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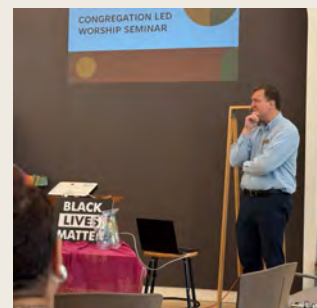
June 19, 2025



MISSIONAL, PASTORAL, PROPHETIC

A LOOK BACK AT SOME NCP EVENTS

Congregation Led Worship Seminar



May Presbytery Meeting



The Thursday Mail is on
vacation and will return on
August 7th.

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Transitions in World Missions within the Interim Unified Agency (IUA)



Greetings People,

Shifts have occurred in the organizing of PC(USA) when it comes to how we may have understood our relationships with missionaries and mission co-workers, engagement with advocacy, and giving. For now, the denomination's organizational structure is working with Interim Unified Agency and PC(USA), a corporation.

This brief article is to provide some stepping stones to understand what is the transition in World Missions within the Interim Unified Agency (IUA).

Last month, at the presbytery meeting, we were able to host a **Town Hall** with leadership of IUA, Rev. Denise Anderson (Director of Compassion, Peace, and Justice) and Rev. Ellen Sherby ellen.sherby@pcusa.org (Associate Director for World Mission's Global Connections) to learn how World Mission is being re-organized as a denomination and what has occurred in changes with mission co-workers.



We recommend that each of your congregations go to the **MissionConnections** page where you can find the name of the mission co-worker you may be in a financial relationship and find out what their current status is within the transition. At your presbytery office, we know that many

of our congregations have long standing relationships with mission co-workers but our particular office does not have access to all the relationships specifically. You may find one of two possibilities; that the particular mission co-worker has ended their time of service with the PC(USA) as of March 25, 2025, or you may find that the person is now assigned to be a Global Ecumenical Liaison.

For those who have financially supported the work of World Mission PC(USA), where should that support be directed now?

The PC(USA) remains committed to a global presence, so financial support remains critical moving forward. For years, the current funding model for mission co-workers has been unsustainable due to declining PC(USA) membership and its impact on mission giving, coupled with rising costs. [Contributions to Account E132192](#) will sustain the work of the new Global Ecumenical Liaisons. Mid-councils and congregations are encouraged to reach out to their Stewardship and Funds Development (SFD) Liaison for guidance in discerning their continued support for global mission. Our SFD liaison is Sy Hughes; sy.hughes@pcusa.org , Stewardship Officer for the East Coast.

For our presbytery, there are grants available through the **Global Mission Team** for congregations that continue to be the witness and friendship of Jesus Christ in partnerships around the world. Please go to the [Global Mission Network page](#) for regular updates on connectional global mission opportunities.

This brings me to how your **Unified Mission Giving** (separate from per capita) is connected to our impact with global mission as a presbytery and as a denomination. When you make your Unified Mission gift to National Capital Presbytery, we send 14.8% of every dollar you give to PC(USA) mission support, currently known as Interim Unified Agency, which includes global mission and ecumenical partnerships. The remaining funds go to how local, national, and international mission is engaged with by our congregations. Examples within NCP include global mission partnership grants, presbytery-wide confirmation program, college ministry support at George Mason and University of Maryland, refugee ministries, allyship trainings, and congregational vitality development to name a few.

Please continue to reach out to my desk and all of us at the office OR your friends throughout the denomination, as we all work to stay as informed as possible amid the changes.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe



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Upcoming Events

2025/26

AUG
23

**Church Comms
& Marketing**
Workshop

OCT
18

It's Not Weird
Start a Compelling
Missional Business

SEP
8

**Antiracism -
Laity**
Six sessions

OCT
TBD

**NCTC
Investment
Workshop**
Zoom - (coming soon)

SEP
9

**Antiracism -
Clergy**
Six sessions

OCT
25

**Allyship
Training**
in-person

SEP
14

**Pastors'
Hangout**
Social Hour

NOV
16

**Missional
Incubator**
Implementation

SEP
18

**Missional
Incubator**
Who, What, Why

NOV
18

**Presbytery
Meeting**
Zoom, Budget

SEP
22

**Action Item
Dialogue**
TBD - Meeting

NOV
21-23

**Keep
Awake**
registration now open

SEP
23

**Presbytery
Meeting**
New Commissioner
Training & Business Mtg

FEB
3-5

**Missional
Incubator**
Immersion

SEP
28

Youth Event
Presbytery-Wide
(coming soon)

MAR
2-4

**Continuing Ed.
Gathering &
Retreat**

→ For more information and to register -
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Graham Bardsley, retired
Mick Burns, retired
Scott Carlson
Laura Cunningham
Molly Douthett
Bruce Hartwig, retired
LeAnn Hodges
Su Pong Hwang, retired
Billy Kluttz
Jim McDonald, retired
Don Meeks
Dwight Peace
Scott Ramsey
Christine Reimers
James Sledge
Lyman Smith, retired
Alice Tewell
Minh Towner
Angela Tyler-Williams
Scott Winnette



