

THURSDAY MAIL

April 17, 2025



MISSIONAL, PASTORAL, PROPHETIC

NCP CALENDAR

- Apr 28 - May 1 Dialogue for Peaceful Change
- May 6 Healthy Boundaries Training
- May 17 Congregation Led Worship Seminar
- May 19 Action Item Dialogue 7:00p (Zoom)
- May 20 Stated Presbytery Meeting, 5:00p (in person)
- Aug 23 Church Communication & Marketing Seminar

More detailed information about each event, flyers and registration may be found on the [Events page of the website](#)

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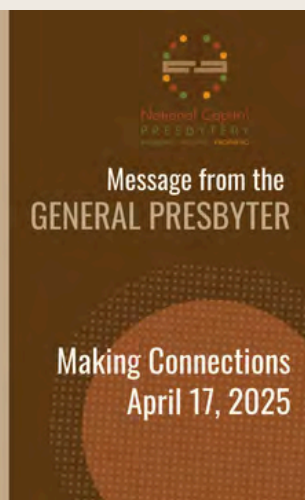


VIDEO MESSAGE

from Rev. John Molina-Moore – Making Connections



Rev. John Molina-Moore



HEALTHY BOUNDARIES TRAINING

ATTENTION Minister Members! Registration is now open for the next IN-PERSON Healthy Boundaries Training opportunity on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Falls Church Presbyterian Church**. Join us for a day of connection with colleagues as we share and learn about setting and maintaining healthy boundaries in times of conflict, when laws or policies are broken, and in other aspects of ministry. **This training is REQUIRED for ALL teaching elders regardless of status every 36 months and covers the mandatory portions of child sexual abuse prevention and sexual misconduct. REGISTER HERE!** Deadline to register – May 2



April 17, 2025

[The women] remembered [Jesus'] words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ... But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. – Luke 24:8-9,11

Dear Friends,

The women who had prepared spices to anoint Jesus' body went early in the morning to the tomb, and they found it empty. Heavenly messengers reminded them of Jesus' promise—that he would be arrested and executed and rise on the third day. And yet when they shared this astounding, wonderful news with the men, they were at first dismissed and disbelieved. Like the Pharisees who accompanied Jesus on Palm Sunday, who nervously tried to shush the exultant crowd, the eleven and all the rest may have followed Jesus, but they doubted his power—the power he exhibited not by opposing violence and injustice on their own terms, but by placing himself in their hands, and dying with a prayer for forgiveness of their human agents. The male disciples were sure that strength and ruthlessness prevails, and that those whom worldly power cuts down stay down. It wasn't until Peter saw the empty tomb for himself that his sad resignation began to fall away.

No one was there at the moment when life returned to Jesus' broken body. No one witnessed him take his first breath again or rise from the place where Joseph of Arimathea had laid him. In Luke's Easter story, no one sees the stone roll away from its place. No one glimpses the risen Jesus first stepping out into the recreated world that his undone death has made. Like the mustard seed sprouting underground and becoming a tree, like the hidden yeast leavening the dough, the new creation, the realm of God, takes shape quietly and invisibly. It leaves us, like Peter, to grapple with its undeniable effects—the tomb is empty, and the risen Teacher awaits us elsewhere.

The hardest thing for me sometimes is to trust the good news that love wins, that Jesus' way of grace and humble trust leads to victory. The brash and proud voices shouting at us today would have us believe otherwise—that the triumph of Jesus and those who follow his way is an idle tale, fake news. The kind of power wielded by Caesar and Pilate seems everywhere ascendant.

Nevertheless, the tomb is empty. Jesus is not there. He has been raised. We know this because we are witnesses to resurrection—when dividing walls among us fall away, when strangers find a welcome, when wrongs are forgiven and healed, when simple gifts are multiplied far beyond hope or imagination, Christ appears alive and risen. We believe and we hope, because we have seen what the resurrection of Jesus has done.

The Book of Order calls the church—in its individual congregations and as a whole—to be and to become “a community of faith, hope, love, and witness” (G-3.0201, G-3.0301, G-3.0401, G-3.0501). May our shared witness to Jesus' resurrection power and the ringing, defiant Alleluias of Easter melt our doubts. Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk

PASTORAL CONCERNS

With sympathy, we announce the death of NCP minister member, **Rev. Dr. Matthew M. K. Whong**. On April 4, 2025 and surrounded by family, Dr. Whong died at home at the age of 94. A funeral service was held at the Church of the Philippi and a private graveside for family and friends. Dr. Whong was also the father-in-law of NCP minister member, Rev. Amy Schacht.

