

# BIG TENT SCHEDULE

All activities (except for the Friday evening visits to area churches) are in various locations on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis.

Abbreviations used in this schedule:

PMA—Presbyterian Mission Agency  
OGA—Office of the General Assembly

WashU—Washington University  
DUC—Danforth University Center  
S40—South 40 Building

## PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

There are several opportunities for education and networking before Big Tent begins, starting as early as Tuesday evening. Washington University residence hall accommodations are available from Tuesday for those who will participate in one of these pre-Big Tent events. Additional charges for Tuesday and/or Wednesday night are included in the fees for most of these events.

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## TUESDAY, JULY 4

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**6:00–9:00 p.m.**

**Middle Eastern Pastor's Leadership Development Conference Dinner**—S40, private dining room

*Sponsored by Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries. By invitation only.*

Continues Wednesday and Thursday.

A lifelong learning experience in the areas of evangelism, church revitalization, and pastoral leadership to Middle Eastern pastors and lay leaders, and an opportunity for Middle Eastern pastors and leaders to meet for fellowship, reflection, mutual encouragement, spiritual nourishment, and sharing best ministry practices.

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

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**9:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m.**

**Middle Eastern Pastor's Leadership Development Conference** continues—DUC 234

**12:00–9:00 p.m.**

**Presbyterian Intercultural Ministries Pre-Conference: Coming to America: Some Here, Some Forced, Some Welcomed, Some Not**—Mallinckrodt, Gargoyle

*Sponsored by the Office of Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries (PMA) and the Presbyterian Intercultural Network*

Continues Thursday.

As this country continues down the path toward greater diversity, the PC(USA) is lagging behind. To be the church God is calling us to be in this time and place, a church truly embracing and being gifted by all of God's diverse children, major shifts will be required in attitudes, in openness to being transformed in relationships, in hierarchical and leadership structures, and in sharing power. Honest conversation can move the process forward. Enter into a safe "sacred space" for truthful, open, and often difficult conversations about who lives among us, how they ended up here, white privilege, and the power of race in our lives. Enter into intercultural relationships and community. Experience the holy, transforming power that enters our lives through truth telling, genuine listening that seeks to

understand deeply, confession, and repentance. **Come**, join us! **Discover** with us! Be **Transformed!** *For more information, contact Lemuel Garcia ([Lemuel.Garcia@pcusa.org](mailto:Lemuel.Garcia@pcusa.org))*

**4:00–9:30 p.m.**

**National Asian Presbyterian Council (NAPC) Pre-Conference—DUC 276**

Continues Thursday.

At this biennial NAPC Pre-Conference gathering we seek to help the Asian Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) leaders, ordained and lay alike, understand the structure of the PC(USA) as it exists and as it pertains to our role as People of Color in the greater church. Judy Lussie of Presbyterian Women, and Mark Koenig, coordinator for Leadership Development, Racial Justice and Networking at the PMA, will speak with us about their expertise and experience. At NAPC we acknowledge that we have much to learn from each other.

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## THURSDAY, JULY 6

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**9:00 a.m. Middle Eastern Pastor's Leadership Development Conference** continues, concluding with lunch—DUC 234

**9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Intercultural Pre-conference** continues, concluding with lunch—Mallinckrodt, Gargoyle

**8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. National Asian Presbyterian Council** continues—DUC 276

**8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Face to Face—DUC 241**

Sponsored by Church Leadership Connection (CLC) ([www.pcusa.org/clc](http://www.pcusa.org/clc)), a ministry of the OGA.

*Advance registration was required* for this opportunity for search committees, mid council staff, teaching elders, and other church professionals to move beyond the written words of Personal Information Forms (PIF) and Ministry Information Forms (MIF) to meet and talk directly with one another about the possibility of ministry together.

**9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m.**

**Face-to-Face Orientation—DUC 240**

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Young(ish) Mid Council Leaders Gathering—DUC 239**

*Advance registration required.*

Mid council staff and elected leaders age 40ish and younger are invited to gather for a time of conversation, fellowship, and consultation. Join us to learn more about our different roles and discuss how we can support one another in this important ministry! *For more information, contact Andy James ([cajames@nhpresbytery.org](mailto:cajames@nhpresbytery.org)).*

12:30–1:30 p.m.

**Egypt—Christians in Tumultuous Times—DUC 248**

*Advanced registration is encouraged.* Attendees may bring their own lunch.

*Sponsored by the Egypt Partnership Network (EPN)*

In this most recent history of revolution(s), the Synod of the Nile, the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo (ETSC), and the more than 375 Presbyterian churches of Egypt have forged a powerful witness for Christ. Join our presenters as we share and answer questions concerning the vision, challenges, and reality of the Evangelical (Protestant) Presbyterian Church's growth and needs. Learn, too, of the new PC(USA) Egypt Partnership Network's efforts to inform and strengthen the partnership of congregations in the U.S.A. and Egypt. *Led by the Reverend Alfred Graise, Egyptian American, co-pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverside, California, and coordinator of the Egypt Partnership Network (EPN) and EPN Leadership Team Members; the Reverend Dr. Steve Gorman, recent PC(USA) Regional Liaison, Synod of the Nile, Cairo, Egypt (2013–2016); and Dr. Stan Skreslet, Professor of Church History, Union Presbyterian Seminary.*

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## BIG TENT OPENS!

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12:00–4:00 p.m.

### **Exhibits Open**—S40 Dining Hall

Be sure to visit the exhibits and the PC(USA) Store during your time at Big Tent. This is an excellent way to learn more about the mission and witness of the PC(USA) through the work of its agencies, and how to become more involved. There will be ample time over the three days to visit the displays, talk with staff and other representatives of these agencies, and visit the conference bookstore.

2:00–5:15 p.m.

### **Children's and Youth Programs**

2:00–3:30 p.m.

### **Big Tent Gathering and Community Building**—College Hall (S40)

Welcome to the 2017 Big Tent. Once you arrive, take a load off and help us make space for community. Move from *getting here* to *being here* with a variety of opportunities to create, energize, meet new folks, see old friends, and prepare your whole selves for the days ahead. *Led by Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks, Michael Harper, and Mel Tubb.*

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.—DUC 240

### **Face-to-Face PNC Training**

2:30–3:30 p.m.

### **Presbyterian Women (PW) & Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries Ice Cream Social**—S40 Dining Hall

Take a break from your schedule—and the St Louis summer heat! Join Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries and Presbyterian Women, Inc., for ice cream and conversation about resources, programs, mission, and ministry. Meet new RE&WM staff, Lemuel Garcia and Rosa Blanca Miranda, and the vice moderators of national PW, Wanda Beauman and Judy Persons.

4:00–5:15 p.m.

