



NORTHEAST GEORGIA
PRESBYTERY

HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT: OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH STATED MEETING
NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY**

October 21, 2025

10:00 A.M.

**HOSTED BY
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2026 GEORGIA PRESBYTERIES' GATHERING FEB. 20-21

@ EPWORTH BY THE SEA, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GA

BUILDING A BIGGER TABLE:

GATHERING, SHARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REV. JIHYUN OH

STATED CLERK OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE INTERIM UNIFIED AGENCY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)



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MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Jihyun Oh

We are honored to welcome Rev. Jihyun Oh as our keynote speaker. With wisdom, insight, and a deep commitment to the church's future, she will help us envision new ways to grow together in faith and community.

The Rev. Jihyun Oh is the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Executive Director of the Interim United Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She was elected and installed at the 226th General Assembly in July 2024. Oh is only the second woman to serve in the denomination's highest office, and the first woman and the first Korean American elected to lead the PC(USA) in its more than 300-year history in the United States.

As Stated Clerk, Oh not only serves as the ecclesial and ecumenical Head of Communion for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but also offers constitutional, spiritual, and strategic leadership for the life and witness of the church. In her role as Executive Director of the Interim Unified Agency, Oh is providing intentional relationship and bridge-building internally with the staff of the newly unified agency and externally with national and global partners as she, and leadership partners, guides the PC(USA) into a new era of its life and work together.



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CONFERENCE THEME

BUILDING A BIGGER TABLE: GATHERING, SHARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Join Presbyterians from across Georgia beginning at **1 PM Friday, Feb 20th**, to learn and grow together. This event is designed to inspire action, spark meaningful conversations, and equip attendees through practical workshops that benefit churches of every size. Leave encouraged, equipped, and empowered to bring your congregation—and your community—closer to God's vision of welcome, service, and faithful mission.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Our time together will be grounded in worship. We'll give thanks for the tables that shape our lives and imagine how we might extend them to welcome others.

- **Liturgist:** The Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
- **Music Leader & Choir Director:** Trenton Durham, Associate Director of Worship, Roswell Presbyterian Church

Join the Georgia Presbyteries Choir!

Everyone who wants to **make a joyful sound to the Lord** is welcome to be part of our **Conference Choir**! We'll rehearse **Saturday morning during the workshop block** in the **Jones Auditorium**. No audition needed — just bring your voice and your heart for worship!

We will conclude our event with a shared celebration of communion, offering a glimpse of the great table that awaits us all.

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WORKSHOPS & POTLUCK CONVERSATIONS

Participants will choose from a variety of workshops designed to provide tools, ideas, and encouragement for ministry in their context.

Potluck Conversations invite attendees to “come to the table” and share ideas, experiences, resources and best practices around shared ministry interests. During two rounds, topic options may include youth ministry, racial justice, commissioned ruling elders, peacemaking, international partnerships, and other affinity groups.

Workshops

Block A – Friday, February 20, 2026 @ 3:00 PM

A1 Meet your neighbors in Mission

Join us for a dynamic conversation about the evolving landscape of mission in the United States and around the world. Discover how Global Ecumenical Liaisons help to shape our witness at home and abroad and why we are all called to participate in this transformative work.

Rev. Ellen Sherby (she/her/hers)

Manager, International Ecumenical Liaisons
Interim Unified Agency | Global Ecumenical Partnerships
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A2 Expanding the Offering Plate: Sustainable Funding Models for Churches

Many churches find that their Sunday morning offering no longer covers all their financial needs. In this workshop, participants will learn about a variety of funding models that help congregations find a path toward financial sustainability. This includes actionable steps, real-life examples, and practical resources to build additional revenue streams and support congregational mission and ministry for the next generation of disciples.

Rev. Dana Waters is the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation in the southeast. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity, offers seminars and workshops, develops gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

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WORKSHOPS

Block A – Friday, February 20, 2026 @ 3:00 PM

A3 2020 Vision:

Accounts of Congregational Transformation Due to Livestream Technology

Providentially, Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis to a church door in Germany in the age of the printing press, and his words were mass produced, spreading across Europe. Just as providentially, the COVID Pandemic hit in the age of the internet, enabling us to worship together virtually, but now what? Should churches drop their on-line services, or might God be doing a new thing?

Rev. Joe Evans, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, just completed his Doctorate of Ministry project focused on "networked religion."

Rev. Andy James, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, has helped lead online worship gatherings since early 2020.

