



AGENDA



NORTHEAST REGION

OF NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

AUGUST 13-14
2021

NORTHEAST REGION ANNUAL MEETING VIRTUAL

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

THEME:

*Finding Our Identity
in the Least of These*

Matthew 25:40

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

2:45 P.M. **Arrival**

3:00 P.M. **Meet & Greet**

3:30 P.M. **Opening Session**

Welcome and Statement of Purpose

The Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins, Honorably Retired
President, Northeast Region of NBPC

Greetings from Invited Guests

The Rev. Dr. Charles Heyward, Sr.
President National NBPC

The Rev. Ruth F. Santana-Grace
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Philadelphia

Introduction of Nominees

Elder Anita Perry
Chair of NER Nominating Committee

Officers to Elect: President, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary

Greetings from Invited Guest

The Rev. Dr. Sheldon Sorge
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Pittsburgh

4:00 P.M. **Opening Worship**

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
Director of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness
PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency

5:00 P.M. **Announcements**

Greetings from Invited Guests

The Rev. Dr. SanDawna G. Ashley
Transitional Leader, Synod of the Northeast

The Rev. Susan Wonderland
Transitional Executive, Synod of the Trinity

5:15 P.M. **Open Chat**

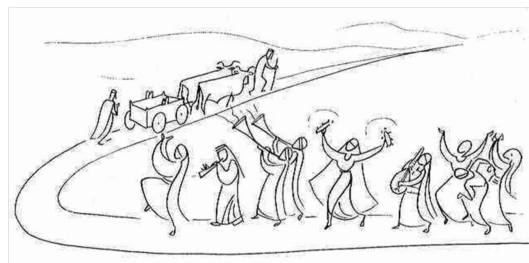
Until Saturday at 8:15 A.M., SHALOM!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:15 A.M. **Arrival**
Welcome and Purpose
The Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins
President, NER
Greetings from Invited Guest
Mr. David Staniunas, Records Archivist
Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA
- 8:30 A.M. **Praise and Worship**
The Rev. Eustacia Marshall and Friends
New River Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA
- 9:00 A.M. **Business Meeting**
Revision of Bylaws
Election of Officers
Break
- 11:15 A.M. **Creative Engagement**
The Rev. Gavin Walton
Pastor, Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA
- 12:00 P.M. **Working Groups / Breakout Rooms**
- 12:45 P.M. **Break**
- 1:15 P.M. **Reconvene**
Sharing of Calls to Action
- 1:35 P.M. **Election Results**
Elder Anita Perry
Chair, Nominating Committee
- 1:45 P.M. **Announcements and Words of Gratitude**
The Rev. Maxine E. Jenkins
President, NER
- 2:00 P.M. **Celebration and Call to Action**
The Rev. Dr. Rhshell Hunter
Former Director, Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries PC(USA)
Louisville, KY

Go In Peace:
**Each went out singing and
doing what God had called each to do!**





**GUEST
PREACHERS
& PRESENTERS**

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GUEST PREACHERS & PRESENTERS



THE REV. JIMMIE R. HAWKINS
Director of the Presbyterian Office
of Public Witness PC(USA)
Washington, DC

The Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins accepted the call as director of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. (2016) He followed in the footsteps of the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Since 1996, Hawkins was called as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in New Hope Presbytery, North Carolina. He previously served as the yoked pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Holmes Memorial, and Trinity Presbyterian in Peaks Presbytery.

With a background in youth ministry, Hawkins worked as a program director of Presbyterian Camps in North Carolina and Virginia. He was a youth minister and provided leadership for several youth retreats. He also served as a campus ministry intern for Salem Presbytery. Hawkins' denominational obligations included volunteering on numerous committees of the PC(USA). He served as a GA and Synod Commissioner and on numerous presbytery committees and administrative commissions.