### **Big Tent Plenary I**—Graham Chapel

#### **Grounding Big Tent in the St. Louis Context**

People of faith in the St. Louis area have faced profound challenges and opportunities over the last several years as national attention has focused on racial, civil, and economic strife in Ferguson and elsewhere. What does it mean to this community for Big Tent to be gathering here and what does it mean to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? We begin this conference with an opportunity to set our work in the context of their experiences by inviting local leaders to share their stories and lessons of engagement in St. Louis. *Panelists include: the Reverend Clyde Crumpton, pastor at Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church; the Reverend Erin Counihan, pastor at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church and moderator of Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery; Brittini Gray, recent graduate of the Master's of Theological Studies program at Eden Theological Seminary and an organizer with Metropolitan Congregations United; and the Reverend Phil Tom, interim pastor at Eastchester Presbyterian Church, Bronx, New York, and member of the Urban Ministry Network. The moderator is the Reverend Alongo Johnson, Coordinator of Self Development of People and member of the Urban Ministry Network.*

5:15–7:00 p.m.

### **Dinner**—S40 Dining Hall

5:30–7:00 p.m.

### **Exhibits Open**—S40 Dining Hall

7:00–8:30 p.m.

### **Gathering Worship and Communion**—Graham Chapel

*Preacher—J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.*

8:30–10:00 p.m.

**Thursday Evening Informal Fellowship**—S40 Dining Hall

Refreshments sponsored by the Committee on Theological Education, Columbia Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

8:45 p.m.

**Facing the Human Tragedy in Syria and Refugee**—College Hall (S40)

Are you interested in helping your congregation learn more about the crisis in Syria and refugee resettlement? Please join us for a screening of two new short documentary resources available to congregations to initiate conversations around the Syrian Crisis, advocacy, refugee resettlement, and how the church can engage and be a part of this ministry. Download links for these resources will be provided. *Led by Laurie Kraus and Susan Krebbiel, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PMA.*

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast**—S40 Dining Hall

7:30–8:30 a.m.

**Exhibits Open**—S40 Dining Hall

8:30–noon

**Children's and Youth Programs**

8:30–9:45 a.m.

**Big Tent Bible Study: Difference and Diversity in the Book of Acts**—Graham Chapel

*Leader—Eric Barreto, Associate Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary.*

8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**Face-to-Face in operation**—DUC 241

10:00–11:00 a.m.

**Face-to-Face Call Seekers' Training**—DUC 240

10:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Exhibits Open**—S40 Dining Hall**10:15 a.m.–12:00 noon BIG TENT WORKSHOPS—SESSION AB**

*Note that these workshops continue through both morning workshop sessions.*

**Advocacy and Organizing 101**—Seigle 103

Learn basic skills in how to organize a group to take collective action and advocate to the government. In this introductory training, explore how groups of people build power to act for justice, and teach and practice the building block skills of facilitation and organizing one to ones. Walk away with an understanding of power relationships between the private sector, the public sector, and the civic sector, and organizing strategies to influence public policy. *Led by Nora Leccese, associate for Domestic Policy and Environmental Issues, PMA's Presbyterian Office of Public Witness.*

**Changing Face of Ministry**—DUC 276

Two trends foreshadow significant change for the PC(USA) in the coming years. Demographic information about inquirers and candidates in the preparation for ministry process suggests they are more diverse than the PC(USA) as

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a whole. As they prepare to move into ministry, we will also be seeing increasing numbers of current teaching elders entering retirement. Considering the changing needs of congregations, what can we do to support the future of ministry in the PC(USA)? How can congregations and judicatories assure we are welcoming to all who are called into ministry? Join a guided conversation that will include recent research and key conversation partners. We welcome the wisdom, experience, and questions of all God's people. *Led by Tim Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk and manager for Preparation for Ministry, OGA, and Lee Hinson-Hasty, senior director for the Theological Education Fund, Presbyterian Foundation.*

### **Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policies— DUC 248**

This session will address the background for the General Assembly's approval of its policy in 2016 and will offer suggestions for councils concerning how to create their own policies, which are required by the *Book of Order* in G-3.0106. Topics will include: (1) resources for councils to consult to prepare to create their own policies; (2) suggested issues that councils should consider as they draft policies; and (3) suggested topics to include in policies created by councils. Participants will receive information about resources available to councils from the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the Insurance Board. *Led by Michael Kirk, Associate General Counsel, PMA.*

### **Creating Spaces of Welcome: Acting in Solidarity with Refugees and Immigrants of All Faiths and Nationalities—Seigle L003**

Refugees are forced to cross international borders to seek safety and well-being. Congregations have crossed social and cultural borders to offer welcome. Learn about the ins and outs of congregational involvement with refugee ministries, creating healthy and deep engagement with refugees. Explore ways to incorporate advocacy in your community as refugees arrive to mixed reception from their new neighbors, even open rejection by some, and governments at all levels are debating the future of U.S. refugee resettlement. Welcoming the stranger in the face of our own fear and anxiety has transformed the faith of Presbyterians who, while offering radical hospitality, have experienced Christ's peace. *Led by Susan Krebbiel, PDA, the Reverend Matt Nickels, Highland Presbyterian Church (Louisville, Ky.), and Amanda Craft, OGA Office of Immigration.*

### **Do You Love Me? Becoming Intercultural Allies for Justice—Seigle 205**

Reflecting on John 21:15–17, explore the ways and means of becoming allies with those in the struggle for justice and equality. This requires the power of the Holy Spirit working in a community of intentional spiritual formation. It is here with our allies that we are able to hear this haunting question and risk our lives in saying, "Yes, Lord, I love you; send me." *Led by the Reverend Sterling Morse, coordinator for African American Intercultural Congregational Support and the Reverend Ray Jones, associate director for Evangelism, PMA.*

### **Human Caused Disaster Ministry—Seigle L004**

Violence changes everything, and it necessarily requires different skills and focus from responding to natural disasters. After violence, survivors suddenly and severely become engrossed in emotional, psychological, and spiritual chaos. Learn definitions and guidelines for human-caused disasters, trauma, trauma treatment, clergy care, congregational care, worship and liturgy, media relations, and long-term emotional and spiritual care. This presentation is the result of the best practices and lessons learned to-date by members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team who have been responding to human caused disasters since 1999. *Led by the Reverend Laurie Kraus, coordinator of PDA; the Reverend David Holyan, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, St. Louis and member of the PDA National Response Team; and the Reverend James Kirk, associate for Disaster Recovery (U.S.) for PDA.*