A4 Pop Culture Faith: Teaching the Gospel through TV and Film

Pop culture influences the clothes we wear, the music we listen to, the attitudes we hold, and even the language we use. In fact, the average American spends two hours per day consuming digital media! Yet church educators are often unsure how to leverage television and film in their adult faith formation groups. Through this workshop, we will examine three real-life groups who have successfully used shows like "Ted Lasso" and "The Good Place" as a catalyst for faith formation. Participants will then consider their own context: what shows would speak to their congregation, what setup would be most appropriate, and what buy-in would be needed. Finally, participants will learn how to design and execute an 8-session adult small group study that explores faith through the lens of popular television or film.

Rev. Cassie Waits is the Associate Pastor of Discipleship at First Presbyterian, Marietta.

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WORKSHOPS

Block A – Friday, February 20, 2026 @ 3:00 PM

A5 What's Your Story?

Participants will explore their congregation's past and present story as a window into their future story.

Who are the characters? What is the setting? What is the plot? What are the crises and the resolutions? And most essentially, what is your driving force? What is your "why?" By exploring these story elements participants can anticipate with hope and wonder their church's future story. Grounded in the art of storytelling, this workshop transforms abstract ideas into practical insights, helping participants learn through narrative and reflection.

Association of Small Congregations

A6 Making Space for Conversation at the Table

Have you ever found conversation about a seemingly simple thing to suddenly be difficult? In our increasingly polarized times, it can be challenging to have the conversations that matter. Join us to explore ways of having healthy conversations in our congregations and beyond as we seek God's deeper presence in our midst.

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's Shalom Team works to build congregational vitality and strengthen leadership by helping make space for healthy conversation in our congregations and beyond. Made up of trained and experienced volunteer leaders, the Shalom Team supports the work of the church to have deeper conversations about the things that matter.

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WORKSHOPS

Block B – Saturday, February 21, 2026 @ 8:30 AM

B7 Equip Your Ministry with the School of the Laity

Come discover how this education program is equipping lay people for their personal faith journey, for service within their congregations, and for pathways toward becoming Commissioned Lay Pastors or Trained Ruling Elders.

Marty Susie, Director of Mission & Program Advancement, Savannah Presbytery
Ella Kent, School of the Laity Committee Chair, Ruling Elder St Simons Presbyterian Church

B8 Making Room at the Table for Older Adult Ministry

About 70% of the total reported membership for the PCUSA in 2024 was above the age of 56. Yet many congregations aren't as aware of the implications of aging for faith and human development, nor do they allocate resources (facilities, funds, staff/volunteer support) for older adult ministry as they do for other age/stage ministries. This workshop will invite participants to consider the faith and human development aspects of aging, assess what their congregations are already doing, and identify where even small changes may extend a wider welcome to older adults in your community.

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Erickson is a clergy affiliate member at North Decatur Presbyterian Church and served as the Director of Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological seminary, where she helped launch the Older Adult Ministry Certificate Program. She currently serves as partnership coordinator for the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (www.poamn.org) and as a member of the leadership team for The Association of Leaders of Lifelong Learning for Ministry (www.alllm.org).

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B9 Weaving Stewardship into Worship Throughout the Church Year

Does it feel like stewardship season is always a challenge to plan for? Why is talking about money in the church so difficult? In this workshop, participants will explore faithful and practical ways to incorporate stewardship and giving into a congregation's worship life through every church season. This will include sermon ideas, stewardship resources, reimagining the offering time, involving lay leadership, and helping every worshipper cultivate their own spiritual practice of generosity.

Rev. Dana Waters is the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation in the southeast.

B10 Benefits that Serve the Church

The Board of Pensions provides medical, retirement, death and disability, and more benefits to support the employees and pastors of the PC(USA). Our values are scripturally based in A Theology of Benefits and woven in all that the Board offers. This class will offer ways that churches may also be good employers.

Clark Simmons has worked for the Board of Pensions for over 27 years.

B11 Georgia Presbyteries Choir

Join your voice to the statewide chorus of the Georgia Presbyteries Choir! We will rehearse during Saturday morning's workshop time and sing together for closing worship on Saturday afternoon.

Trenton Durham is a musician and storyteller who has spent the past decade creating music and art that help the church more fully embody the story of God in worship. He leads worship at Roswell Presbyterian Church outside Atlanta and recently graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary with a Master of Practical Theology focused on worship, preaching, and the arts.

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B12 From Posts to People: Social Media that Connects

Social media isn't just about posting content—it's about building real connections. In this workshop, you'll learn how to manage your social media with confidence, use Meta's tools effectively, and create posts that truly engage your audience. Whether you're brand new or just looking to sharpen your skills, you'll walk away with practical strategies to save time, reach more people, and communicate with purpose.

Woodson Bickers is a junior at Lowndes County High School in Valdosta, a YAMI Scholarship (Young Adult Ministry Internship) applicant and has led workshops for churches in the Flint River Presbytery.

