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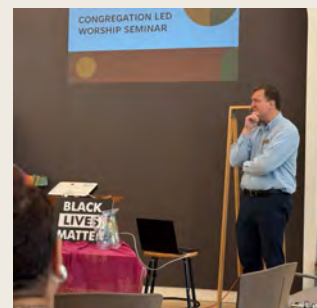
June 19, 2025



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 7<sup>th</sup>.

### National Capital Presbytery

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 -  
[thepresbytery.org/events](https://thepresbytery.org/events)

Questions?  
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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 227<sup>TH</sup> 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](#).



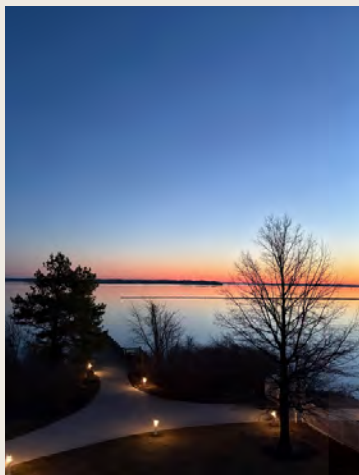
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## 2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING & RETREAT



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

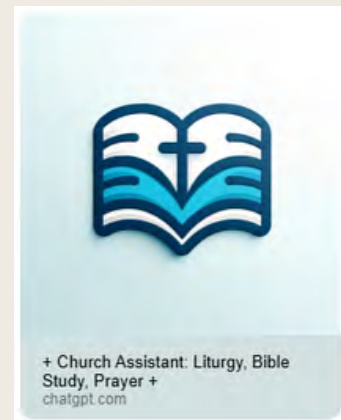
Created by a Presbyterian minister and Protestant chaplain in conjunction with Open-AI, Church Assistant is an AI-powered support tool designed to strengthen the everyday work of churches, pastors, secretaries, and congregants. Rooted in the rhythms of worship, prayer, and service, this digital assistant 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](mailto: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/](http://www.camphanover.org/about/mvp/).

## NCP NOMINATIONS FOR 227<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*(June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026; Milwaukee, WI)*

Dear Members of National Capital Presbytery:

Please read the following for information about the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) and the NCP nomination process. We hope you will prayerfully consider applying and/or seeking those equipped to serve in this essential function in the larger church.

Our presbytery will be represented by the following distribution of delegates:

- 4 Teaching Elders (including NCP Moderator)
- 4 Ruling Elders (including NCP Vice-Moderator)
- 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)
- 2 Alternates (1 Ruling Elder, 1 Teaching Elder).

Transportation to the General Assembly, and room and board are reimbursed for commissioners and YAADS in accordance with General Assembly policy.

### **Nomination Process**

- **Ruling elders** - Click **HERE** for RE form
  - Nominees must be endorsed by their church's Session and will have preferably: a) been a member of their congregation for at least three years; and b) attended at least two presbytery meetings in a two-year period
  - Nominees must submit their forms to their church's Clerk or Moderator of Session. After the Session has endorsed the nomination, the Clerk or Moderator shall complete and submit the form electronically to [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto:nominating@thepresbytery.org) **no later than September 24, 2025.**
  - Ruling elders must also provide at least one (and up to three) reference letters, which shall be sent by the person making the recommendation to [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto:nominating@thepresbytery.org) by **September 24, 2025.**
- **Teaching elders** - Click **HERE** for TE form
  - Potential delegates may self-nominate by completing the form and submitting it in electronic format only to [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto:nominating@thepresbytery.org) **no later than September 24, 2025.**
  - Nominees must have a minimum of three years of membership in the presbytery, a record of regular attendance (~~at least half~~) of presbytery meetings, and demonstrated service to the presbytery.
  - Letters of reference are welcome but not required.



- Young Adult Advisory Delegates - Click [HERE](#) for YAAD form
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  - YAADs must also provide at least one (and up to three) reference letters, which shall be sent by the person making the recommendation to [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto:nominating@thepresbytery.org) **by September 24, 2025.**
- All candidates must provide a picture in electronic format

Timeline Review:

- September 24, 2025: All forms and recommendations due to the NCP Nominating Committee
- October 1, 2025: NCP Nominating Committee approves slate of nominees to be posted on the NCP website by October 10, 2025
- November 4, 2025: Forms due for those seeking to be nominated from the floor of Presbytery during the November 18, 2025 meeting
- November 18, 2025: Delegates approved at Presbytery Meeting

Please see the presbytery web site for additional criteria that the NCP Nominating committee will consider to select nominees that are best positioned to serve and honor the diversity and abundance of gifts in our presbytery. Please hold this committee and our nominees in prayer, and thank you for your faithful consideration.

