

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
10/5/21	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee
10/7/21	1:30 p.m.	Christian Education Workgroup
10/12/21	2:30 p.m.	Trustees
10/12/21	6:30 p.m.	Committee on Administration



MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Racial Equity Training for Pastors

In 2020 the Presbytery of the Peaks Cabinet recommended that all pastors and commissioned pastors of the Presbytery of the Peaks participate in anti-racism training annually. In March 2021 the Presbytery formed a Racial Equity Workgroup to coordinate a training program for pastors. The training is voluntary; however, we pray that you will participate to learn more about how we can be part of God's mission of reconciliation for all people.

The Racial Equity Work Group has the following mission:

To investigate racial equity training programs and to structure and coordinate a program to meet the needs of the Presbytery of the Peaks with the goal of improving racial equity in the churches of the Presbytery and beyond.

Before offering the training, the Workgroup will be surveying participants with the following goals:

To understand pastors' awareness of racial equity issues in their churches, the presbytery, and the wider culture.

To use this information to structure appropriate racial equity training.

The survey will be anonymous with aggregate results (never individual data) shared with the facilitator before the training and participants at a later date.

The survey will be administered later in October with training in January 2022.

Members of the Workgroup are Margie Anderson, Jen Brothers, John Collins, Terri Cornwell, Bob Fiedler, Naomi Hodge Muse, Carl Utley, Elease Wilson, and Jill Williams. If you are interested in joining the Workgroup which meets monthly on Zoom, please contact Terri Cornwell (terrilcornwell@aol.com).



This live, interactive online course fully equips lay leaders, church staff, and pastors to begin and lead Stephen Ministry in their church. It makes full use of the brand-new Stephen Ministry training materials we recently redesigned and rebuilt from the ground up, helping congregations more effectively meet the ministry challenges of a changing world.

In case you're unfamiliar, Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry churches can use to train, organize, and supervise a team of congregation members to provide one-to-one, Christian care to people experiencing a wide range of life difficulties.

For additional information about the Bridge Leader's Training Course or to talk more about Stephen Ministry, feel free to contact Amity Haugk at (314) 428-2600 or by email at amity.haugk@stephenministries.org.



The Woman to Woman Ministry
of Covenant Presbyterian-Roanoke
invites you to join us on
Monday, October 25th at 6 PM
for our annual women's dinner event!

Put on your comfortable jeans & your flannel shirt and join WTW and friends for a boxed dinner and social in a safe space — outdoors at Covenant!

A short inspiring video will be shared.

Tickets are \$12 per person.

Please register by October 17th at https://bit.ly/CovPresWTW_Event



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the job opportunities around the presbytery on our webpage. (Resources>Calls/Jobs)

Positions Available

Churches with openings include:

First PC, Lynchburg Second

Radford Quaker Memorial

Pulaski First, Danville

Covenant First, Pulaski

Radford Farmville

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Pilot Ministry Leader Formation cohorts will focus on spiritual practices and health

by Paul Seebeck | Presbyterian News Service

LOUISIVILLE — Excited about what God is going to do through the new Theology, Formation & Evangelism Ministry Leader Formation Cohorts, Alicia Demartra-Pressley is looking forward to Presbyterians participating in spiritual formation and transformation work together.

Demartra-Pressley, who is developing the pilot groups for <u>TFE</u>, said the largest group being introduced is the Spiritual Practices cohort, which will gather for three months via Zoom. Every two weeks, facilitators will guide participants in a practice with space to ask questions via chat. On alternate weeks, cohorts will gather to work on the practice together, followed by open time in breakout rooms to reflect and share their experiences.

Click here to read the entire article.

Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests **by noon on Mondays** to Julie Burnett at julie@peakspresbytery.org for inclusion in the following issue.

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