B13 Special Offerings & Giving Trends

This workshop will introduce upcoming changes to the PC(USA) Special Offerings beginning in 2026. Participants will explore giving trends shaping these shifts, learn how to communicate the new framework within their congregations, and engage in values-based discernment around stewardship. Join in the discussion as we highlight practical ways to tell your congregation's story, connect generosity with mission, and prepare for new opportunities to receive and interpret the Special Offerings with clarity and joy.

R. Sy Hughes (He/Him/His)

Stewardship and Funds Development
Presbyterian Church (USA)

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PRESBYTERY GATHERINGS

On Saturday, during our lunch hour before the closing worship, enjoy a box lunch with members from your own presbytery. This is a dedicated time to reflect on what you've learned and discuss how to carry these insights back to your local context.

KID'S CAMP

We are excited to offer **Kids Camp** for children **aged three through twelve years of age** who are attending with a **registered adult**. Kids Camp sessions will run **at the same time as the adult workshops and sessions**. During mealtimes, children will join you to eat together as a family.

Throughout the camp, kids will enjoy: **Crafts, Games, Bible stories** and **loads of fun!**

Important Details:

- Children stay **free of charge** at the conference when accompanied by a registered adult — you'll just pay the **Kids Camp Fee for each participating child to cover meal costs**.
- **Room rates are based on the number of adults** in the room only.
- **Registered adults will check children in and out at the Gholson Building.**
Please note: Any teens attending should attend workshops.
- **Kids Camp chaperones have completed requirements per Savannah Presbytery's Child & Youth Protection Policy.**

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 20

- 1:00 pm** Gathering/Opening Worship in Jones Center Auditorium
**Kids Camp check-in is in the Gholson Building on Pitts Road*
- 3:00 pm** Workshop Block A
- 4:30 pm** Afternoon Break- You may check into your rooms at the Front Desk
- 5:30 pm** Dinner in Epworth's Main Dining Room
- 6:45 pm** Potluck Conversations in the Jones Center
- 7:00pm Round 1
- 7:45pm Round 2
- 8:30 pm** Dessert and Networking in Jones Auditorium

Saturday, February 21

- 7:00 am** Breakfast in Epworth's Main Dining Room
Note: You must check out of your room by 11 am
- 8:30 am** Workshop Block B
- 10:30 am** Keynote in Jones Auditorium
- 12:00 pm** Box Lunch by Presbytery: *What will you take home?*
Check in at Jones Auditorium for your presbytery's location.
- 1:00 pm** Closing Worship and Communion in Jones Auditorium

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS TO EPWORTH BY THE SEA

Epworth by the Sea is located at 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

From US-17 in Brunswick, take the F.J. Torras Causeway to St. Simons Island. Once you reach St. Simons Island, follow the new round-about left towards Sea Island Road. Go straight through the light. Take first left at Hamilton Road, then right on Arthur J. Moore Drive. Go through the Entrance Gate, and the Front Desk/ Pitts Building will be on your left. Registration will occur near the front desk until 6:30 p.m. Late registration will be available in Brown Auditorium.



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE FEES

The in-person Conference Room Rates listed include the cost of the conference, room charges, and three meals, beginning with dinner on Friday night. Our overnight rooms will be in the Pitts, Booth and Reynolds buildings. The Commuter Fee includes dinner on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and the conference. Kids Camp fee covers meals and activities at Epworth. To receive the Early Bird discount, registrations with FULL payment must be postmarked by October 31st, 2025. There are no exceptions. After November 1st, 2025 all registrations must include full payment of the regular fee. **After January 23rd, 2026, registration may be limited to commuters and housing cannot be guaranteed.**

Registration Fees & Deadlines

	Early Bird by October 31 st .	Nov. 1 st – Jan. 23 rd , 2026
Commuter Fee	\$120	\$150
<i>**MUST pay commuter fee if overnight stay is not with Epworth</i>		
Double Room Rate	\$165	\$195
<i>**MUST list roommate to choose this option)</i>		
Single Room Rate	\$220	\$250
Family Options		
child (3-12)	\$30	\$40
youth (13-17)	\$70	\$80

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1

Each participant must clearly and completely fill out the registration form. Choose from an online registration or a printable registration form that can be mailed in. Find both registration forms at www.savannahpresbytery.org/georgiapresbyteries/

Step 2

Each participant must complete a registration and submit payment by the deadline to receive that rate. Please mail well in advance of the deadlines if you use the US Postal Service.

Step 3

If your church is managing a group registration, please review all forms, and send in one package, along with a single check from the church covering payment in FULL for all participants by the registration deadline.

