



## BIG TENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

In addition to worship, Bible study, learning opportunities, and other activities, the schedule includes pre- and post-Big Tent opportunities. Please review this entire schedule *before* you begin to register and make travel plans!

Most activities are held in the Lord Baltimore or Radisson/Crowne Plaza hotels, located across the street from each other in downtown Baltimore.

### PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

There are several opportunities for education and networking before Big Tent begins, starting as early as Tuesday.

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#### TUESDAY, JULY 30

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##### **African Leaders Pre-Conference**

Begins at noon on Tuesday, ends before noon on Wednesday.

Includes Tuesday lunch and dinner and Wednesday breakfast.

*By invitation – contact Lemuel Garcia ([Lemuel.garcia@pcusa.org](mailto:Lemuel.garcia@pcusa.org)) for more information.*

At this pre-conference, African Presbyterian leaders will connect with God and each other, explore mission and ministry, and be equipped for the gifts of ministry. Conference participants will set a vision for African congregational ministry in the PC(USA) in an intercultural era and affirm the gifts and leadership of African Presbyterians in the denomination.

##### **Haiti Mission Network Meeting**

Begins 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, concludes before noon on Thursday.

Fee - \$145, includes 2 meals, meeting space and materials, and bringing two guest speakers -one from Haiti

If your congregation or presbytery is partnering with a school, program or other institution in Haiti or is considering such a partnership, join us for a meeting of the Haiti Mission Network. In mission, we strive to accompany the people of Haiti as they work to improve their lives, amplifying their voices and in the process allow our lives to be transformed by God. Our Mission Network brings together Presbyterians working in Haiti to share resources, ideas, stories and encouragement. Join us as our mission co-workers in Haiti share how rising political chaos effects the average Haitian's life, look more deeply into the root causes of Haiti's poverty and how together we can help our partners advocate for positive changes. Contact Cindy Corell ([ccorell10@gmail.com](mailto:ccorell10@gmail.com)) for more information.

##### **National Middle East Presbyterian Caucus meeting**

Begins Tuesday afternoon, July 30, concludes by noon on Wednesday.

*By invitation -- contact Raafat Girgis ([raafatgirgis85@yahoo.com](mailto:raafatgirgis85@yahoo.com)) for more information.*

##### **National Asian Presbyterian Council meeting**

Begins Tuesday, 5:00 p.m., ends before noon on Wednesday

Fee - \$30, includes Tuesday dinner, Wednesday breakfast.  
*Open to all -- contact [email.napc@gmail.com](mailto:email.napc@gmail.com) for more information.*

**National Hispanic/Latino-a Caucus Coordinating Team meeting**

Begins with dinner on Tuesday, ends by noon on Thursday.

*By invitation – contact Tony Aja at [ajatony@gmail.com](mailto:ajatony@gmail.com) for more information*

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

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**African Leaders Pre-Conference** continues, concluding before noon.

**Haiti Mission Network Meeting** continues, concluding Thursday

**National Asian Presbyterian Council meeting** continues, concluding before noon

**National Hispanic/Latino-a Caucus Coordinating Team meeting** continues

**National Middle East Presbyterian Caucus meeting continues**, concluding before noon

**Convocation for Communities of Color**

Sponsored by Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, PMA

Begins at noon on Wednesday, ends at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday

Fee: \$100, includes Wednesday lunch and dinner and Thursday breakfast and lunch.

*For more information, contact Lemuel Garcia ([Lemuel.Garcia@pcusa.org](mailto:Lemuel.Garcia@pcusa.org)).*

Join us for a celebration filled with worship, music, conversation, and prayer! The Convocation theme *Seeing Red: Movements to Wholeness* will focus on the voices of people of color in the PC(USA) and our collective journey to wholeness. We will uplift the varied experiences, struggles, joys and triumphs of those in our denomination, who are often on the margins, and through the leading of the Spirit, share stories, deepen relationships and draw on the strength of our collective tenacity as we move towards wholeness and healing.

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

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**Haiti Mission Network Meeting** continues, concluding by noon

**National Hispanic/Latino-a Caucus Coordinating Team meeting** continues, concluding by noon

**Convocation for Communities of Color** continues, concluding with lunch.

**Asylum & Immigration Networking & Best Practices**

Sponsored by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Begins 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, ends at noon.

Fee: \$10

PDA invites Presbyterians engaged in local ministries with asylum seekers and other immigrant groups to come together for a time of networking and peer learning. Do you sometimes wonder if you are the only one out there doing this type of work? Well, you are not alone! The number of Presbyterian congregations who are engaging in this type of ministry is growing and developing in new and innovative ways. This session is set aside specifically for individuals who are directly involved in fostering ministries of welcome and advocating for the just treatment of refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable immigrants. PDA will provide facilitators and other resource experts. Come with your passion, your experiences, your reflections and your questions as we seek to hold each other up and share best practices from across the country.

*For more information, contact Susan Krebbiel ([Susan.krebbiel@pcusa.org](mailto:Susan.krebbiel@pcusa.org))*

## BIG TENT OPENS!

*Big Tent registration will open Thursday morning. The PC(USA) agency displays in the Radisson hotel will be open Thursday afternoon.*

*Orientations for participants in the children/youth programs and their parents/guardians will take place Thursday (late morning and afternoon).*

- 3:30–5:30 p.m.           **Big Tent Plenary I** – Radisson Hotel, International Ballroom  
*Rev. Dr. Soon-Chan Rah, professor of Church Growth and Evangelism, North Park Theological Seminary*  
 Dr. Rah is the author of *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity* and *Return to Justice: Six Movements That Reignited Our Contemporary Evangelical Conscience*. He brings to Plenary I a wealth of energy and experience as a new church pastor, Biblical teacher and theologian.
- 7:30–8:30 p.m.           **Gathering Worship** — Radisson Hotel, International Ballroom  
*Preacher— Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos*

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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- 7:00—8:15 a.m. **Presbyterian Foundation Breakfast**  
 Lord Baltimore Hotel ballroom  
*Fee: complimentary*  
 Join the Presbyterian Foundation for a fascinating presentation by Robert Jones, author of *The End of White Christian America*. Jones' book won the Grawemeyer award in religion, presented to him at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary earlier this year. Drawing on findings from one of the largest troves of survey data on contemporary politics and religion, Jones shows how today's most heated controversies – the strident rise of a white “politics of nostalgia” following the election of the nation's first black president; the apocalyptic tone of arguments over same-sex marriage and religious liberty; and stark disagreements between white and black Americans over the fairness of the justice system – can be fully understood only in the context of the anxieties that white Christians feel as the racial, religious, and cultural landscape has changed around them. Today, although they still retain considerable power in the South and within the Republican Party, white Christians lack their former political and social clout. Looking ahead, Jones forecasts the ways that white Christians might adjust to their new reality – and the consequences for the country if they don't.
- 8:30–9:45 a.m.           **Big Tent Bible Study**—Radisson Hotel, International Ballroom  
*Leader – Dr. William P. Brown, William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Seminary.*  
 Beginning with the Big Tent text Romans 12:2, Dr. Brown will focus on what it means to be transformed according to Paul and dig deeply into what Paul is saying between the lines. The format will include lectures and opportunities to engage one another in the Word.