### **Israel-Palestine: For Human Values in the Absence of a Just Peace—Seigle 305**

The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP) conducted a study of Israeli occupation of Palestine, asking what progress if any had occurred toward a two-state solution and whether the church should focus its concern on other dimensions of the situation. The report concludes that the PC(USA) should advance those efforts that best accord with its values, especially: the dignity of all persons; self-determination of peoples through democratic means; building up community and pursuing reconciliation; equality under the law and reduction in the separation that fosters inequality; recognition of our complicity and the need for confession and repentance; solidarity with those who suffer. These values have relevance in any political arrangement, including but not limited

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to that of two sovereign states—Israel and Palestine. *Led by Steven Webb, ruling elder, co-chair of ACSWP and a retired economist from the World Bank.*

**Presbyterian Response to Native American Issues: The Apology and Doctrine of Discovery—Seigle 106**

Learn more about recent assembly actions: the apology to Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, and Hawaiians, and the apology for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s complicity in the era of boarding schools that has traumatized Native American society. The Doctrine of Discovery has been used by foreign and federal governments to displace Native Americans from their lands since 1492 and as late as 2011. It has since been repudiated by the PC(USA) and other denominations. The workshop includes the history as well as the impact that intergenerational trauma from these actions has left on Native American communities in both the U.S. and Canada. Issues of race, reconciliation, and reformation form the basis of discussion. *Led by the Reverend Irvin Porter, associate for Native American Intercultural Congregational Support, PMA, and pastor at the Church of the Indian Fellowship in Tacoma, Washington, and Fern Cloud, CRE, Pejubutazizi Presbyterian Church, (Dakota Presbytery), Granite Falls, Minnesota, Moderator of the Native American Consulting Committee.*

**Presbyterian History, Racial Reconciliation, and the Most Segregated Day of the Week—Seigle L002**

Join two church historians providing relevant primary source materials and sharing insightful lessons from the past that explain who we are as a church in the present and help guide our future steps. They will identify faithful moments of Presbyterian ministry and witness as well as address historical realities and challenges, and invite everyone to collaboratively reflect on past reforms, refine present initiatives, and reimagine future ministries. Setting the context for the contemporary conversation of a predominantly-white (91 percent) PC(USA) seeking to become diverse, this workshop explores how our congregations and denominations understood and interpreted different waves of new immigrants and refugees, the civil rights movement, and ministries on racial ethnic representation throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. *Led by William Yoo, assistant professor of American Religious and Cultural History, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the Reverend Beth Shalom Hessel, executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society and Associate Stated Clerk, OGA.*

**Racial Identity Formation of Refugees/Immigrants and the Challenges of Immigrant Churches—Seigle 210**

Changes in racial identity for refugees/immigrants as they enculturate, and forms of cultural adaptation will be discussed. Impacts of racial prejudice and internalized racism will be explored. This workshop will also address how these factors present challenges to immigrant churches and their ministries. *This workshop will be presented in English in this session, and in Mandarin on Saturday morning. Led by Hsin-hsin Huang, associate professor of Pastoral Theology at Aquinas Institute of Theology.*

**Reformed but Always Reforming? Practical Workshop on Salvation, Christ, and Reformed Theology—DUC 234**

Through lecture, small-group discussion, and whole-group discussion, participants will reflect on what it means for all Presbyterians to be practical Reformed theologians. Learn about a debate about salvation and the centrality of Jesus Christ to Reformed Christianity that a series of Presbyterian Panel questions and results helped trigger, and then grapple individually—in small groups, and eventually in the whole group—with how to respond to a limited number of questions from the August 2016 Theological Reflection Presbyterian Panel about salvation, Christ, and Reformed theology. Finally, workshop leaders will summarize the discussion and brainstorm with participants about how to continue churchwide reflection about Reformed theology and identity. Gain ideas, resources, and practice that will help participants engage others in their congregations—both old and new Presbyterians—about how Jesus Christ is Lord and what it means to be a Reformed Christian. *Led by Perry Chang, research associate, PMA, and Charles Wiley, coordinator, Office of Theology and Worship, PMA.*

**Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God—Seigle 306**

Effective adult education in the church prepares us to claim the core values of hospitality and reconciliation. Learn practices to create an environment of learning and transformation. We will consider practical ways to widen the welcome of adult education: how to structure classes, equip facilitators, include supplementary activities, and choose curriculum. Curriculum samples will be available. *Led by Malinda Spencer, associate for Curricula Training and Promotion, PMA.*

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**Short-Term Mission Trips from A to Z: Planning and Leading Trips That Make a Difference—Seigle 111**

Join with others to learn and share best practices to plan, lead, and follow-up on mission trips. Gain practical and insightful resources to bring back to your congregation or presbytery, and explore new ways of understanding mission trips. *Led by Ellen Sberby, coordinator of Equipping for Mission Involvement, PMA.*

**What if the Women Left? Shattering and Reframing the Stained-Glass Ceiling—Seigle 104**

Women comprise 58 percent of our denomination, yet they are underrepresented and underappreciated in leadership roles. Shattering the stained-glass ceiling by ordaining women was a start in the right direction, but recent research shows that we have a long way to go. How can we reassemble the pieces into inspirational highways that are wide enough for everyone to walk side-by-side? Expect lively discussion! *Led by Angie Andriot, research associate, and Deborah Coe, coordinator, both with Research Services, PMA, Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, chair and professor, Department of Theology, Bellarmine University, and Rhasbell Hunter, director of Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries, PMA.*

**Writing Parables That Address Racism—Seigle 109**

Learn about the twenty-five years of the Presbyterian Inter-Racial Dialogue (PIRD) in Winston-Salem, N.C. Participants will also experience speaking about racism from the perspective of the five senses and be guided in how to develop their own parables as a vehicle to expand the dialogue and prepare to use a similar technique when they return home. *Led by the Reverend Samuel Stevenson, honorably retired, Winston-Salem, N.C. and the Reverend Stephen McCutchan, honorably retired, St. Petersburg, Fla.*

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**10:15–11:00 a.m.****BIG TENT WORKSHOPS—SESSION A**

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**Church Trends Website Replacement for Ten-Year Trends and Comparative Statistics—Seigle 204**

Eight new report formats with greater detail are provided. Participants will be able to review their church's information and provide comments for continued site improvement. *Led by Susan Barnett, research associate, PMA, and director of the US Congregational Life Survey.*

**E-giving: A New Tool for Increasing Offering—Seigle 206**

Fewer people are using cash and checks for their financial transactions, and churches have an opportunity to expand their giving opportunities. Churches need to support a variety of ways to encourage their members from giving faithfully and regularly. Online giving is here to stay. Why not embrace technology when it can aid members in their financial planning and provide an easy way to give and meet their stewardship commitment? Now more than ever we need to offer people more options to be extravagant givers. Learn about a variety of electronic giving solutions available to congregations today. *Led by Olanda Carr, ministry relations officer for the east region, Presbyterian Foundation.*

