

NEXT THURSDAY MAIL DEADLINE

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May 15, 2025



MISSIONAL, PASTORAL, PROPHETIC

NCP CALENDAR

- May 17 Congregation Led Worship Seminar
- May 20 Town Hall with PCUSA Interim Unified Agency, 3:30p

Stated Presbytery Meeting, 5:00p (in person)

June 2 Thursday Mail Deadline

- Aug 23 Church Communications & Marketing Seminar
- begins Antiracism as a Way in Sept of Being

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

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MAY 20TH PRESBYTERY MEETING & TOWN HALL 322nd Stated G

Our next **stated presbytery meeting** will be Tuesday, May 20th at National Presbyterian Church beginning at 5:00 PM with **Rev. Billy Kluttz** providing music and **Rev. John Molina-Moore** preaching.







Prior to the meeting, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM, **Rev. Denise** Anderson and Rev. Ellen Sherby from the PCUSA Interim Unified Agency, will provide updates on Global Ecumenical Partnerships. Congregations who have regularly and interested in participating in Global Mission Partnerships and PCUSA Mission Co-Workers, this is for you! Learn how the National office changes can inform financial and relational decisions for your congregations. Register for the meeting <u>HERE</u>.







CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION POLICY AND IMPACT

Many of us have trained and prepared for how to protect some of our immigrant brothers and sisters and neighbors. Now some are asking questions about the implications about policies we have adopted for our staff in light of the changes in policies and practices currently. On May 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at the Festival Center, we are having a session with several attorneys who specialize in the area. They will be available to address questions we might have. This is for clergy and church leaders. If you have questions about the event, please call Rose Wayland at 202-270-1106. This event is sponsored by concerned NCP clergy.

THE 227TH GA NOMINATION PROCESS

Consider serving as a GA Commissioner at the next PCUSA General Assembly – June 23 to July 2, 2026 in Milwaaukee, WI. Seeking teaching elders, ruling elders and a young adult advisory delegate. Nomination information may be found on the <u>NCP website</u>.



CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING IN 2025 AND BEYOND

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. Register <u>HERE</u>.

2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING & RETREAT



We are pleased to announce that our 2026 Continuing Education Gathering & Retreat will be back at the Hyatt Regency Cheasapeake Bay in Cambridge Maryland on March 2–4, 2026. We will offer early bird pricing with the fee increasing on December 1! Programming and speaker will be determined at a later date. Register through <u>NCP Events</u>!





VENDORS WANTED

Hope Presbyterian Church will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, May 17th with a pop-up market and outdoor worship on Sunday May, 18. They are also looking for vendors! If interested, contact Jean Howard at 240-825-0557. Visit their <u>website</u> for more information.



ORDINATION SERVICE



National Capital Presbytery invites you to a worship service celebrating the ordination of **Rebekah (Givens) Greniven** as a Minister Member of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 1:30 PM at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church.

YOUNG MEN OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery Men of the Mid-Atlantic Synod want to hear about you! We invite you to <u>TELL US</u> <u>WHO YOU ARE!</u>

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



EARTH CARE NETWORK

Peace and justice are God's plan for all creation. The Earth and all creation belong to God. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this Earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. The NCP Earth Care network comprises Presbytery congregations that have successfully applied to be Earth Care Congregations under the PC(USA) program. The Network gathers representatives from NCP Earth Care Congregations for

support, to exchange ideas, to recruit and help new members, and to work together on larger issues affecting the Presbytery. The NCP Earth Care Network administers the Power to Change Grant Program through the Mission Coordination Committee (MCC) whereby congregations can get up to \$1000 in matching funds for energy saving projects. NCP Earth Care Network members are eager to help any congregation interested in becoming certified or applying for a grant. Contact: Elder David Kepley, Kepley.david@gmail.com Attached to the Thursday Mail are two new projects, the first of several in the works, that the ECN hopes will be useful to Presbytery congregations. Visit the Earth Care Network page of NCP's website for more information.



MASSANETTA SPRINGS



Wilderness Promise Bite & Church Music Conference Lity 20 26: 2025 **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>