If you have questions, please contact us at [nominating@thepresbytery.org](mailto:nominating@thepresbytery.org)



# CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING *in 2025 & beyond*

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

with lunch (\$10 suggested donation)

**Lewinsville Presbyterian Church**

1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22101

» **REGISTER HERE** «

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**John Falke** (aka Johnny Flash), is the Founder & CEO of **Johnny Flash Productions**, a web and digital marketing agency near Washington DC that serves church, non-profits and small businesses. Prior to that John ran communications & marketing full-time at a church for over a decade and helped it grow from 500 to over 2500 in weekly attendance.



Questions? Contact Dina Bickel - [dbickel@thepresbytery.org](mailto:dbickel@thepresbytery.org)



THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

# Antiracism as a Way of Being

LED BY **NEXT CHURCH** COACHES



Rev. Christopher J.  
Holland II



Chip Low

**This is for lay people from NCP congregations to take their antiracism learning and go deeper.**

**Completing SNS Allyship Training or equivalent is a prerequisite.**

## LAITY COHORT 6-SESSION ONLINE TRAINING

### SCHEDULE

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Monday, Sept 8**

**Wednesday, Sept 24**

**Monday, Oct 6**

**Monday, Oct 20**

**Monday, Nov 3**

**Monday, Nov 17**

**Register [HERE](#)**  
**Space is limited**

**NEXT Church describes the training as:  
"Antiracism is not a program, a mission project, or even this course. Antiracism is a way of being."**

**This training equips participants to move from education to action in our personal and congregational lives.**





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## CLERGY COHORT 6-SESSION ONLINE TRAINING

### SCHEDULE

10:00 am to 11:30 am

**Tuesday, Sept 9**

**Thursday, Sept 25**

**Thursday, Oct 9**

**Thursday, Oct 23**

**Thursday, Nov 6**

**Thursday, Nov 20**

**Register [HERE](#)  
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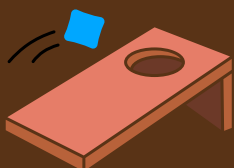
*Pastors'*

*Firepit, yard games &  
a good time!*

# Hangout

**Sunday,  
September 14, 2025  
7:00 PM**

**Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church**  
2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria VA 22300



**BRING A SNACK TO SHARE & A YARD CHAIR**



Register [HERE](#)

Questions? - Contact John Molina-Moore - [jmolinamoore@thepresbytery.org](mailto:jmolinamoore@thepresbytery.org)



# Upcoming MISSIONAL INCUBATOR EVENTS 2025 - 2026

*Explore ways to use your existing facility to create fresh expressions of church that build new communities.*

*All events have a suggested donation of \$10 to offset food costs unless otherwise noted.*

## **18** **2025** | **WHO, WHAT, AND WHY?** **SEPT**

Thursday, September 18, 6:00 -8:00 PM  
Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, Sterling, VA

The future of your church will be shaped by how you answer three simple questions:

- “Who are you here to engage and serve?”
- “What are you doing to engage your who?”
- “Why are you doing what you do?”

This evening event is designed to help you and possibly a few others from your church wrestle with the implementation of your mission as it relates to your “who”, “what”, and “why”. This will also be an opportunity to evaluate your mission plans considering your answers to the three key mission questions. For churches who are in the second round of the cohort and who bring a team, a coach will be provided to guide your table discussion at this event making this time a deeper dive into your concept as it relates to the mission. Dinner included. To reserve your spot, register [HERE](#).

## **18** **2025** | **IT'S NOT WEIRD: START A COMPELLING** **OCT** **MISSIONAL BUSINESS**

Saturday, October 18, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, Sterling, VA

A church starting a compelling missional business or a social enterprise, is that weird? Would Jesus turn over the tables or would Jesus be the one who greets the strangers at the door of your gym, grocery store, coffee café, bookshop, learning center, music store...? Many churches do not find the amount of giving in offering able to sustain the mission and few churches have visitors flocking into their doors. Maybe a compelling business is a path to a viable future. Lunch included. To reserve your spot, register [HERE](#).

## **16** **2025** | **IMPLEMENTATION** **NOV**

Sunday, November 16, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, Sterling, VA

How do you go from “discernment” to “implementation”? How do you take an idea and make it a reality? Join us early at 1:30 PM for an ideation lab that will explore how to discern which idea to implement. Dinner included. To reserve your spot, register [HERE](#).