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### 10:15 a.m.–12:00 noon **BIG TENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES—SESSION AB**

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*Note that these workshops continue through both morning workshop sessions; if you select one of these you will not select another workshop for Session A (10:15 a.m.) or B (11:15 a.m.)*

**Matthew 25 in the PC(USA)**

*Led by Diane Moffett, president/executive director, PMA*

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve the hungry, the oppressed, the imprisoned and the poor.

**Inter-generational Dialogue on Ecumenism and Social Justice Movements**

*Led by Destini Hodges mission specialist, Interpretation Assignment Support, PMA and Everdith Landrau, manager of Ecumenical Relations, OGA*

This learning opportunity hopes to create space for inter-generational dialogue, reflection and action plans on ecumenism and current social justice movements. We will explore how to put action and movement behind certain General Assembly mandates while being in solidarity with our ecumenical partners, millennials and others. This workshop will address disparities in communities nationally and around the world by focusing on root causes of systemic racism and economic hardships; and how the church can be a change agent by being a prophetic voice. By participants being challenged to engage in God's mission in intentional dialogue with millennials within the church and our ecumenical partners, it may allow the church to go beyond policy to movement and take direct ownership of issues facing our community.

**What Is a Racist?: Unlearning What We Think We Already Know**

*Led by Denise Anderson, coordinator, Racial & Intercultural Justice, Compassion, Peace & Justice, PMA*

It seems like a silly question, but it is one that we have been seriously bad at answering. Perhaps the greatest roadblock to racial justice is our lack of understanding of what racism truly is. In this learning opportunity, we will unpack with grace, honesty, and a little humor our common misconceptions about racism. Whether you've been doing anti-racist work for a long time or are just getting started, whatever your understanding of racism may be, you are welcome.

**TransFORMATION Through Christian Practices and Holy Habits**

*Led by Gina Yeager-Buckley, mission associate for Christian Formation, PMA*

In 2017 a group of Christian Formation practitioners came together to think, study and create a core list of Christian practices; practices being repeated rituals, habits, postures, and experiences that lead to vitality, transformation, faith formation and deeper discipleship. Practices include such experiences as: Hospitality, Listening, Storytelling, Grieving, Problem solving, etc. This opportunity will examine the practices, the path that leads up to the practices and will then invite participants to claim favorites, challenges and look at practical ways, means and opportunities "practice" these classic/new/ancient and innovative habits. Ideas for all ages, intergenerational, congregational and stages will be explored.

**Presbytery Panic Room with Vital Congregations**

*Led by Kathryn Threadgill, associate for Vital Congregations, PMA*

In a time of anxiousness and panic, come explore different scenarios happening in the church and the ways to faithfully escape this panic room relying on the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations.

**The Least of These: A Missional Engagement of the Faithful in the Work of Preventing and Alleviating Poverty**

*Led by Karen Brown, pastor in Baltimore Presbytery, community organizer and SDOP member; Alonzo Johnson, coordinator, SDOP, and Margaret Mwale, associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations, SDOP*

With Matthew 25 as our backdrop, we will examine poverty both nationally and its interconnected issues (i.e. living wages, homelessness, education, healthcare, and mass incarceration and how each intersects with race, class, and gender). Tactile elements will also help equip participants with strategies centered around community organizing. This opportunity is designed to create conversation as well as leverage congregational/communal power in engaging issues in the local community through direct action and advocacy. Using biblical perspectives of justice, it is also designed to encourage relationship and community building among participants so that they may also network and together to address the issues of poverty and create systemic change.

### **Beyond Butts and Bucks: Measuring a Movement-Oriented Church**

*Led by Angie Andriot, PC(USA) Research Services*

As the church is called beyond institution, we are also called to transform our mentality about measuring church growth --- to move toward measures that transcend membership and budget. The new US Congregational Vitality Survey helps churches track growth based on the seven marks of vitality. Come hear how churches across the PC(USA) are growing in discipleship, evangelism, outward focus, leadership, worship, relationships, and health. Learn how your own church can move from measuring membership to measuring vitality.

### **Skill-Building for the Multifaith Movement for Justice**

*Led by Rick Ufford-Chase, associate for Interfaith Formation Theology, PMA, and the Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center, with colleagues from other ministry areas of the church and from the broader movement.*

"Decoloniality", "Intersectionality", "Systems of White Supremacy", "Christian Dominance", "Doctrine of Discovery", "Reparations"... The emerging, faith-based movement for justice, peace and earth care is exciting but the challenges of entering into such diverse spaces - especially for white Christians - can seem overwhelming. This workshop is designed to provide a primer on joining into movement spaces - especially with people of other religious traditions or no religious tradition - with sensitivity. This is a safe space to ask questions, to learn together, and to strategize about how to help our congregations experience the deep spirituality that undergirds the movement and be a constructive and valuable partner in the work.

### **Ordered Ministries in a Movement Church**

*Led by Timothy B. Cargal, manager, Preparation for Ministry and Jihyun Oh, manager, Call Process Support – OGA*

Much of the Reformed church outside the US is in a "movement" phase. What can we learn from the variety of ministry practices and communal formations in other countries and how they utilize individuals both within and outside different orders of ministry? How can they inform our own theology of and deployment of persons within ordered ministries?

### **Creating the “Ah-ha”-- From Dialogue to Transformation**

*Led by Sharon L. Mook & Ervina Desausure, Presbyterian Intercultural Network*

Ignite a transformational, intercultural movement in the PCUSA! Through presentation, stories, and experiential exercises, learn to build intentional and powerful intercultural relationships that are genuine, equitable, and sacred. Using a relational hermeneutical circle, deal effectively with differences, mutuality, equality, and trust building. Create a playful, sacred space where the Spirit moves freely and powerfully, touching us in the very core of our being, transforming us, and making us more whole. Experience the type of relationship to which God is calling all of us: rich, strong, transforming, intercultural relationships that build a solid foundation for the intentional, intercultural community to which God is calling faith communities.

