

PEAKS POSTINGS

OCTOBER 27, 2020



MATTHEW 25

You are invited...to become a Matthew 25 congregation!

Who? PC(USA) congregations

What? Commit to one or more of the following focuses: **building congregational vitality** by deepening faith and getting actively and joyfully engaged in your community and world; **dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color; **eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

Where? Everywhere, including the Presbytery of the Peaks (POP)

When? NOW

How? It's easy! Simply signing up to become a Matthew 25 congregation is the first step. An important continuing responsibility of being a Matthew 25 church is proclaiming successes: how your congregation or community has been impacted or changed, how you've found a new purpose in ministry, how your faith as disciples has been energized. Sharing your stories also gives clarity to your ministry and strengthens your commitment to continue this important work.

The national church is ready to help you by serving as a clearinghouse of resources, training materials, devotional and preaching aids, success stories, curricula and more – everything to help you strengthen relationships, transform your church, and bring alive your commitment to “serve the least of these” in your community and around the world. (Presbyterian Mission Agency)

To learn more, visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>

Mark your calendar for a special **Matthew 25 learning opportunity**, presented by Diane Moffett, Presbyterian Mission Agency Executive Director, during the **November 19th** stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks. For those not attending the Zoom meeting, tune in to the POP Facebook live feed.



Quaker Memorial Job Opportunities

#1

JOB TITLE: Director of Congregational Ministries (DCM)

REPORTS TO: Pastor/Head of Staff and Personnel Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The qualified candidate shall motivate and inspire people of all ages to grow in their faith and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Specifically, the Director of Congregational Ministries will collaborate with the Pastor and Worship Committee to implement new and innovative forms of worship and support the Pastor in congregational care. The DCM, a senior level staff position, is responsible to the Session, accountable to the Pastor/Head of Staff and the Personnel Committee, and will be expected to effectively coordinate with other church staff and the numerous other groups and volunteers within the church.

To see the complete position description and requirements, please [click here](#).

#2

JOB TITLE: Director of Christian Education and Youth

REPORTS TO: Pastor/Head of Staff and Personnel Committee

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The qualified candidate shall motivate and inspire people of all ages to grow in their faith and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Specifically, the Director of Christian Education and Youth will collaborate with the Pastor and Christian Education Committee. The Director of Christian Education and Youth is a senior level staff position, is responsible to the Session, accountable to the Pastor/Head of Staff and Personnel Committee, and will be expected to effectively coordinate with other church staff and the numerous other groups and volunteers within the church.

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South Sudan Learning Opportunity October 28 12:00-1:00



We hope that you will continue learning with us as we have conversations about South Sudan on Zoom. On September 30th Mission

Co-workers Sharon Kandel, Leisa Wagstaff and Jim McGill gave us an overview of their work in South Sudan and the state of the country and church. Scott Smith, who travelled to South Sudan representing the Presbytery, also shared his impressions.

At our next Zoom session on October 28, 12:00-1:00, we will begin using the International Partnership Manual: "Called as Partners, Serving Together in God's Mission". (<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=d1e97fff61&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1681077410894552669&th=175462ff9c4d9e5d&view=att&disp=inline>) As you review pages 12-15 prior to the session, what questions, insights, inspirations do you have? Sharon and Jim will join us again to help with the questions. Carl Utley will help us to visualize what this partnership might look like in the restructured Presbytery. For questions, please email Sandy Whitt (sandrarcpc@yahoo.com).

Here is the link to the session:

Topic: Presbytery of the Peaks South Sudan Meeting

Time: Oct 28, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83144999114?pwd=TGZSK04yMzhCWmJLY2M3UXYzWVNqdz09>

Dial in: 1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 831 4499 9114

Passcode: 913114



APCE Annual Event

YOU can attend the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators Virtual Event FOR FREE! This is a great opportunity for those who might not have considered attending the APCE Annual Event before and are looking to be enriched, sustained, connected and empowered. Each Presbytery/Classis/District can choose up to four people to participate. We are seeking people to participate who:

- **serve or attend a church with an annual budget of under \$200,000**
- **commit to attend the entire Virtual Event**

Preference is given for persons of color. To claim these gifts, the nominating body must submit names and contact information **no later than NOVEMBER 15** to aeteam@apcenet.org, ATTN: Thom Cunningham. Thom is the 2021 APCE Virtual Event Co-Chair, and you can contact him at aeteam@apcenet.org with any questions.



Free Whitaker piano to a church in need. The piano is located in the Salem/Roanoke area and must be picked up. For more information, contact Rev. Janet Chisom at Salem Presbyterian Church, (540) 389-3881.

Session Records Review and Covid-19

The current remaining schedule for reviewing 2019 Session Records is as follows:

Churches with names beginning D – H are scheduled November 19, 2020, Zoom Meeting

With the remaining 2020 Presbytery meeting being a Zoom meeting, all churches can **either email** their session records with their filled out “Session Records Review Forms” to davidlavhayes@gmail.com or **mail** copies of minutes (please don’t mail the only existing original) along with filled-out “Session Records Review Forms” (no binders or covers please) to Dave Hayes, Session Records Review, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. SE, Blacksburg VA 24060. We will mail your reviewed forms and copies of minutes (let me know if you don’t need the copies returned to you, saving mailing expense) back to the Clerk of Session. Churches whose minutes are so massive the expense would be prohibitive to mail can bring their minutes to the next in-person meeting whenever that takes place.

Please do not email or mail session records to the Presbytery Office.



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
10/28/20	12:00 p.m.	South Sudan Informative Meeting	Zoom
10/28/20	1:00 p.m.	CEDEPCA Virtual Meeting	Zoom
10/30/20		Presbytery Reports for Packet Due	

Next Presbytery Meeting:

November 19, 2020

Zoom

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
- Please obtain permission from the people pictured in your photos before submitting them to *Peaks Postings*.

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- feature or not feature an article. Our first priority is to feature activities within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured.

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“Building partnerships in Christ, to empower communities of faith to be the Body of Christ for the world.”