# It's not **WEIRD** : Start a Compelling Missional Business



**Saturday, October 18**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Ridgetop Coffee and Tea**  
**21631 Ridgetop Cir, Sterling, VA 20166**

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community?  
Discover how to start a missional business that impacts lives at our upcoming workshop led by the NCP staff.

Dive into essential topics like  
**Community Exegesis, Non-profit Making Profit, and Case Studies.**



We'll provide a solid framework and practical tools to help you succeed.  
Learn what you can and can't do, along with actionable steps to move forward.

Don't miss this opportunity to turn your vision into reality.

**Register HERE**  
and take the first step towards creating a compelling missional business!

Lunch included  
(suggested \$10 donation to offset food costs)



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# ALLYSHIP TRAINING 2025

led by Service Never Sleeps



UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE  
**Dismantling Racism**

an **IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

**Saturday, October 25**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**at National Presbyterian Church**

Honors the Minister Member mandate and an opportunity for all employees and members of NCP churches, congregations, and partners.

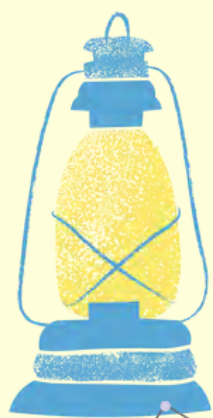
## **Lunch**

(\$10 suggested donation to offset food costs)

Led by Whitney Parnell, CEO and Founder of *Service Never Sleeps*, these sessions will provide helpful definitions, invitations to self-mirroring, and active ally education involving the **CLAIM** acronym: **C**are, **L**earn, **A**ct, **I**nfluence, and **M**aintain. The workshops teach individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others. Our **IN-PERSON** time together will involve breakouts for practice together in pairs and small groups intermittently throughout our time of learning, so come ready to "try on" the Ally Training strategies of *Service Never Sleeps*.

**[Register HERE](#)**





KEEP  
AWAKE!



## November 21 - 23, 2025

### Massanetta Springs

This is a pay-what-you're-able retreat for high school students and their leaders, centered on worship, leadership development, and small group discussion in line with PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 10/6/25: group holds expire

Monday 11/10/25: final day to register

Register your church group [HERE](#)

#### **Questions? Contact Colleen Earp**

540-434-3829 - [colleen@massanettasprings.org](mailto:colleen@massanettasprings.org)

#### **Contact NCP's Tara Spuhler McCabe -**

[tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org](mailto:tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org)

**AFTER your church has registered.**



# LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Lewinsville's Refugee Resettlement Team** is sponsoring a June Sunday morning Christian education class on the ins-and-outs of refugee resettlement—answering all the questions you have about this ministry! This class is offered both in-person and via zoom.

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED

SUNDAYS JUNE 1 - JUNE 22  
ROOM 102A 9:30AM-10:30AM

### JUNE 1:

What is the Biblical foundation for helping the stranger? What messages do both the Old and New Testaments provide for how Christians should respond to help requested by the foreigner? How consistent is this message? Are there conditions on our acceptance and generosity? Pastor Scott will provide a Biblical, theological, Reformed background to this ministry.

### JUNE 8:

How does the refugee vetting process work? How do the United Nations and the U.S. State Department handle refugees who seek visas to the U.S.? How has this system historically worked, and how is it working now? How many refugees are typically admitted into the U.S., and from which countries do they come? What are the different kinds of visas granted by the U.S. State Department? How are visa applicants vetted? What financial support does the federal government provide to this resettlement process? The presenter for this session is Don Lu. Don is a member of our congregation and in the Biden Administration was U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia.

### JUNE 15:

How are refugees resettled and what happens to them once they have arrived in the U.S.? How is it determined where they are located? What are the non-profit resettlement agencies, and what services do they provide? Where do these agencies receive funding for resettlement? What is the current situation facing these resettlement agencies? Fatimata Gakou from Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA) will be presenting.

### JUNE 22:

What has been the experience of this congregation in settling refugees? How did this ministry begin at Lewinsville? How many families have we supported, and how have we helped them? How much does this program cost, and where do we get our funding? What lessons have we learned along the way? What is our current response to the cessation of federal support for refugee resettlement? A panel of RRT members from this congregation will share their experiences and answer questions.