Please Note: *There are no exceptions to the registration deadlines. Registrations with full payment must be postmarked on or before the deadlines to receive the rates.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

We are required to finalize the number of rooms needed with Epworth by January 23rd, 2026. Any cancellation that arrives after that date is charged to us at the full room rate and therefore cannot be refunded.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Prefer to register online? Go to:
www.savannahpresbytery.org/georgiapresbyteries/

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Presbytery: ☐ Cherokee ☐ Flint River ☐ Greater Atlanta ☐ Northeast Georgia ☐ Savannah

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

The descriptions of each workshop can be found on pages 4 -9 of this packet.
Please choose one workshop from the Block A options and one from Block B.

Workshops A1 – A6 _____
Friday @ 3:00 pm

Workshops B7 – B13 _____
Saturday @ 8:30 am

REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The Conference begins at 1PM in the Jones Center Auditorium, Feb 20th at Epworth by the Sea, St.Simons Island. Room check-in begins at 4 PM at the Front Desk. The Overnight Accommodation Fee *includes the cost of the conference, room charges, and three meals, beginning with dinner on Friday night.* The Commuter Fee *includes dinner on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and the conference.*

Early Bird Registration is applicable from September 2nd through October 31st.
Regular rates apply beginning Nov 1st.

Want to come earlier than February 20th or stay later than February 21st? *You can!*
You must call Tiffany Flavell, Director, at Epworth directly, 912-638-8688.

Please mark the fees according to the deadline met. Each adult in each room will pay the listed amount.
For example, if two people are sharing a double, registering by October 31st their combined cost will be \$330.

Accommodation Options	Pay & Register by October 31 st	Pay & Register between Nov. 1 st – Jan. 23 rd	Total Due
Commuter Fee	\$120	\$150	
*Double Rate per Adult in Room	\$165	\$195	
Single Room Rate 1 Adult	\$220	\$250	
Family Options	Ages 3-12 \$30 Ages 13-17 \$70	Ages 3-12 \$40 Ages 13-17 \$80	

HOUSING INFORMATION

Roommate's Name _____

*Participants are required to secure their own roommate to get the Double Room Rate and must provide their roommate's name here.

Special Hotel Needs (Handicapped, etc.) _____

(please note, there are elevators in all motel buildings)

KIDS CAMP

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Kids Camp Fee Ages 3-12:

\$30 before Oct 31st

\$40 by January 23rd

Total # of Children _____

Ages 3-12

Child's Full Name

Age

Allergies

Child's Full Name

Age

Allergies

Child's Full Name

Age

Allergies

Please list any other important information we should know about your child(ren): _____

TEEN PARTICIPANTS

Teens, ages 13-17, are invited to fully participate in the conference and should attend workshops. Just like Kids Camp, teens must be accompanied by a registered adult – you'll just pay the *Family Option Teen Fee* for each participating youth to cover meal costs. *Room rates are based on the number of adults in the room only.*

Total # of Teens _____

Ages 13-17

Teen Meal Fee Ages 13-17:

\$70 before Oct 31st

\$80 by January 23rd

Teen's Full Name

Age

Workshop A Choice

Workshop B Choice

Teen's Full Name

Age

Workshop A Choice

Workshop B Choice

Please list any important information we should know about your teen(s) such as allergies: _____

**Don't forget that payment is required IN FULL with your
COMPLETED registration form to meet the registration deadlines!**

Because payment must be received with registration, please do not fax or email registration forms.

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**LUMINOSITY
CONFERENCE**

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION



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calendar on montreat.org.

Find renewal in

SACRED SPACES

Start planning a trip to western North Carolina and experience rest and renewal during one of Montreat Conference Center's upcoming events:

College Conference @ Montreat

January 2-5, 2026

montreat.org/college

Montreat Youth Conference

June 7-August 8, 2026

montreat.org/myc

Middle School Conference

July 15-19, 2026

montreat.org/msc

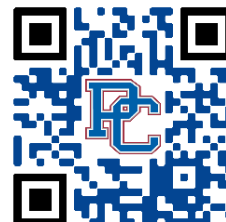


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CONFERENCE CENTER



EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS FUNDRAISING (ECRF)

Presbyterian College is proud to partner with **the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving** at the **Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (Indiana University)** to offer the **Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF)**. The executive certificate program provides the research, tools, and customized training to meet the growing needs of leaders in religious communities and fundraisers of faith-based organizations. The focus of the ECRF is on the cultural, organizational, and philanthropic practices unique to religious institutions. These practices in turn enable donors motivated by spiritual and religious values to experience the joy of generous giving. **The next course will be hosted at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA from May 11-13.** PC(USA) leaders can receive a Church Financial Leadership Grant through the Presbyterian Foundation to assist in attending the ECRF.



