or numbers
- USDA certified organic products labeled “For Organic Gardening”





# Solar Roof Dedication Celebration

Sunday October 15th  
12:15 PM

**A Community Solar  
Project**



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**Warner Memorial**

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Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church  
10123 Connecticut Ave. Kensington, MD

**Bethesda Presbyterian Church**  
**Public Zoom**  
**[Here's Our Zoom link.](#)**

**Gordon L. Groover Presenters**  
**Wednesdays October 18 & 25**  
**7:00-8:00 pm**



**The Tent of Abraham, Sarah,  
and Hagar: Being Christian  
in the Holy Lands**

**Dr. Christine Luckritz Marquis**  
Associate Professor of Church History  
Union Presbyterian Seminary

**Dr. Safwat Marzouk**  
Associate Professor of Old Testament  
Union Presbyterian Seminary



Christine and Safwat have led recent Union study seminar to Egypt and Palestine/Israel. They will share with us a survey of contemporary Christianity in these holy lands – and how the Christian minorities navigate their relationships with other faith communities around them.



# Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project

*invites you to the*

## Mr. George W. Peck Marker Dedication



**Program *and* Reception**

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 | 3-5 p.m.**

**Poolesville Presbyterian Church**

Outdoors at 17800 Elgin Rd., Poolesville, MD | Reception at Locals Farm Market

Parking is free and clearly marked | Sign Language interpreted

Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project (MoCoLMP) will unveil the first historical marker in the county to acknowledge a racial terror lynching.

Mr. George Peck was murdered by a mob in Poolesville in 1880, one of three lynchings that took place in our county.

**Free and open to all**

In case of rain, the event will be indoors at Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Rd.

***Register at:***


**[bit.ly/peck-marker](https://bit.ly/peck-marker)**  
to receive updates




**Remembering is Resistance**  
**MoCoLMP**  
Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project

To get involved, email: [mocolynchingmemorial@gmail.com](mailto:mocolynchingmemorial@gmail.com)

[www.mocolmp.org](http://www.mocolmp.org)

 **MontgomeryCountyLynchingMemorialProject**

 **mocolmp**

Sign up to receive  
**MoCoLMP's News** at  
**[bit.ly/mocolmp-news](https://bit.ly/mocolmp-news)**





CONCERT FOR A  
CAUSE

*A Silent Film Screening of*

# THE PASSION OF JOAN OF ARC

(1928)

*with a live organ soundtrack  
by Dr. Steven Seigart*

7:00 PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28  
FREE TICKETS: [OPMH.ORG/EVENTS](http://OPMH.ORG/EVENTS)

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323 S. FAIRFAX STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314





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THE HEARTS OF ALL!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28  
7:30 P.M.

FREE WILL DONATION: \$20/FAMILY

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FOR THE 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE CONCERT

Bush Hill Presbyterian Church  
4916 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310

*The*  
**Phantom**  
*of the*  
**opera**

SILENT FILM FEATURING LIVE ORGAN ACCOMPANIMENT  
BY JOE GABALSKI



**Bush Hill**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# How Does Someone Escape White Nationalism?

## A Conversation with Derek Black

**November 5, 2023 | 7:30 PM**

**Saint Mark Presbyterian Church  
10701 Old Georgetown Road**

**For FREE tickets  
and to learn more:**



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# **Save The Date**

## **2024 CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

**FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024**

**THE BISHOP CLAGGETT CONFERENCE CENTER**

**3035 BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE**

**ADAMSTOWN, MD 21710**

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**REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

**REGISTRATION \$185** paid before January 22, 2024

Late Registration \$200 paid January 23 - Feb. 2, 2024

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES FEB. 2, 2024**





Presbyterian Mission  
**Presbyterian  
Peacemaking Program**



# 2024 MOSAIC of PEACE

WITNESSING FOR PEACE AND WHOLENESS IN A LAND CALLED 'HOLY'

**A Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine**

**March 4–15, 2024**

**Time  
sensitive!  
Apply by  
Oct. 20, 2023**



Join the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program as we:

- experience this remarkable and troubled region,
- encounter its diverse people,
- explore its rich history and complex current situation, and
- engage with those who seek its peace.