**Good Book Studies on Racism Discussion—Seigle 208**

Many new and old books are being discussed in book studies on racism. Let's share books we're using, models of leading discussion, and actions that arise from the studies. *Led by the Reverend David Maxwell, acquisitions editor at Westminster John Knox Press.*

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**11:15–noon****BIG TENT WORKSHOPS—SESSION B**

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**Interpreting the Peace and Global Witness Offering—Seigle 206**

For generations in the Reformed faith, benevolence has flowed directly from the Communion table. Learn how the Peace and Global Witness Offering expands upon the historical understanding of our sacramental calling and commemorates World Communion Sunday with the promotion of reconciliation and peace in cultures of violence—including our own. *Led by Bryce Wiebe, director of Special Offerings, PMA.*

**Making Sausage: A Think-Tank on the Process Observation App Being Modified for Mid Councils—Seigle 204**

New Tool for Mid Councils: The OGA is modifying the Process Observation Web Application (POWA) from GA to be useful for mid councils. Process Observation looks at what happens in a meeting and can show patterns of

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participation when present. This can be useful for leaders as they plan for full participation in their council, for deeper understanding of the community, and for designing means for underrepresented groups to access the council. It has been a tool to show the impact of implicit bias in meetings of the GA. Come with your questions, curiosity, and expertise to give feedback on what we have so far. *Led by Molly Casteel, assistant stated clerk and manager for Equity and Representation, OGA.*

**Reconciling Differences: A Collaborative Approach to Climate Change—Seigle 208**

In the heightened climate crisis, come and join a conversation on what actions on environmental issues we Presbyterians can propose/collaborate on—across differences of opinion—as we seek to care for God’s good creation. *Led by Rob Fohr, mission coordinator, PMA; the Reverend Deborah Meinke, interim associate pastor, First Pres, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and stated clerk, Cimarron Presbytery; and Laurie Fisher, member of the Fossil Free PC(USA) Steering Committee.*

12:00–2:00 p.m.

**Lunch—S40 Dining Hall**

1:00–2:00 p.m.

**Face-to-Face Call Seekers’ Training—DUC 240**

2:00–5:15 p.m.

**Children’s and Youth Programs**

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**2:00–3:30 p.m.**

**BIG TENT WORKSHOPS—SESSION C**

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**75 Years On: Presbyterian Engagement with the WWII Incarceration of Japanese Americans—DUC 238**

Introducing the history of the mass incarceration of Japanese American residents and citizens during World War II, this workshop explores the ways that congregations, presbyteries, individuals, and the denomination responded or failed to stand up for justice. Ultimately, this experience was the engine for many Presbyterians to engage in what is called the “long Civil Rights Movement” and for Japanese Americans to help develop an Asian American liberation theology. *Led by the Reverend Beth Shalom Hessel, executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society and Associate Stated Clerk, OGA.*

**Accompanying Refugees and Immigrants: Is It Only About Sanctuary or Are There Other Strategies?—Seigle 206**

Gain practical tools about a variety of strategies to use when accompanying vulnerable refugee and immigrant communities. One possible strategy is the Sanctuary Movement. We will highlight tangible skills and organizing tools for congregants to engage their communities to become sanctuary churches and provide information not only how to host an individual seeking sanctuary, but on how to apply the message to build political power to this particular response. We will also offer other methods to reach out to communities who need accompaniment, assistance, and agency so that they may live in safety with dignity. Other highlights will include rapid response, networking with other organizations, and suggestions for how to interact with and engage at-risk communities with respect and humility. *Led by Teresa Waggener, manager of Legal Resources and Amanda Craft, manager of Immigration Advocacy, both in the Office of Immigration, OGA; Nora Leccese, associate for Domestic Poverty and Environmental Issues, Presbyterian Office of Public Witness; Susan Krebbiel, Refugee and Asylum Catalyst, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PMA; and AmyBeth Willis, Sanctuary Organizer for the Sanctuary Movement.*

**Actualizing the DREAAM: Addressing Issues Facing African American Boys in Early Education—Seigle 305**

Based out of Champaign, Ill., the DREAAM (Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males) program is a community-school collaborative partnership designed to reach, teach, and support African American

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boys at risk in early education. In this reality-based, interactive workshop, DREAAM project presenters will present best practices, provide analysis and results of program intervention, and discuss tools for partnership building and family responsive methods in addressing issues facing young, at-risk African American boys. Addressing issues such as school-to-prison pipeline, low academic achievement, poverty, racism, and violence, interactive methods will be used to teach and engage workshop participants in ways to utilize culturally responsive methods used to create a more culturally appropriate and effective learning environment. The workshop will also address important components of working with kindergarten readiness, social emotional learning, and meeting school expectations. Participants will interact with the DREAAM families and have dialogue with DREAAM parents through a parent panel. *Led by Tracy Dace, creator/director of the DREAAM program, along with youths and parents of the program.*

### **Best Practices and Stories for Mission that Works: Lessons from Ministries with Women Around the World—Seigle 306**

Be inspired and equipped for service through stories about women working around the world to create change in their communities. Grow your vision of God's mission in our global church and gain best practices and practical tools for faithful, effective ministries at home and across the globe. *Led by Christi Boyd, PC(USA) mission co-worker serving in Congo as facilitator for Women and Children's Interests; Richard Williams, coordinator of the Young Adult Volunteer program, PMA; Judy Persons, vice moderator of Mission Relationships for Presbyterian Women; and Rosa Miranda, associate for Hispanic/Latino Intercultural Congregational Support in Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries.*

### **Black Presbyterian Churches: A Call to Effective Stewardship in the Wilderness—Seigle 106**

Reflect on the historic relationship between African American churches/leaders and the PC(USA) since reunion in 1983, and how to be faithful and effective stewards on the changing landscape of mission. *Led by the Reverend Sterling Morse, coordinator for African American Intercultural Congregational Support, PMA; the Reverend James Reese, minister for Specialized Interpretation, Presbyterian Foundation; and the Reverend Arlene Gordon, honorably retired executive presbyter, Tropical Florida Presbytery.*

### **The Christian Identity Formation and the Second Great End of the Church—Seigle 304**

The second great end of the church calls us to the “shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.” Embedded in this end, we find profound connections to the themes of this year's Big Tent—Race, Reconciliation, and Reformation—and our baptismal vow to guide and nurture those within our faith communities. This end beckons us to dig more deeply into what it means to “shelter,” not only those within, but also those outside our congregations. It calls us to reconsider how we “nurture” and cultivate Christian identity as a part of lifelong faith formation. It challenges us to understand “spiritual fellowship” as a radical act of reconciliation. And, perhaps most relevant for our current context, it opens our eyes to what it means to be called the “children of God” and how that adoption changes the how we must live in this world. *Led by Jason Brian Santos, coordinator for Christian Formation, PMA.*

