

NEXT THURSDAY MAIL DEADLINE

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THURSDAY MAIL



MISSIONAL, PASTORAL, PROPHETIC

NCP CALENDAR

Apr 5	Global Mission Network Mtg
Apr 8	NCP Confirmation Info Session
Apr 12	Earth Care Network Mtg
Apr 28 - May 1	Dialogue for Peaceful Change
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May 17	Congregation Led Worship Seminar
May 19	Action Item Dialogue 7:00p (Zoom)
May 20	Stated Presbytery Meeting, 5:00p (in person)

More detailed information about each event, flyers and registration may be found on the <u>Events page of the website</u>

National Capital Presbytery

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VIDEO MESSAGE

April 3, 2025

from Rev. John Molina-Moore and Heather Deacon -Two Budgets & Giving



Two Budgets & Giving

VIDEO: Message from the JOHN & HEATHER

April 4, 2025





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.** <u>**REGISTER HERE**</u>! Deadline to register – May 2

April 3, 2025



Greetings in Christ,

If you attended last week's virtual Presbytery meeting, you had a first-row seat to how our connectional church listens to and acts upon guidance of the Spirit. You witnessed as we wrestled with amendments and considered exceptions, validated calls, and remembered saints who have gone on before us. Tucked in between the recognizing of colleagues transitioning to new roles and discerning the call process for another, you heard from Rev. Jeri Fields, chair of Leadership Council, regarding mission giving.

As you know, National Capital Presbytery has two budgets: Operating and Mission. The Operating Budget is primarily funded by per capita and the Mission Budget is primarily funded by unified mission giving donations, aka mission giving. As the final 2024 Mission Giving numbers were reviewed, both the Budget & Finance Committee and Leadership Council felt that it was important to come to you, the body, with the results. For 2024, we projected we would receive \$386,000 in mission giving, a 4% decrease over 2023. We actually received \$326,600, which was a 19% decrease over 2023 giving. Fortunately, our Budget & Finance Committee closely monitors giving numbers and was able to alert committees in the fourth quarter of last year so that that were able to reduce their spending.

Because of the significant drop in 2024 donations, we feel it is prudent to proactively reduce mission spending in 2025. Already, our mission committees are working to reduce projected spending by 6%. We plan to review this in April/May against donations already received to determine if further cuts are warranted. Depending on how that review goes, there may be a need to bring a revised Mission budget to the May Presbytery for approval.

None of our congregations are immune to the shifting economic landscape; nor is the Presbytery. Despite uncertainty, we remain committed to our mission of empowering our congregations to be missional, pastoral and prophetic. One of the key tools we have in living out this mission is our Mission Budget which is responsible for grants to congregations, grants to leaders, allyship training, discernment work, presbytery-wide youth activities, college ministries, congregational vitality tools, new worshipping communities, and the list goes on and on! We ask that you hold our Mission Budget in prayer as we reflect and discern the most faithful response to a reduction in resources.

If you have any questions regarding our budgets or our giving, please feel reach out!

Blessings,

Heather Deacon



Summary of the 321st Stated Meeting of National Capital Presbytery

National Capital Presbytery held a stated meeting via Zoom teleconference on March 25. The Moderator, **Elder Lou Durden**, convened the meeting with prayer.

During the meeting the presbytery:

- Granted an **exception** allowing the Rev. Olivia Patterson to become an installed Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria.
- Acted on ten **amendments to the** *Book of Order*, and one **ecumenical agreement** proposed by the General Assembly:
 - Approved:
 - 24-B, G-1.0104, "Other Forms of Corporate Witness (Worshiping Communities, etc.)" – allowing presbyteries to provide for participation and representation of worshiping communities other than chartered congregations through ruling elder commissioners
 - 24-D, G-2.0405b, "Temporary Pastoral Relationships" allowing a maximum term of 36 months for temporary pastoral relationships, before renewal
 - 24-E, G-2.0405b, "Temporary Pastoral Relationships" forbidding the use of non-disclosure agreements when a relationship ends
 - 24-F, G-2.0610, "Accommodations to Particular Circumstances" allowing a presbytery to omit sensitive or personal information from its minutes regarding the need for alternate means ordination examinations for particular candidates
 - 24-G, G-2.0901, "Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships "– forbidding the use of non-disclosure agreements when a pastoral relationship is dissolved
 - 24-H, G-3.0106, "General Principles of Councils" requiring councils to adopt and implement an "adults with vulnerabilities" policy
 - 24-J, G-3.0501, "The General Assembly: Composition and Responsibility" adjusting the formula for assigning commissioners to presbyteries (NCP will now be afforded 4 ruling elder commissioners and 4 teaching elder commissioners, instead of 3 each)
 - 24-K, D-7.0501, "Investigation: Referral to Investigating Committee" reminding the clerk of duty under G-4.0302 to "report to civil legal authorities any knowledge of harm, or risk of harm, related to the physical abuse, neglect, and/or sexual molestation or abuse of a minor or adult lacking mental capacity."
 - 24-L, D-7.0902b, "Allegations of Sexual Abuse" restore language omitted in rewritten Church Discipline section clarifying that administrative leave is paid, with the cost borne by the employing entity whenever possible
 - 24-M, "Episcopalian-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries" allows for the limited exchange of ministers between the PCUSA and the Episcopal Church
 - Disapproved:
 - 24-I, G-3.0302d, "Relationships with Synod and General Assembly" removes the requirement that overtures to the General Assembly originating in presbyteries receive one or more concurrences from other presbyteries in order

