



# ECUMENICAL ADVOCACY DAYS

FOR GLOBAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE

## **Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World: #GoodTrouble April 5-8, 2019**

Welcome to the 2019 National Gathering of Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice! I started a recent sermon making the statement, "Saints, we are in trouble." Indeed, as we listen to the news or go to our timeline feeds on social media, there is no doubt that trouble is all around us. Yet, our faith teaches us that trouble does not "last always," nor does it have the final say in our lives. We also gather believing that all of us are a part of the solution for the troubles we face in our communities, nation and world.

Our theme, "*Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World: #GoodTrouble*," comes at a pivotal time in our nation and world. We are troubled by issues of racism, poverty, climate change, violence and other manifestations of injustice that harm us, especially the most vulnerable in our society. We also embrace the imperative for us to get into #GoodTrouble advocating for justice.

As we gather, we will do so to explore movements which stirred up #GoodTrouble and chart a future course for how to address the injustices we are confronted with now. The 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference will draw on the legacy of #GoodTrouble pioneers from the Civil Rights era and recent movements like Black Lives Matter, the Women's March, March for Our Lives, People's Climate March, and the Poor People's Campaign to inspire and empower the next generation of movement leaders and champions for justice and peace.

Thank you for being a part of this important conference. If this is your first time at EAD, *welcome!* If you are returning to our National Gathering, *welcome back!* We are so glad you are here and hope that you will find this conference inspires, encourages, informs, equips, edifies and strengthens you. We also hope it will compel you to go back to your own community and continue advocating on behalf of the most vulnerable.

It is time for us to get into #GoodTrouble for good reason - to stand for justice, peace and righteousness in our world.

*Blessings,*

*Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune, Director, and  
The EAD 2019 Leadership Team*

Friday, April 5, 2019

1 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.                      Registration Opens    *Washington Ballroom Foyer*

Noon    Exhibit Hall Opens                      *Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby*

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.                      Pre-Gathering Event sponsored by the National Council of Churches  
Our Call to Speak Up for Displaced People    *Wilson/Harrison*

*“Biblical and Theological Reflections on Movement Building and Social Justice Activism”*

*Through panel presentations and conversation we will explore how our faith informs, shapes and inspires us to movement building and social justice activism. Presenters will present both theological rationales and practical examples to help you become more effective in this type of ministry in our respective settings.*

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.                      Pre-Gathering Event: Your EAD Orientation    *Lincoln Hall*

*Is this your first time at Ecumenical Advocacy Days? Feeling a bit overwhelmed by the “ask” or the weekend of events? EAD offers this Orientation to help participants understand the conference schedule, the policy “ask,” and what to expect on Capitol Hill. Information in this Orientation will be extremely valuable for first-time participants, but even the seasoned advocate will find this information helpful.*

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.                      Optional Dinner Buffet    *Commonwealth*  
(Must purchase ticket at Registration)

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.                      **Opening Celebration**    *Crystal Ballroom*

Welcome:     **Jim Winkler**, *President/CEO, National Council of Churches USA*  
**Patrick Carolan**, *Franciscan Action Network, (Celebrating 10 years of ministry)*  
**Rev. Dr. Leslie Copeland-Tune**, *Director, Ecumenical Advocacy Days*

Speaker:     **Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock**, *Senior Pastor*  
*The Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.*

8:30 – 9:00 p.m.                      **Registration Open**    *Washington Ballroom Foyer*

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.                      Exhibitors Meet & Greet                      *Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby*

9:00 – 11:00 p.m.                      Young Adult Gathering    *Monument View*

**Saturday, April 6**

7:45 – 8:15 a.m.	Registration Open	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:15 a.m.	Morning Devotion Elder Vilmarie Cintron Olivieri <i>Co-Moderator, Presbyterian Church (USA)</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
8:30 – 10 a.m.	Plenary Session  <i>“Troubling the Waters for Movement Building”</i>  Speakers: Ana Garcia-Ashley, <i>Executive Director, Gamaliel</i> Rev. Adam Taylor, <i>Executive Director, Sojourners</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Exhibits</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom</i>
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Panel of Movement Builders</b>  Myrna Oronco, <i>Church World Service and Movement Voter Project</i> Kiaran Ooman, <i>Our Children’s Land Trust Lawsuit</i> Valéry Nodem, <i>Presbyterian Hunger Program</i> Rev. Robin Tanner, <i>National Faith Team Leader, Poor Peoples Campaign</i> Rev. Aundreia Alexander, <i>National Council of Churches USA (Facilitator)</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch &amp; Table Conversations</b>  <i>Facilitators:</i> Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, <i>Bread for the World</i> Maggie Conley, <i>Sisters of Mercy of the Americas</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Issue Workshops – Session I	<i>Various Locations (see page 16)</i>
3:30 – 3:45 p.m.	<b>Exhibit Break</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom/Presidential Hallway/Hotel Lobby</i>
3:45 – 5:15 p.m.	Issue Workshops – Session II	<i>Various Locations (see page 19)</i>
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	<b>Denominational Gatherings</b> Christian Reformed Church, <i>Monroe</i> Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, <i>Wilson/Harrison</i> Anabaptists/Peace Churches, <i>Madison</i> Presbyterian Church (USA), <i>Crystal A</i> United Methodist Church, <i>Crystal CDE</i> The Episcopal Church, <i>Jackson</i> Baptists, <i>Van Buren</i> Roman Catholic Mass & Reception, <i>Commonwealth</i>	

## Saturday, April 6

7:00 p.m.	<b>Sisters of Mercy &amp; Church World Service Dinners</b>	<i>Pentagon I and II</i>
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Disciples of Christ & United Church of Christ Reception	<i>Capitol View</i>
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Church (USA) Reception	<i>Jackson</i>
8:30 p.m.	<b>David LaMotte Concert</b>	<i>Jefferson</i>

## Sunday, April 7

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration Open</b>	<i>Washington Ballroom Foyer</i>	
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Interdenominational Worship</b> Preacher: Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens, <i>President &amp; General Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee &amp; Exhibit Break</b>		
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>EAD Policy Plenary</b>  Speakers: <b>Marcia Johnson-Blanco</b> , <i>Co-Director, Voting Rights Project Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law</i>  <b>Laura Strawmyer</b> , <i>Policy &amp; Advocacy Manager, Alliance for Peacebuilding</i>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch: State Break-Outs</b>	<i>Various Locations</i>	
Crystal A	KY, MN, TN	Capitol View	ND, NE, SD, WI
Crystal B	NY	Monument View	OH
Crystal C	DC, MD	Commonwealth	IL
Pentagon I	AL, AR, CO, LA, OR, PR, WV, WY	Van Buren	CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT
Lincoln Hall	PA	Wilson	IA, KS, MO
Valor	OK, TX	Harrison	VA
Victory	DE, NJ	Jackson	IN, MI
Liberty	AK, AZ, ID, MT, NM, UT, WA	Madison	FL, GA, MS
Potomac View	CA, HI, NV	Monroe	NC, SC
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Exhibits Break</b>		
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Issue Workshops – Session III</b>	<i>Various Locations (See page 22)</i>	

## Sunday, April 7

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Exhibits Break</b>	
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Closing Plenary</b>	<i>Crystal Ballroom</i>
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Free Time / Dinner on your own	
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Open Space Workshops “Let My People Go” Video and Discussion	<i>Various Locations (TBD) Jackson</i>

## Monday, April 8

### *Congressional Advocacy Day*

7:30 a.m.	First Buses Depart for Capitol Hill	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall</i>
8:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	<i>United Methodist Building 100 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, DC</i>
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	A Place to Rest between Lobby Visits	<i>United Methodist Building</i>
9:00 a.m.	Second Buses Depart for Capitol Hill	<i>Lower Lobby Outside Lincoln Hall</i>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Public Witness</b>	
9:00 am. – 5:00 p.m.	Lobby Visits on Capitol Hill	<i>(See your Lobby Day Schedule)</i>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
5:00 p.m.	<b>EAD ADJOURNS</b> (United Methodist Building CLOSED) <i>Be sure to pick-up your luggage and return lobby visit reports before 5 p.m.</i>	

*See you next year!*

*Mark Your Calendar for Ecumenical Advocacy Days: April 17-20, 2020*

### **Additional Activities Happening Around EAD:**

#### Saturday, April 6, 2019

7:00 – 8:15 a.m.	LGBTQ Briefing Breakfast (All Invited) <i>Hosted by UCC HIV &amp; AIDS Network</i>	<i>Monument View</i>
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#### Sunday, April 7, 2019

7:00-8:15 a.m.	IWG Drones Breakfast <i>Sponsored by the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare</i>	<i>Van Buren</i>
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## EAD's National Gathering Moderators

### Lawrence Couch

*Director, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd*

Larry Couch has served as a lobbyist for the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd since 2009. In this capacity, he has advocated in favor of programs serving people living in poverty; protecting people who are survivors of human trafficking; prevention of domestic abuse and compassionate immigration reform. While maintaining his ongoing lobbying activities, in April 2014 he assumed the responsibilities of Director of the National Advocacy Center.