FREE CHOIR ROBES

Darnestown Presbyterian Church has 34 like-new children's choir robes, varied sizes/lengths, medium green with gray trim, free upon pickup. Washable polyester fabric. Contact Darnestown's church office at 301-948-9127.

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING IN 2025 AND BEYOND

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church



In today's ever evolving communication & technology landscape how do churches penetrate all of the noise to get their message out and reach their community? In this 2-part session, John Falke of Johnny Flash Productions, a web and digital marketing agency near Washington DC that serves church, non-profits and small businesses, will unpack the latest in church communications, from AI, to social media, to the Google Ad Grant and other ways churches can market and reach their audience. We'll cover communications essentials and church marketing trends that are working today. Registration coming soon!

YOUNG MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery Men of the Mid-Atlantic Synod want to hear about you! We invite you to [TELL US WHO YOU ARE!](#)

Send us a picture and/or bio so we can uplift and celebrate the incredible young men that will shape our future!

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(Young adults, teens, and boys) that
will shape our future! We are so
excited and can't wait to hear from you!

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Thank You!

The Men's Council of the Presbytery

MASSANETTA SPRINGS



Called Together, July 28-31: Clergy couples are invited to be part of this ecumenical retreat. This ecumenical retreat welcomes clergy couples serving in a variety of ministries for renewal, learning, and growth. If your family includes kids, there's programming for them too! Learn more and register at <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/calledtogether>



Bible & Church Music Conference, July 20-26: Family camp meets continuing education at this conference for all ages of worship leaders. Whether you are ordained or a layperson, staff or volunteer or congregant, there are plenty of opportunities to learn, practice, and worship together. Scholarships are available, and first timers only pay for lodging and meals! More details here: <https://massanettasprings.org/programs/bcmc>

2025

HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Training

- *Required training for Teaching Elders and those who need it as an ordination requirement.*
- *Renewed every three years.*
- *Connect with colleagues to form relationships and learn best practices.*



Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Lunch provided



Fall Church Presbyterian Church

225 East Broad Street, Falls Church, VA



National Capital Presbytery Colleagues

Facilitators



NCP Minister Members & Elders: FREE

Friends of NCP: \$85 (includes lunch)



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MISCONDUCT**

**CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE
PREVENTION**

**FINANCIAL
BOUNDARIES**

SELF-CARE

SELF-AWARENESS

**CONNECTING TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES
TO STRENGTHEN BOUNDARIES**



REGISTER NOW

Questions?

Contact Blair Moorhead

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Congregation Led



Seminar

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Arlington Presbyterian Church

918 S. Lincoln Street, #1, Arlington, VA 22204

coffee, tea and snacks provided

led by your NCP staff and other leaders in the presbytery

Presbyterians KNOW how to worship! But will you be ready to lead in worship with or without a Master of Divinity? You bet! As Presbyterians, we are all ministers who can support, lead, and facilitate a time of worship. Learn all the possibilities and resources in how to organize and lead a worship service on those off Sundays to even a series of Sundays! And learn the limits of a congregation led worship. It might surprise you! Register through the website under Events or [HERE](#)



GROUPS FORMING NOW FOR THE FALL OF 2025

Missional Incubator: National Capital Presbytery

Interested? Contact Brian Clark, Director, to set up an initial conversation.

bclark@thepresbytery.org

***Missional:** Loving people. Engaging community on their terms and their turf.*

***Incubator:** Space to dream. Growing dreams into reality.*

Unless it is the LORD who builds the house, the builders' work is pointless. (Psalm 127:1)

OVERVIEW

Mixed-economy expressions of church have been with us since the beginning of Church. Throughout scripture are the stories of how God used shepherds, vinedressers, farmers, accountants, financial planners, tent makers, owners in the textile industry, fishers, and many others to lead and gather God's people.