### **Toward a Right Relationship with Native American People: The Blanket Exercise**

*Led by Irvin Porter, associate for Native American Intercultural Congregational Support, PMA*

The “Blanket Exercise” is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous history rarely mentioned in American history. It presents education on American-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation covering over 500 years of history and is followed by a debriefing time in groups, and then in a Talking Circle of all participants.

### **Cross Movement Solidarity, and Why Palestine Matters**

*Led by Noushin Framke, Israel Palestine Mission Network; Susan Landau, Christian-Jewish Allies Working for a Just Peace in Israel-Palestine - co-editors: Why Palestine Matters: The Struggle to End Colonialism*

Using an intersectional lens to link the struggle for justice in Palestine with other human rights struggles, this workshop is about why Palestine still matters. By looking at structures of colonialism and racism, we will examine our history of complicity and explore how cross-movement organizing has created alliances to address systemic injustice.

**Loving Our Neighbors: Reviving our Witness to Young People by Supporting Our Public Schools**

*Led by Tracy Dace, program director, Educate a Child Transform the World/ DREAAM Program and Education Roundtable member, along with youth members of the DREAAM Program*

Through interactive conversation, learn strategies for engagement on ways that congregations can be engaged in the issues concerning child advocacy and public education through direct action and advocacy. There will be time for small group discussion of what churches are doing and can do to impact policy at district, state, and national level and to directly serve students falling through the cracks in their own context, and the opportunity to examine what an “Educational Covenant” among churches could look like, as one is being created by the Education Roundtable – advisory members of the Educate a Child Transform the World Initiative (domestic).

**Mission in Your Neighborhood: New Models and Tools for Short-term Mission, Part A (Off-Site)**

*Led by Kate Foster Connors, director of The Center, and Ellen Sherby, coordinator, Equipping for Mission, PMA*

Change your paradigm of service and mission through this half-day track on urban ministry and short-term mission. Learn first-hand how The Center, a ministry of Baltimore Presbytery, partners with congregations and neighborhood leaders in the Baltimore Presbytery to address issues of poverty and racism. Gain practical tools for mission engagement and deep learning about alternative models for short-term mission. \*\*Participants are asked to sign up for "Part A" in the morning as well as "Part C" after lunch to engage in the full experience for deeper engagement and learning.\*\* **NOTE:** In the interest of stewardship of financial and environmental resources and for a more authentic urban experience, registrants who are able are encouraged to walk or use public transportation to get to and from the Learning Opportunity site at The Center, 210 W. Madison Street, less than a mile from the Big Tent venues. Directions and guides will be provided. If another transportation option is needed, please contact Ellen Sherby ([ellen.sherby@pcusa.org](mailto:ellen.sherby@pcusa.org)) by July 15. Transportation will be provided for those returning to the Lord Baltimore hotel for the World Mission luncheon and then back to The Center for Part C. Other participants are invited for lunch at The Center (please purchase a ticket @\$12 as part of this registration process so we can plan for numbers) or may enjoy lunch on their own in the neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Exegesis: Part A (Off-Site)**

*Led by 1001 New Worshiping Community Team: Nikki Collins and Michael Gebrling with a local NWC Leader*

An on-the-ground exploration of a Baltimore neighborhood near the Big Tent hotels through the eyes of a new worshiping community leader. This opportunity will give participants the tools to better understand a neighborhood, who lives there, what shapes their lives, and how God is already at work in the community inviting us to join in the mission. Though the specific learning will relate to this particular neighborhood, the skills are translatable both for those considering partnering with a new worshiping community in their own area - or existing congregations wishing to extend their ministry in new ways. Please also consider signing up for Lunch Church (one of the Friday lunch options), to be held in a local NWC, and followed by Part C, “What to do with an Idea?”

**Engaging Diaspora Communities: Toward Covenant Agreement, Part A**

*Led by Mienda Uriarte, coordinator, Asia and Pacific Office, PMA and others.*

In collaboration with the OGA and the PMA's Office of Asian Intercultural Support, the Office of Asia-Pacific will solicit participation from among individuals of the Gereja Masehi Injili di Minahasa (GMIM) located in the United States and in Indonesia, Mid-Council leaders, participants of the National Indonesian Presbyterian Council, as well as other stakeholders in the PC(USA) for the purpose of engaging direct participation in the formation of a Memo of Understanding (MOU) or Covenant Agreement between the denomination in Indonesia and the PC(USA). Please also sign up for Part C, in session C.

10:15–11:00 a.m.

**BIG TENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES—SESSION A****Faith in Public**

*Led by Ryan Smith, director, the Office of Public Witness and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN and Jimmie Hawkins, director, the Office of Public Witness, PMA*

The Office of Public Witness and Presbyterian Ministry at the UN will explore ways to advocate at the local, state, national and international level with Presbyterians.

### **To Whom Does Your Church Belong?**

*Led by Bryce Wiebe, director of Special Offerings, PMA*

Central in the life of most congregations is the worship service. The (mostly) Sunday morning service is devoted to the Word and Sacraments as worship to God and training of disciples. Often, there is a division between the “worship” which happens inside the building and “mission” or “service” which happens outside. By connecting, narrating, and creating relational connections between those whom we meet through our work in God’s mission, in elements of worship, and in education and confirmation offerings, we begin to experience our ‘service’ work for what it is: worship. Using art, story, songs, and sacrament as tools, Sunday morning can be transformed. Principles, tools and examples from congregations from around the country will help your congregation support and form faith differently and engage in worship and service all at once.

### **Addressing Environmental Racism through the Lens of Corporate Engagement/Social Responsibility**

*Led by Kerri Allen, vice-chair, Committee on MRTI; Jacqueline Cummings, staff, Presbytery of South Louisiana; Rob Fobr, director, Faith-Based Investing and Corporate Engagement, PMA*

This community conversation will highlight how the committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment has incorporated the directive from the 223rd General Assembly on Environmental Racism into its work of engaging corporations on social responsibility. This conversation will detail the committee’s recent experiences engaging communities affected by environmental racism and climate change in South Louisiana and Detroit. Participants will discuss healthy methodologies of engaging the issue of environmental racism in their own communities and will explore how people of faith can navigate and engage the moral complexities of our modern economy.