Prior to his work with the National Advocacy Center, Larry served as the Legislative Liaison for the Archdiocese of Washington. In addition to federal and state advocacy work, Larry helped create Justice and Advocacy Councils in five Maryland counties to advocate for the needs of people living in poverty.



### Rev. Ebony Grison

*Ecumenical Poverty Initiative*

Rev. Ebony Grison directs the Ecumenical Poverty Initiative (EPI), a ministry which helps people of faith speak and act against the sin of poverty, and advocates for just policies on Capitol Hill. EPI primary foci include unemployment, low wages, poverty and elections, food insecurity, and predatory lending. Prior to this, she served as the Resident Pastor at two Baptist churches in Rhode Island. Her ministry included preaching, teaching, pastoral care, leading in worship, and committee participation. To this she added various ministries outside of the church, including social and economic justice outreach ministries. Later, she served as Co-Chair of the Rhode Island Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Rev. Ebony is a Bronx, New York, native who earned a Bachelor of Arts in African-American and African Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; a Master of Arts in American History at Providence College; and a Master of Divinity with a Concentration in Christian Education, and a Certificate in Gender, Theology, and Ministry, at Duke Divinity School.



## Opening Celebration

### Friday, April 5 • 7:00 p.m.

#### Keynote Speaker

#### **Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock**

*Senior Pastor, The Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.*

The Reverend Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock is the Senior Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, spiritual home of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The son of two Pentecostal pastors, Dr. Warnock responded to the call of ministry at a very early age, and at age 35, became the fifth and the youngest person ever called to the senior pastorate of Ebenezer Baptist Church, founded in 1886. Before coming to EBC, "America's Freedom Church," Dr. Warnock was blessed to study and serve within the pastoral ranks of leading congregations also known for their deep spiritual roots and strong public witness. Under Dr. Warnock's leadership, more than 4,000 new members have joined EBC, enhancing the church's legacy of social activism with both spiritual and numerical growth. Dr. Warnock graduated from Morehouse College cum laude in 1991, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. He also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he graduated with honors and distinctions. Seeing his pastoral work as tied to the ministry of scholarship and the life of the mind, Dr. Warnock continued his graduate studies at Union, receiving a Master of Philosophy degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the field of systematic theology. Dr. Warnock's activism was honored in 2016, as his footprints were placed on the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame.



#### **Musical Guest**

#### **Paul Vasile**

*Church Musician/Consultant/Composer*



Paul brings over 20 years of ministry experience to his work as a consultant, workshop facilitator, and teacher. He is excited to help congregations broaden their repertoire of sung prayer and praise, and to demonstrate how participatory music and liturgy can energize and unify worshippers from varied backgrounds, cultures, and traditions. His skills and background make him a unique resource to congregations in transition, or those experiencing anxiety or conflict in their worship life. As the Executive Director of Music that Makes Community, Paul is passionate about modeling and sharing leadership practices that sustain the musical and spiritual life of faith communities. He provides support and resources to an international network of leaders committed to a

practice of paperless singing, grounded in a theology of welcome and generosity. Additionally, he serves as Director of Music at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, where he directs the Seminary Choir, collaborates with faculty and student worship leaders, and serves as a resource to the wider faith community.

## EAD Morning Devotion Saturday, April 6 • 8:15 a.m.

Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri is a teacher and a Presbyterian Ruling Elder. A life-long Presbyterian, she considers serving as a Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD) to the 205th General Assembly (1993) a pivotal experience in understanding for the first time the scope of being a connectional church. Soon after serving as a YAD, Vilmarie was ordained as a ruling elder at the Iglesia Presbiteriana en Caparra Terrace, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Vilmarie has found great joy in working as an interpreter (Spanish/English) at the biennial General Assembly meetings since 2006 and at the past two Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gatherings. At a professional level, Vilmarie holds a B.A. in Education (English as a Second Language) from the University of Puerto Rico and a Master's in Education (Curriculum and Teaching) from Turabo University. She has dedicated most of her adult life to education, teaching high schoolers and adults.



## EAD Plenary Session: Movement Building Saturday, April 6 • 8:30 a.m.



**Ana Garcia-Ashley**  
*Executive Director,*  
*Gamaliel*

Ana Garcia-Ashley began her work in Gamaliel in the early 1990s, as Lead Organizer of MICAH (Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope). Ana was also the founding organizer for WISDOM, the Gamaliel-affiliated Wisconsin state organization. She has been a member of the Gamaliel central staff for nearly two decades, serving as senior trainer at Gamaliel's National Leadership Training and co-director of the Civil Rights for Immigrants campaign. In 2009, Ana was named Associate Director, becoming Executive Director in 2012. Under her leadership the organization's Fire of Faith campaign is on track to save or create nearly 1 million jobs over 3 years, while also rekindling the 1,000 interfaith congregations that belong to Gamaliel's affiliate organizations through community organizing. She is a member of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Milwaukee.

**Rev. Adam R. Taylor**  
*Executive Director,*  
*Sojourners*

Rev. Adam Russell Taylor is the executive director of Sojourners and author of *"Mobilizing Hope: Faith-Inspired Activism for a Post-Civil Rights Generation."*



Taylor previously led the Faith Initiative at the World Bank Group and served as the Vice President of Advocacy at World Vision U.S. and the Senior Political Director at Sojourners. He has also served as the executive director of Global Justice, an organization that educates and mobilizes students around global human rights and economic justice. Taylor is a graduate of Emory University, the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, and the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. Taylor is ordained in the American Baptist Church and serves at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va.



**EAD Morning Plenary Panel Discussion**  
**Saturday, April 6 • 10:30 a.m.**

*“Movement Builders: Troubling the Waters for Justice”*



*A panel discussion with Movement builders, those who are on the front lines of fighting for justice for the healing of the world. We will learn more about what it takes to build a movement from their perspectives and, hopefully, be inspired and challenged to be movement builders in our own communities. Panelists include: (pictured left to right): Myrna Oronco, Church World Service and Movement Voter Project; Kiaran Ooman, Our Children’s Land Trust Lawsuit; Rev. Robin Tanner, Poor Peoples Campaign; and, Valery Nodem, Presbyterian Hunger Program; Rev. Aundrea Alexander, National Council of Churches USA, will moderate this panel discussion.*



**Lunch Table Conversations**  
**Moderators**  
**Saturday, April 6 • 12:00 p.m.**



**Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith**  
*Senior Associate for Pan African and  
 Orthodox Church Engagement  
 Bread for the World*



**Maggie Conley**  
*Director, Institute Justice Team  
 Sisters of Mercy of the Americas*

## David LaMotte Concert

Saturday, April 6 • 8:30 p.m.

### Musician/Speaker/Author



*David LaMotte, an acclaimed musician, speaker, author and justice advocate, will grace EAD participants with a concert on Saturday evening. Enjoy the fellowship and great music while being inspired and renewed for the work ahead.*

David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, speaker and writer. He has performed over 3000 concerts and released twelve full-length CDs of primarily original music, touring in all of the fifty states, as well as five of the seven continents. The Boston Globe writes that his music “pushes the envelope with challenging lyrics and unusual tunings, but he also pays homage to folk tradition,”

while BBC Radio Belfast lauds his “charm, stories, humor, insightful songs, sweet voice and dazzling guitar ability.”

His dense speaking and workshop calendar has included presenting at the PC(USA) Mission to the United Nations, keynoting peace conferences in Berlin and at the Scottish Parliament, as well as offering the baccalaureate for 2016 graduates of Columbia Seminary. As a keynote speaker, and then Critical Conversations Coordinator, he has facilitated conversations about race, privilege, and positive change for thousands of college students at the Montreat College Conference. His TEDx talk on what music can teach us about peacemaking was published in 2018.

In 2004, David and his wife Deanna founded PEG Partners, a non-profit organization that supports literacy, critical thought, and artistic expression in Guatemala. He continues to serve as the President of PEG. He is also a consultant on Peace and Justice for the North Carolina Council of Churches, and served as Clerk the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Task Group. LaMotte’s latest solo album, *The Other Way Around*, features musicians from every inhabited continent, and guest appearances from Ed King of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Nicky Sanders and Graham Sharp of the Steep Canyon Rangers, and bluegrass legend Tim O’Brien, among a large cast of musicians. It was released in September of 2016, and debuted at #8 on the Folk-DJ chart.

## Interdenominational Worship

### Sunday, April 7 • 8:30 a.m.

#### Rev. Dr. Teresa Hord Owens

*President and General Minister  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*



Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens was elected as the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in July 2017. She is the first person of color and second woman to lead the denomination. A descendant of one of the oldest African-American free settlements in Indiana and a Disciple since young adulthood, Hord Owens was dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastor of First Christian Church of Downers Grove, IL prior to her election.

Hord Owens’ resume includes more than 20 years in corporate America leading diverse teams in data management in health care and other industries before she entered seminary. After ordination, she served 15 years at the University of Chicago Divinity School, shepherding a varied student body in both background and theology.

Hord Owens is widely sought after as a preacher, speaker and workshop facilitator. Her ministry and intellectual interests include a theology of reconciliation, cultural intelligence, developing inclusive and multi-cultural congregations, and the mentoring of young adults. She marked three decades of marriage with Walter Owens, Jr., prior to her election. They are the proud parents of an adult son, W. Mitchell Owens, III.

#### Ministry in Music

Melanie R. Hill completed her Ph.D. in English Literature at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2018 with graduate certificates in Africana Studies and Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies. Her dissertation, *Personified Preaching: Black Feminist Sermonic Practice in Literature and Music* is an interdisciplinary analysis of the presence of black women preachers in twentieth and twenty-first century African-American literature, music, and religion. Focusing on the term she coins as “Black Feminist Sermonic Practice”, Melanie closely examines through sermon and song black women preachers, along with African-American writers and musicians, in all three realms of discursive practice. In addition to her scholarship, Melanie is a Gospel Violinist who has performed at the Apollo Theater, the White House, and for Pope Francis's Papal Mass.



## EAD Policy Plenary

### Sunday, April 7 • 10 a.m.

#### Speakers

##### **Marcia Johnson Blanco**

*Co-Director, Voting Rights Project, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*

**Marcia Johnson-Blanco** is the Co-director of the Lawyers' Committee's Voting Rights Project. She manages the Project's programmatic and advocacy portfolios which include leading Election Protection, the nation's largest non-partisan voter protection program, overseeing the work of the National Commission on Voting Rights, promoting election reform, ensuring minority participation in the redistricting process and ensuring that those with felony convictions regain their right to vote. Marcia started at the Lawyers' Committee as a staff attorney in 2004 working on the first Election Protection program during a presidential election. In 2005, she served as the deputy director of the National Commission on the Voting Rights Act which was organized to review the record of discrimination in voting from 1982 - 2005. The findings of the Commission were a significant part of the record considered by Congress in the 2006 reauthorization of the expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Marcia also served as a member of the litigation team defending the 2007 challenge to constitutionality of the Act.



Marcia is a recognized leader in voting rights who has participated in countless voting rights discussions at conferences and in the media. She also coordinates the Lawyer's Committee's international human rights initiatives. She has worked on shadow reports discussing U.S. compliance with two important treaties: the International Convention on the Elimination on all forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and has presented before the reviewing bodies during treaty reviews in Geneva Switzerland. Additionally, she serves as the co-chair of the CERD taskforce of the U.S. Human Rights Network. She received her J.D. from Villanova University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree in Linguistics from Georgetown University.

##### **Laura Strawmyer**

*Policy and Advocacy Manager, Alliance for Peacebuilding*



**Laura Strawmyer** is the Policy and Advocacy Manager, and formerly a Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellow, at the Alliance for Peacebuilding. With the Policy & Advocacy Team, she works to lead, support, and empower AfP's members in advocating to the U.S. government and other institutions. She coordinates several topical Working Groups, leads AfP's Congressional engagement, and manages administration outreach. Prior to AfP, Laura supported a range of peacebuilding, development, academic, and religious organizations, including the local Rwandan peacebuilding organization, Never Again Rwanda. She holds an Accelerated Masters of Public Affairs, with concentrations in Nonprofit Management and International Development, from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University. As an undergraduate, she majored in Nonprofit Management with minors in French, African Languages, and African Studies. Strawmyer is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Swahili, and the SPEA International Engagement Fellowship. She speaks French and Swahili, as well as some Kinyarwanda and Arabic.

## Chaplains

### Rev. Michael Neuroth

*Policy Advocate for International Issues, Justice and Witness Ministries  
United Church of Christ*

Rev. Michael Neuroth is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and serves as the Policy Advocate for International Issues in the UCC's Washington DC office. Prior to joining the staff of the UCC, Michael consulted and worked with various ecumenical and interfaith organizations including the World Council of Churches, Church World Service, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, and the Parliament of the World's Religions. His current work on international justice focuses on coordinating the UCC's work and witness as a Just Peace church and related peace, human rights, and economic justice issues reflected in UCC policy. Michael holds master's degrees in divinity, theology, and social work from Princeton Seminary and Rutgers University and resides in Washington D.C. with his wife, Amber, and their two boys.



### Rev. Nancy Neal

*Director, Church Relations, Bread for the World*



Rev. Nancy Neal is director of the Church Relations department at Bread for the World. She leads a dynamic team of church leaders who build and maintain Bread's national relationships with a racially and theologically diverse portfolio of denominations and church organizations. She has been a leader in the organization's efforts toward racial equity. She began serving Bread for the World in 2011 as associate for denominational women's organization relations, working with leaders of denominational women's organizations we engaged their members in a campaign to improve nutrition for women and children around the world. From there, she served as deputy director of the Church Relations department.

Nancy completed a Master of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary, and managed book projects through the editorial and production processes at The Crossroad Publishing Company. Nancy was born in Virginia, but spent most of her childhood in Charleston, SC, and later attended Clemson University in SC.

## Workshop Session I

Saturday, April 6, 2019: 2:00 - 3:30 pm

*Note: Workshops are listed by primary workshop planning team, though many of the workshops cross geographic and topical area and were planned collaboratively. Full workshop descriptions follow.*

### Africa

- In Your Face Advocacy: Catholic Nuns in Africa Trouble the Social and Political Status Quo in Favor of the Poor and Vulnerable – With Practical Results *Jackson*

### Domestic U.S.

- Taking It to the Streets *Crystal A*
- Faith Communities and Activism: Navigating Troubled Congregational Waters *Monroe*
- White Allyship: Building Solidarity, Relationships and Partnering for Justice *Pentagon I&II*

### Eco-Justice

- Facilitating a Just Transition toward Water Justice, Energy Equality, and a Better Civic Engagement *Crystal C*
- Climate Justice = Just Energy 4 All *Wilson*

### Global Economic Justice

- Social Movements and Global Campaigns to Reign in Corporate Power *Crystal B*
- Puerto Rico, Somalia and the World's Poor Hunger for Jubilee: Debt, Transparency, Trade and Disaster Economics *Commonwealth*

### Latin American & Caribbean

- Organizing on Latin America Issues in an America-First Moment *Monument View*
- In Harm's Way: Risking Freedom and Life Defending Rights in Latin America *Van Buren*

### Middle East

- No Way to Treat a Child: How Grassroots Organizing Led to the First Bill on Palestinian Rights *Harrison*

### Peace & Global Security

- Re-Building a Global Future of Hope: Putting Justice and Peace First *Lincoln Hall*

### Skills

- Getting in #GoodTrouble on Social Media *Madison*
- Multi-faith Coalition-Building for Social Change *Capital View*
- Faith Rooted Direct Action and Community Organizing *Potomac View*

## Workshop Session II

Saturday, April 6, 2019: 3:45– 5:15 pm

### Africa

- Africa's Crisis of Displaced Persons: Refugees, Migrants and Trafficked Persons *Jackson*

### Domestic U.S.

- Organizing to Stop Family Separation and Border Militarization *Crystal A*
- Gentrification, Affordable Housing and Eviction: Defining the Impacts on Low Income Communities of Color *Crystal C*
- Equip Your Church to Care for Creation: Solar Panel Installation, Worship Resources, Legislative Meetings & More! *Madison*
- Increasing Civic Engagement: Ballot Initiatives *Pentagon I&II*
- No Ban Act *Capital View*

### Eco-Justice

- The Devastating Environmental Impacts of Border Walls *Lincoln Hall*
- Eco-Feminism/Eco-Womanism: Troubling the Theological Waters of Patriarchy and Anthropocentrism *Wilson*

## Global Economic Justice

- Environmental and Land Defenders Under Threat

*Crystal B*

## Latin American & Caribbean

- Build Bridges and End the Embargo: Navigating the Troubled Waters of U.S. Cuban Relations
- Human Rights Struggles in Brazil in the Era of Bolsonaro

*Commonwealth  
Potomac View*

## Middle East

- The Crisis in Yemen and What People of Faith Can Do About It
- Policy on Israel/Palestine and Grassroots Responses: From Israel/Palestine to the U.S.

*Van Buren  
Harrison*

## Peace & Global Security

- Still Waters in the Midst of Violent Conflict: The Growing Phenomenon of Unarmed Civilian Protection

*Monroe*

## Workshop Session III Sunday, April 7, 2019: 2:30 - 4:00 pm

## Africa

- The Quad-Centennial and the Early Organized Faith Resistance Against Racism, Inequitable Wealth and Hunger Disparities

## LOCATION

*Crystal C*

## Asia Pacific

- The Waters Run Red in the Philippines: Worsening Human Rights and the Filipino People's Rising Resistance

*Monroe*

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*Pentagon I&II*

**Workshop Session I**  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019: 2:00 – 3:30pm**

**Climate Justice = Just Energy 4 All**

(Wilson)

Fossil fuel energy is the single largest contributor to climate change that is leading to devastation around the world and in the US that is disproportionately impacting marginalized communities. Fossil fuel energy, from coal, oil and natural gas, is currently the world's primary source of energy. To counter climate change, drastic measures must be taken to move our energy source and use from fossil fuels to clean and renewable energy. The change to a green energy economy must go hand in hand with a just and equitable transition, not on the backs of Indigenous Peoples, communities of color, or politically or financially marginalized communities. Join this workshop to learn about what just energy is and is not, the efforts that are taking place throughout the US and how you and your communities of faith can be involved. *Facilitators: Elizabeth Chun Hye Lee, United Methodist Women; Jacqueline Patterson, NAACP's Environmental and Climate Justice Program; Melanie Santiago-Mosier, Esq., VoteSolar's Access & Equity Program.*

**Facilitating a Just Transition toward Water Justice, Energy Equality, and a Better Civic Engagement**  
 (Crystal C)

Reaching 100% renewable energy is a critical factor in obtaining a zero-carbon society and staying below 1.5°C. But all sectors and industries must transition. Transitioning must be well planned to avoid unintended consequences. There must be an understanding of all factors associated with the local economy and downstream supply chain impacts. The transition must not trample upon the human rights of indigenous people or other vulnerable communities or degrade ecosystems. It must address the livelihood of all people, ensuring a positive future in renewable energy or other sectors for those in the fossil fuel dependent jobs. It must improve the economic opportunities, health and social wellbeing for all. *Facilitators: Ruth Ivory-Moore, ELCA's Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility; Annika Harley and Shantha Ready Alonso, Creation Justice Ministries.*

**Faith Communities and Activism: Navigating Troubled Congregational Waters**

(Monroe)

When faith leaders and congregation members engage in activism, the waters of congregational life can quickly become troubled. Led by two activist pastors, this workshop will provide encouragement and an action-reflection toolkit for activist faith leaders who have experienced these troubled waters (or who are worried about them) and are looking for resources to support them as they guide their communities toward deeper engagement in their context. Tools provided will help faith communities: 1) understand their connections to their contexts; 2) improve their ability to take note of potential partners and teachers; 3) discern their own unique path toward engagement; 4) foster resilience and compassion for resistance within the faith community; 5) learn how to debrief and assess their activism; 6) prepare to connect more people to the work. This workshop will present a methodology that could apply in any issue area. Techniques and methods taught will help people of faith connect to activism as they discern important and relevant in their own context. *Speakers: Rev. Debra Avery, Justice House Oakland (PCUSA); Minister Cherri Murphy, Heart and Soul Center of Light.*

**Faith Rooted Direct Action and Community Organizing**

(Potomac View)



The fundamentals of organizing for social change cut across all issues and help organizations and congregations be more effective in building collective power to win concrete improvements in people's lives. This workshop will give an introduction to faith rooted organizing methodology with discussion of the continuum of action and how to integrate prophetic ethical spectacle. Case study examples will explore ritual on Capitol Hill, civil disobedience at the border, and the prophetic witness of Sanctuary congregations. Through an interactive format, participants will gain skills for how to deepen relationship building in their congregation or community, and how to build strategies to engage in meaningful, effective action. *Speakers: Kristin Kumpf, AFSC's Human Migration and Mobility; Rev. Noel Andersen, Church World Service.*

### **Getting in #GoodTrouble on Social Media**

*(Madison)*

Social media is a tool that can create division or build community. When using social media for #goodtrouble, we build community and understanding. During this workshop, Robin Stephenson, senior manager for digital campaigns at Bread for the World, and Heather Taylor, Director of Communications at Bread for the World, will talk about social media best practices to influence members of Congress. We will also discuss what it means to digitally create communities and tactics and tools to develop social media campaigns that bring healing to our nation and world while making a difference for people experiencing hunger and poverty. *Speakers: Robin Stevenson, Bread Senior Manager for Digital Campaigns; Heather Taylor, Bread Director of Communications.*

### **In Harm's Way: Risking Freedom and Life Defending Rights in Latin America**

*(Van Buren)*

Human rights defenders working at great peril to themselves describe their struggle to guarantee basic human rights. Joined by a returned human rights accompanier, the defenders, from various Latin American countries, speak of their valiant challenges and of the support we in the US can provide. *Panelist: Carlos Padilla, Honduran Center for the Promotion of Community Development; Jose Angel Cruz; Jacob Blikenov, Former Peace Brigades International Volunteer; Moderator Pat Davis, Washington Advocacy Director of Peace Brigades International.*

### **In Your Face Advocacy: Catholic Nuns in Africa Trouble the Social and Political Status Quo in Favor of the Poor and Vulnerable - With Practical Results.**

*(Jackson)*

Across the world, Catholic nuns are known for their service to the poor and vulnerable members of the society. In many African countries, Catholic nuns are in remote areas providing services to populations that often neglected by their governments. In recent years, nuns in Africa are taking their ministry of advocacy to the center of political power, demanding changes in the structures of injustice and accountability for the common good. This workshop will showcase advocacy strategies and efforts of Catholic nuns in Tanzania, Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana and ways they are troubling the status quo in favor of the poor and the vulnerable and getting practical results. *Panelists: Eucharia Madueke, Africa Faith & Justice Network (AFJN); Aniedi Okure, AFJN; Moderator: Faustine Wabire, Management Sciences for Health.*

### **Multi-faith Coalition-Building for Social Change**

*(Capital View)*

Participants will explore the challenges and strengths of multifaith coalition-building for social change. We'll share examples of how interfaith relationships transformed and strengthened local communities, and offer tips and best practices for getting started, including coming together around advocacy issues. *Speakers: Nina Fernando, Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign*

### **No Way to Treat a Child: How Grassroots Organizing Led to the First Bill on Palestinian Rights**

*(Harrison)*

Palestinian children in Israeli military detention was a human rights issue many in the U.S. Congress were not well informed about until faith-based activists joined with others concerned about Palestinian rights to create awareness and advocate for the protection of Palestinian children. Led by Defense for Children International – Palestine and the American Friends Service Committee, the “No Way to Treat a Child” campaign worked to build support for a range of actions to highlight this issue, culminating in introduction of HR 4391, the “Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act” in 2018. Come hear about this campaign and its ongoing efforts in a workshop led by *Jennifer Bing, co-founder of the campaign and staff member of the American Friends Service Committee.*

### **Organizing on Latin America Issues in an America-First Moment**

*(Monument View)*

This workshop provides an overview of the Trump Administration's policies towards Latin America, from immigration to foreign policy. It identifies opportunities and risks at this challenging moment for activists and individuals wanting to encourage U.S. policy towards the Latin America that support peace, social justice, and human rights. The workshop focuses on what you can do to move towards more just policies. Johan Edisson Giraldo Ospina, Gustavo A. Marulanda Corporation for Human Rights; Lisa Haugaard, Latin America Working Group; Mavis Anderson, Latin America Working Group, Daniella Burgi-Palomino, Latin America Working Group.

### **Puerto Rico, Somalia and the World's Poor Hunger for Jubilee: Debt, Transparency, Trade and Disaster Economics**

*(Commonwealth)*

Vulnerable people around the world struggle because of global economic policies. Puerto Rico is mired in a debt crisis while rebuilding from hurricanes, Somalia struggles with old debts while fighting hunger and malnutrition, and the developing world is losing a trillion dollars annually because of tax evasion and corruption. 40 percent of low income countries are wrestling with debt crisis. Panelists will share specific Jubilee campaign actions on Africa debt, winning disaster and debt relief for Puerto Rico and Somalia, curbing tax evasion and corruption and ensuring vulnerable communities can access medicine in trade agreements. *Panelists: Aniedi Okure, OP, Africa Faith and Justice Network; Zaina Kisongo, American Friends Service Committee; Fanwell Kenala Bokosi, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD); Fran Quigley, Faith in Healthcare - Indiana University McKinney School of Law; Laura Esquivel, Hispanic Federation (TBC); Moderator: Eric LeCompte, Jubilee USA Network.*

### **Re-Building a Global Future of Hope: Putting Justice and Peace First**

*(Lincoln Hall)*

Putting “America First” has led to a USA adrift internationally, insulting allies, fighting trade wars, scorning human rights, and breaking international laws and treaties. As people of faith, we offer an alternative vision of international affairs based on cooperation and peace-building that resists authoritarianism. Join us as we test frameworks for new and green visions of human solidarity that can strengthen the public voice of our churches. *Panelists: Rev. Dr. Christian Iosso, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for the Presbyterian Church USA; Rev. Emily Brewer, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship; Valéry Nodem, Presbyterian Hunger Program PCUSA; Moderator: Catherine Gordon, PCUSA Office of Public Witness.*

### **Social Movements and Global Campaigns to Reign in Corporate Power**

*(Crystal B)*

Movements to counter corporate driven trade deals, destructive development projects, corruption and unfair food systems aim to protect people and God’s creation. As the world changes, the shape and strategies of movements change as well. Come hear from movement leaders from the U.S. and Global South to celebrate historic victories and learn about current trends and opportunities. Explore where your passion to stand up for life in the face of corporate power and unjust systems meets the needs of

communities and the environment near and far. *Panelists: Lori Wallach, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch; Corinna Gilfillan, U.S. Office - Global Witness; Gabriela Rosazza, International Labor Rights Forum. Moderator: Andrew Kang Bartlett, Presbyterian Hunger Program.*

### **Taking It to the Streets**

*(Crystal A)*

Faith leaders/advocates are often called on to get involved in justice issues impacting their communities, often because circumstances demand a response from faith leaders. How can faith leaders move their congregations outside the walls of the church and help mobilize their communities to act? This workshop will equip faith leaders with the tools they need to take their faith to the streets and act on behalf of God's people. *Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Butler, CEO, Faith in Public Life.*

### **White Allyship: Building Solidarity, Relationships and Partnering for Justice** *(Pentagon I&II)*

Restructuring society where there is social, political, economic, and gender identity justice and equity for all means dismantling white Christian patriarchal supremacy, and eradicating racism and xenophobia on a national and global level. This workshop will equip participants with new tools, strategies, and resources for building relationships with people who are committed to being on the journey for a lifetime. Restructuring society and the Christian Church means building solidarity relationships and partnership across ethnicities and cultures, gender identities and sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and geography. This workshop will: explore the myths associated with whiteness as a social, political, and cultural construct; engage with biblical texts regarding equitable treatment of all God's people; learn how to effectively address inequality and the reality of structural and systemic injustices in our nation and the Christian Church; and, develop strategies to move from conversations to advocacy and activism. Participants will have access to online resources for ongoing engagement. This workshop is open to anyone looking to move from conversations to constructive proactive engagement and working towards ending injustices and restoring justice and incorporating cultural identities as equal and valuable. *Speakers: Rev. Dr. Velda R. Love, United Church of Christ, Justice and Local Church Ministries; Rev. Brittany Caine-Conley (aka "Rev. Smash"), Congregate Charlottesville; and, Rev. Aundrea Alexander, National Council of Churches USA.*

## **Workshop Session II**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019: 3:45– 5:15 pm**

### **Africa's Crisis of Displaced Persons: Refugees, Migrants and Trafficked Persons** *(Jackson)*

This is a Panel discussion the sale and scope of the displaced persons crisis. They will discuss key components of crisis including looking at drivers of displacement, the challenges being faced by the displaced populations, the international response this far, the new Global Compact and what the United States can and should do. *Panelists: Abdullahi Halakhe, International Rescue Committee; Mark Yarnell, Refugees International; Adotei Akwei, AIUSA; Moderator: Nii Akuetteh.*

### **Build Bridges and End the Embargo: Navigating the Troubled Waters of U.S. Cuban Relations**

*(Commonwealth)*

The U.S. embargo on Cuba has been a failed and unjust policy that restricts American liberties and hurts Cuban families. Hear from church partners in Cuba, Cuban Americans, and policy experts on how U.S. policy and travel restrictions take a toll on families and livelihoods in Cuba, and what we can do to change it. *Panelists: Rev. Yodalis Santiago, Free Evangelical Church of Cuba and Cuban Council of Churches; Rev. Miriam Oropesa Gentle, The Village Church, Springfield, VA; Mavis Anderson, Latin American Working Group; Moderator: Rev. Angel L. Rivera-Agosto, Area Executive for Latin America and the Caribbean at Global Ministries.*

**The Crisis in Yemen and What People of Faith Can Do About It***(Van Buren)*

The war in Yemen has created a humanitarian crisis, with as many as 12 million people at risk of famine. The U.S. has provided significant support to the Saudi-led coalition involved in the war, but grassroots activists have pushed back, using the War Powers Resolution and other tools to gain momentum in Congress. Learn more about what is happening in Yemen and how you can get involved. *Speakers: Elizabeth Bajjalieh, Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Jared Wright, Mercy Corps.*

**The Devastating Environmental Impacts of Border Walls***(Lincoln Hall)*

Construction of border fences and walls had largely ceased at the end of 2008, leaving more than 600 miles of fences and walls along the U.S.-Mexico border, much of it cutting through public lands. Construction has begun again in earnest with more than \$3 billion in federal funding since 2017 – enough to construct over 100 miles of new border walls. There is also a looming threat of \$6.7 billion more in funding with an emergency declaration and potential transfer of funds, which could lead to another 200+ miles of barriers. Dozens of laws that protect the environment, public health, and sacred lands are being waived to speed construction. The impacts are devastating for wildlife, tourism, local landowners and, potentially, for indigenous communities along the border. *Panelists: Tammy Alexander, Mennonite Central Committee U.S., and Raul Garcia, Earthjustice. Moderator: Becca Eastwood, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach.*

**Eco-Feminism/Eco-Womanism: Troubling the Theological Waters of Patriarchy and Anthropocentrism***(Wilson)*

What new theologies are needed to respond to a world facing catastrophic climate change, rampant sexism and racism, and increasing isolation and despair? How are the theologies and traditions we've inherited in Christianity - specifically those rooted in patriarchy and anthropocentrism - actually supporting and perpetuating the systemic oppression we see and experience daily? What wisdom and hope does eco-feminism and eco-womanism have to offer us as theological resources in our work to honor the interconnectedness of all life and promote the health and well-being of the whole? This workshop will explore these questions and encourage participants to examine their own theological belief systems and how eco-feminism and eco-womanism can help support our faith based work for creation justice. *Presenter: Jennifer Reyes Lay, Board Member of Creation Justice Ministries and Administrator of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion; Rev. Melanie Mullen, Director for Reconciliation, Justice & Creation Care, Presiding Bishop's Staff, The Episcopal Church.*

**Environmental and Land Defenders Under Threat***(Crystal B)*

Roughly 200 courageous environmental and land defenders are murdered each year for resisting destructive mining, agriculture, and infrastructure development projects. The projects are financed by well-known development banks, opaque private banks, emerging economies, and quite possibly your pension plan. Threats to defenders are not limited to fragile states; they are a global phenomenon. Faith-based and secular organizations are teaming up on international campaigns to provide support and solidarity with individuals and communities under threat. Come hear from rights defenders and advocates from the Global South and learn how you can defend the defenders. *Panelists: Valéry Nodem, Presbyterian Hunger Program; Mohamed Imam, Egyptian lawyer; Osvaldo Jordan, Environmental and Human Rights Specialist in Panama. Moderator: Chloe Noël, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.*

**Equip Your Church to Care for Creation: Solar Panel Installation, Worship Resources, Legislative Meetings & More!** (Madison)

Through this workshop, the Climate Witness Project (CWP) staff of the Christian Reformed Church will share the history of the CWP - how we went from 0 to 100 - and equip church members to return to their congregations with the necessary resources to care for creation through advocacy, worship, education, and energy stewardship. *Facilitator: Cameron Kritikos, Christian Reformed Church Office of Social Justice.*

**Gentrification, Affordable Housing and Eviction: Defining the Impacts on Low Income Communities of Color** (Crystal C)

You will learn from local DC organizations about the importance of housing, the process of gentrification and how it impacts access to affordable housing and resulting evictions for low income communities of color. Founded in a vision of biblical justice, workshop attendees will also learn new strategies for how to address housing issues in their own communities. *Speakers: Shiri Yadlin, Just Homes; Megan Reif, Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Martin Mellet, Jubilee Housing.*

**Human Rights Struggles in Brazil in the Era of Bolsonaro** (Potomac View)

In recent years, Brazil human rights have experienced serious backsliding, for instance an increase in killings by police of environmental activists and of Afro-Brazilian youth. Under the new presidential administration of Jair Bolsonaro, who has threatened activists and historically marginalized groups, the human rights situation may worsen. At this workshop, Brazil-based activists will discuss how organized movements are addressing attacks on human rights – including of indigenous peoples, low income Afro-Brazilian communities, small farmers, and LGBTI activists – and how people of faith can stand in solidarity. *Panelist: Crystal Yuille; Andrew Fandino, Amnesty International; Dave Kane, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns; Moderator: Gimena Sánchez-Garzoli, Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA).*

**Increasing Civic Engagement: Ballot Initiatives** (Pentagon I&II)

There are many ways for faith advocates to increase their civic engagement and transform communities. Across the country, ballot initiatives have helped move forward a more just policy agenda for communities on issues like payday lending and restoring voting rights for returning citizens. In this workshop, participants will find out how they can use ballot initiatives to positively impact their communities. *Speakers: Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, Director, Faith and Credit Roundtable; Rev. Stephen Reeves, Associate Coordinator of Partnerships and Advocacy, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*

**No Ban Act** (Capital View)

This workshop will focus on the introduction on April 10th of 2019 of the No Ban Act, which will amend the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion and ensure that no president will ever again be able to ban entire communities without accountability. Learn more about how the No Ban Act can stop the discriminatory bans that attempt to block Muslims, asylum seekers and refugees from entering the country. This workshop will pay special attention to equipping faith communities to address anti-Muslim bigotry within their own communities and in the country at large. *Speakers: Nina Fernando, Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign; Scott Simpson, Muslim Advocates.*

**Organizing to Stop Family Separation and Border Militarization** (Crystal A)

This workshop will be led by experts in the field doing on the ground community organizing with congregations on border issues, immigrants' rights and the Sanctuary Movement. Workshop leaders

will discuss how anti-immigrant and border militarization policies are hurting community members and how to create concrete methodologies to educate and move your congregation on how to engage on this social justice issue. Focus will be given to explore the current crisis of family separation at the border and how congregations can accompany asylum seekers. *Speakers: Rev. Noel Andersen, Church World Service; Kristin Kumpf, AFSC's Human Migration and Mobility; Myrna Orozco, Church World Service.*

### **Policy on Israel/Palestine and Grassroots Responses: From Israel/Palestine to the U.S.**

*(Harrison)*

As the United States prepares to release its "peace plan for Israel/Palestine," the situation on the ground continues to deteriorate. During this workshop, practitioners will speak to grassroots movements advancing peace and justice within Palestinian, Israeli, and US civil society and efforts to work alongside Palestinian refugees. Participants will learn ways they can plug in to advocacy efforts in support of human rights and equality for all in Israel/Palestine, despite the bleak political prognosis. *Speakers: Suzann Mollner, Beirut and Beyond; Obada Shtaya, One Voice Movement.*

### **Still Waters in the Midst of Violent Conflict: The Growing Phenomenon of Unarmed Civilian Protection**

*(Monroe)*

In South Sudan, Nonviolent Peaceforce has provided accompaniment to South Sudanese women who are routinely raped by armed actors when they go into the bush to collect firewood. These unarmed civilian protectors are part of a growing movement to replace violent solutions to conflict with nonviolent methods. Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) uses unarmed, trained civilians who live and work with local civil society in areas of violent conflict to protect communities and support local peace-builders. Through presentation and participatory exercises, participants will learn about where and how UCP is working, including examples from South Sudan, Palestine, Iraq, Myanmar, the Philippines and the US. We will discuss how the practice is spreading, how to accelerate this growth, and how you can apply UCP methods in your home community. *Panelist: Mel Duncan, Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP); Lea Krivchenka, Nonviolent Peaceforce; Moderator: Victoria Bateman, Church of the Brethren Office of Peacebuilding and Policy.*

### **Workshop Session III Sunday, April 7, 2019: 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

#### **Advocacy 101: How to Effectively Engage Power Structures**

*(Pentagon I&II)*

You've listened to the community. You've helped the people organize for action. Now what? In this session, you will learn how to help grassroots movements pivot from agitation to legislation by engaging local civic, government, business, and other community leaders. This interactive workshop will provide you with the practical skills and tools required to help you and your community transform harmful systems and structures into life affirming models of peace and justice.

#### **Advocating for Peace in a Violent World: The Global Fragility Act**

*(Commonwealth)*

Global violence is a crisis of epic proportions that demands a groundswell of attention. Violent conflict has forcibly displaced a record 68.5 million people and costs the world an estimated \$14.76 trillion annually. This session will outline how a broad coalition of over 55 faith-based, humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding organizations are advocating for U.S. legislation to address and reverse these trends, the Global Fragility Act of 2019 (GFA). The bipartisan GFA requires the development of the first-ever U.S. interagency strategy to address violence and conflict in fragile states. Join lead advocates of the coalition to discuss the history and current status of the legislation and related efforts. Participants will be invited to brainstorm how they can advocate for peace-centered policies during Ecumenical Advocacy Days and beyond.

*Speakers: Richmond Blake, Mercy Corps; Laura Strawmyer, Alliance for Peacebuilding; Moderator: Catherine Gordon, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Public Witness*

### **Climate Justice for the Global South**

*(Lincoln Hall)*

As a result of climate change, many communities in the Global South are facing rising sea levels, extreme weather, flooding and prolonged droughts. These, in turn, contribute to conflict, migration and food shortages. Vulnerable populations, including women and children, are disproportionately feeling these impacts. How is civil society, including faith communities, in the Global South mobilizing to call for climate justice? What is the responsibility and response of the United States and the international community to address the unique challenges the Global South faces from climate change? *Panelists: Kristen Hite, Oxfam; Osvaldo Jordan, Environmental and Human Rights Specialist in Panama; Paul Miller, Lutheran World Relief. Moderator: Chloe Noël, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.*

### **The Criminalization of Poverty**

*(Crystal B)*

James Baldwin wrote, "Anyone who has every struggled with poverty knows how extremely expensive it is to be poor". For some, the struggle is not only extremely expensive, it is criminal. Systematic decisions to criminalize poverty have helped to make the "land of the free" the incarceration capital of the world. From discipline polices in our nation's schools to traffic stops on our streets, the criminalization of poverty impacts people of color and racial minorities disproportionately. This panel will discuss some of the means by which our society and legal system participate in this criminalization, and the ways that faith communities can disrupt them. *Panelists: Bishop Dwayne D. Roster, Faith in Action (formerly the PICO National Network) and Faith United Church of Christ (Washington, DC); Mr. Camilo Viveiros, The George Wiley Center (Pawtucket, RI) and Rhode Island Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

### **Deconstructing the Criminal Industrial Complex**

*(Monument View)*

The United States holds 5% of the world's population and 25% of the prison population. We have become the incarceration nation. Curbing the tide of mass incarceration requires a look at the contribution of race, class and corporate reliance and influences that feeds the system. We will dare to envision a world that does not rely on the system as it is. We will dream a world where we focus on restoration, rehabilitation and reconciliation. *Speaker: Rev. Aundrea Alexander, NCC.*

### **Economic Measures, Justice, and Israel/Palestine**

*(Harrison)*

Churches have employed their economic leverage in many situations where a group of people have been unjustly treated, and have seen results. A decade since the launch of Kairos Palestine, which called for the use of economic measures to support justice in Israel/Palestine, this right is under threat. In this workshop focusing on Israel/Palestine, we will hear a panel discuss the biblical basis for using economic measures, an update on the churches' corporate engagement, and an overview of the legal and legislative efforts to curb this activity. *Panelist: Ms. Dima Khalidi, Palestine Legal; Ms. Meera Shah, Palestine Legal; Mr. David Wildman, Global Ministries, United Methodist Church; Moderator: Dr. Peter Makari, Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).*

### **Forced to Flee: Root Causes of Migration**

*(Crystal A)*

Over the last 10 years, interrelated factors have contributed to a "perfect storm" of root causes that force migration from Latin America to the United States. Panelists discuss these push factors, including political repression, violence worsened by gangs and security forces, lack of jobs and access to education, and growing food insecurity due to climate change. They discuss movements in the Western Hemisphere working to address these factors and to create change that enables people to stay and

livable communities to grow. *Panelist: Mercedes Perez Reyes, Mennonite Social Action Committee; Aracely Medina, Center for Reflection, Research and Communication; Sister Marta Iris Lopez, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; Moderator: Jean Stokan; Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.*

### **Let Us Vote! Ending Voter Suppression and Restoring Voting Rights** *(Potomac View)*

If nothing else, the 2018 midterm election proved that voter suppression is still a reality for many American communities. At the same time, many congregations stepped up to make sure that everyone's voice would be heard. Now there is legislation that seeks to protect voting rights. Find out more about legislative efforts to make sure everyone's vote will count and the ways churches can organize voter registration, Get Out the Vote (GOTV) and election protection efforts.

### **The Quad-Centennial and the Early Organized Faith Resistance Against Racism, Inequitable Wealth and Hunger Disparities** *(Crystal C)*

Africans and People of African Descent of faith have historically resisted racism, policies that have contributed to inequitable wealth and hunger disparities. Such has often had the blessings of many churches. What can we learn from the earliest period of resistance in the USA and Angola in the 1600's that included war and lawsuits against laws that led up to legal enslavement, colonization and subsequent inequitable laws and practices in the USA and globally? This year, 2019 marks the Quad-centennial of the transatlantic voyage of African peoples from the country of Angola in 1619 to Jamestown, Virginia. Although there was a battle in Angola to resist the illegal capture of Angolans, their contested transatlantic journey and arrival in Jamestown ushered in the pathway to legalizing the practice of enslaving African peoples by 1705 in the USA. Since then racist inequitable policies been built on this foundational policy of enslavement. A new Quad-Centennial devotional, "Lament and Hope," and paper outlines this with tools for organizing action against this legacy through policy engagement today. The proposal is to learn and engage this history of injustice and resistance with the devotional resource for advocacy action today in conversation with experts who are working on this globally and nationally. *Panelists: Ambassador Arikana Chihombori, African Union (Video); Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, All Africa Conference of Churches (Video); Rev. Q. Driskell, Beulah Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA; Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper, Freedom Road, LLC; Father Aniedi Okure, Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN); Moderator: Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World.*

### **The Refugee Exodus from Central America: Calling for Protections at Home & in the Region**

*(Van Buren)*

Central Americans have increasingly migrated to the United States over the past years, fleeing violence, corruption, poverty, and insecurity. What's new is how – by mobilizing into groups or caravans. This exodus – a shift in the migration paradigm – represents migrants' own responses to their governments' failures to protect them. It has evoked xenophobia, restrictions to refugee protection, and repression by governments, including the United States. This workshop covers these new dynamics, how regional organizations are responding, and how to build a rights-based narrative to call for protections for asylum seekers. *Panelists: Aldo Jorge Ledón Pereyra, Voces Mesoamericanas en Chiapas, Mexico; Mavi Cruz Reyes, Centro de Derechos Humanos Fray Matías; María Magdalena Silva Rentería, CAFEMIN women's shelter; Moderator: Daniella Burgi-Palomino, Latin America Working Group.*

### **Stirring up #GoodTrouble: How a Grassroots Movement is bringing the nation and world "Back from the Brink" from Nuclear Disaster** *(Jackson)*

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has set the "Doomsday Clock" to 2 minutes to midnight, as a reflection of the existential threat we face as a global community. After years of progress made toward arms control and nuclear disarmament, nuclear powers have withdrawn out of key treaties, and are now



pursuing new and more “usable” low-yield nuclear weapons, possibly sparking a new arms race. We cannot reverse course and allow this to continue. Fortunately, a new grassroots movement “Back from the Brink: The Call to Prevent Nuclear War” is leading the way to reform U.S. nuclear policy focuses around 5 common sense principles for a more peaceful world. Come and learn more about these principles as well as the strategic effort from the organizers and policy advocates that have helped this effort gain endorsement from national faith groups, city councils, and civil society organizations across the nation. *Panelist: Danny Hall, Soka Gakkai, International-USA; Dr. Gwen L. DuBois MD, MPH, Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Crabshell Alliance; Anthony Weir, Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Moderator: Fr. Frank Breen, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.*

**The Power of Storytelling: How to use stories to connect, influence, and advocate. Lessons learned from the anti-drone movement** (Madison)

Effective storytelling and communications is critical to our justice work. How can we move Congress and policy makers on our issues? What does the research say about social media and non-traditional tactics? How can we move people to care and influence Congress on complex issues such as the U.S. use of armed drones? Come and hear from practitioners and policy experts on best practices and how we can more effectively communicate our values in a social media driven and 24 hour news cycle world. *Speakers: Allegra Harpootlian, ReThink Media; Matt Hawthorne, National Religious Campaign Against Torture. Moderator: Rev. Michael Neuroth, Policy Advocate for International Issues, United Church of Christ*

**Water is Life: Learnings from Indigenous Movements** (Wilson)

We will explore how indigenous communities in the U.S. and around the world are building movements to protect their water, land and way of life from extractive industries. We also will learn about opportunities for people of faith to join in solidarity with these human rights and environmental defenders. *Panelists: Jose Armando from La Puya, Guatemala; The Rev. Dr. Bradley Hauff, Missioner for Indigenous Ministries for the Episcopal Church; Mr. Forrest Cuch, a Ute tribal member from Whiterocks, Utah. Moderator: Marianne Comfort of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.*

**The Waters Run Red in the Philippines: Worsening Human Rights and the Filipino People’s Rising Resistance** (Monroe)

State repression against faith leaders and human rights advocates continues to worsen under the guise of the Philippine government’s militarist response to the country’s long running civil war. In addition to President Duterte’s well renown “War on Drugs”, we have witnessed state forces enact an upsurge in attacks against the people, including the harassment and arrest of peace activists, militarization of schools and communities, and politically motivated extrajudicial killings -- all with the support of 184.5 million dollars of US aid to the Philippine military and police in 2018 alone. But there is growing resistance! Join us to learn more about US policy and funding in the Philippines, the Filipino people’s resistance, and how you can respond. *Speakers: Ed Cubelo, Kilusang Mayo Uno, Metro Manila; Fr. Benjamin Alforque, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart; Deaconess Darlene Marquez-Caramanzana, UMC General Board of Global Ministries.* Today 1.06 billion people lack access to electricity, which presents stumbling blocks for impoverished and marginalized communities, especially women and girls, trying to lift themselves out of poverty. But large-scale, donor-funded projects aren’t the answer; too often they tragically trample on the rights of the people they claim to help. Fortunately, community-centered and rights-based alternatives do exist to expand energy access while also addressing the damage caused by climate change and our centuries-long fossil fuel dependence. In this workshop, you will learn how people of faith can be part of movements to shift U.S. tax dollar-funded financial institutions, such as the World Bank, away from dirty fossil fuels and leapfrog into sustainable renewable energy models that respect human rights and deliver energy to low-income communities.

*Speakers: Mariana Paoli, Christian Aid; Jo Khinmaung-Moore, Tearfund; Global South partner. Moderator: Chloe Schwabe, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns.*

**Open Space/Special Screening**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2019: 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Open Space Workshops**

EAD participants will have an opportunity to take a deeper dive into issues they care about during the annual gathering. Participants will decide on the topics. More information will be give about this during the weekend. Locations TBD.

**“Let My People Go” Viewing and Discussion**

*Jackson*

Come view the movement story of the people of South Dakota from diverse theological, political, and racial ethnic backgrounds who joined together to proclaim as Moses did, "Let My People Go!" You will see how South Dakotans through a statewide ballot initiative stopped predatory lending in their state AND learn how the communities transformed by responsible lending products and business development afterwards. Participants will receive the documentary, advertising poster to hold a viewing at tour congregation, and a study guide for discussion after the viewing. *Discussion Leaders: Whitney Barkley, Center for Responsible Lending, Rev. Sekinah Hamlin, Faith & Credit Roundtable. Sponsored by Faith & Credit Roundtable of the Center for Responsible Lending*

**MAIN LOBBY**

The Potter's House

**WASHINGTON BALLROOM & PRESIDENTIAL HALLWAY**

ActionAid USA	Latin America Working Group
Bread for the World	Louisville Seminary
Brite Divinity School	Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Campaign for Youth Justice	Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
Christian Peacemaker Teams	MCC U.S. Washington Office
Church World Service	Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Churches for Middle East Peace	National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach	National Council of Churches
Creation Justice Ministries	National Religious Campaign Against Torture
CRISPAZ	NETWORK
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Episcopal Networks Collaborative	Princeton Theological Seminary
Franciscan Action Network	Randolph-Macon College
Global Ministries UCC/DOC	United Church of Christ
Heritage International Fashions LLC	United Church of Christ/ National Benevolent Association/ Eden Seminary
Illiff School of Theology	United States Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare	Women of the Cloud Forest
International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines	World Renew
Jubilee USA Network	
Justice For All	

**CRYSTAL BALLROOM FOYER**

ABHMS/Judson Press  
 Disciples Center for Public Witness  
 Equal Exchange  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Compassion, Peace and Justice / Presbyterian Disaster Response  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness  
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
 Sojourners

**Onsite at the DoubleTree**

- Lobby Level Coffee Shop:** Serving breakfast and luncheon sandwiches, fruit, coffee and beverages
- Café:** Serving breakfast buffet, full lunch options, and occasional dinner buffet
- Lobby Bar:** Serving sandwiches, and bar-type foods (beginning in the afternoon)
- Skydome:** On the top floor of the North Tower; Revolving floor with a panoramic view of metropolitan Washington, D.C. (Finer Dining Option)

**Crystal City Area Restaurants**

- Café Pizzaiolo** – S. 507 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 894-2250
- Kabob Palace** – 2315 S. Eads Street, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 486-3535
- Jaleo** - 2250 Crystal Drive. Crystal City, VA (703) 413-8181
- Freddie's Beach Bar & Grill** - 555 South 23rd Street. Arlington, VA (703) 685-0555
- Ted's Montana Grill** - 2250 Crystal Drive. Crystal City, VA (703) 416-8337
- Kora Italian Restaurant** - 2250 Crystal Dr. Crystal City, VA (571) 431-7090
- Legal Sea Foods** 2301 Jefferson Davis Hwy (703) 415-1200
- Sine Irish Pub** -- 1301 S Joyce St, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 415-4420
- California Pizza Kitchen** -- 1201 S Hayes St F, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 412-4900
- Crystal City Sports Pub** – 529 23rd St S, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 521-8215
- Neramitra Thai Cuisine** – 2200 Crystal Dr, Arlington, VA 22202 (703) 413-8886

*For more information on area restaurants, please inquire with the DoubleTree Concierge. Note these are listings, not recommendations.*

**Capitol Hill Area Restaurants**

<p><b>HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICE BUILDINGS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longworth House Office Building Cafeteria</li> <li>• Dirksen Senate Office Building Cafeteria</li> <li>• Russell Senate Building - “Cups” Coffee Plus</li> </ul> <p><b>UNION STATION</b> Thunder Grill, Au Bon Pain, Chopt, East Street Café, McDonald’s, Johnny Rockets, Uno’s, Roti Mediterranean Grill</p> <p><i>The lower level has a food court with a variety of options.</i></p>	<p>On the House side of the Capitol, is Pennsylvania Avenue, which offers a wide variety of eateries beginning in the 200 block.</p> <p><b>NORTH CAPITOL STREET</b> Taqueria Nacional, behind the Half Shell, across the fountain; Corner Bakery</p> <p><b>F Street, west of North Capitol</b> Irish Times, The Dubliner, Quiznos</p>
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