### **Creating a Culture of Generosity—Seigle 104**

Is your congregation's approach to stewardship stuck in a rut? Are you living in a state of scarcity and longing for abundance? Do you long for your church's members to enjoy the spiritual rewards of a generous life? This workshop is designed to help you move your church from conducting a traditional stewardship campaign to building a year-round, spiritually-based culture of generosity. You will walk away with ideas on organizing your generosity/stewardship leadership group, communicating with the different generations that exist in your congregation, integrating all aspects of your church into the life of generosity, and teaching the spirituality of generosity. Be prepared to evaluate your current program, and walk away with a new excitement and energy about generosity for the future of your church. *Led by Robert Hay Jr., ministry relations officer for the southeast, Presbyterian Foundation.*

### **Cuba, Israel-Palestine, South Sudan and Korea: The Church's Stories and Struggles of Reconciliation—Seigle L004**

What does reconciliation look like in different cultures and contexts? How do we show faithful Christian witness in the face of geopolitical tensions? Through the stories of sisters and brothers around the world, learn how the church is responding through advocacy, development work, and relief efforts. *Led by Mienda Uriarte, area coordinator for Asia and the Pacific, World Mission, PMA; the Reverend Peter Tibi, executive director of RECONCILE in South Sudan; Victor*

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*Makari, PC(USA) mission co-worker and associate for ecumenical partnerships in Israel-Palestine; and David Cortes and Josey Acevado-Saez, PC(USA) mission co-workers with the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba.*

**Disrupting Racism: Building the Intercultural Community—Seigle L002**

This workshop will equip participants to initiate conversations around antiracism in their own congregations and communities. This experience-based workshop will help participants gain a deeper understanding of the systems of power and privilege that perpetuate racism. It will challenge us to move from seeing and treating people as “others” to embracing all as part of God’s family. Resources presented will range from interactive activities to newly developed PC(USA) resources, including a study guide on *Waking Up White*. Participants will spend time examining their own experiences related to race, power, and privilege and will learn about the tools and resources for disrupting racism and engaging in antiracism work. *Led by the Reverend Grace Ji-Sun Kim, associate professor of Theology, Earlham School of Religion; and Mark Koenig, coordinator for Racial Justice, PMA.*

**Faithful Christian-Muslim Relations: Stories and Resources for Reflection and Action—DUC 234**

What does it mean for Muslims and Christians to live peacefully together as children of God? Listen to voices from the Middle East to gain insights into Christian-Muslim relations in the region and the prospects for reconciliation in deeply divided societies. Learn about a new resource toolkit that will help prepare your congregation to engage creatively and effectively in interfaith relations in your community and abroad. *Led by the Reverend Elmarie Parker, Presbyterian World Mission regional liaison for Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq; Rick Ufford-Chase, associate director for Interfaith Formation; and Ellen Sherby, coordinator, Equipping for Mission Involvement, Presbyterian World Mission. A segment of the workshop will include an exclusive video interview with Rev. Dr. Hadi Ghantous, executive for Church Relations, National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon.*

**Intercultural Care Giving: Power Reconsidered, Power Redefined—Seigle 111**

Genuine awareness of power dynamics in caregiving relationships allows us to be present with another person in truly helpful ways, providing effective care. Without this, our best efforts as care providers can be seriously undermined—even when we have the best intentions, carefully honed skills, and years of experience. Without clear understanding of power dynamics, our caregiving can result in real damage. For effective multicultural and intercultural caregiving, dealing effectively with power issues and imbalances is an imperative, not an option. This workshop can enhance your caregiving in multicultural and intercultural contexts—and enrich all of your relationships. *Led by the Reverend Princeton E. Abaraoba, First Presbyterian Church, Midlothian, Texas, and field staff for African Intercultural Ministries Support, PMA; and the Reverend Sharon L. Mook, a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Both are members of the board of the Presbyterian Intercultural Network.*

**Keeping Your Ministries Safe: A Systems Approach to Abuse Prevention—DUC 248**

This session reviews eight key organizational operations that can be leveraged to decrease the risk of abuse by church employees, volunteers, or even ministry participants. Church and ministry leaders will learn how to oversee these efforts and empower ministry staff to recognize and interrupt high-risk behaviors and situations. Participants will also receive information about abuse-prevention resources available to PC(USA) churches through the Insurance Board. *Led by Christy Schiller, Praesidium.*

**The Least of These: Engaging Presbyterians in the Work of Preventing and Alleviating Poverty—Seigle 208**

How is the PC(USA) engaged in the work of preventing and alleviating poverty? How does poverty impact you? This workshop will examine poverty in the U.S. context and how it affects us all. Attention will be given to issues such as living wages, homelessness, education, healthcare, mass incarceration, and how each intersects with race, class, and gender. This workshop will also equip participants with strategies to engage the issues in their local communities through direct action and advocacy. The workshop will also include an activity designed to encourage participants to interact with each other and interface with the issues of poverty in America. *Led by the Reverend Alonzo T. Johnson, coordinator of the Self-Development of People, PMA; Margaret Mwale, associate for Community Development and Constituency Relations; and the Reverend Marsha Brown, moderator, Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery*

**Partnerships that Reform Ecumenism and Foster Change—Seigle 210**

Working for the full recognition of the rights of marginalized communities in today’s political context requires diverse and strong partnerships. The PC(USA) has a long history of partnering with other churches to speak with a

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unified voice about our shared faith and the need for reform of discriminatory policies and laws. The presenters have experience in creating and nurturing partnerships in the midst of crisis. Learn from their experience and take home tools to help build partnerships that reform and update notions of ecumenical involvement and renew a communal commitment to justice. *Led by the Reverend Amantha L Barbee, pastor of the Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a member of the GA Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.*

**Presbyterian Worship: Always Being Reformed—Seigle L003**

Even as we mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, God's Word and Spirit continue to reform our worship. Learn about recent and upcoming changes in three significant documents—*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*, the PC(USA) Directory for Worship, and the *Book of Common Worship*—as signs of ongoing renewal and reform in the understanding and practice of Presbyterian worship. Particular attention will be given to the difference these documents make in Christian faith and life through the formation that takes place in Christian liturgy. Indeed, through our worship, God is reforming us. *Led by the Reverend David Gambrell, associate for Worship, PMA, and co-editor of the revised Book of Common Worship.*

