

# PEAKS POSTINGS

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## Presbytery Meeting June 13, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Meeting will be conducted by Zoom. Registration will be required for **ALL** participants, including pastors, and will open in two weeks. Stay tuned for more information.

\*This is a called meeting.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2020 THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 12:00 NOON**

In the spirit of solidarity and hope, join us for prayers of hope and healing as we wait for the day when we will all gather in person again.

You have been invited to participate in the National Day of Prayer Event with Virginia Council of Churches on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 12:00 noon. The Meeting ID is 85690154462. The call-in telephone number is 1-646-558-8656. The Meeting Password is 543731. Please use this link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85690154462>





## Pivoting – Carl Utley

Beer brewers are pivoting from producing beer to hand sanitizer – prompted by the pandemic. There is need. They have capacity.

General Motors was able to pivot from manufacturing “x” to making ventilators. It still astonishes me how a factory designed to make “x” can be re-engineered to make breathing machines.

Clothiers pivot and you get masks.

Factory workers in one Pennsylvania town voluntarily held a 30 day “lock-in,” thereby safely producing tons of the raw material for personal protective equipment.

Parents and more than a few grandparents are pivoting – oh my, they are pivoting. There is demand. Capacities are being stretched, successfully.

Pivoting quickly is admittedly not the church’s strength, especially for Presbyterians. But we are adapting how we worship and care for each other, in record time. I wonder what **more** our neighbors might need from us? What spiritual pivot is being prompted by this pandemic?

I imagine a church that supports the addict staying “clean.” Or a church that teaches people how to breathe – how to pray and meditate. The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is a spiritual meal for the family of faith; maybe circumstances now require us to put bread and wine on other people’s tables. Or perhaps to actually invite someone new to the Lord’s table. What capacities do we possess than require re-engineering?

Pivot. Turn. Or to invoke a biblical word – repent. Jesus invites us to turn to God and insists that you cannot turn to God without turning to your neighbor.

May the Spirit lead us in an “about-face.”



# Festival of HOMILETICS

## Preaching a New Earth: Climate and Creation

Be inspired by God's Word proclaimed by some of the nation's finest ministers and teachers. Experience the fellowship of hundreds of preachers. Learn and worship in an atmosphere that is dynamic, friendly, nurturing, and prophetic. Come renew, refresh, and recharge your spirit.

Scripture's first description of God is as creator. God brought the world into existence and all that makes up the world as we know it. But God realized that caring for creation could never be a sole endeavor. We are charged with that co-tending, and preachers are challenged with imagining and preaching about an ecological God. Our God is committed to, dependent on, and immersed in all the Earth provides, sustains, and yet, needs our help to bring the fullness of God's creative work to bear. Our God needs our help to speak the truth about where and how God's Earth groans for renewal, even resurrection, how our very climate changes are God's cries for help. The 2020 Festival of Homiletics theme invites preachers to imagine their own role in God's creative work, to be courageous in preaching about God's creative activity, and to claim boldly our role in caring for God's creation, when God's very creation is at stake.

**MAY 18-22, 2020**

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## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
5/14/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry	Zoom

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

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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