COME & JOIN US FOR

# SUMMER BOOK STUDY

● *Rev. David Williams*

for  
His Book: *"The Prayer of  
Unwanting"*

Join us in June for a book study on the Lord's Prayer based on the book, *The Prayer of Unwanting: How the Lord's Prayer Helps Us Get Over Ourselves--and Why That Might Be a Good Thing* by Rev. Dr. David Williams. Dr. Williams is currently the pastor at Poolesville Presbyterian Church in Maryland.

Thursdays, June 12, 19, 26  
7:00 p.m.  
Kurtz Friendship Room

For more information, call the office at  
703.971.1171 or visit:  
[www.bushhill.org](http://www.bushhill.org)



Bush Hill Presbyterian Church  
4916 Franconia Rd.  
Alexandria, VA 22310







**Free concert with  
Bobby Jo Valentine!  
Friday June 20th at 7:00 PM**

“Catchy songs with good tunes and intelligent,  
thoughtful lyrics in the tradition of Bob Dylan and  
Cat Stevens”

**Stephen Schwartz,  
Creator of Wicked and Godspell**

**Oaklands Presbyterian Church  
14301 Laurel Bowie Road  
Laurel, MD 20708**



JOIN QUEERLY GATHERED FOR A

# QUEER LED

# PRIDE SERVICE



**29** JUNE  
2025

6:30PM | SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM | SERVICE

ALLIES WELCOME!

Clarendon Presbyterian Church

1305 N Jackson St  
Arlington, VA 22201

ASL interpreters provided



## You're Invited! A Queer-Led Pride Service

Join Queerly Gathered for a special Queer-Led Pride Service on Sunday, June 29th at 6:30 PM at Clarendon Presbyterian Church in Arlington.

This service is a chance to reflect, rejoice, and resist together—lifting up the sacredness of queer lives, stories, and spirit. Come support this queer faith space! Expect beautiful music, grounding words, and a space to be fully yourself.

**Date:** Sunday, June 29

**Time:** 6:30 PM - Fellowship; 7:00 PM - Service

**Location:** Clarendon Presbyterian Church

All are welcome!

Come as you are—queer, questioning, ally, or anything in between. We can't wait to share this moment with you.

With pride,

The Queerly Gathered Team



## **Labyrinth Walk**

**Wednesday, July 2, 7-8 pm**

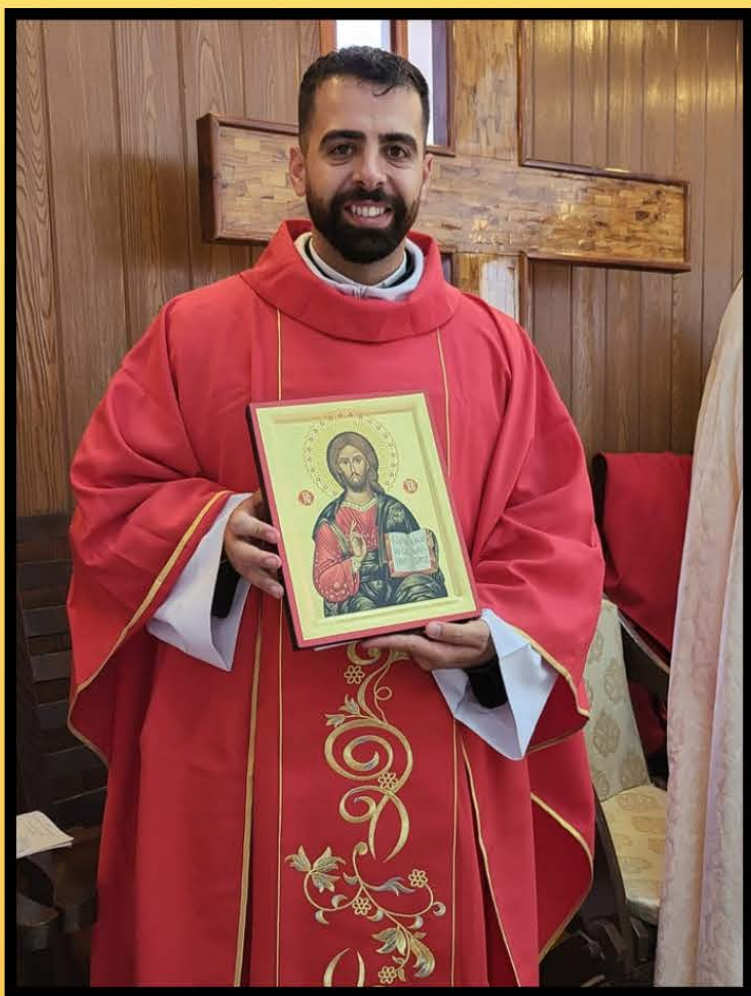
**Fairlington Presbyterian Church**

**3846 King St, Alexandria**

**Lower Level Common Area**

Walking the sacred, ancient path of a labyrinth is a tradition that allows for contemplation, quiet and reflection. Join Veriditas-trained labyrinth facilitator Niala Boodhoo as she facilitates a walk, offering a brief introduction and time of reflection afterward. This is a free community event and all are welcome.





