

Peaks Postings

June 2, 2020



Camp Bethel has suspended its summer camps for 2020, including the Presbytery of the Peaks adventure camps. We are sorry not to offer it, but this decision will help keep our kids safe. Have a great summer, and join us for adventure camp in 2021!



Register Now

Presbytery Called Meeting

June 13, 2020

Just a reminder that this will be a Zoom meeting and all participants to the meeting must pre-register. This includes Pastors, CP's, Committee Chairs, and Voting Elders. Registration will close on Monday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a practice Zoom meeting for attendees on June 9th at 9:30 a.m.

To register, [click here](#).

Recommendations for a Safe Return to Worship (now available on our webpage)

[https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/resources/documents/Recommendations for a Safe Return To Worship.pdf](https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/resources/documents/Recommendations_for_a_Safe_Return_To_Worship.pdf)

COVID-19



224th General Assembly (2020)

June 19-27, 2020

Online-Livestreamed



DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM



We are called to make a difference, and one good place to start is by taking the **21-Day Racial Justice Challenge**, which is well suited to individuals, churches and mid councils. The challenge invites us to do something every day to raise awareness about the perniciousness of racism and encourage action in response to that awareness. The PC(USA) has joined several nonprofits, organizations and school systems in adapting the challenge for our use. To access resources and an example of how the challenge works: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21



TO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PEAKS

Sometimes it is difficult to remember when things were normal just a couple of months ago. We have had to really adapt quickly to a new way of life and not being able to get together and see each other. Many of us are working from home and have not been able to just talk with one another face-to-face. This has happened so rapidly, and things continue to change. We are going to be okay, but we will have to make some changes to our programs going forward.

The Peaks PW Coordinating Team wants each of us to be safe as we begin to open activities again. To accomplish that goal, the Coordinating Team will be governed by recommendations from the CDC, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Presbytery of the Peaks.

The Coordinating Team met recently via conference call and made several decisions that we wish to share with each of you.

The decision was made to **postpone the Annual Gathering until the Spring of 2021** (originally scheduled for September 26), if everything is progressing in a positive way at that time. You will receive information regarding the date and location of the Annual Gathering as soon as those details are finalized. **Diane Patty**, Peaks PW Vice Moderator, will organize the Gathering and will send periodic updates to you.

As was announced in the last edition of *Peaks PW News*, PW in the Presbytery of the Peaks has decided to **publish a cookbook**. We are continuing to collect recipes from all over the Presbytery. Please email your recipes to **Theresa Underwood**, Peaks PW Treasurer. Her email address is: tundwood@aol.com.

We normally have a memorial service during our Neighborhood Gatherings, but because of COVID-19, those Gatherings were cancelled. **Carol Cole**, Peaks PW Historian, is compiling a **Memorial Booklet** that will be distributed via hard copy and email within the next couple of weeks so that you will have an updated list of our Presbyterian sisters who died in 2019.

Our Coordinating Team is seeking some leadership positions. We would like for you to consider serving with us. As a result, you will find a cover letter and **“Time and Talents Inventory” form** from **Cynthia Washburn**, Moderator of the Search Committee, on the Presbytery of the Peaks website. If you are interested, we ask that you complete the information and return the form to Cynthia. (Her contact information can be found at the bottom of the inventory form.)

We care about each of you, and we want you to be safe. Thank you for everything you have done to support Presbyterian Women! We look forward to seeing each of you personally in the Spring of 2021. May God bless each of you!

Peaks Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/4/20	10:00 a.m.	Religion, Body, Health Class	Zoom
6/4/20	3:00 p.m.	Grant Workgroup	
6/8/20	1:00 p.m.	Reading Greek NT Class	Zoom

**Next Presbytery Meeting:
CALLED MEETING
June 13, 2020
Zoom**

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
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