### **Engaging with the Vision 2020 Guiding Statement**

*Led by Members of Vision Team 2020*

Following a short introduction of the role of the 2020 Vision team and the process leading up to the proposed Guiding Statement, Habakkuk: 1:1- 2:3 and Matthew 25:31-46 will be used as a base for a Lectio Divina discussion centering visioning as a process stemming from listening to God’s voice. As they continue, participants will be invited to engage the Guiding Statement through reflective questions. As discussion winds down, resources (including engaging adaptive questioning) will be provided to help those present to continue to share in the ongoing process of listening and visioning.

### **Online Giving**

*Led by the Presbyterian Foundation*

Research shows that 62% of church goers want to make their gifts electronically. Including an online giving program can enhance the financial resources needed to support the life of the church. A Ministry Relations Officer from the Foundation will partner with a local congregation that utilizes online giving to share with workshop participants how to successfully integrate online giving into their annual stewardship program.

### **The “Colors” of Financial Stewardship**

*Led by James Foster Reese, Minister for Specialized Interpretation, Presbyterian Foundation*

This opportunity will focus on the motivations and practices of financial stewardship by persons of color. All participants will be informed by studies and creative ideas from historical research and current trends. Persons from diverse congregations are also welcome to this time of information and creativity.

### **Korean Church: A Sign of Hope**

*Led by Young Ghil Lee, senior pastor, Korean Church of Boston; Eun Joo Kim, spiritual advisor, National Korean Presbyterian Women (NKPW)*

The issue of immigration is generally understood in view of the undocumented. Therefore, racial ethnic churches can be also mainly viewed as a justice issue. While justice for the undocumented shouldn’t be

ignored for marginalized immigrant groups, each immigrant group has its own particularities and stories that cannot be generalized with justice issues only. When we hear these particularities and stories we understand them in more comprehensive ways, and thus are able to contribute to bringing about the reign of God altogether. This workshop will focus on the particularities and stories of the Korean Church in PCUSA and will explore how the Korean Church contributes its effort toward expanding the kingdom of God in this world.

### **Spiritual Not Religious: Perspectives on Spirituality and the Institutional Church from the First Great Awakening and the Enlightenment**

*Led by Stephen R. Melton, pastor, Churchville Presbyterian Church*

The founders of our country (John Adams, Benjamin Franklin Thomas Jefferson, etc.) were the products and the First Great Awakening and the Enlightenment. They found themselves both rejecting the institutional church of their time while embracing the role faith can play. They were "spiritual not religious" - does this sound familiar? How might their responses give us some direction in our times?

11:15 – noon

## **BIG TENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – SESSION B**

### **Climate Care Challenge**

*Led by Rebecca Barnes, coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program, PMA*

The Climate Care Challenge and accompanying toolkit are ways that Presbyterians can use our lives and communities to be part of the movement working to create a clean energy future and a healthier, safer world for all. By learning about, tracking, and lowering our impact on the earth—particularly the ways we contribute to climate change—we join with people and communities saying “We’re Still In!” to the global Paris Agreement, with the movement for a Just Transition energized by young people across the United States, and with decades of General Assembly statements and Presbyterians across the church caring for God’s creation. In this learning opportunity, we will explore and experience some of the newest PC(USA) resources on creation care and climate action, share how these concerns are enlivening Presbyterians and local congregations, and make connections with racial and economic justice. Participants will have an opportunity to create action plans to adopt (and spread) the Climate Care Challenge.

### **Introduction to Love Carved in Stone - the 2019-2020 Presbyterian Women Bible Study**

*Led by Cheri Harper, mission associate, Presbyterian Women*

The Ten Commandments speak to us as individuals and as a community of believers; nothing less than transformed faith and action honor God’s love letter to us. This introduction to the PW Bible study provides an outline of each lesson, content background, suggestions for leaders, and activities to build enthusiasm for this fresh look at the Ten Commandments.

### **The Church and the Changing Family**

*Led by Sylvia Thorson-Smith, member, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy*

While “traditional family values” still influence church life and ministries, we know that churches are also experiencing challenges presented by many varieties of family patterns. We invite participants to share their questions, comments, cares, and concerns about the following topics: family patterns, stresses on families or would-be families, challenges to family stability, how the church meets or responds to family needs in the local congregation and in the wider church, or any topic related to today’s families. This conversation will guide ACSWP as we prepare to offer recommendations on “family values” to the 224th General Assembly (2020)

### **We Are Legion**

*Led by Gun Ho Lee and Laurel Underwood, Presbyterian Intercultural Network*

Legions of Presbyterians have no true voice. The fastest growing groups in the PC(USA) are the least represented in our governance. Learn how we could move beyond institutional policies that exclude to ones that transform our denomination. We must give our New Worshipping Communities and Immigrant Fellowships power to vote in our middle governing bodies.



**Is it Written with X?**

*Led by Jeniffer Rodríguez and Carmen Rosario, Hispanic/Latino/a National Presbyterian Caucus*

The latino/a community is quite diverse in relation to people, culture, language and beliefs. This opportunity will open conversations on how the term Latinx is used today; reasons, advantages and disadvantages.

**Planned Giving**

*Led by the Presbyterian Foundation*

Planned giving is not about finding another way to get church members' money. It is an opportunity for us all to return to God that which God entrusted us with during our lifetime. It is also an opportunity for us all to further strengthen Christ's church for the future by providing for ministry and mission for those who come after us. We all stand on the shoulders of those who came before us; let's be the shoulders for those who come after us. Many people believe that planned giving is only for the wealthy. Planned giving is for all of us. We all have something to give and we can all leave our legacy. The key to a successful planned giving program in a church is to make sure that people in the church know that the church wants and needs its members to leave their faith legacy for the future. Considering a planned gift means one is thinking about their own mortality and that is not something most people like to think about. So, churches must keep this idea of leaving a faith legacy in front of its members so that when the time comes and someone is thinking about their legacy, that their first thought is to leave a faith legacy! A Ministry Relations Officer from the Foundation will partner with a local congregation that has a healthy planned giving program to share with workshop participants how to successfully establish a planned giving program at their congregation.

**Sent to Serve: Songs for Singing the Charge and Benediction**

*Led by Tony McNeill, program director, Certificate in Worship Leadership, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and Phillip Morgan, director of Music, Central Presbyterian Church*

The charge and benediction pivot us from worship-corporate to worship-private. The use of congregational singing can be a powerful way to underscore the theological implications of what it means to move from "having church" to "being church" in the world. Dr. Tony McNeill and Phillip Morgan will lead a community sing exploring possibilities for using congregational hymns, praise songs, and choruses, particularly those from the African- American sacred tradition, as a catalyst to empower the gathered community to pursue justice.