**We've Been Doing It Wrong: Measuring Congregational Vitality Is More Useful than Counting Heads—Seigle 301**

We are learning that congregational health and vitality depends on so many more things than the number of people it includes and the size of its budget. Come and learn about an exciting new resource for assessing congregational health that emphasizes how a congregation is living into its sense of calling to be a faithful witness in its community and in the world. The second half of the workshop will give participants a chance to try the assessment tool to get an approximate assessment of their own congregation's vitality. The discussion of results will provide a glimpse of how it will be used to help resource congregations in the very near future. *Led by Ray Jones, associate director of Evangelism, PMA; and Deborah Coe, coordinator for Research Services, PMA.*

**What Mid Councils Need to Know About 1001 New Worshiping Communities—Seigle 103**

New worshiping communities are changing the face of the PC(USA) through their appeal to racial ethnic groups, new immigrants, and millennials. They are also leading the way as the church continues to reform itself for the next generation. Your presbytery and your congregation can experience renewal, inspiration, and diversity by investing in new worshiping communities. Find out how to provide the kind of care and accountability that cause new worshiping communities to flourish and how to feed the new energy from new worshiping communities back into the historic church. *Led by Vera K. White, coordinator, and Sean Chow, western associate, both with 1001 New Worshiping Communities, PMA.*

**2020 Vision Team Listening Session—DUC 276**

Come and meet your 2020 Vision Team, tasked by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to develop a guiding statement for the PC(USA). This statement will "help us name and claim our denominational identity as we seek to follow the Spirit into the future." We want to engage each other in listening and questions of God's movement in the PC(USA) for the future. Also held Saturday morning. *Led by members of the 2020 Vision Team.*

3:00–5:30 p.m.

**Face-to-Face PIF reviews by appointment—DUC 240**

4:00–5:15 p.m.

**Big Tent Plenary II—Graham Chapel**

**At the Cross: Intersections the Church Must Navigate**

We've been journeying with Debby Irving's *Waking Up White* to discuss race. Now what? How do we act upon our learnings? It may help to understand how other issues, especially poverty, intersect with race. Join the Reverend Denise Anderson and the Reverend Dr. Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), as they examine those intersections in conversation with the Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis' book, *Always With Us? What Jesus Really Said About the Poor.*

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5:30–9:30 p.m.

## ENGAGEMENT IN ST. LOUIS CHURCHES

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Several Presbyterian congregations in the area have invited Big Tent participants to spend Friday evening with them to show how they have engaged in “Holy Conversations around Race.” These have been intentional conversations around the racial divisions and mistrust that have so affected St. Louis and the wider United States. These congregations are inviting Big Tent participants to join with them as they continue these conversations. Participants will see this process of honest and challenging conversations about race in action, and leave with some tools applicable to their home congregations.

The host congregations will provide dinner, model these conversations, equip the participants to return to their homes and do likewise, and celebrate God’s presence together as a connected church. Transportation is provided from Washington University, departing at 5:30 p.m., and returning to campus by 9:30 p.m.

If you did NOT sign up to participate in one of these when you registered, you may check with Big Tent registration in Ursa’s regarding availability.

### **Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church**

Located in North St. Louis, this is a predominately African American community with an active role and relationship with its neighbors immediately around the church and the greater neighborhood. Our outreach ministry includes a food pantry and clothes closet, Thanksgiving and Christmas family support, and a benevolent fund to help families in critical times of need. Workshops and classes offered throughout the year provide education and information in areas of banking, housing and business development, and Community Bible Study each Tuesday. A church scholarship fund supports college-bound students. Cote Brilliante collaborates in a community garden on church property, and provides access to the garden and its produce to all of our neighbors. Soon, Cote Brilliante will reorganize its senior activities and youth activities programs. There is a need in the community for independent and assisted-living housing for seniors that Cote Brilliante plans to address collaboratively. Big Tent participants who visit Cote Brilliante will engage in dialogue that covers topics from Ferguson to America’s 45th president. We have a response! Our clarion call to our neighbors is the urgency to “Wake Up and Stay Woke!”

### **First Presbyterian Church, Ferguson**

Big Tent participants who visit this church will get a glimpse of the larger Ferguson community and get a different context as to the events that have taken place in Ferguson since 2014. We are the oldest Protestant congregation in Ferguson and have tried through the changes that have taken place in our 140 plus year history to be faithful to the call of the Gospel. Justice, service, and growing youth into faithful adults have been the mainstays of our “always reforming” approach to ministry.

### **Oak Hill Presbyterian Church**

This is a small, mission-oriented, urban congregation. Our neighborhood is changing and so are we! We’re becoming more diverse. We’re getting used to having folks call this place home and participate in events or programs or life together, without signing names to the membership rolls. We are active in neighborhood and city life. We started and run AMEN St. Louis, a place where teams come and stay and serve here in the city. We have a close relationship with the local neighborhood association, which is one of many local groups who meet in our building. We are very involved in local community organizing and activism, especially with our partner organization Metropolitan Congregations United. We take the Ferguson Commission report seriously, and used that as the basis for creating new outreach programs for youth—keeping Youth at the center. We have an open gym night for neighborhood youth, we host special service and learning events on days off school, and we partner with a local small business for our famous Human Foosball outreach. We also started a Touchy Topics Book Club for adults who wanted to read and discuss issues of race, gender, class, etc. We are not all on the same page or of the same opinion here, but we are working together in faith to be God’s people and to witness to God’s love in this little corner of our great city. “With Jesus as our guide and community as our goal, we worship, love, serve, and grow.” Note that steps to the entrance and narrow doorways at this church make wheelchair access difficult.

### **Second Presbyterian Church**

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This historic urban congregation made the decision in 1961 to stay in the city instead of moving out to the suburbs. (The vote was 511-500!) That decision has shaped the mission and purpose of the congregation ever since. With an elegant, historic building, stunning windows, and a large pipe organ, Second Presbyterian Church continues to provide creative, traditional worship with progressive and prophetic preaching. More than 150 of its 210 members are involved in some form of ministry or outreach (Food Pantry, inner-city tutoring, urban Girl Scout troop, weekly meals for homeless women, environmental activism as an Earth Care congregation, etc.). Following the events of police brutality and public outrage in Ferguson in 2015, Second Presbyterian Church has been actively engaged in conversations around racism and racial justice, with many members engaged in community change around the court system and the juvenile justice system. The congregation is currently 16 percent African American, with a growing commitment to diversity (age, gender, sexual orientation). As the congregation awaits a new pastor in late 2017, the challenges and opportunities for growth and witness are many.

### **Third Presbyterian Church, St. Louis**

Third Presbyterian Church seeks to glorify God through the implementation of ministries that provide physical, spiritual, and educational resources needed for the strengthening of its congregation and surrounding community. Big Tent participants are invited to join members for a hot meal, a discussion centered on where we are and where do we go from here, and fantastic music and an informative and enlightening worship service.