The National Capital Presbytery seeks a more proactive, intentional approach to establishing new worshiping communities and new expressions of existing churches that will engage people currently unconnected to church. The decline in church membership, the increasing pace of church closures, and the growing disconnect between current ministries and a postmodern culture demand a different strategy. This strategy will need to incorporate a mixed economy ministry that can provide income streams to the mission while increasing opportunities to engage with those who would not be attracted to a more traditional church. **If your church is ripe for this kind of strategy and with the capacity to take this bold step, now is the time to apply to the Fall or 2025**

MISSIONAL INCUBATOR

The Incubator's goal is to empower your church to develop contextually informed, thoughtfully integrated, mission-hearted new expressions of the one Church. The Incubator will empower your leadership to develop a robust plan for a compelling business or social enterprise of your church that will engage the community and create collisions with people not associated with your church. The Incubator will give key leaders of your church nine to twelve months and resources to:

- Develop mission plans, including business plans that identify funding and investors.
- Draw on outside experts partnered with the Missional Incubator.
- Create a steady source of contacts and introductions in your community.
- Develop funding sources for a new expression of church paired with a compelling business.

WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF YOUR CHURCH:

- Identify a lead person with the drive to develop a plan and the capacity to bring that plan into reality. The lead person is usually the pastor or associate pastor who is positioned to implement, or oversee the implantation of, the plan developed.
- The lead person will spend one day a week (10 AM - 3 PM) with 3-5 others in a cohort of the Missional Incubator. The location of these gatherings will rotate among Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, your church, and the churches of the others in the Incubator.

WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED OF YOUR CHURCH (continued):

- The lead person will gather a team of 2-3 people connected with your Church who will meet monthly with the lead as dreamers, conversation partners, discerners, and explorers of this new mission. The team will also:
 - Engage in a regular posture of listening and learning as a missional practice in your local context:
 - Be open to community conversations.
 - Try a few experiments as a process of honing the most viable compelling business plan.
 - Engage in spiritual practices that will support the missional practices.

HOW THE MISSIONAL INCUBATOR WILL SUPPORT YOU IN THIS PROCESS:

- Equipping in the practices and skill sets needed to explore potential business opportunities, including community listening, networking, and market research.
- Coaching and mentorship in developing a business and mission plan.
- Connection to thought leaders and experts to build skills, strategies, and capacities for this work.
- An innovative environment of peers to generate ideas and feedback loops to support one another in the work.
- Dedicated energy and attention to developing a thorough plan, to include a business plan, mission plan, financial plan, and staffing plan.
- A “Cloud” of experts who would be available for consultation, to include builders, architects, accountants, lawyers, county experts, and more.
- Availability to meet with your team, your session, or your congregation at any time that will help bring along the stakeholders in this process.
- A spiritually vibrant environment to support prayerful discernment.
- A commitment to walk alongside your congregation to bring this plan into reality once the plan has been developed.

RESULTS: AT THE END OF NINE MONTHS YOU MIGHT DISCERN AS A CHURCH THAT:

- Now **is** the time for this new mission and you begin to implement the plan.
- Now **is not** the time for this mission:
 - The Incubator time revealed the road map for a business that will take 1-2 years to put the pieces together.
 - The Incubator revealed this is not the right mission for our church.

A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. Acts 16:9-10 (CEB)

Ultimately the Missional Incubator is designed to help your church discover who is God urging you to engage and how can you meet them on their terms and on their turf.

so that our churches can grow 

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10:00 AM

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CLIMATE FRESH

Two workshop opportunities!
Immanuel Presbyterian Church
 1125 Savile Lane, McLean, VA 22101
 Tuesday, April 22nd. 9:00am-12pm
 Sunday, April 27th, 1:00-4:00pm

What is a Climate Fresk? A fun, collaborative, and educational workshop exploring the science of climate change.

How does it work? Our three-hour workshops teach participants about climate change through an interactive game! The workshop includes creative expression, conversations about intersectionality, and solutions with a focus on macro level ideas.



FREE EVENT!

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1125 Savile Lane, McLean, VA 22101 www.ipcmclean.org 703-356-3042

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26TH
2025**



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PS. 95:1-3

(Sing praises unto God) PHB 3

VENUE

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RSVP

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Presbyterian Women
National Capital Presbytery
Hybrid (In-person and Zoom)
Spring Gathering and Business Meeting
April 26, 2025

Check-In and Fellowship begins at 9:30 am

Meeting begins at 10:00 am

“Creation Care”

Christ Presbyterian Church

12410 Rt. 50, Fairfax, VA 22033

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/5cbCma1skfNsYSr2A>



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www.nepc.dc.org

Sunday, April 27 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church
10:00 am Worship and 11:00 am Discussion

Tuesday, April 29 on Zoom
7:00-8:00 pm – [Here's the link.](#)

Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble (PCUSA) and Olya Balaban

“Postcards from the Edge”
Building Resilience and Hope in Ukraine

“The word ‘U-kraine’ literally means ‘belonging to the edge.’