**12:00–1:30 p.m.**

**FRIDAY OPTIONAL LUNCHEONS**

**World Mission's Luncheon: *Mission Beyond Institution*** - Lord Baltimore Hotel Ballroom

**Fee - \$15**

Come learn about World Mission's new strategy process and how God is calling us to change the paradigm for mission work. As we strive to be a Matthew 25 church, we will build each other up in the body of Christ. Hear inspiring messages from our global partners. All are welcome, but a limited number of tickets are available – purchase one with your Big Tent registration.

**Lunch Church** - Off-site, location TBA

**No charge.** Transportation is on-your-own.

*Sponsored by 1001 New Worshiping Communities, PMA*

Hosted by a local New Worshiping Community. Lunch Church will be based on the increasingly impactful Dinner Church model pioneered by the St. Lydia's community in New York City. Participants will gather for worship around tables and share a meal and reflection on the word - experiencing community and Eucharist. The Learning Opportunity - **What to Do with an Idea?** in the afternoon session C will be held in the same location, participants are encouraged to sign up for both.

**Lunch at The Center** – Off-site - The Center, 210 W. Madison St.

**Fee - \$12** Those participating in the *Mission in Your Neighborhood: New Models and Tools for Short-term Mission* learning opportunity in Session AB that will be held in this location are invited to have lunch there, but please purchase a ticket. (Or they may enjoy lunch on their own in the neighborhood or return to the Big Tent hotels).

**2:00–3:30 p.m.**

**BIG TENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES—SESSION C**

**The PC(USA)'s Inclusive Marriage Liturgy and the Church's Mission**

*Led by Kimberly Bracken Long, editor, Call to Worship and co-editor of the 2018 Book of Common Worship, Office of Theology and Worship, PMA*

With the publication of the *2018 Book of Common Worship*, the PC(USA) makes available the first fully inclusive marriage service to be included in a denominational worship book. This new rite may be used for any couple, regardless of gender identity. In addition to the basic rite (which offers numerous possible variations), the *2018 BCW* includes a brief service titled “Prayer at the End of Marriage,” a liturgy that offers divorcing or divorced Christians an opportunity to seek healing. The liturgies will be introduced, focusing on the theological and biblical understandings that undergird the new marriage rite. A conversational approach to exploring the services described will allow participants to engage with the liturgies and imagine together how offering such rites might be part of the church’s mission.

**Learning to Unlearn- Looking at Gender with a New Lens**

*Led by Shanea D. Leonard, associate, Gender & Racial Justice, PMA*

This learning opportunity will look at:

- what is gender and what it isn’t
- how it shows up in varying ways in the Bible
- definitions of gender identity & gender expression
- how understanding and respecting gender helps to facilitate a more inclusive church and celebrates the full dignity of all people.

This learning opportunity will also connect with the larger church by:

- lifting up and affirming the GA action “Celebrating the Full Dignity and Humanity of People of All Gender Identities”
- examining the Biblical narrative as it concerns gender role and expression (Galatians 3:28, Matthew 15:21-28, Luke 24:1-12, Acts 8:26-40, 1 Corinthians 6:17)
- exploring how free acceptance of gender helps the church progress together

The goals of this learning opportunity are:

- looking at ways in which much of how we operate is in a binary, hetero-normative framework which alienates anyone who doesn’t fit the norm
- examining how we all participate in this way of being and understanding the world around us
- creating space for dialogue, role play, and interactive learning and discussion that moves the church towards what God is calling us to
- providing tools, tips, suggested readings, and space for innovative ideas for making the church welcoming to all genders.

**It's All Connected: Violent Conflict, Extreme Hunger, Famine and Climate Change**

*Led by Valery Nodem, associate, International Hunger Concernsor; Rebecca Barnes, coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program, PMA*

The connection between extreme hunger, famine and violent conflicts was affirmed by the United Nations in 2018. With the resurgence of famine and extreme hunger in various corners of the world, this workshop will try to understand the interconnections between violent conflicts, famine, climate change and migration.

### **Generous-While-Reckless-Yet-Intentional: How We Chose Open Doors Over Balanced Budget**

*Led by Jon Reinink, associate for Church Support, Special Offerings (PMA); Rose McCurdy, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Winneconne, WI*

Faced with rising expenses and shrinking membership, First Presbyterian of Winneconne had a choice: continue living the status quo and seek to die well or try something new and possibly die while trying. The session, Rev. Rose and eventually the rest of the congregation committed to “try all the things” and “get busy living.” In the following 18 months the deficit budget is flipped, membership is increasing, and ministry in the community is thriving. Come hear Rev. Rosie tell the story of FPC Winneconne and how their commitment to generous, faithful living pushed them past the despair of looming death into a renewed identity. They were able to be honest about their passion for mission and recklessly try to love God's people, from local students who benefit from mental health screenings, to communities in Puerto Rico and beyond who receive gifts like wells and clean water, and safe homes.

### **Birds of a Feather? Why Presbyterians Would or Would Not Prefer to Be Part of a Same-Race Worshiping Community**

*Led by Perry Chang, PC(USA) Research Services*

How do Presbyterians feel about worshiping in a congregation where people of their race or ethnicity are not in the majority? What might this imply for the possibility of diversifying both the PC(USA) as a whole and our local congregations? And for transforming the PC(USA) into more of a movement than an institution? Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on these questions, both in general and for themselves and their congregations. This reflection will be coupled with review of findings from the February 2017 Presbyterian Panel survey on Race and Ethnicity and the 2018 Clerk's Annual Questionnaire section on intercultural ministries. Participants will leave with a sense of where the denomination is headed in this area and with tips about how they and their congregations can be part of this change. Bring your cell phone.

### **Youth Leadership Indaba to Transform Our Future Together (Xhosa language in ‘da: ba = discussion)**

*Led by Margaret Mwale, Samantha Davis, Alonzo Johnson, and Karen Brown, Self-Development of People (SDOP)*

How are youth impacting themselves and their communities in Baltimore and beyond in their leadership roles? Participants will hear from a panel of youth led projects funded by Presbyterian Committee on the SDOP and from other youth leaders about their successes and challenges and how they are making a difference in their own lives, in the lives of other youth and in their communities. We will break into small group conversations as we reflect and learn from one another. This learning opportunity will provide a platform for participants to learn, engage and interact with youth and adults that have faced racial, gender and economic inequities. The workshop will challenge participants to better engage youth and to map out concrete steps youth can take to initiate change for themselves in their communities through a SDOP grant to increase the number of those transforming their communities!