Scan QR Code to
register for the next
ECRF course

THRIVING IN MINISTRY CONFERENCE

As part of PC's **Ecology of Calling Initiative** (funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment) we are excited to sponsor a conference for clergy and other church professionals entitled **Thriving in Ministry**. The conference will occur on our campus **April 27 & 28**. PC alumni will serve as the featured speakers. **There is no cost to attend the conference, and hotel expenses will be covered for the first 20 participants who register.**



Scan QR Code to
register for the Thriving
in Ministry Conference

THE PRESBYTERIAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATED AMOUNT! AN \$96,000 SCHOLARSHIP OVER 4 YEARS FOR PRESBYTERIANS

The Presbyterian Promise Scholarship is a commitment by Presbyterian College to recognize students for their merit and affiliation with the Presbyterian Church. PC seeks to develop students academically and spiritually in this signature scholarship. Students who are of members of Presbyterian churches, or who attend Presbyterian/Reformed secondary schools, will receive a scholarship for a minimum of **\$24,000 per year for up to four years**—that's a \$96,000 commitment to you.



Scan QR Code to apply
or to refer a student

SUMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION EXPERIENCE

Monday, July 6 - Thursday, July 9, Presbyterian College is hosting a unique summer experience for middle school youth groups that combines service/mission projects with a conference-style community. **Groups will engage in morning worship, impactful service, and meaningful faith formation opportunities.** As part of our **Ecology of Calling Initiative**, this event is **free to the first 50 participants who register** (including youth and adults). Groups are responsible for their own transportation, but all lodging, meals, and conference events are provided.



Scan QR Code to
register your group for
the Middle School
Summer Experience

Contact **Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life**, for any questions or to schedule a visit. Email: bwilcoxon@presby.edu Phone: 251-281-6822

We are happy to work with you to schedule guest preaching opportunities, retreat leadership, campus visits, or any other ways that we can be a resource for your church family.

1st Wednesday
Sack Lunch Conversation
(South Atlantic Community Knowledge)

A monthly zoom for sharing across the Synod!

Join, learn and share experience, resources, and
best practices on a new topic each month



Conversation Topics

November 5th: Pastoral Leadership Searches

December 3rd: Interim/Transitional Leaders



Register to receive the monthly invitation. You aren't obligated to attend every session. Not every topic will suit everyone. No one keeps attendance so, no excused absences necessary! And . . . it's zoom. Bring your lunch!

To register: scan the QR Code or visit synodofsouthatlantic.org

GRACE

We embody Jesus Christ's teachings by making grace the foundation of the Synod's work and interactions with others.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" - Ephesians 2:8-9





We reflect Christ's love in our lives and work by listening deeply to one another and acting to build up the whole family of God.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs" - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7





We welcome the full selves of all who gather at our table, respecting one another and seeking to be open with each other, so that our relationships and interactions are sincere and true to the Christian faith.

*"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil;
cling to what is good" - Romans 12:9*