*For those who do not go to one of these congregations, Friday dinner is on-your-own; there are affordable options at the Danforth University Center (DUC) on-campus and nearby. Check at the Big Tent information center in S40 Dining Hall.*

5:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m.      **The Genesis of the Exodus: The Root Causes of Central American Migration—**  
DUC 276

The Office of the General Assembly and World Mission have teamed together to prepare resources to organize church members around issues facing asylum-seekers from Central America. Bring your own dinner and come ready to delve into these multimedia resources that we hope will help your ministries with and for Central Americans grow to the next level. *Led by Amanda Craft, Teresa Waggener, and Randy Hobson, OGA.*

7:30–8:30 p.m.  
**Taize Service—**Umrath Lounge

8:30–10:00 p.m.  
**Friday Evening Informal Fellowship—**S40 Dining Hall

UKirk Collegiate Ministries is hosting refreshments and a giant UGrad tournament. UGrad is a quick, collegiate ministry themed card game for 2-5 players. Free copies of the game will be distributed for all players. No need to register, just show up.

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## **SATURDAY, JULY 8**

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6:30–8:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast—**S40 Dining Hall

7:30–8:30 a.m.  
**Exhibits Open—**S40 Dining Hall

8:30–11:45 a.m.  
**Children's and Youth Programs**

8:30–noon  
**Face-to-Face open—**DUC 241

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8:30–9:15 a.m.

**Bible Study Breakouts**—Umrath Lounge, Gargoyle (Mallinckrodt), DUC 276, DUC 234

9:30–10:00 a.m.

**Bible Study**—Graham Chapel

*Leader*—Eric Barreto, Associate Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary.

10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Exhibits Open**—S40 Dining Hall

Be sure to visit these displays of the PC(USA) agencies before they close for the last time.

10:15–11:45 a.m.

**Set Aside Space**—DUC 240

The Big Tent Planning Team understands that even Holy Conversations about race and privilege can generate deep emotional struggles and uncover painful memories. The Set Aside Space is a place for those who are looking for a one-on-one conversation with someone who can help them sort out the feelings and listen to the struggles. Experienced pastors and volunteers will be present. Drop by if you are looking for a place set aside for such an opportunity to process.

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**10:30–11:45 a.m.**

**BIG TENT WORKSHOPS—SESSION D**

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**Adopt Your Local Prison**—Seigle L004

Today's criminal justice system focuses on breaking and not forging community by separating certain groups (minorities, disenfranchised, the poor, people of color, and so on) from others. This is a global trend, and the Prison Industrial Complex continues to further strengthen this process in our country. The idea of "Forging Community" is as old as the Greek idea of "Polis" (city or local community). In fact, it is much older—it is found in most early human tribes and societies. Restorative justice is the Polis idea as it relates to those who break the rules of society. This is a community-based justice system focused on the healing of broken relationships, in direct opposition to today's outdated, punitive model. In this restorative justice model, each jail and prison becomes a place for churches and ministries to engage in community outreach, healing, and reintegration. This workshop will offer analysis of the intersection of economics, race, class, and power, and how they are operative in the current predatory system of mass incarceration. With its biblical basis in Matthew 25, it will provide and explore examples of rehabilitation programs (artistic, academic, spiritual, etc.) and exemplify the recidivism reductions and reductions in cost to society. This workshop will also provide skits and other activities designed to help participants better understand the idea of restorative justice and how it can be used in the context of ministry to the incarcerated. *Led by the Reverend Alonzo T. Johnson, coordinator of the Self-Development of People, PMA, and volunteer prison chaplaincy at Luther Luckett Correctional Facility, LaGrange, Ky.; and Hans Hallundbaek, criminal justice coordinator, Hudson River Presbytery, N.Y., and founding member, Board of Trustees Rehabilitation Through Arts program at Ossining Correctional Facility.*

**Communication Justice: The Right to Speak and to Be Heard**—Seigle L003

Injustice takes many forms, including the inability to communicate: to remember and tell one's own story, whether as an individual or as a group, and have that story heard. This workshop will look at the critical place of communication and language in justice work, which includes actively ensuring voice, listening to support appropriate action, and using language to build up and include. Participants will discuss the impact of communication and language as they relate to spirituality, dignity, community, participation, accountability, cultural diversity, and connectedness. *Led by Susan Jackson Dowd, executive director, Presbyterian Women and adjunct professor in writing, organizational culture dynamics, and global leadership, Spalding University, Louisville, Ky., and Wanda Beauman, vice moderator for justice and peace for Presbyterian Women.*

**Courageous Race Talk: Be Reconciled, but First Be Discomforted**—Seigle 208

Focusing on dialogue and small group discussion, participants will practice together to go deeper on race, examining our actions and their impact. Race must be confronted as it divides and dismisses children of God and keeps us

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from living fully together as church. *Led by Molly Casteel, Assistant Stated Clerk and manager for Equity and Representation, OGA; and Elona Street-Stewart, executive, Synod of Lakes and Prairies.*

### **How to Survive a Church Building Project—Seigle 103**

Building projects create excitement as congregations envision new ministry possibilities. Along with the excitement comes anxiety. Is this the right time for our congregation to consider this project? What is the best way to get started? Can we really afford a project of this size? How will we pay for the project? Will this affect our ministry budget? Learn about best practices for successfully navigating church construction projects of all sizes, and about pros and pitfalls experienced by hundreds of congregations as they moved from the visioning stage through debt retirement. *Led by Clare Lewis, vice president of sales and marketing, and Catherine Lynch, east coast representative, both with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc..*

### **How We Struggle: Race, Reconciliation, and Young Adults—Seigle 305**

Racial reconciliation is one of the core values of Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. As a result, it is a central theme at each of our twenty-one YAV sites and a main focus at YAV Orientation. The YAV program's efforts has been in two main areas: (1) Be a racially just program that offers spaces for young adults from diverse communities; (2) With the rapidly changing national conversations around race, provide leadership development to today's young adults who are being challenged to think and act about race in different ways. This workshop will address the current trends seen in how young adults talk about race and the YAV program's ongoing efforts to meet the needs of today's young adults on racial reconciliation. We hope this workshop will provide practical steps and conversation points on how to address such topics in your own contexts. *Led by Lydia Kim, associate for Administration, World Mission, PMA; the Reverend Richard Williams, coordinator, Young Adult Volunteers Program; and Blake Collins, associate for Recruitment and Relationships, PMA.*