to be considered

- Recognized transitions in our community:
 - The **Rev. Dr. Chris Deacon** has become the new installed Pastor at Laurel Presbyterian Church.
 - The **Rev. Sung Lee** has been serving as Stated Supply Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church, Fairfax.

The next stated meeting will be held at National Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 20.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk

April 3, 2025



Greetings People,

Continued changes are in effect. We are all feeling them and trying to be prepared for them. This is hard and can be faithful discipleship. I want to highlight a few that your NCP are in the midst of now.

Witnessing the changes and re-organizing of the PCUSA Louisville organization. If you are on any zoom meetings with colleagues and leaders from the "mother ship" you will see Interim Unified Agency as the identifier. This is showing up through job loses, re-orgs of offices, and over-hauls in how we are connected. We are looking to host a Town Hall on May 20th, before the in-person Stated Presbytery Meeting, to learn what is going on and possible changes local congregations and your Presbytery office are looking at.

The current DMV reality in the lives of our church members is very present through our prayers and ministries. Your Presbytery will continue to provide Listen and Prayer (today) every first Thursday of the month and Listen and Learn on the third Thursday of the month, noon to 1pm. Contact <u>my desk</u> or <u>Dina Bickel</u> for zoom info.

The committees that work with the Unified Mission Budget that source: CATs, Refugee and Immigration needs, MissionInsite data, Dismantling Racism programming, Intercultural Ministry Support, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, College Ministries, Mission and Congregation Grants, Leadership Scholarships, Emerging Needs, etc. are working towards streamline the common grants webpage. Please be sure if you are interested in any types of Equipping Grants for Congregations, Mission, and Leadership scholarships, as available, to contact <u>my desk</u> or Mark Gaskill. We are currently in the process of re-doing the application and would not want folks to have to do more work than one might need to. And we would want to make sure there are funds available before you were to fill out the applications as well.

Upcoming Presbytery Wide youth and young adult activities are being posted. April 8th, the NCP wide Confirmation Information night, 7:30pm on zoom. June 1st, NCP wide Youth Gathering, 1-4pm, location TBA. The theme is on identity of praying with your feet through intentional and fun ways. We look forward to gathering together.

Peace and Courage, Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe

GABRIELLE DOWERY TEMPORARY NCP STAFF



We are excited to welcome **Gabrielle Dowery** to our staff as our temporary Finance & Office Administrative Assistant. Gabrielle will be filling in for the next 3 months while Tempest Davis is on family leave. You can reach Gabrielle during normal business hours, Tuesday-Friday by emailing <u>office@thepresbytery.org</u>.

NCP CONFIRMATION INFO SESSION

Join the Conversation: A Shared Confirmation Class Opportunity

Are you a leader in an NCP congregation or worshipping community looking for support and collaboration in Confirmation planning? Join us for an important discussion about a shared Confirmation class series throughout the Presbytery!

When: Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Where: Zoom

This collaborative model utilizes the Big God and Big Questions curriculum along with additional resources, offering a meaningful and engaging experience for 8th – 11th graders. The NCP Confirmation Program will run from September 2025 – April 2026.

If you're interested in participating or learning more, we'd love to have you in the conversation!

Questions? Contact Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe at <u>tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org</u>.

Let's work together and support the faith journeys of our youth! Register **<u>HERE</u>** to receive the Zoom link!

CONGREGATION LED WORSHIP SEMINAR

SAVE THE DATE!