THE REV. EUSTACIA MARSHALL
Pastor, New River Presbyterian Church
Philadelphia, PA

The Rev. Marshall is a native of Oakland, California. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Minor in Human Biology from Stanford University and her Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is currently a PhD candidate at North Carolina A & T State University in the Leadership Studies and Adult Education doctoral program.

Rev. Marshall's ministry spans many avenues. Prior to Princeton Seminary, she served as a full-time music minister. She is a lectionary commentator in the African American lectionary online and has sermons published in the African American Pulpit (Fall 2009) and in the book, *These Sisters Can Say It* (Volume 2, April 2014).

She recently concluded her tenure as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian Foundation, which is the largest religious foundation in North America. Rev. Marshall is the first black woman to serve this distinguished role in the Foundation's more than 200 year history.

Since July 2019, Reverend Eustacia Moffett Marshall has been serving as the pastor of New River Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, PA), a church replant of three historic congregations (Calvin Presbyterian, First African Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Presbyterian). Prior to her pastoral tenure in Philadelphia, she served churches in New Jersey and North Carolina.



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THE REV. GAVIN WALTON
Pastor, Grace Memorial
Presbyterian Church
Pittsburgh, PA

The Rev. Gavin Walton is a Pittsburgh Theological Seminary alumnus (2016) who is currently serving as the pastor of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Gavin grew up in the Stanton Heights section of Pittsburgh. Shortly after graduating from seminary, he landed at Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church as a summer community minister. Since then, he has become a fixture in the church, working with younger members, building a community ministry, and lending his expertise to a host of church committees. The Rev. Walton became the pastor at Grace Memorial on January 22, 2017 and is eager to grow the church for the next generations that pass through its doors.



THE REV. DR. RHASHELL HUNTER
Former Director of Racial Equity &
Women's Intercultural Ministries PS(USA)
Louisville, KY

The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter, a native of Dallas Texas, served the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for more than 26 years. For the last 14 years, she served as the Director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries. She ended her service to the Presbyterian Mission Agency earlier in 2021 and is working on several projects with Presbyterian Women in the PC(U.S.A.) Inc., with other groups, and on her own projects. She has served as acting Co-Executive Director in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and churches in Michigan and Illinois.

Dr. Hunter was awarded the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree and the Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, the Master of Fine Arts degree from Trinity University, the Bachelor of Arts degree and a Texas Teachers' Certificate in Drama and Journalism from the University of Houston. She has served as Adjunct Professor of Preaching at McCormick Theological Seminary, Western Theological Seminary and in the Association of Chicago Theological Schools Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Program.

She is the daughter of The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Hunter and Mrs. Annie Mary Alexander Hunter.



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ELDER JEWEL MCRAE

**Coordinator for Women's Leadership
Development & Young Women's
Ministries Racial Equity & Women's
Intercultural Ministries Presbyterian
Mission Agency PC(USA)
Louisville, KY**

Elder Jewel McRae is from New York City. Her work involves relationship building with women across the church as well as providing support, programming and resources to women, along with facilitating leadership development opportunities. She engages in strategies for addressing issues facing all women in the church including clergywomen, seminarians, new immigrants, elders and other women leaders, along with working in collaboration with mid-councils, congregations, and other ministry offices.

She supports the Young Women's Ministries field staff as they work to provide development opportunities and engage in ministry with college-aged, racial ethnic and young adult women across the church.

Jewel has experience in leadership development and has a proven track record of increasing diversity in the church. She has served as the Associate for Racial Ethnic Referrals and Matching/Church Leadership Connection in the Office of Vocation. Jewel has a passion to empower, develop and

enhance leadership abilities for all women.





NORTHEAST REGION OFFICERS

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Honorably Retired, Pittsburgh

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Philadelphia

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Nominating
Committee Chair: **Ruling Elder Anita Perry**
Pittsburgh

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Etta Graham-Mitchell
New York City

Member-at-Large: **Ruling Elder**
Judith Jerry
Pittsburgh