“We are doing something few are doing in the field of aid in a nation at war. Giving away stuff is the least of what we do.

“We have designed a resilient community to give people a different life experience of this war than others displaced by it.

That is the heart of what we do.”

-Robert Gamble

Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble is the Executive Director of This Child Here, Inc. in Ukraine – a validated ministry of Western Carolina Presbytery. After years of work with children at risk there, now all focus is on families displaced by the war.

A former Coast Guard Officer, Robert is a graduate of Columbia and Princeton Theological Seminaries. A PCUSA pastor, he served as the installed pastor of churches in FL, TN, and NM before moving to Ukraine in 2006.

Robert is the father of three, a surfer, and a photographer. He is married to **Olha (Oli) Balaban** from Ukraine, Program Manager for This Child Here.



Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church welcomes






Barbara Brown Taylor

Sunday, May 4
10:30 am

Join us as renowned speaker, teacher, and *NY Times* best-selling author Barbara Brown Taylor delivers the message at our 10:30 worship service. She will lead adult education at 9:15 am.

Included in Time magazine's 2014 list of 100 most influential people in the world.

AUTHOR

-  *An Altar in the World:
A Geography of Faith*
-  *Learning to Walk in the Dark*
-  *Holy Envy: Finding God in
the Faith of Others*

LOCATION

6601 Bradley Blvd.
Bethesda, MD



Part of the Susan R. Andrews Lecture Series



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TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

MAY 7 AT 7 PM



MUSIC, PRAYER, CANDLELIGHT AND SILENCE IN
THE STYLE OF THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Fairlington United Methodist Church Chapel
3900 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Hosted by Fairlington United Methodist,
Fairlington Presbyterian and St. Clement Episcopal Churches.
Parking available in Fairlington UMC and Presbyterian lots.





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Organist

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WUMB Radio, Boston*

MAY **10** SAT
7 PM

TICKETS \$25



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BUSH HILL HYMN FESTIVAL

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MAY 16 & 17, 2025

Joe Gabalski, conductor
Melvin Goodwyn, guest conductor
Charles Reardon, guest organist
Chris Erbe, trumpet

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The hymn festival choir will be directed by Joe Gabalski, Director of Music at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church. Our accompanist, Charles Reardon, is a freshman in the BYU organ program.

For more information, go to bushhill.org/hymn-festival

To participate in the choir, please sign up by scanning the QR code or contacting the church office at office@bushhill.org



BOOK TALK AND SIGNING

MOTHER EMANUEL: TWO CENTURIES OF RACE, RESISTANCE, AND FORGIVENESS IN ONE CHARLESTON CHURCH



Former New York Times Journalist

Kevin Sack

In conversation with
The Rev. William H. Lamar IV
Pastor of Metropolitan AME Church, DC

Location: Fairfax Presbyterian Church
10723 Main Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030



Friday, June 13, 2025



7:00 –
8:30 PM

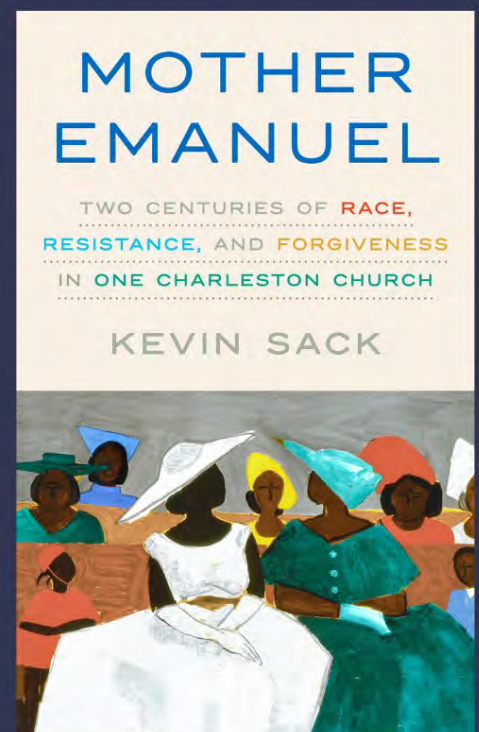


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Event is free and open to the public, but EventBrite tickets are required for planning purposes:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4htew4>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
HENRY G. BRINTON AT
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What your congregation will get:

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- Free congregation native plant garden on congregation grounds

To join this cohort and or for more information contact:

Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation

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www.nwf.org/sacredgrounds - check out this video: <https://youtu.be/wDNj2H5OhSg>



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Contact details for
those conducting the
study, and information on
where this study
is being conducted

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JEFF CHU

We are delighted to be a stop for the celebration of the publication of Jeff's new book!

A profound meditation on nature, heritage, and belonging, from an accomplished journalist who left New York City for life on a working farm.

"I needed this book. I think you need it, too."—Maggie Smith, *New York Times* bestselling author of *You Could Make This Place Beautiful*

"A beautiful book on the growth that we spark when we tend to our soil."—Katherine May, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wintering* and *Enchantment*

"This book is pure grace for anyone who has wrestled with questions of faith and belonging, offering hard-won insights on who we are and who we might yet become."—Kate Bowler, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!*



Monday, May 5 @ 7:30 PM

FPC Annapolis Sanctuary

Doors open at 7:15 pm and books will be available for purchase.

Go to fpcannapolis.link/jeffchu to reserve a ticket.

Change: Traumatic or Transformative

No one likes change.

**Change scares us and at times traumatizes.
Yet change is God's gift of renewal and rebirth.**

**When viewed through scripture, change is
transformative and life giving.**

**EAPCE's 2025 Annual Spring Event explores
resources and strategies supporting
transformative change for individuals and
communities of faith.**



May 5-7, 2025

**Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Road
Adamstown, MD 21710**



Speaking of Change... We've changed venues!

We've moved our spring event to the Claggett Conference and Retreat Center, an Episcopal ministry, nestled in the beautiful Monocacy River Valley in Frederick County, Maryland.

The Claggett Center:
<https://www.claggettcenter.org/>



Reverend Dr. Nancy
Meehan Yao

Our Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Nancy Meehan Yao serves as Associate General Presbyter with and for Shenandoah Presbytery, located in central Virginia and parts of West Virginia. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (D. Min.), she has served as co-pastor (with her husband, Rev. Jim Yao), and as temporary supply and interim pastor to churches in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. A former Early Childhood Educator and Head Start teacher, Nancy is fascinated with the ways faith formation, educational practices and change theory intersect, all to build communities of transformative faith and resilience. She is the author of Scripture and Adaptive Change, a Bible study for use in congregations. It is available anywhere books are sold.

Her husband Jim serves as pastor to Moorefield Presbyterian Church, in Moorefield, WV, where they live. They have two adult sons, and like to travel in their vacation time.

Eastern Region of the Association of Partners in Christian Education

**Tuesday Afternoon Workshops:
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Workshop #1: Enneagram Conflict Styles
in Times of Change**

led by Reverend Martha Spong, an ordained United Church of Christ pastor, ICF Professional Certified Coach (PCC), and an iEQ9 Accredited Enneagram Practitioner; she coaches clergy as well as church and denominational leaders in her private practice and with NEXT Church.



Using the Enneagram of Personality, we will explore the ways individuals may respond to the conflicts and challenges that are part of change. The nine core types described by the Enneagram react differently to feeling things are beyond their control. Each have something to offer within a faith community; when we understand and can draw on all three conflict styles, we become more adaptive and resilient. The workshop will include a brief introduction to the nine types, then a deeper dive into conflict styles, and an opportunity for self-evaluation.

Workshop #2: LIFT Experience

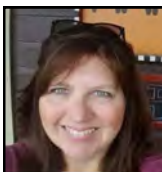
led by Liz Perraud who has served GenOn Ministries as a Regional Church Advisor (2004-2013) and since 2013 as Executive Director. She also brings over 35 years of volunteer experience leading in Christian education in the local church.



Participants will explore and experience an approach to bringing generations together around the table as a new way of doing Bible study for Sunday school or any time with people of all ages. Designed for two or more generations, but not necessarily all! LIFT (Living In Faith Together) is a flexible model created by GenOn Ministries with four components (breaking bread, studying God's Word, playing, and praying) connected by a common theme. In our time together, there will be a brief overview of intergenerational ministry and then we'll experience one LIFT session.

**Workshop #3: Transformation Leadership and Teaching:
Setting the Table for Transformation**

Kat is the Director of Children's Ministry at Woods Church in Severna Park, MD. She has served in all areas of formation and with churches from 2 to 4000 members.



Colleagues will learn about trauma informed leadership and teaching to help keep people engaged and available while in the learning zone. Discuss how to adapt or develop current programs for today's church members and leaders using the TEACH method. Kat is certified to teach Trauma Informed Teaching and Leadership through Breathe4Change. Spiritual practices, mindfulness practices, and social emotional learning are all part of engaging the post-covid congregation. Bring a curriculum or idea you have wanted to "re-imagine" or re-launch. Groups will learn protocols and best practices for holding trauma informed space.

**Tuesday Evening Workshops:
6:45-8:00 PM**

**Workshop #4: Ministry with People with
Dementia**

led by Dorothy Linthicum who was drawn to the spiritual and theological dimensions of dementia when both her parents had Alzheimer's Disease. Her book, Redeeming Dementia: Spirituality, Theology, Science (Church Publishing), written with co-author Janice Hicks, was published in November 2018. Earlier this year, she was presented an award for Lifelong Christian Formation Leadership by Forma, a group of formation leaders in the Episcopal Church. Together we will explore the topic of dementia, emphasizing the importance of the self, which is never destroyed despite the severity of a disease or its symptoms. By talking about dementia, we can ease fears, provide a better theological understanding, while embracing our vulnerability. Brené Brown, researcher and speaker, recently wrote, "Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability, and authenticity."



**Workshop #5: The Color of Compromise in Racial Equity
Ministry**

led by Cathay Snyder, Christian Education Director at Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, Mechanicsburg, PA



How should Christians understand our relationship to racism in an everchanging American society? First, we must do so through the lens of a history that has either been ignored, misunderstood, or never learned. Historian Jemar Tisby's *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism* is an accessible and thoughtful guide through American history and the Church's response to slavery and racial issues stemming from it. A good starting point for discussion. Workshop participants will be given an overview of Tisby's work and explore the various ways in which to utilize it within their faith community and racial equity ministry.

Workshop #6: Opening Doors to Discipleship

led by Priscilla Andre-Colton, a retired Certified Christian Educator from Alexandria, VA. She has served churches in Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. She was also one of the writers for Follow Me curriculum and Opening Doors content.



Opening Doors to Discipleship began as an ecumenical partnership between five Reformed denominations that developed a training and learning website for church leaders. In 2019, the Association of Partners in Christian Education took on updating and redesigning it. This workshop will be time spent exploring all that Opening Doors to Discipleship has to offer. Bring your laptop.

Event Schedule

Monday	May 5	
1:00 pm	Registration and Check-In	
3:00-5:00 pm	Welcome Party	
5:30 pm	Dinner	
7:00-7:45 pm	Opening Worship	Ken Page
7:45-8:30 pm	Plenary #1	Nancy Meehan Yao
8:45 pm	EAPCE Community Project	
Tuesday	May 6	
7:15 am	Morning Prayer in the Silo	
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:30 am	Group Building Drum Circle	
10:00 am	Plenary #2	Nancy Meehan Yao
11:00 am	Conversation: Structure Response & Protocol	Nancy Meehan Yao
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00-2:15 pm	Workshop #1	
	#1 Enneagram Conflict Styles in Times of Change	Martha Spong
	#2 LIFT Experience	Liz Perraud
	#3 Transformation Leadership and Teaching: Setting the Table for Transformation	Kat Green
3:00 pm	Books with Byron/Spiritual Reflection	
5:30-6:30 pm	Dinner	
6:45-8:00 pm	Workshop #2	
	#4 Ministry with People with Dementia	Dorothy Linthicum
	#5 The Color of Compromise in Racial Equity Ministry	Cathay Snyder
	#6 Opening the Doors to Discipleship	Priscilla Andre-Colton
8:15 pm	Business Meeting—Dessert Bar	
9:00 pm	Vespers	Ken Page
Wednesday	May 7	
7:15 am	Liturgical Yoga	
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:15 am	Plenary #3	Nancy Meehan Yao
10:30 am	Closing Worship with Communion	Ken Page



Enjoy the beautiful 268 acre Claggett Center campus during your stay with a Prayer Walk. Resources will be available during the event to guide you.

Electronic Event Registration

Deadline: April 8, 2025

<https://tinyurl.com/eapce2025-registration>

Scan with your camera



Scholarships are Available!

