



Greetings People,

Here are some important updates into the summer and fall that we hope you can put on your radar!

1. CDC and MCC are working this summer to update all **GRANT and SCHOLARSHIP language and applications**. When you go to the [Common Grants Page on the NCP website](#), please be sure to contact me ([Tara](#)) so that you are sure to connect with the correct form or have access to the updated information.
2. **Dialogue for Peaceful Change September Training!** There are limited spaces. See flyer in this TM (Thursday Mail). There will be future trainings in January and May of 2025.
3. **Allyship Training** with Service Never Sleeps, September 10th and 11th. You can find the needed information in this TM. Registration is required.
4. **Mini Matthew 25 Summit with Baltimore Presbytery, October 26th!** This is organized in coordination between the two Dismantling Racism Teams of Baltimore and National Capital. Please be sure to look at the attached flyer in this TM.
5. Throughout the fall, we will continue to host online sessions around playing and working through your **CAT (Church Assessment Tool) and MissionInsite (demographics)**. These tools are supportive and useful only if we can work with them. You deserve to have access to all the tools you need as disciples in this Faith Journey! Look for upcoming dates and topics in August.
6. **Keep Awake Youth Gathering** in Massanetta Springs, November 22-24th! This is ideal for churches with smaller numbers of high school students who would benefit in connecting with other Presbyterian youth. Current registration is open. Please follow the TM Flyer information. If you need any creative assistance in transportation or chaperones, please contact my desk and maybe we can connect you with other congregations in our presbytery.

While on vacation in Austria, I recently had the opportunity to travel 120 meters underground to a salt mine. Plastered within the mine, I encountered a simple and fantastic quote:

What I call crystallization here is the work of the spirit that discovers new perfections of the beloved object in everything that presents itself.

- Le Rameau de Salzbourg from De l'amour Stendhal (1822)

Aside from going 'down' the rabbit hole of Stendhal, I was struck to encounter an articulation of the sacred within the depths of creation. I was so grateful to encounter this truth within my faith that in the midst of an incredible engineering design of cultivating salt over thousands and thousands of years, BELOVEDNESS always exists and is recognized by our Savior. As we go through these days, know that we are God's Beloved!

Peace and Courage,
Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe