



*May 27, 2021*

## Presbytery News

**Homestead Presbytery has a  
NEW PHONE NUMBER!!**

**402-413-2143**

Make sure to write down the new number for  
Homestead Presbytery!



## IMPORTANT PRESBYTERY NOTICES



**The Presbytery office will be  
closed on Monday May 31st  
for Memorial Day.**

**GA Commissioner and Advisory  
Delegate Applications are due  
June 30th.** Click the links below  
for the application as well as what  
you can expect in your role as a  
commissioner or advisory

delegate.

[Complete GA Application](#)

[Expectations of Commissioners and Advisory Delegates](#)



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

## Communications Workshop

Tuesday, June 1, 2 p.m. EDT

What do you want your community to know about your church? Now, more than ever, church leaders need to be in touch with their congregations and their communities. Join the Presbyterian Communicators Network for this informative workshop focusing on livestreaming your church service.

After more than a year of many church buildings being closed, congregations are beginning to re-enter their places of worship. However, one thing the pandemic has taught us is that we must do church differently. This workshop will share tips, tools and techniques to help you up your game of livestreaming or help you venture into the world of livestreaming.

You don't have to have a huge budget or a large staff to effectively tell the story of your work inside and outside the church walls. The workshop will share a variety of resources that are available at little or no cost.

Register now for this online workshop, conducted by communications professionals on the Presbyterian Mission Agency staff.

[Register Here](#)



**THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH**  
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## Reparations, Repentance and Redemption Series

**When:** Sundays, June 6th, 13th & 20th

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

**Where:** ZOOM

Does our Christian faith compel us to support reparations for the descendants of enslaved people? While politicians and pundits argue over the policy and economic impact, they miss the theological implication: does God present America with reparations as an opportunity to repent for centuries of race slavery? Do reparations offer at least a step toward the national redemption that will begin to heal the racism that divides the nation and tempts millions to turn to authoritarian leaders? This three-session speaker series will open Riverside's discussion of these compelling theological, ethical and political questions. This series is a "Foundations level class" – This class is a good entry point for those who are curious but perhaps are not very familiar with these ideas. This is part one of a two-part series. Part one is a beginners level class and part two in the fall will be a more advanced level.

**Schedule:**

Sunday, June 6, 1:00-2:15pm

Sunday, June 13, 1:00-2:15pm

Sunday, June 20, 1:00-2:15pm

Each session will provide ample time for audience questions.

**Featured Speakers:**

- **Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam** - Jermaine serves as Theology and Program Co-Lead with Restorative Actions ([restorativeactions.org](http://restorativeactions.org)), a grassroots volunteer initiative for churches, individuals, mid-councils, and agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other ecumenical partners and interested organizations taking leadership in opposition to racism and racial privilege. Jermaine is currently a doctoral candidate at Union Theological Seminary in the area of Social Ethics. In addition to completing a dissertation on the social ecology of extra-legal violence against African-Americans after slavery, Jermaine continues to research the social ethical, and theological implications of social attitudes regarding reparations and reparations advocacy. Ordained by the Twin Cities Presbytery, PC(USA) in Minneapolis in 2012, Jermaine served as associate pastor at Kwanzaa Community Church, PC(USA), and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. He also holds an MDiv from United Theological Seminary.
- **Jim Koon** - Jim serves as Treasurer and Financial Services Director at the Synod of Lakes and Prairies (mid-council leadership organization of the Presbyterian Church (USA) serving 16 presbyteries and 650 churches across the upper Midwest). In association with Restorative Actions, Jim has initiated dialog with the Office of the General Assembly, PC(USA), leading to the creation of the Restorative Actions working team. Jim earned a BA in Economics at Claremont McKenna College and an MBA at the Fuqua School at Duke University. He has held leadership positions in the banking industry, including Head of National Product Management for Bank of America and President of TCF Bank of Illinois (\$3 billion subsidiaries of TCF Financial Corp.).



## PC(USA) Job Opportunities

Please share the attached career opportunities and invite

individuals to share their gifts and talents to further the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Apply online by going to our website at [www.pcusa.org/jobs](http://www.pcusa.org/jobs) and “Search for Employment Opportunities.”

List of Jobs in English

List of Jobs in Korean

List of Jobs in Spanish



invites you to a special online gathering

**Monday, June 14**  
**from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**“Everything Old Is New Again!” Or is it  
“Everything New is Old Again!?”**

**What does it mean for the church “to get back to normal?”**

A gathering... for discussion...  
for sharing ideas... for your soul and your ministry

**Topics on the radar for this gathering...**

- Reaching the people that used to be lost
- How doing church is connecting differently
- Building on the way we’ve learned to stay connected
- Getting things done without the coffee & the stories
- What does it mean to be church?
- Normal is what we do, not what we did.

**No registration fee for this event.**

**Please share this invitation with others who might be interested in being part of this online gathering on June 14.**

**Click to Register**

Now!



## Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders

August 2-6, 2021 daily  
from 9:00am CT to 5:00pm CT

Conflict is normal and inevitable; unfortunately, the church is not immune! Participants in *MSTI* acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. This 5-day workshop will be repeated on June 21-25, October 11-15, and November 15-19, 2021. For details and registration consult the current [MSTI Brochure](#).



\*\*Click image to see calendar in separate window

## Weekly Prayer Requests

### Wakefield

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the

Wakefieldcongregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

## *Wayne First*

First Presbyterian of Wayne has experienced new ways to worship over the last year. We returned to in person worship (following CDC guidelines) with a Zoom component in August. We are grateful to Homestead Presbytery for the Technology Grant which allowed us to purchase new technology for worship and gives us the ability to have a Zoom component. As vaccinations increase and the COVID risk declines the Session and the congregation look forward to the day, hopefully to not too far in the future when we can transition from sidewalk fellowship back to coffee fellowship following worship. Having experienced new ways of being the church we pray that the Spirit will continue to move in our midst to reveal unique ways FPC can be the hands and feet of Christ.

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

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

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