



*February 26, 2020*

## **Presbytery News**

# You are invited to attend PW Spring Gatherings



*Weeping may endure for a night, but  
**JOY** comes in the morning.*

*Psalm 30:05*

**Saturday March 28 at Clarkson from 1-3 pm**

(address: Clarkson New Zion Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Maple, Clarkson)

**Saturday April 4 at Lyons from 1-3 pm**

(address: Lyons First Church, 340 Everest St, Lyons)

We are having a tea party in Clarkson and Lyons so we ask you to bring your favorite tea cup to use for the afternoon gathering. No speakers just an afternoon to enjoy some fellowship with your Presbyterian women friends.  
(No reservations needed for these two dates)

**Saturday April 25 Lincoln Westminster 9:00 – 1:30**

Our speaker will be Rev. Suzanne Gorhau about Marion Medical Mission

The day will also include devotions, information about the upcoming bible study and lunch.

(address: Lincoln Westminster Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln)

(Reservations required to Glenna Haller 817-757-2885)

For more information please call Terri Sherman 441-2823

## Hands-On project for all three Spring Gatherings



A Matthew 25 project to collect  
empty pill bottles

Many times, the pills people receive in developing countries are wrapped in paper scraps. They have no protection from moisture or the elements. And they certainly are not safely out of the reach of small children — you can't really safety-proof a piece of paper. Those pill bottles we take for granted are gratefully received in many parts of the world.

Bring your empty your pill bottles with the labels removed.

The Matthew 25 folks state, "Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries & caring for our environment,"

[Print Flyer](#)

## Hope for the Journey Ahead: Becoming A More Vital Congregation

### Are you Interested in:

- Measuring the health and vitality of your congregations?
- Understanding what it means to be a lifelong disciple of Jesus Christ?
- Empowering servant leadership in the life of your church?

**Keynote Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill,  
associate for Vital Congregations in the  
Presbyterian Mission Agency

**Friday, March 6th:**

**7:00 - 9:00pm** Meet & Greet & Eat with Rev.  
Threadgill  
and Homestead friends”

**Location:**

Valentino's Buffet, 2701 S 70th St.



**Saturday, March 7th:**

**9:00 am - 4:00 pm** "Exploring the Seven Marks of Vital Congregations"  
- Rev. Dr. Threadgill

**Location:**

The Champions Club,  
707 Stadium Dr, Lincoln, NE 68501

**Cost: FREEEEE!**

**Registration ends MONDAY, March 2nd!**

\* If due to travel requirements, a hotel is needed for Friday night, financial assistance may be available through Homestead Presbytery. Please note this on your Registration.

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

**Download  
Flyer**

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## **Hope for the Journey Ahead - A Lenten Worship Resource**

Homestead Presbytery's New Worshiping Communities & Church Vitality Committee is providing the following "*Season of Lent – Hope for the Journey Ahead*" reflections for congregations who are considering how and where God is moving their understanding of what it means to be "church" in a changing community and world.

As we enter the Season of Lent, we pray that these reflections will provide encouragement, and confirm God's faithfulness as He leads and fits us for the journey ahead.



Your partners in the journey,  
Members of the New Worshiping Communities and Church Vitality  
Committee

[Download Here!](#)

## Help tie fleece blankets at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (Lincoln)

**FOR THOSE STILL DEALING WITH FLOOD  
DISASTER in Homestead Presbytery**

**When?**

**SATURDAY, 2/29/2020 – 1 to 4 pm**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!!!!**

**Male or Female – easily learned!**

**No special skills needed – just a ♥ for mission!**



## Opportunities to Learn and Grow

### Conflict Workshop



May 18 - 20  
Lakeshore Center at Okoboji,  
Milford, Iowa

This workshop is specifically designed to provide church leaders with the knowledge and tools necessary to address, manage, and resolve conflict in a healthy and effective manner. Participants will learn about conflict management styles, including their own default style, what the other styles look like, and how to grow in their ability to use and understand different conflict management styles. Other components of the workshop will include learning how family of origin influences one's attitudes about conflict, plus strategies for responding to conflict in the moment, opportunities for prayer, reflection, worship,

**COST:** \$450-\$550 (Limited scholarships are available for PCUSA.)

[Register Now](#)

# Summer Mission Camp 2020



WHEN: June 1-6  
WHERE: Estes Park, CO

An amazing time awaits all those who venture to the Rockies for SMC 2020. We're looking for Middle & High School Youth ready to dive into some amazing experiences during our time on the mountainside next June. Space is limited so you'll want to register early for your chance at this challenging opportunity for youth groups and their leaders. We're already working hard to prepare for you at SMC 2020, see you in June!

[Learn More and Register!](#)



## SAVE THE DATE!!

**2020 Pastors School**  
May 18-21, 2020  
Glacier Camp, Lakeside  
Montana

Stay tuned for more information!

## Great Plains Small Church Connection Conference

**Dates:** May 4-6, 2020

**Theme:** Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

**Featured Speaker:** Kevin McChesney  
Composer/Arranger of Handbell Music

**Registration options:**

-Double Occupancy On-Site Stay: \$200 per person

-Single Occupancy On-Site Stay : \$250 per person ( limited – Register Early!)

-Commuter – Conference & Meals Only \$100 per person



[REGISTER NOW!](#)



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
**Presbyterian Mission**

## Presbyterian Mission Agency offers communications workshops

Can your congregation say yes to these statements?

