

OUTREACH

MORNING SESSION



A. Crossing Borders in the Way of Jesus: A Dance of Three Movements

Rev. Dr. Fernando Cascante, Independent Educational Consultant, former professor at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

In this workshop participants will discuss the concept of border-crossing as a dance in which we engage "the other" in order to become partners in the building of God's reign on earth. Using the theological concept of "incarnation" and the biblical account of the encounter of Jesus with the Syrophenician woman, three "movements" will be studied as essential steps for the Christian ministry of crossing-borders (e.g., cultural, racial, religious).

B. Comfort My People: Serious Mental Illness

Elder Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WNC

Adopted as a policy statement/study guide by the PCUSA General Assembly in 2008, the resource "Comfort My People" explores how to respond to serious mental illness as Church, Presbytery and Community. Workshop participants will receive this resource and examine it in light of the realities in Western North Carolina. Presenters include Bert Sigmon (Broughton State Hospital) and Lynn Michie (Swannanoa Correctional Facility Chaplain), and representatives from other agencies.



C. Dancing with Elephants: A Deeper Look into Partnerships

Rev. Ellen Dozier, Retired Missionary

This workshop will look at some of the cross cultural dynamics present as we seek to work and live in partnership with Christians in Guatemala and other countries. The workshop is designed for members of churches who have a sister church in Guatemala as well as any church member involved in relating to Christians from different cultural contexts anywhere in the world.

E. The Church and Politics...Are You Serious

Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Director of the Washington Office of Public Policy Witness in Washington, DC

Since 1946, the Washington Office of the Presbyterian Church has implemented Social Justice Policy. Recent studies have shown that many Presbyterians are unaware of the work of the Washington Office. With a new leader, who is a product of this Presbytery, the efforts to reclaim the prophetic witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has begun. Come and hear some good news about the role of Presbyterians in shaping a prophetic global role in this period in history.



K. Recreation for Mission Trips Here and Abroad

Glenn Bannerman, Retired Professor of Recreation and Outdoor Education and Evelyn Bannerman

Are you going on a mission trip to another country or have you been involved in any USA disaster events? If so, we will develop ways to help build community and develop lasting relationships through PLAY as well as PRAYER! We will play games, use low cost material in a way that those without the language skills can still interact with those you are serving. This class may also be helpful here at home.

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Q. Peace in the Holy Land

Rev. Dr. James Aydelotte, Retired Pastor, Moderator-elect, Presbytery of WNC

A brief historical survey of events in the Middle East up to 1967, an analysis of the situation in the "West Bank" since, and a discussion of possible solutions towards a just peace for all.

R. "Feed the Hungry Child, Fill a Backpack"

Members of the PWNC Hunger Committee

A hands-on workshop. Backpack programs provide food for students in need during the weekends. Come learn about backpack programs operating within our Presbytery and provide a jump start to the new academic year by filling bags for a selected program. Adults and children will enjoy this activity. Materials provided, no experience necessary.