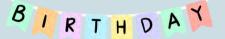
Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: TBD Led by your NCP staff and other leaders within the presbytery Coffee, tea, and snacks provided

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! Registration coming soon.



HAPPY



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GLOBAL MISSION NETWORK

The **Global Mission Network** is a welcoming community of congregations engaged in global missions and interested to learn more about NCP mission activities. Are you interested to learn about global mission activities across the presbytery? Join us for bimonthly meetings where we share mission experiences with global mission and zoom with PC USA Mission coworkers and partners. We meet via Zoom. The next meeting will be **April 5, 2025**. For announcements and Zoom link contact Colette Ramm, <u>coletteramml@gmail.com</u>



EARTH CARE NETWORK

The next meeting of the **Earth Care Network** will be **Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM via Zoom**. For more information and access to the meeting, visit the <u>Earth Care Page</u>.

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 <u>https://massanettasprings.org/programs/calledtogether</u>

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: <u>https://massanettasprings.org/programs/bcmc</u>



Dialogue for Peaceful Change Training

April 28th - May 1st, Monday - Thursday First Presbyterian Church Howard County, Columbia, MD Registration Deadline is April 11th, 2025

This training opportunity is in collaboration with Baltimore and New Castle Presbytery With gratitude to the financial support from MCC, MRT, and CDC of National Capital Presbytery!

Why this particular training is for you? There is a perceived and experienced rise in church leadership exhaustion. Communities of care are noticing that there can be two supportive practices to move through this exhaustion and isolation. One practice is to deepen personal relationships with colleagues who are on similar professional and congregational journeys. A second practice is to strengthen one's response to change and the anxiety of change that tends to lead to exhaustion. We recognize this particular training to be a helpful bucket of tools in leading through change and conflict.

Dialogue for Peaceful Change (DpC) is a step-by-step training to support practices out of conflict and into restorative relationships. Trained DpC facilitators will lead the training

Schedule is Monday – Thursday 9am to 5pm with two tea breaks and a one-hour lunch each day. Lunch is provided each day.

Space is limited so register early! This is a small group working process where you will be in real time practices of mediation.

We invite you to consider these questions in discerning to participate in this training:

- 1. What are the ways you navigate conflict in your congregational or community settings now?
- 2. What would you want to gain from this training?

Cost for NCP members: \$250 for the training that goes to the program and food costs of the week. If interested in overnight options, we have secured a fixed rate in a nearby hotel. You can register at the Presbytery of Baltimore event page site. Register Here

> Scholarships and or questions Contact Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, <u>tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org</u> with questions.

2025 HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

- 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)



SEXUAL Misconduct CHILD SEXUAL Abuse Prevention

• FINANCIAL Boundaries

SELF-CARE

SELF-AWARENESS

CONNECTING TO AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN BOUNDARIES



Questions? <u>Contact Blair Moorhead</u> <u>bmoorhead@ipcmclean.org</u>



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.

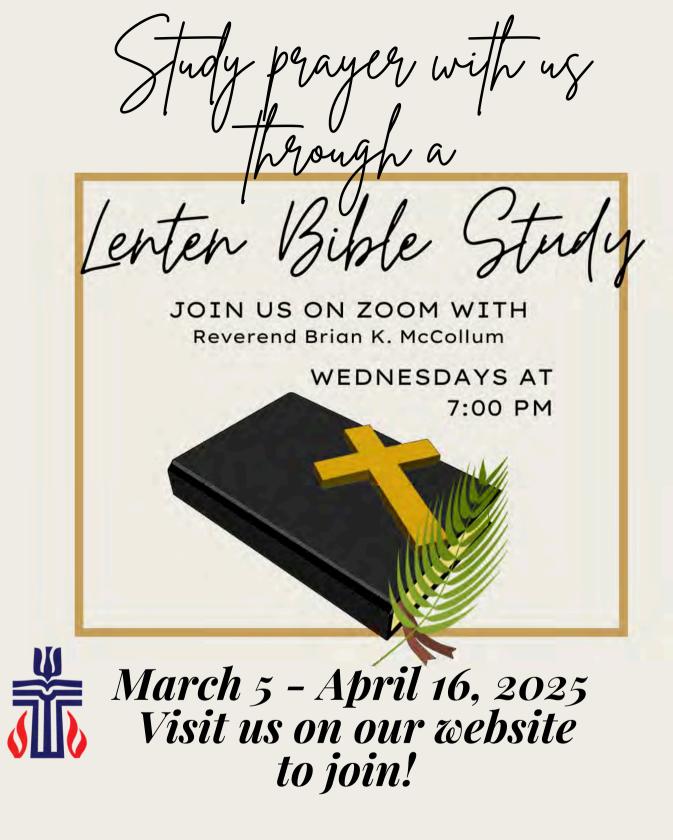
RESULTS: AT THE END OF NINE MONTHS YOU MIGHT DISCERN AS A CHURCH THAT:

- 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.