### **Inspired by Belhar: The Church, Race and Reconciliation in South Africa and the U.S.A.—Seigle 210**

As the struggle against apartheid reached a crescendo in South Africa in the late 1980s, the Confession of Belhar became one of the key statements of Reformed theology that motivated deepening involvement of Christian leaders in ending white supremacy. Three decades later, the PC(USA) adopted the Confession of Belhar as a fundamental expression of our faith at a time of renewed quest for racial justice in the U.S. Meanwhile, in South Africa, Belhar remains a resource for our partners as they confront issues of racism and human dignity. Join us to discuss the central themes of the Confession of Belhar, the exciting work for racial justice and reconciliation that Belhar continues to animate in South Africa, and Belhar's implications for discipleship and prophetic witness in the United States. *Led by Matilde Moros, a ruling elder and adjunct professor of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, who co-chaired the GA Special Committee on the Confession of Belhar.*

### **難民及移民者種族意識的形成及移民教會的困難與挑戰—Seigle 205**

**(Racial Identity Formation of Refugees/Immigrants and the Challenges of Immigrant Churches—Presented in Mandarin on Saturday, and in English on Friday morning)**

講員會探討難民及移民者來美後在適應過程中其種族意識的形成及改變。移民者對美國文化有不同層次的適應。也可能因內化種族歧視而造成心理影響。講員會探討種族意識, 文化適應, 及內化種族歧視對移民教會牧會及事工的影響。講員黃蕊蕊博士

### **Reliable Records and Secure Speech—Seigle 111**

Reliable recordkeeping is essential to Presbyterian polity; secure online speech is essential to your ministry. For clerks of session and other organizers, this workshop will guide users through the hybrid paper and digital recordkeeping environment, and introduce you to tools for secure communication. Participants should bring the computer or mobile device they use most. *Led by David Staninunas, records archivist, Presbyterian Historical Society.*

### **Responding Faithfully to the Global Crisis for LGBT People—Seigle 306**

In many parts of the world, LGBT people live in fear and struggle to survive. Homosexuality is criminalized in eighty-one countries, and in places where LGBT people face no legal penalties, they often suffer discrimination, persecution, and violence. They often wonder if the church will be a safe and welcoming place for them. For forty years, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has explicitly and consistently affirmed the human rights of lesbian, gay,

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bisexual, and transgender people—even if we have disagreed on other questions of sexuality. This interactive workshop will examine: (1) the nature and scope of the legal, social, and cultural obstacles to human dignity and life for LGBT people and their families; (2) the ways faith communities, including the PC(USA), have responded to these challenges; and (3) practical actions that people of faith can take to offer pastoral care, promote reconciliation, demonstrate solidarity, and protect the civil and human rights of LGBT people and their families. *Led by Dr. Michael J. Adee, director, Global Faith and Justice Project and member of the writing team for the new PC(USA) mission resource on this topic.*

**Social Media for Churches—Seigle L002**

This workshop will provide an overview of the major social media platforms and how to use them to communicate the stories of your community in this reformation year. *Led by Mari Graham, social media strategist, PMA.*

**The Things That Make for Peace: Introducing Your Congregation to the New Commitment to Peacemaking—Seigle 104**

The Commitment to Peacemaking has been refreshed and is being reintroduced to Presbyterians this year. Come and learn about the updates to the commitment and the ways in which you and your congregation can take part in a peacemaking commitment for our time. *Led by Carl Horton, coordinator, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, PMA.*

**The View from Here—Discussing the Future of the PC(USA) with the Stated Clerk—Seigle 301**

The Stated Clerk will share brief insights on the theme, “The PC(USA) Is Not Dying, But Reforming,” and respond to questions from participants. The Stated Clerk will both share, hear, and help participants process the way ahead for our denomination. *Led by the Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.*

**What European Churches Have to Teach Us About Receiving Refugees—Seigle 106**

Learn about PC(USA) mission co-workers serving with Iranian refugees and migrants in Berlin, Germany. Hear stories; explore how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the German church are responding, and come away with practical ways to support work with refugees and migrants in Europe and in the U.S. *Led by the Reverend Ryan White and Alethia White, PC(USA) mission co-workers serving with Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin, Germany, and facilitated by Laurie Krans, director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Philip Woods, Presbyterian World Mission.*

**Where Abundance Begins: Re-forming our Understandings of Wholeness—DUC 248**

Financial stress is one of the primary factors for clergy burnout and is detrimental to one’s overall sense of wellbeing. The Board of Pensions, through Board University, provides educational opportunities to encourage and strengthen the wellbeing of church leaders and those who support them in their ministry. Leaning into its Theology of Benefits, the board seeks not only to remind employers of the church’s commitment to justly compensate those who serve it, but also to employ a holistic approach to education about benefits. The board seeks to expand its educational framework beyond financial wellbeing to one that deliberately attends to the intersecting aspects of physical, emotional, and economic vitality so that all may live life abundant. The PMA’s Office of Theology, Formation and Evangelism, through its financial aid for service program, provides scholarships to students and loan repayment assistance to those who serve in order to offset the cost of education. In light of demographic patterns that emerge in the application process, the PMA is interested in enhancing clergy wellbeing by expanding utilization of educational debt management resources available to clergy and church workers in order to reduce debt-related stress. Participants in this session are invited to a roundtable conversation about how aspects of culture, social background, racial identity, gender, and other forms of human diversity present in the church, directly influence our shared understandings of and practices related to spirituality, vocation, health, and finances. *Led by the Reverend Lori Neff LaRue and Melonee C. Tubb., debt assistance specialist, Office of Financial Aid for Service, PMA.*

**2020 Vision Team Listening Session—Seigle 276**

Come and meet your 2020 Vision Team, tasked by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to develop a guiding statement for the PC(USA). This statement will “help us name and claim our denominational identity as we seek to follow the Spirit into the future.” We want to engage each other in listening and questions of God’s movement in the PC(USA) for the future. Also held Friday afternoon. *Led by members of the 2020 Vision Team.*

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Lunch—S40 Dining Hall**

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1:30–3:00 p.m.

**Closing Worship**—Graham Chapel

*Preacher—Christine Hong, Assistant Professor of Educational Ministry, Columbia Theological Seminary*

4:00–9:30 p.m.

**Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network Post Conference**—DUC 276

**Theme: Race, Reconciliation, and Reformation**

Sponsored by Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries

*Advance registration is required.* We are a testifying community who believes in transformative discipleship and the liberating healing of Jesus Christ. As young adults in the PC(USA), we come together to witness God's good work in our lives both in and outside of the church. We recognize that our unity is enlightened by our different cultures and backgrounds, and from a mosaic of generational traditions and beliefs. We are committed to the work of the Holy Spirit, especially in being disciples and by making disciples of others for the establishment of the Realm of God.

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**8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network**—DUC 276

Continues, concluding with lunch.