### **We Have Seen the Lord: Finding Liberation in a Bound-Up World**

*Led by Connie Lee & Nibs Stroupe, Presbyterian Intercultural Network*

In John 20, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb of Jesus, looking for a dead body. She cannot recognize the risen Jesus because she is blinded by the power of death. We will use the 2018 GA mandate for “The Decade of the Intercultural Church” as the basis for our encouraging participants to widen our view and deepen our souls, as individuals and as institutions, so that we too can recognize the risen Jesus standing in front of us. We will specifically be addressing the 8 steps listed in the mandate (#12) in regard to the ongoing power of racism: recognition, repentance, resistance, resilience, reparations, reconciliation, recovery, and resonance. We will use interaction, exercises, and Biblical approaches to help all of us hear our names called, as Mary did, so that we too can have our hearts opened and go to others to proclaim: “I have seen the Lord!”

### **Engaging your Congressperson on Immigration**

*Led by Amanda Craft, manager of Advocacy; Teresa Waggener, manager of Legal Resources, Office of Immigration Issues, OGA*

While many are energized by the immigration advocacy they are engaged in locally, the idea of asking anything of federal leadership can seem daunting to some. This opportunity will help you plan a team and take the stories you have from your local engagement and organize them into a meaningful in-district visit.

### **Thursdays In Black: Toward a World Without Rape and Violence**

*Led by Everdith Landrau, manager of Ecumenical Relations & Networking, OGA, along with other guests*

In every country, gender-based violence is a tragic reality. This violence is frequently hidden, and victims are often silent, fearing stigma and further violence. We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, churches, streets – in all places in our societies. The learning opportunity will seek to bring awareness to this important ecumenical movement and invite participants to envision ways to join and act. It hopes to create a safe space to have interactive conversations on church and societal/cultural narratives that perpetuate gender-based violence. We will look at Biblical examples that boldly speak about this phenomenon. We will share current resources published by Presbyterian Women and The World Council of churches that may help individuals, churches and community groups to take action and engage in reflection and prayer.

### **Cultural Competence: Building a Kin-dom Mindset**

*Led by Molly Casteel, manager, Equity and Representation, and Jihyun Oh, manager, Call Process Support, OGA*

Movements require genuine encounters and relationships; something beyond institutional identity to create connection, belonging, a common mission and action. How do we grow our own (and our faith communities') cultural competence to prepare for these genuine connections? Session 1: Build shared understanding of challenges/obstacles/growing edges that keep us from growing a kin-dom mindset. Session 2: Develop action plans for yourself and/or your communities of faith on ways to grow.

### **Killing Church Softly :: Reviving Church Loudly**

*Led by Jason Santos, mission coordinator for Christian Formation and Small Church Support and Brian Frick, mission associate for Christian Formation and Camps and Conference Ministries*

This opportunity aims to delve more deeply into the intergenerational conversations happening around our nation as related to Christian Formation. It draws its primary material from the work of Jason Brian Santos and Brian Frick, who for the past year have been working with a cohort of 14+ churches in the Pacific Northwest (Cascades Presbytery). The focus of this cohort has been cultivating a conversation around intergenerational formation in the local congregation in such a way as to demonstrate the value of intergenerational formation and church transformation. Using theories on generational studies and identity formation, Santos and Frick will demonstrate how notable changes in generational cycles have affected our understanding of the programmatic institutional church, while also proposing that in order for church to experience transformation it's going to get loud (literally and figurative).

### **Breaking Down Walls: Lessons Learnt in Reconciliation from South Sudan, Congo, and Rwanda**

*Led by Bob and Kristi Rice, mission co-workers, Presbyterian World Mission*

This opportunity will open with testimonies of people finding reconciliation and forgiveness by the power of God in the midst of conflict and tensions between groups in Rwanda, Congo, and South Sudan through PC(USA) global partners. An overview will be given of one approach to promoting reconciliation and healing called Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations. We will discuss the need to promote healing of inner wounds as a pre-requisite for reconciliation, and how God can transform and heal the prejudices that people naturally have. One component of this approach will be shared in more detail, forgiveness for corporate sin called Standing in the Gap. Participants will discuss together in groups the challenges in the U.S. regarding forgiveness and reconciliation, and how God wants to equip and use the church to promote healing. Participants will practice together standing in the gap and planning for how it might be used in their contexts.

### **Holy Resistance from Jerusalem to Cairo**

*Led by Rev. Raafat Girgis of the Middle East Caucus & Racial Equity Advocacy Committee, and Dr. Chris Iosso of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, with Palestinian and Egyptian contacts in Baltimore.*

This is an analysis of effective Christian and Muslim witness at two crisis moments, using video footage of nonviolent street protests and of analysis by Dr. Mahdi Al-Hadi (Jerusalem) and Pope Tawdros II (Cairo). We look at the roles of collective leadership and inter-religious solidarity on behalf of justice and of God. In July of 2017, for two weeks, Muslims prayed in the street until Israeli soldiers returned control of the seven gates of the Holy Mount to the traditional stewards of the site. How did the mainly young crowds resist provocation and punishment without mass violence erupting? In early 2018, several Coptic churches in Egypt were bombed and the Christian minority was inflamed. Pope Tawdros II spoke out immediately, calling for nonviolence and prayer for their own members and their persecutors. This calmed the Coptic community and shared their lamentation with the non-extremist majority of the Egyptian nation. In both cases, religious minorities face rising extremism and the decay of civil society; local Palestinians and Egyptians familiar with these events will join in looking at their lessons for the future. Rev. Girgis will provide English interpretation of Pope Tawdros II remarks.

### **How U.S. Government Policies affect Native People**

*Led by Fern Cloud, moderator, Native American Consulting Committee*

America's policies toward Native Americans has been filled with broken promises and lies. This opportunity will provide a basic overview of the history of those policies and provide the information necessary for participants to understand and engage effectively with contemporary Indian constituents of the PC(USA) and Indian Nations in America.

### **Remembrance – No More Erasure**

*Led by members of the Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea*

In her book "Haunting the Korean Diaspora: Shame, Secrecy, and the Forgotten War" Grace M. Cho attributes the lack of normalcy in the lives of Koreans in diaspora to the Korean War. She writes, "The Korean Diaspora in the U.S. has been haunted by the traumatic effects of what we are not allowed to know—the terror and devastation inflicted by the Korean War, the failure to resolve it, and the multiple silences surrounding this violent history. . . . If the historical conditions of possibility for Korean diaspora is the Forgotten War, the psychic condition is that of enforced forgetting. [As a result] one is often an unwitting participant in one's own erasure." In this session Koreans in diaspora will REMEMBER the Forgotten Korean War in the present through the act of story telling. If you want to know me, come and hear my story.