On **Sunday, July 6 at 5:30pm**, join us at Immanuel Presbyterian Church's Meeting House for a potluck and discussion with **Father Jamil Maher Khader** of St. Philip's Episcopal Nablus/The Church of the Good Shepherd Rafidia. Father Jamil will be discussing his work in Palestine.

*In partnership with Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield and Lewinsville Presbyterian Church.*

**All are welcome!** Using the QR code, please sign up via IPC's SignUp Genius to let us know you'll be attending.

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church - 1125 Savile Lane, McLean VA 22101**

**Questions? Email: [office@ipcmclean.org](mailto:office@ipcmclean.org)**







## *Summer Events*

### ***Theology by the Vine at Windridge Vineyards***

*Thursdays – 5/29, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25*

### ***Beer Choir at Whelan's dates***

*June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM*

### ***Mission Trip***

*July 27, 2025 – August 2, 2025*

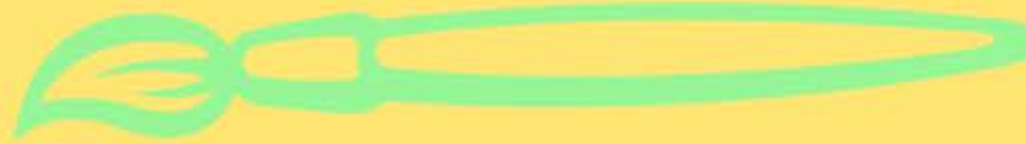
### ***Children's Music & Arts Camp***

*Ages pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, August 11 – 15th*





# Divine Harmony



**PreK-5 STUDENTS**

**Summer Camp**  
for Music, Art, and Drama

**AUGUST 11-15    9AM-2PM    AFTER CARE 2-5PM**

**POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

10301 River Rd. ~ Potomac, MD



[The Raleigh Ringers](#) will be performing here at The First Presbyterian Church of Annandale on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We are so happy that this “*Internationally-acclaimed and Emmy-Nominated Handbell Group*” will be performing here at the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale during the 11<sup>th</sup> Season of our FPCA Concert Series. **Online Tickets are on sale for this special event for \$30.00.**

**Tickets can be purchased by going to the following website:**

<https://fpcava.ticketspice.com/the-raleigh-ringer-handbell-group>. Or, you will find a **LINK** to the site where you may purchase tickets to this wonderful concert on the

**First Presbyterian Church of Annandale FACEBOOK site:**

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfAnnandale>. So, mark your calendars and please get your tickets online, as tickets sold at the door on the day of the concert will be \$35.00.

Thank you so much for your continued support for the mission, ministry, and music program here at the First Presbyterian Church of Annandale



***Tickets Available Online  
At [fpcannandale.org](http://fpcannandale.org) for \$30.00  
Paper Tickets at the Door - \$35.00***



***The Raleigh Ringers  
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!***

***Live and In Concert - August 23, 2025 (7:00 - 8:30 PM)  
Location: The First Presbyterian Church of Annandale  
7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, Virginia 22003***



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NO REHEARSALS, NO PERFORMANCES - ALL ARE  
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***SUNDAY NOV. 1 @ 7PM***



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study, and information on  
where this study  
is being conducted

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SAVE THE DATE

# 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](mailto:Vicdog880@gmail.com)**



Presbyterian Men's Conference 2025  
Massanetta Springs Conference Center  
712 Massanetta Springs Road  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



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](http://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

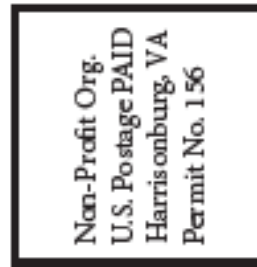
- 3:00 - 7:00 PM Registration
- 5:00 PM First timer orientation
- 5:00 PM Small group leader Instructions
- 6:00 PM Supper
- 7:10 PM Welcome to the conference & music
- 7:10 PM Preview & introductions
- 7:20 PM Sharing the theme - Romans 12:2
- 8:00 PM Small group discussions "What does the theme mean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