Deadline: March 10, 2025

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Join us as we recognize Retired Saint and Educator of the Year Honorees for 2025

EAPCE SPRING EVENT 2025 REGISTRATION

Name (as desired on your nametag) _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Church/Position _____

APCE Member? Yes _____ No _____

First time attendee? Yes _____

Are there any dietary or special needs? _____

WORKSHOP CHOICES: (circle one for each time slot)

1:00 PM #1 / #2 / #3 6:45 PM #4 / #5 / #6

Conference Fees:

(Includes Conference, Plenaries, Workshops,
2 nights lodging, 5 meals and snacks):

Double Room(\$425) _____

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Commuter.....\$170 3 day (meals included) _____

.....\$125 1 day (meals included) _____

Add \$40 for non-APCE members _____

Conference Fee Total _____

Roommate Preference _____

May EAPCE use your image in publicity? **Y** or **N**?

May EACPE share your name & email with other attendees? **Y** or **N**?

Cancellations: Cancellations can be honored only if made 10+ days before the event.

Please complete and mail registration with check payable to APCE Eastern Region to:

Virginia Callegary, EAPCE President
1007 Arran Rd.
Idlewylde, MD 21239

Deadline to Register: April 8, 2025

Questions: easternapce@gmail.com



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Registration information will be available by the end of January, 2025.

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Part-Time (2 consecutive nights and 6 meals)

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Part-Time (1 night and 3 meals)

Double Occupancy -- \$295.00
Single Occupancy -- \$320.00

Commuter

Full Event (no meals) -- \$230.00
Single Day (no meals) -- \$150.00

Virtual Option

4 plenaries (Thursday evening, Friday morning, Friday evening, Saturday morning) -- \$100.00
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Synod of the Mid-Atlantic 2025 Men's Conference

18 – 20 July 2025

Massanetta Springs Conference Center

712 Massanetta Springs Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



- Conference & Meals (No Lodging) **\$235 Per Person**
- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Hubler Lodge Double: **\$405 Per Person**
- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Hubler Lodge Single: **\$505 Per Person**
- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Richardson Double: **\$365 Per Person**
- Conference, Meals & Lodging; Richardson Single: **\$415 Per Person**

Theme:
The Transformation

Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Registration Details to follow - Questions: Point of Contact: Elder Victor H. Samuel, Vicdog880@gmail.com



Presbyterian Men's Conference 2025
Massanetta Springs Conference Center
712 Massanetta Springs Road
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April 8, 2025

"Do not be conformed to this world,[a] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

My Brothers in Christ, I pray that this message finds you in good health and spirit. I am Elder Reggie Fortune, the Conference Leader for the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference. The conference is scheduled for July 18 - 20, 2025. Our theme this year is, "Doing God's Will - The Transfiguration (based on Romans 12:2)."

I am excited by the program planned for this year and looking forward to our fellowship, learning, and worship experience. Please register early at the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's website (www.midatlpresmen.org) and bring a friend. In accordance with our theme, we have expanded our outreach effort this year to all of the Presbyteries in the Synod. As a result, we are anticipating a significant increase in participation. So, you don't want to miss this year's event! May God continue to bless and keep you!

Yours in Christ,

Elder Reginald Fortune
2025 Conference Leader
Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church
5109 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave NE
Washington, DC 20019



2025 Schedule

July 18-20, 2025

Fri, July 18

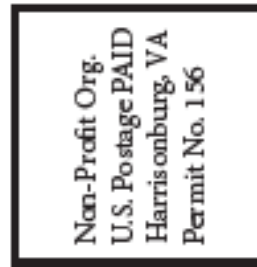
- 3:00 - 7:00 PM Registration
- 5:00 PM First timer orientation
- 5:00 PM Small group leader Instructions
- 6:00 PM Supper
- 7:10 PM Welcome to the conference & music
- 7:10 PM Preview & introductions
- 7:20 PM Sharing the theme - Romans 12:2
- 8:00 PM Small group discussions "What does the theme mean to you."
- 9:00 PM Personal time