### **Writing Helps Probe God's Call in an Age of Institutional Distrust**

*Led by Steve McCutchan, Presbyterian Writers Guild*

Participants are invited to re-examine God's call in their lives. Ministry in a society that distrusts institutions and resists commitment to community presents an enormous challenge to churches and their spiritual leadership. Through experiential games and written exercises, participants are encouraged to interact with each other in examining the fluid nature of God's call and their response to ever-changing forms of ministry that address those who hunger for the spiritual but are reluctant to participate in the religious nature of faith.

### **Tracking a Unique Ministry Course**

*Led by Prachuab Dechawan, Philip Trinh, Jely Ochoan, Chien-Di Hung, Thysan Sam, Huong Ngoc and Thi Dang, pastors serving Asian congregations (First Thai-Laotian Presbyterian Church, Bethany Vietnamese Presbyterian Church, Marturia Presbyterian Church Indonesian Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington, Eliot Presbyterian Church, Vietnamese Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove*

Congregations from various Asian ancestry groups share with the participants how their congregations broke down the boundaries of different kinds through their ministry, inviting dialogue with participants, exchanging stories of different experiences, and mutually learning from one another.

### **Structuring for Change**

*Led by John Schmidt, pastor, Central Presbyterian Church, Baltimore*

From Managing to Visioning. As we consider what it looks like to move from an institution to a movement, the place to start is often within our congregations. We have over a century of habits in the Presbyterian Session which focus us more on managing the details of ministry, and less on listening for the vision and direction of God for the church as a whole. How do we move from managing ministry to discerning the will of God for our local body? And can restructuring help us become more flexible and responsive to God's leading into ministry?

### **What Does the Urban Church Presence Look Like in a Globalized City? (Off-site)**

*Led by Phil Tom, Kevin Johnson, and others from the Baltimore community*

With the rapid changing social, cultural and demographic changes taking place within metro urban communities, what will a Presbyterian Church presence look like in/within metro urban communities? This learning opportunity will be held off-site, at Light Street Presbyterian Church, located at 809 Light Street, less than a mile from the Big Tent hotels. Participants should plan to walk or use a cab/uber/lyft to the church.

### **Engaging Diaspora Communities: Toward Covenant Agreement, Part C**

*Led by Mienda Uriarte, coordinator, Asia and Pacific Office, PMA and others.*

In collaboration with the OGA and the PMA's Office of Asian Intercultural Support, the Office of Asia-Pacific will solicit participation from among individuals of the Gereja Masehi Injili di Minahasa (GMIM) located in the United States and in Indonesia, Mid-Council leaders, participants of the National Indonesian Presbyterian Council, as well as other stakeholders in the PC(USA) for the purpose of engaging direct participation in the formation of a Memo of Understanding (MOU) or Covenant Agreement between the denomination in Indonesia and the PC(USA).

### **What to Do with an Idea? Part C (Off-site)**

*Led by Zac Calvo and Kyle Turver of Coastland Commons and Nikki Collins, Coordinator, 1001 New Worshiping Communities, PMA*

The leadership of Coastland Commons will join Nikki Collins to host a conversation about how they moved from a question to a community gathering. These conversation partners will weave together personal experience, failed experiments, and concrete steps that the local church can take to invest in the 1001 movement. Please also consider signing up for Lunch Church, one of the Friday luncheon options, which will be held in this location and hosted by a local NWC.

### **Mission in Your Neighborhood: New Models and Tools for Short-term Mission - Part C (Off-site)**

*Led by Kate Foster Connors and Ellen Sherby*

Change your paradigm of service and mission through this half-day track on urban ministry and short-term mission. Learn first-hand how The Center, a ministry of Baltimore Presbytery, partners with congregations and neighborhood leaders in the Baltimore Presbytery to address issues of poverty and racism. Gain practical tools for mission engagement and deep learning about alternative models for short-term mission. \*\*Participants are asked to sign up for "Part A" in the morning as well as "Part C" after lunch to engage in the full experience for deeper engagement and learning.\*\* **NOTE:** In the interest of stewardship of financial and environmental resources and for a more authentic urban experience, registrants who are able are encouraged to walk or use public transportation to get to and from the site - The Center, 210 W. Madison Street, less than a mile from the Big Tent hotels. Directions and guides will be provided. If another transportation option is needed, please contact Ellen Sherby (ellen.sherby@pcusa.org by July 15. Transportation will be provided for those returning to the Lord Baltimore hotel for the World Mission luncheon and then back to The Center for Part C. Other participants are invited for lunch at The Center (please purchase a ticket @\$12 as part of this registration process so we can plan for numbers) or may enjoy lunch on their own in the neighborhood.

### **4:00–5:15 p.m. Big Tent Plenary II**

Rev. Amantha Barbee, senior pastor, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia.

After standing with other ecumenical colleagues all wearing clergy collars between protestors and policemen, the night Keith Scott was killed in Charlotte, Barbee was given Charlotte City Center Partners

Special Achievement Award. She became the chairperson of the [Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice](#) shortly after the city erupted in the wake of the shooting.

## Evening

### FREE EVENING WITH ENGAGEMENT IN BALTIMORE MISSION

Friday evening includes an invitation for Big Tent participants to get out into the city, with several opportunities to see some of the things that Presbyterians are doing in Baltimore and to share a meal. Some involve an additional fee and require advance sign up - available as part of Big Tent registration.

#### **5:30 – 9:30 p.m. Art at Work Tour and Farm to Table Dinner**

**Fee - \$50, includes transportation, dinner and entertainment.**

This tour includes an opportunity to see an array of murals and street art - forms of art and expression sprawled on city walls and buildings, spreading the message of hope, inspiration and sometimes grief to its residents. The next stop is Strength to Love Farm, a 1.5 acres community-based urban farm that provides hands-on agricultural training and job opportunities for citizens returning from incarceration while also addressing the neighborhood's food apartheid issue. There we'll enjoy a meal and learn about urban agriculture. This is part of The Intersection of Change (*formerly known as Newborn Holistic Ministries*) dedicated to providing programs that enrich the economic, social and spiritual lives of those dealing with poverty related issues in Sandtown-Winchester and surrounding communities. It is a Self Development of People funded project.