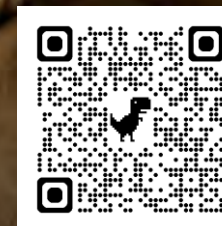
- 7:00 AM Silent communion - Rev. Mark Hinchcliff
- 7:45 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Check-out
- 9:00 AM Welcome & music
- 9:15 AM Speaker 3 - Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
- 10:00 AM Small group discussion
- 11:00 AM Worship - Rev. Mark Hinchcliff
- 12:00 PM Lunch & departure



Presbyterian Men's Conference  
Massanetta Springs Conference  
Center, 712 Massanetta Springs  
Road Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
Electronic Service Requested

# Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Men's Conference

July 18-20, 2025



*"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



**Music Leader**  
**CLINT DAMUTH**  
Bayside PC, VA Beach, VA



**In Concert**  
**THE SARGENT WINGS**  
Chamber Orchestra  
Washington, DC



**2025 Conference Leader**  
**ELDER REGINALD FORTUNE**  
Sargent Memorial PC



**Worship Leader**  
**PASTOR SHADAROIL LEA**  
The New Transformation  
Uplift Ministries



## REGISTRATION FORM

2025 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Presbyterian Men's Conference  
July 18-20, 2025

Register on-line: [www.midatlpresmen.org/](http://www.midatlpresmen.org/) **PayPal Available**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request Name \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs / Disability \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Number of prior conferences attended \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Conference Package

- ☐ Hubler Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$405  
☐ Hubler Lodge Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$505  
☐ Richardson Lodge, Double, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$365  
☐ Richardson Lodge, Single, 2 nights, 6 meals, conference, \$415  
☐ Conference & Meals Only, 6 meals, conference, \$235  
☐ Conference Only, conference, \$135 (No meals or lodging)

\*\*Hubler Lodge - 2 Queen Beds, Private Bath

\*\*Richardson Lodge - 2 Single Beds, Shared Bath

### 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](mailto:pmwillbanks@gmail.com)



Join us October 8-11, 2025 for

# **SACRED CREATION:** **Justice Flows Down Like Water** **Earth Care Conference**

Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center in Little Rock, AR and online

**Keynote Speaker: Rev. Andrew Black, EarthKeepers 360**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Rebecca Barnes & Rev. Jocelyn Wildwright**

**The Future of Water**

**Dr. Linda K. Smith**

**Dam Removal/Stream Restoration**

**Joel Gill**

**Spiritual Practices & Personal Renewal  
in a Threatened Creation**

**Dr. Rebecca Langer**

**Water: Essential Resource for Health  
Yet Vulnerable to Contamination**

**Dr. Marilyn Howarth**

**When the Earth Cries Out:  
Disasters & Creation Care**

**Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo**

**Soil to Soul Awakening**

**Joyce & James Skeet**

**Applying the Precautionary Principle to  
Restoring God's Water**

**Dr. Thomas Pakurar**

**International Panel Discussion:**  
**Rev. Jed Koball, Dr. Anne Hallum, Bishop Tom Ochuka**  
**moderated by Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull**



**REGISTRATION:**  
[presbyearthcare.org/2025-earth-care-conference](https://presbyearthcare.org/2025-earth-care-conference)





# SUMMER CAMP 2025



## Day & Overnight Christian Camps for Elementary, Middle & High School Youth

Overnight Session Lengths: 2 Nights to 3 Weeks

	June 15 – 21	June 22 – 28	June 29 – July 5	July 6 – 12	July 13 – 19	July 20 – 26	July 27 – Aug 2
<b>DAY</b> Rising 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Day Camp	Day Camp	Day Camp	Day Camp	Day Camp	Day Camp	Day Camp
<b>WINGERS</b> Rising 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings		Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings	Spread Your Wings
		Test Your Wings	Test Your Wings			Test Your Wings	Test Your Wings
<b>JUNIORS</b> Rising 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors	1-Week Juniors
<b>MIDDLERS</b> Rising 7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	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		
				Middler Night Owls		Middler Night Owls	
<b>SENIORS</b> Rising 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors	Senior Night Owls	1-Week Seniors
	Pathfinders - Leaders In Training						
	Pathfinders CIT - Counselors In Training						



LEARN MORE & REGISTER:  
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