- Our church has a clear and concise goal in mind for its communications.
- Our church maximizes the use of its social media platforms.
- Our church's website is easy to navigate and tells the congregation's story.

If you're not sure about your congregation's responses to any of these statements, you may want to schedule a communications workshop in 2020.

The workshops are completely free of charge. For more information or to schedule your 2020 communications workshop contact Gail Strange at [gail.strange@pcusa.org](mailto:gail.strange@pcusa.org) or call 800.728.7228, ext. 5340.

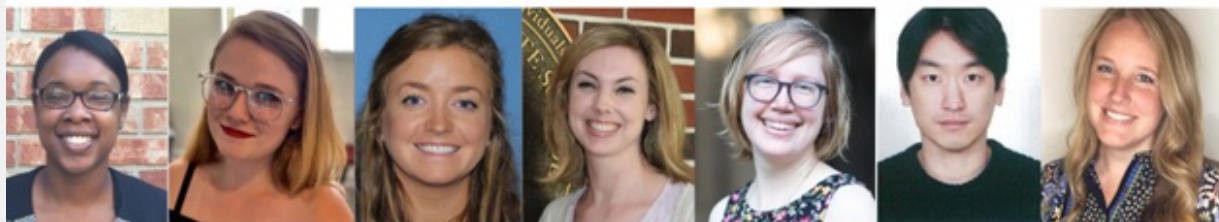
# Apollo Scholarships

## 2020 applications now being accepted



*Congratulations* to the 2019 Apollo Scholarship Award Winners!

**Will you be one in 2020? Apply TODAY!**



For qualifications & application visit  
[omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org](http://omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org)

**You are eligible for an Apollo Scholarship if you are ...**

1. An individual who possesses qualities of excellence for ministry
2. A member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation
3. Currently under the care of a Presbytery as an Inquirer or a Candidate
4. Accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts or Dual degree program in one of the nine Presbyterian seminaries

**DEADLINE April 15, 2020**

**APPLY NOW**

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## Pastoral Excellence Programs for Mid-Career Clergy and Women of Color Announced

### The Colloquy for Mid-Career Clergy

**September 9-11, 2020 and  
January 4-6, 2021**

The co-facilitators are Dr. Betty Pugh Mills and Rev. Jonathan W. Ball.

The total program fee for this colloquy is \$600 and includes five meals during each session. On-campus housing is available at special reduced rates

### The Colloquy for Women of Color

**September 14-16, 2020 and  
January 25-27, 2021**

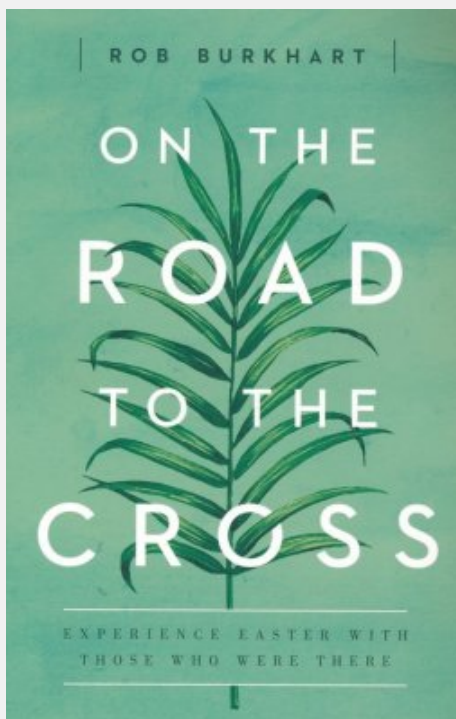
This Colloquy features three facilitators, Karma Bowen-Johnson, Lilian (Luky) Cotto and Jihyun Oh.

The program fee for this Colloquy is \$550 and includes five meals during each session. On-campus housing is available at special reduced rates.

The Colloquy for Clergy Series offers clergy an opportunity to engage as reflective practitioners in a peer-learning, peer-mentoring experience. Each Colloquy includes a summer and winter session; participants must commit to attend both sessions.

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## *Get Lost in a Book*



Easter is the turning point of human history and the turning point of our lives! On the Road to the Cross is an eight week study allowing you to experience Easter through the eyes of everyday people who witnessed the triumphal entry, saw Jesus drag his cross to Calvary, and cried through Christ's last words. Characters studied are:

1. Simon the Leper and the Sinful Woman
2. Malchus, the High Priest's Servant
3. The Centurion at the Cross
4. Cleopas
5. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea
6. Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate
7. Simon of Cyrene
8. Mary Magdalene

## Weekly Prayer Requests

### *Lyons*

Lyons First Presbyterian Church covets your prayers for the youth of our congregation and our partnering congregation, Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church. Having reaffirmed their baptisms in January, they are transitioning from confirmation classes to youth group. May they continue to feel encouraged, supported, and valued by their faith communities. We also ask for prayers for our deacons and elders. It is sometimes difficult to find people in a season of life in which they are both able and willing to serve in these capacities. We thank God for those who say, "Yes!" not to the nominating committee, but to God's Church. We look forward to hosting Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Baccalaureate services this spring in addition to our May Breakfast and the PW Spring Gathering. May the Holy Spirit guide our preparations.

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#### **Homestead Presbytery**

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**Monday-Thursday** 9:00am-4:00pm

**Friday** 9:00am-12:30pm

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