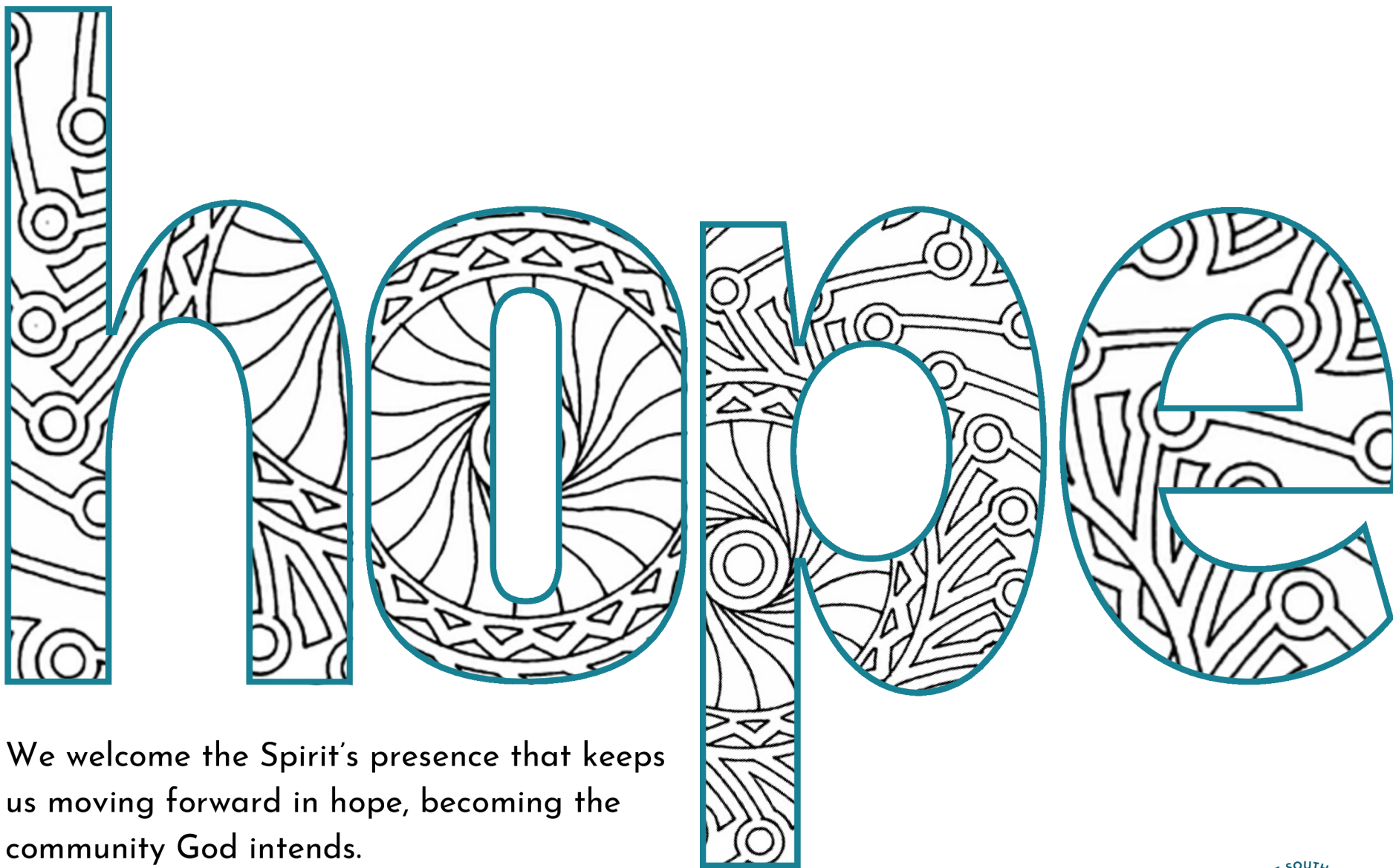


We work to unite the
presbyteries and their
congregations in faith, hope,
love, witness, and service,
emphasizing the importance of
togetherness and collective
purpose within the Synod.

*"Make every effort to keep the
unity of the Spirit through the
bond of peace" - Ephesians 4:3*

Unity





We welcome the Spirit's presence that keeps us moving forward in hope, becoming the community God intends.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer" - Romans 12:12*

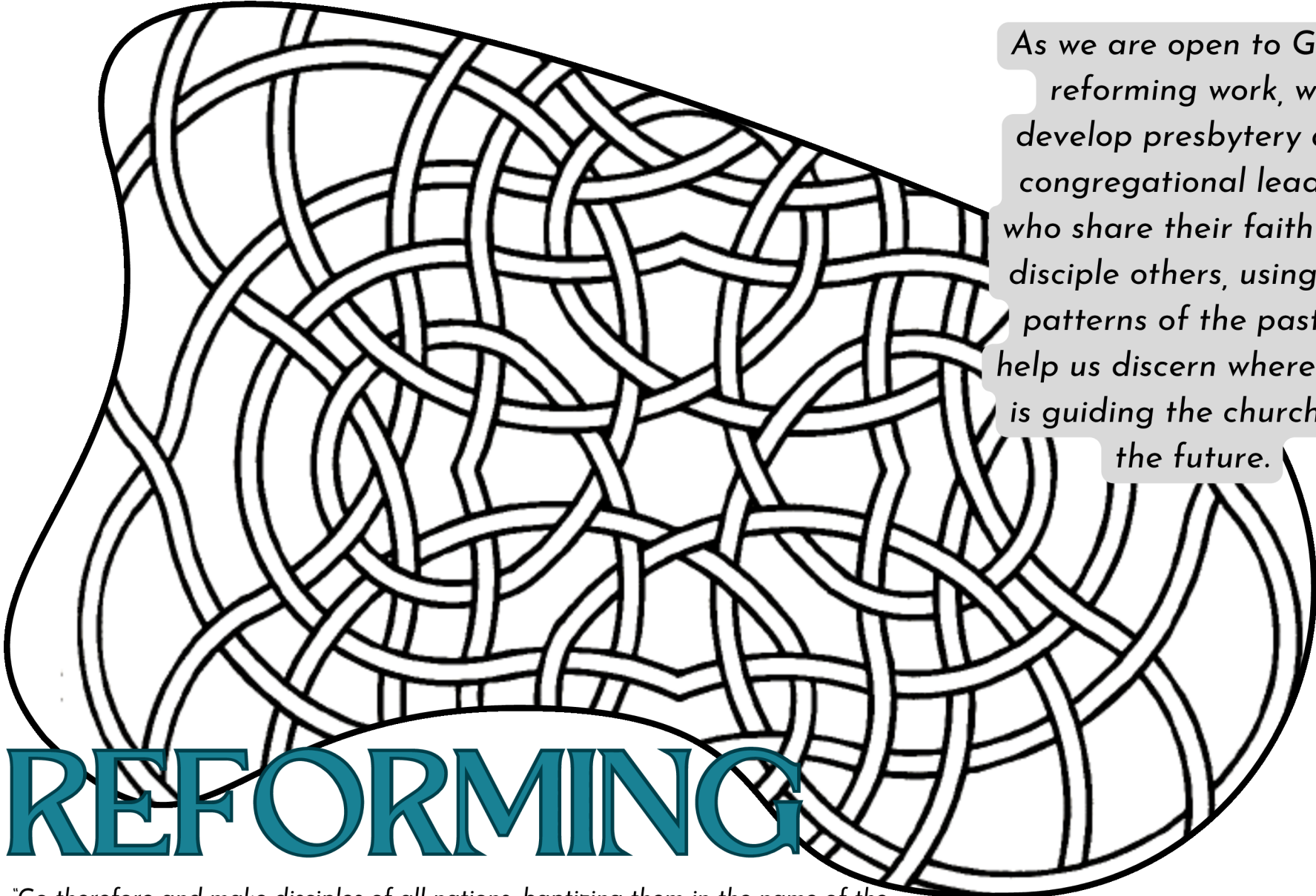




*In our faithfulness, we reflect a commitment and devotion to seeing tomorrow today
and seek to make that desired future real throughout the Synod.*

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see" -
Hebrews 11:1*





As we are open to God's
reforming work, we
develop presbytery and
congregational leaders
who share their faith and
disciple others, using the
patterns of the past to
help us discern where God
is guiding the church for
the future.

REFORMING

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" -
Matthew 28:19-20*



Transparency

We seek to practice openness in the systems and structures of the Synod so that nothing need be hidden from one another.

"O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you." - Psalm 69:5





ADULT EDUCATION



Gun Violence & Christian Ethics

4-Part Video Series

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Rev. Dr. Katie Day
Dr. Angela Carpenter
Dr. David Lincicum**

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Jingle Bell Camp

December 20-21, 2025

Day-
\$100
Overnight-
\$120

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JINGLE BELL CAMP

Packing Checklist

DO BRING: CLOTHING

- ☐ Shirts for 2-3 Days
- ☐ Pants for 2-3 Days
- ☐ Warm Layers (Jacket or Sweater)
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Warm Comfy Shoes
- ☐ Socks/Underwear (Extras for Safety)
- ☐ Hat or Beanie

DO BRING: BEDDING

- ☐ Laundry Bag
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Sleeping Bag
- ☐ Sheets/Blanket

DO BRING: PERSONAL ITEMS

- ☐ Bath Towel/Wash Cloth
- ☐ Comb or Hairbrush
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Shampoo
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Sunscreen

DO BRING: OTHER ITEMS

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Flashlight or Headlamp
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Gloves

DON'T BRING:

- ☐ Cell Phones
- ☐ Weapons
- ☐ Snacks/Candies
- ☐ Jewelry or Valuables



JINGLE BELL CAMP SCHEDULE, DEC 20-21

SATURDAY, DEC 20

9:30AM	Campers begin to roll in • Check-in at office • Move out to cabins • Rolling until 11am
10:30AM	Games with Back Home Groups
11:00AM	Welcome, Introduction to Theme
11:15AM	Group Activity w/ Back Home Groups
11:45AM	Energizers
12:00PM	Lunch
12:45PM	Silly Carols
1:00PM	Activity Block
2:00PM	Back Home Small Group
3:00PM	All Camp Recreation at Pavilion & Field
4:15PM	Activity Block
5:15PM	Energizers!
5:30PM	Dinner
6:30PM	Singing & Worship
7:30PM	Night Hike
8:15PM	S'mores and Skits
9:30PM	Recreation Time in Dining Hall
10:30PM	Lights Out

SUNDAY, DEC 21

8:45AM	Energizers!
9:00AM	Breakfast
9:45AM	Morning Watch
10:00AM	Activity Block
11:00AM	Back Home Small Group
11:45AM	Energizers!
12:00PM	Lunch
12:45PM	Silly Carols
1:00PM	Flat on Back (FOB)
2:00PM	Singing & Worship
3:00PM	Pack & Clean
4:00PM	Campers Go Home



SUMMER CAMP 2026

Explorer Day Camp

Grades 1-5

Come enjoy camp! Play in the woods and make new friends. Drop off your camper at 8:30a and pick up at 5:00p. Great for campers who aren't quite ready for overnight camping!