Sat, July 19

- 7:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Welcome & music
- 8:15 AM Speaker 1 - Pastor ShaDaroil Lea
- 9:00 AM Small group discussion
- 9:45 AM Presentation from small groups to whole group
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:25 AM Group photo
- 10:45 AM Mission update
- 11:00 AM 2026 Conference dates
- 11:10 AM Business meeting
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Speaker 2 - Rev. Brian McCollum
- 1:45 PM Small group discussion
- 2:15 PM Presentation from Small Groups to whole group
- 2:45 PM Free time & activities
- 4:00 PM Watermelon social
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:30 AM Concert by The Sargent Wings of Sargent Memorial PC
- 8:45 PM Ice cream social
- 9:45 PM Personal time

Sun, July 20

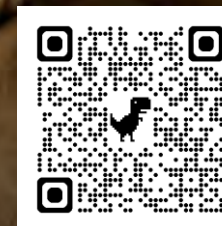
- 7:00 AM Silent communion - Rev. Mark Hinchcliff
- 7:45 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Check-out
- 9:00 AM Welcome & music
- 9:15 AM Speaker 3 - Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
- 10:00 AM Small group discussion
- 11:00 AM Worship - Rev. Mark Hinchcliff
- 12:00 PM Lunch & departure



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"Doing God's Will"
The Transfiguration
Romans 12:2



2025

Conference Speakers and Leaders

Worship Leader
REV Jimmie Hawkins
Director of the Presbyterian Church
(USA) Office of Public Witness,
Washington, DC



Worship Leader
REV BRIAN MCCOLLUM
Pastor at Sargent Memorial
PC, Washington, DC



Silent Communion Leader
REV MARK HINCHCLIFF
Spiritual director for
the Mid-Atlantic Synod
Men's Conference



In Concert
THE SARGENT WINGS
Chamber Orchestra
Washington, DC



2025 Conference Leader
ELDER REGINALD FORTUNE
Sargent Memorial PC



Music Leader
CLINT DAMUTH
Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



Worship Leader
PASTOR SHADAROIL LEA
The New Transformation
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REGISTRATION FORM

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Presbyterian Men's Conference
July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line: www.midatlpresmen.org/ **PayPal Available**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

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Emergency Contact Name _____

Relation _____ Phone _____

Roommate Request Name _____

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Church _____ Presbytery _____

Number of prior conferences attended _____

Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405
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Select Saturday Afternoon Activity

- ☐ Local Winery Tour
☐ Bowling
☐ Lavender Farm Visit
☐ Hiking the Massanetta grounds/free time

Total Cost

\$ _____ Total Conference Package

Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Men's Conference"

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Presbyterian Men

c/o Paul Willbanks, Treasurer

P.O. Box 72

Port Penn, DE 19731

Questions? Call 410-829-9161 or Email pmwillbanks@gmail.com

“Be Still My Soul”

**A Sabbath Retreat with Carol
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Why Sabbath, Why Now?

“Humans have created such a loud, fast tempo of perfection and production that we often forget--if we ever knew it at all--the rhythms designed for our well-being.”

April Fiet, *The Sacred Pulse*

Sabbath is a gift designed by God to give us rest and renewal in the midst of a frantic world. God knows we need it! Yet Christians have largely lost touch with this important part of our spiritual heritage. We can discover again its potential for re-forming our walk with God, with others, and with all creation.

A Gentle Retreat

During our time together we'll explore what it means to celebrate Sabbath. Through music, meditation, Bible study, and song we will “seek Sabbath” together, leaving ample time for rest and recreation. We will also have time for Baking challah (Sabbath bread); Sabbath-related crafts; Hiking; Swimming; Horse-back riding; Evening prayer; and Sunsets. Some of the questions we will explore include:

- Is Sabbath more than self-care? If so, how/why?
- Is Sabbath selfish, or does it renew us to live and serve?
- How can busy people realistically celebrate Sabbath?... Practical suggestions?
- Why is Sabbath about more like a party with people we love than a list of obligations?
- What are the real-life consequences of rejecting the gift of Sabbath? For us? For others? For the world?



Be Still My Soul will be led by Carol M. Bechtel, a gifted musician, author, and teacher. She has taught at Western Theological Seminary for many years, and she is the author of "Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight," the 2022-2023 national Horizons Bible Study.

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WINGERS Rising 2 nd - 4 th	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings		Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings
		Test Your Wings	Test Your Wings	Flap Your Wings		Test Your Wings	Test Your Wings
JUNIORS Rising 5 th & 6 th	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors
MIDLERS Rising 7 th - 9 th	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers	1-Week Middlers
	2-Week Middlers				2-Week Middlers		
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SENIORS Rising 9 th - 12 th	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors
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