#### **5:30 – 9:30 p.m. The Center's Justice Tour and Dinner at Light Street Presbyterian Church**

**Fee - \$36, includes transportation, dinner and engagement.**

You'll start with dinner and conversation at Light Street Presbyterian Church (located less than a mile from the Big Tent hotels), where The Rev. Tim Hughes Williams is pastor. Founded in 1855, Light Street is a diverse and inclusive Christian community working for God's love and justice in Baltimore City. Then board a van for a **Justice Tour** conducted by staff of The Center. This is a driving tour of Baltimore city that asks participants to interpret the city through a new lens, noticing neighborhoods and the boundaries that divide them, and asking questions about why these divisions have come to be accepted as "the way things are." The tour will end up back at the Big Tent hotels.

The Center is a mission initiative of the Presbytery of Baltimore that works with congregations to help them engage in their local communities, using a partnership-based model of community engagement. It also hosts church groups of all ages for mission experiences in and around Baltimore, partnering these visiting groups with local congregations for hands-on mission experiences.

#### **5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Music Ministry with Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Fee -- \$28, Includes transportation, dinner and engagement**

Come dine with and be entertained by one of the best youth ministries in the City of Baltimore at Grace Presbyterian Church. You'll be entertained by the JAM (Jesus & Me) Dancers and Singers, accompanied on drums by Rev. Alonzo Johnson, director, Self-Development of People, and see a martial arts demonstration. The Rev. Tanya Wade is Grace's first female pastor. Under her spiritual guidance the ministry of the church has expanded to include more opportunities for youth and adults through the Summer Program, Wednesday Night JAM (Jesus and Me), JAM Singers (Community Choir), Evangelism Ministry, Word Up Drama Ministry, Dance Ministry, Leadership Development and much more.

#### **5:30 – 9:30 p.m. The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. and Dinner at Knox Presbyterian Church**

**Cost \$40. Includes transportation, a private tour of the Museum, dinner and engagement.**

Enjoy a private tour of the *National Great Blacks in Wax Museum*. Among the nation's most dynamic cultural and educational institutions, the tour features over 100 life-size, life-like wax figures highlighting historical and contemporary personalities of African ancestry. Exhibits include a full model slave ship exhibit which

portrays the 400-year history of the Atlantic Slave Trade, an exhibit on the role of youth in making history, and a Maryland room highlighting the contributions to African American history by notable Marylanders. After your tour, you'll enjoy dinner and conversation with the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, where The Rev. Michael Moore is pastor. Located close to the wax museum, Knox Presbyterian is a "small church that does big things with great expectations."

Optional activities for those who elect not to sign up for one of these visits will include (more to be announced):

**Baltimore Ceasefire:** Big Tent participants are invited to join in the grassroots Baltimore Ceasefire Weekend on Friday evening. This quarterly event puts people on the streets to pray, engage and witness to the power of a community saying no to gun violence. Details on how you can join will be released as plans are made. For more on Baltimore Ceasefire visit <https://baltimoreceasefire.com/> and for a TEDx video by Ceasefire organizer Erricka Bridgeford go to: <https://youtu.be/-3ImfsP469A>

**Movie Night:** Gather with others at the Lord Baltimore hotel for a viewing of the film *Trigger*, on gun violence, and *From Genesis to Exodus*, on immigration policies and how they affect immigrants. Each will be followed by discussion. Show times will be announced.

**DIY Baltimore adventure:** there are numerous attractions, restaurants and other things to do in downtown Baltimore and nearby. Visit Baltimore (<https://baltimore.org/>) is a great source for this information; maps and other resources will be available on-site for those who chose to strike out on their own.

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

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### 7:00—8:15 a.m. **Compassion, Peace, and Justice Breakfast: Mental Health Matters in My Church**

Lord Baltimore Hotel ballroom

*Fee: \$15*

Every year, 1 out of 5 people has a mental health challenge, yet stigma remains. Many, especially people living with serious mental illness can experience marginalization. Come for connection and conversation with others across our church seeking tools to help their churches grow toward becoming more welcoming and inclusive, mental health-aware communities. Participants will receive a toolkit of resources and learn about formation of a new grant program and churchwide network devoted to this topic and commissioned by last General Assembly on the tenth anniversary of the *Comfort My People Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness*.

All are welcome but a limited number of tickets are available and can be purchased when you register for Big Tent.

### 7:00—8:15 a.m. **Guatemala Partnership Network/CEDEPCA USA Breakfast**

Lord Baltimore Hotel ballroom

*Fee: \$10*

Join us for breakfast to learn about PCUSA Mission work in Guatemala, sponsored by the Guatemala Partnership Mission Network, CEDEPCA USA and the New Castle Presbytery Guatemala Partnership. The Guatemala Partnership Network is made up of PCUSA entities in partnerships with entities of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Guatemala (IENPG). CEDEPCA USA is the USA arm of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, a mission partner of the PCUSA that reaches across many denominations in its educational ministry, and in addition hosts and accompanies groups coming to Guatemala. The New Castle Presbytery Guatemala Partnership is part of the network and also has a partnership specifically with CEDEPCA. Come and learn about the work being done in Guatemala and how we can engage more deeply as we support one another.



8:30–10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** – Radisson Hotel, International Ballroom  
*Leader – Dr. William P. Brown, William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Seminary*

10:30–11:45 a.m. **Closing Worship**—Radisson Hotel, International Ballroom  
*Preacher—Rev. Dr. Renita J. Weems, co-pastor, Ray of Hope Community Church, Nashville. This service will include communion and a remembrance of Dr. Katie Cannon.*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Big Tent Plenary III – Sending Out** - Lord Baltimore Hotel ballroom  
Conversation with Co-Moderators Cindy Kohlmann and Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri

## POST-BIG TENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network (PIYAN) Post Conference**

Begins at 3:00 p.m. ends with lunch on Sunday.

*By invitation - please contact Moongil Cho ([moongil.cho@pcusa.org](mailto:moongil.cho@pcusa.org)).*

As young adults in the PC(USA), we come together to witness God's good work in our lives, both inside and outside of the church. We recognize that our unity is enlightened by our different cultures, backgrounds and traditions. At this post-conference, intercultural young adults, ages 20-35, will gather to affirm our unity in Christ and a vision for mission and ministry in the PC(USA) in this intercultural era.

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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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**Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network** continues, concluding with lunch.

### **Vital Congregations Facilitators Training**

*Begins Sunday evening, ends Wednesday morning.*

*By invitation only.*

*June 17, 2019*