By attending this conference, you will:

- be inspired by the stories of Christian peacemakers in the Holy Land, walk in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace and encounter contemporary Palestinians and Israelis;
- be equipped by engagement with Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders, experience contextual theology and study peacemaking practices within the framework of PC(USA) policy;
- be connected with global and local partners to take meaningful action for a just and lasting peace in the region.

## APPLICATIONS

**Apply online at [presbyterianmission.org/mosaic](https://presbyterianmission.org/mosaic) through Oct. 20, 2023.** Notification and commitment packets will be sent shortly after your application is received and processed. Late applications will be considered if space is available. First-time visitors to the Holy Land are encouraged to attend. Previous conference participants and seasoned travelers to the region are welcome as well. Must be 18 or older.

## COST

The double-occupancy rate for the conference is \$3,690. The rate includes all conference expenses (including all meals, accommodations, programs, tips, tours and on-the-ground transportation). Airline travel is not included. Limited single occupancy is available for an additional charge of \$1,100.

## HOTELS

The conference includes 11 nights of lodging: 4 nights at the Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem, 4 nights at Bethlehem's Manger Square Hotel and 3 nights at the Golden Crown Hotel in Nazareth.

## TRAVEL

Participants are responsible for their travel and may book their own airline tickets, but all itineraries must be submitted for approval by the conference registrar prior to ticketing. Departures from the U.S. should be on Sunday evening, March 3, to arrive to Tel Aviv (TLV) on Monday, March 4. (Those who wish to arrive a day early to recover from travel and ready themselves for the conference may do so at their own expense. Hotel rooms at the conference rate are available on March 2 and 3.) Return flights may depart TLV on Friday evening, March 15, to arrive in the U.S. on Saturday, March 16..

## SMALL GROUPS

Conference participants will be placed into small groups led by group leaders. These teams will engage in preparation before the conference, meet as a group during the conference and consider meaningful collective action upon returning home.

## OPTIONAL JORDAN EXTENSION — March 15–19

Those who wish may sign up to take part in an optional 3-day, 4-night addition after the conference. Participants will return to Bethlehem on March 15 for transfer to Jordan at the Allenby Border on March 16. The extension will include visits to Bethany, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Um Rassas and Petra. Extension participants will depart Queen Alia Airport (AMM) in Amman, Jordan, on March 19. The double-occupancy rate is \$970. Limited single occupancy is available for an additional charge of \$290.

### Sample Schedule

The following is provided to give those interested an idea of the Jordan Extension content. All items are subject to change.

<b>Friday, March 15</b>	Participants return to the Manger Square Hotel in Bethlehem for overnight accommodation.
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	Shuttle to the Allenby Border for visa formalities and transfer to visit Madaba, Mount Nebo and Um Rassas. Continue to the Petra Elite Hotel for dinner and overnight.
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	Following breakfast, spend a full day at Petra. Transfer to Amman West Hotel for dinner and overnight.
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	Following breakfast, depart for Bethany and Jerash. Return to Amman for dinner and overnight.
<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>	Following breakfast, transfer to Queen Alia Airport (AMM) in Amman for departure.

### Includes:

- All meals from breakfast March 16 through breakfast March 19.
- Accommodation at Bethlehem's Manger Square Hotel for 1 night, Petra Elite Hotel for 1 night and Amman West Hotel for 2 nights.
- Transfer to Bethlehem on March 15, to the Allenby Bridge on March 16, and to AMM airport on March 19.
- Greeting and assistance by Grace Tours representative in Jordan upon arrival and departure.
- Transportation in air-conditioned tourist minivan or small bus.
- English-speaking escort guide from arrival in Jordan to departure.
- Entrance fees to Bethany the Baptismal site, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Um Rassas and Petra.
- Tips for guides and drivers.
- Israeli exit taxes and collective group visa to Jordan. (All participants will provide full passport details in advance to Grace Tours.)





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