Nat Amarquaye, CRE
Eric Beckman
John Boyles, retired
Nancy Clark, retired
Rob Erickson, retired
Laura Fitzgibbon
Mark Gaskill
Norm Gordon
Susan Graceson
Juan Guthrie
Garrett Hoffman
Carolyn Johnson, retired
Connie Jordan-Haas
Eugene Kendall, retired
Gyeong Mok Kim
Sung Lee
Derek Longbrake
Chris Looker
Tara Spuhler McCabe
Riley McDonald, retired
John Molina-Moore
Truman Nabors
Katherine Nichols, CRE
Walter Owensby, retired
John Peterson, retired
Bill Phillippe, retired
Suzanne Rudiselle, retired
Knox Swayze
Charles Van Gorder
Robbie Wellington
Susan Wilder



Samuel Atiemo, retired
Matt Baker
Donald Benjamin, retired
Jean Brown
J.C. Cadwallader
Tempest Davis
William Davnie
Jen Dunfee
David Gray
Christian Halverson, retired
Ruth Hamilton, retired
Robert Harris, retired
Maggie Hayward
Diane Hendricks
Ann Herlin
Patrick Hunnicutt
Elenora Giddings Ivory, retired
Sun Mook Jhee
Chul Kim
Shannon Kiser
William Kosanovich, Jr.
Matt Nabinger
Gail Nelson, retired
Deborah Dodson Parsons
Jacob Rodawla
Mary Rodgers
Steven Swanson, retired
Beverly Swayze
Donna Weddle, retired
Juli Wilson-Black
John Yoo
Yeo Cheon Yun, retired



THE 227TH GA NOMINATION PROCESS

Consider serving as a GA Commissioner at the next PCUSA General Assembly - June 23 to July 2, 2026 in Milwaukee, WI. Seeking teaching elders, ruling elders and a young adult advisory delegate. Nomination information may be found on the [NCP website](#).



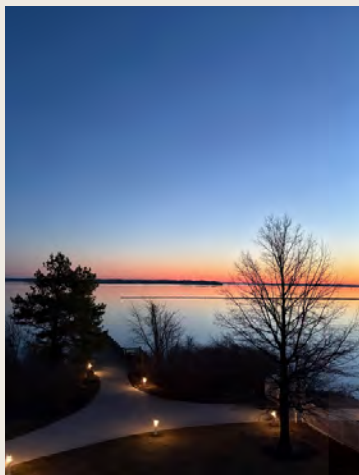
CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING IN 2025 AND BEYOND

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 [HERE](#).

2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING & RETREAT



We are pleased to announce that our 2026 Continuing Education Gathering & Retreat will be back at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake 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 [NCP Events](#)!



FAREWELL TO PASTOR ELIZABETH & THE BROOKENS-STURMAN FAMILY



Brambleton Presbyterian Church invites congregations and clergy of the presbytery to **Pastor Elizabeth's Farewell Celebration** on **Sunday, June 29, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Brambleton Presbyterian Church**. Following the service, a reception will be held featuring a delicious spread, photo booth and opportunity to say goodbye. - Register by clicking [HERE](#)

INTRODUCING CHURCH ASSISTANT: A THOUGHTFUL TOOL FOR FAITHFUL MINISTRY

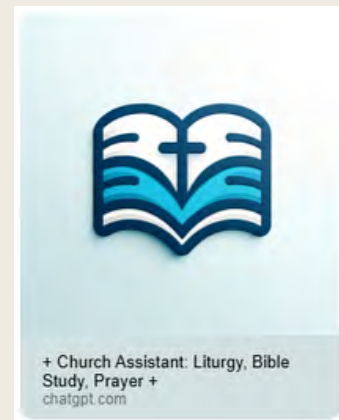
Created by a Presbyterian minister and Protestant chaplain in conjunction with Open-AI, Church Assistant is an AI-powered support tool designed to strengthen the everyday work of churches, pastors, secretaries, and congregants. Rooted in the rhythms of worship, prayer, and service, this digital assistant is not a replacement for human ministry—but a resource to aid it.

Whether you're preparing a sermon, planning worship, writing liturgy, leading Bible study, crafting prayers, or coordinating church administration, Church Assistant offers thoughtful, theologically grounded support with just a few clicks. It's a tool shaped by faith, designed for ministry in the real world.

Curious or cautious? That's okay. This is about using technology faithfully—to free us for deeper connection, not distraction. To serve Christ more fully, not less.

Try it. Test it. Ask hard questions. See how it might serve you in your calling.

If you or your congregation are interested in scheduling a tutorial feel free to contact Crawford Brubaker at brubaker.crawford@gmail.com



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>

CAMP HANOVER

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY @ **CAMP HANOVER**



Interested in camp ministry?

Apply now to become a Camp Hanover MVP! MVP stands for **mission, vocation, and practice**. MVPs are paid interns who live and work at Camp Hanover for nine to twelve months while developing skills to help in their futures. Applications are being accepted now for the 2025-2026 year which begins in August. Learn more at www.camphanover.org/about/mvp/.