<u>https://sargent-memorial-pc.org/Lenten-</u> <u>bible-study/</u>

GOD'S GHOSTWRITERS: ENSLAVED CHRISTIANS & THE MAKING OF THE BIBLE



Thursday, April 3 at 7PM

George Mason University Fenwick Main Reading Room



Learn more and RSVP through QR Code or at <u>tinyurl.com/GODSGHOSTWRITERS</u> **Free of Charge**



ENSLAVED CHRISTIANS and the MAKING of the BIBLE



CANDIDA MOSS

For the past two thousand years, Christian tradition, scholarship, and pop culture have credited the authorship of the New Testament to a select group of men: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul. But hidden behind these named and sainted individuals are a cluster of unnamed, enslaved coauthors and collaborators.

On Thursday, April 3 at 7:00PM award-winning biblical scholar Candida Moss hosts a live discussion and shares insights from her book, <u>God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the</u> <u>Bible</u>. Her groundbreaking research tells the "monumental and eyeopening" story of how enslaved people created, gave meaning to, and spread the message of the New Testament, shaping the very foundations of Christianity in ways both subtle and profound.

This book talk will be held at George Mason University in the Fenwick Main Reading Room. It is hosted in partnership with Fairfax Presbyterian Church, GMU's Department of Religious Studies, Study for the Study of Religion and GMU's Catholic Campus Ministry and Arise Campus Ministry.

This event is free of charge!

ENSLAVED CHRISTIANS and the MAKING of the BIBLE

MODELS OF Faith-Based Engagement WITH PUBLIC LIFE

Saturday, April 5, 2025 1pm - 5pm

Wesley Theological Seminary 4500 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20016

Panelists: Models of Engagement



Gov. and Faiths Model



Dr. Beverly Goines **Bishop Barber Model**



Faith-Based Organizing



Interfaith Dialogue Model





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Free Event but Must RSVP

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Workshop Leaders





VANISHING

The works of Holly Cole on display at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm through Friday, April 11

Holly Cole's exhibit, "Vanishing," honors and highlights the vanishing creatures of the animal kingdom. Bush Hill Presbyterian Church is partnering with Cole during Lent to bring light to the rapidly disappearing habitats, the trophy hunting of wild animals, and changing climates of the natural world.

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CLIMATE

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.



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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

50th ANNIVERSARY

JAZZ CAFE 27 SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2025

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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 <u>Time</u> 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



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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.

AN EVENING WITH DETER MANAGEMENT AT IMMANUEL PRESEVANCE HURCH

"His guitar work is breath-taking, his lyrics mind-spinning, his singing soulsoothing and his feet-on-the-ground optimism nothing short of healing." -Marilyn Rea-Beyer, music director, WUMB Radio, Boston

MAY IO SAT 7 PM



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All proceeds to benefit Share of McLean, a communitybased nonprofit that assists our neighbors who face food insecurity, economic hardships or related challenges.

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/



<u>Reverend Dr. Nancy</u> <u>Meehan Yao</u>

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 copastor (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 Bi-

ble 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 "reimagine" 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 Teach- ing: 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		

Eastern Association of Partners in Christian Education



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Electronic Event Registration

Deadline: April 8, 2025

https://tinyurl.com/eapce2025-registration

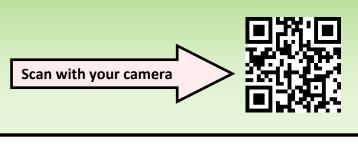




Scholarships are Available!

Deadline: March 10, 2025

https://tinyurl.com/eapce2025-scholarship



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Deadline to Register: April 8, 2025

Questions: easternapce@gmail.com

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Contact Rev. Merritt Schatz <u>merritt.schatz@gmail.com</u> to schedule or for more information *Scheduling subject to availability and transportation





SAVE THE DATE PRESERVERIAN PW SYNOD SUMMER GATHERING Thursday, June 12 – Sunday, June 15, 2025

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<u>SAVE THE DATE</u> 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)
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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



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