Reach Out Day Camp

Ages 7-14 & 15-30

This camp is an opportunity for our campers with special needs. In a supportive and safe environment, these campers receive extra supervision while participating in our Therapeutic Horse program.

Adventure Camp

Grades 3-6 & 6-9

Adventure camps are the quintessential camp experience! We pack a week with hiking, games, swimming, and so much more. Perfect for campers who want the traditional overnight camp fun.

Senior High Leadership

Grades 9-12

This program allows campers to experience the joys of camp while gaining servant leadership skills. For our campers who want to learn leadership skills or are discerning a desire to be a servant leader.

Saddle Up Horse Camp

Grades 3-6 & 6-9

Spend each day learning how to care for and riding horses. Saddle Up blends traditional camp with our equestrian program. Perfect for campers who love horses while enjoying the other things that make camp great!

VITAL Camp



Grades 9-12

Adulting can be hard! Learn essential skills like cooking, financial literacy, and household care. A camp for those individuals who'd like to learn tools as they grow up!

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JOIN US FOR SUMMER 2026!

Week 1

May 31 - June 5

ELEMENTARY
DAY CAMP
GRADES 1-6

ELEMENTARY
ADVENTURE
GRADES 3-6

MID-HIGH
SADDLE UP
GRADES 6-9

*ASTA
SESSION 1
MAY 27-30

*ASTA
SESSION 2
MAY 31-JUNE 3

Week 2

June 7- 12

ELEMENTARY
DAY CAMP
GRADES 1-6

ELEMENTARY
ADVENTURE
GRADES 3-6

ELEMENTARY
SADDLE UP
GRADES 3-6

MID-HIGH
ADVENTURE
GRADES 6-9

SENIOR HIGH
LEADERSHIP
GRADES 9-12

Week 3

June 14- 19

ELEMENTARY
DAY CAMP
GRADES 1-6

REACH OUT
KIDS
AGES 7-14

REACH OUT
YOUTH/
YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 15-30

SENIOR HIGH
VITAL CAMP
GRADES 9-12

Week 4

June 21- 26

ELEMENTARY
DAY CAMP
GRADES 1-6

ELEMENTARY
ADVENTURE
GRADES 3-6

ELEMENTARY
DAY TO NIGHT
SADDLE UP
GRADES 3-6

MID-HIGH
ADVENTURE
GRADES 6-9

SENIOR HIGH
LEADERSHIP
GRADES 9-12

Week 5

June 28 - July 3

ELEMENTARY
DAY CAMP
GRADES 1-6

ELEMENTARY
ADVENTURE
GRADES 3-6

MID-HIGH
SADDLE UP
GRADES 6-9

MID-HIGH
ADVENTURE
GRADES 6-9

COUNSELOR-
IN- TRAINING
GRADES 11-12

Week 6

July 5 - 10

ELEMENTARY
DAY CAMP
GRADES 1-6

ELEMENTARY
ADVENTURE
GRADES 3-6

MID-HIGH
SADDLE UP
GRADES 6-9

MID-HIGH
ADVENTURE
GRADES 6-9

COUNSELOR-
IN- TRAINING
GRADES 11-12

Week 7

July 12 - 19

*CAMP DREAM
SESSION 1
JULY 12-15

*CAMP DREAM
SESSION 2
JULY 16-19

*DENOTES A NON-CALVIN CAMP. THESE CAMPS DO NOT
USE CALVIN CENTER REGISTRATION.

Facilitating Peace:

Teaching Distress Tolerance and Coping Skills

LEARN

TAKE YOUR UNDERSTANDING TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY LEARNING THE THEORIES AND UNDERPINNINGS OF DISTRESS TOLERANCE AND COPING SKILL USE.

Overviews of CBT, DBT, ACT, EMDR, and Polyvagal Theory will be presented.

EXPERIENCE

ENGAGE ALL 5 SENSES THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.

- Breathwork
- Movement
- Somatic
- Visualization
- Art based

PRACTICE

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AS A FACILITATOR OF DISTRESS TOLERANCE AND COPING SKILLS.

Practice teaching in a community of support and receive immediate feedback to improve behavioral activation with clients.

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January 24, April 25, & August 22
9:00am - 4:30pm (8:30am check-in)
\$150 (lunch included)

Walking shoes suggested, outdoor time is scheduled
Approved for 5.5 Core GACSW and 6 Core LPCA hours

Register here:





Needs Assessment

*Point your smartphone's camera at the QR code,
tap the yellow link, and answer the questions!*



Help us to know how we can best serve you!