



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To  
**PEAKS POSTINGS**

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

**No scheduled meetings this week.**

Registration for the August 26th Zoom Presbytery Meeting is now open. Click [here](#) to register.



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MONDAY - THURSDAY

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**Joe Wilson**  
Ruling Elder  
Moderator

## Commission on Administration

Joe was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A lifelong Presbyterian, his service to the denomination began as an elder in high school at Southminster Presbyterian Church. In addition to the Commission on Administration (COA), he has served on Examinations, session records and staffing model workgroups, and the Transformation Team.

An amateur flautist, Joe loves classical music, especially the music of the romantic or early 20th century periods. Currently, he is expanding his repertoire and enjoying lessons in Jazz music. He also works on typesetting old sheet music manuscripts so that they can be read and played by musicians today. Beyond music, he enjoys lake kayaking.

If Joe could meet anyone from history, he would choose the explorer Ernest Shackleton. And if he could be teleported anywhere, he would choose to visit Antarctica. (There seems to be a pattern here.)

As moderator of the COA, Joe is interested in helping put the new structure in place and succeed. Managing the resources of the presbytery-- personnel, property and financial-- is important and fulfilling work. And he enjoys working with other members of the presbytery.

# 5 FAST FACTS *to know about* JOE



## 1. Family

Joe and his wife Sandi live with their pandemic rescue cat Pandi.

## 2. Favorite Food

His favorite foods are natural casing hot dogs and lentil soup, separately or together.



## 3. Favorite Season

Joe enjoys the changing of the seasons but if he had to pick one favorite season, it would be autumn.

## 4. Recently Read

He reads non-fiction and never runs out of fascinating topics. Recently read: Gary Kinder's *Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea*.



## 5. Scripture Verse

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long;... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



HAWAII (PDA) – Multiple fires continue to burn in Hawai'i on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i (The Big Island). While there are no PC(USA) congregations on those islands, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in touch with a pastor on Oahu and the Presbytery of the Pacific to discuss ways PDA can support those impacted by the devastating fires.

To support our response, gifts can be designated to **DR000165** and mailed to the Presbytery of the Peaks.

Please join us in praying for the affected communities.

# Peaks Prays

## *Church Partnership Commission*

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the Presbytery starting new churches? The Church Partnership Commission (CPC) has money set aside for this purpose, but what we need is leadership. Since this is, to put it lightly, a challenging area of ministry, the CPC is asking the Presbytery for prayer for leadership and wisdom in this area.

We believe that south central Virginia, particularly the growing regions around Lynchburg and Roanoke, needs more churches during these challenging times. The only way we're going to get there is with God's help. We do not think this is possible without God moving hearts and opening doors.

**Please pray for opportunities to become clear to our Presbytery through the Church Partnership Commission.**

If you're interested in contributing to such work yourself either in leadership, volunteering, or committing to pray, please email David Baker (sub committee on New Worshiping Communities) at [pastordavidbaker@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavidbaker@gmail.com).

**Presbyterians for Earth Care  
National Conference  
September 20-23, 2023**

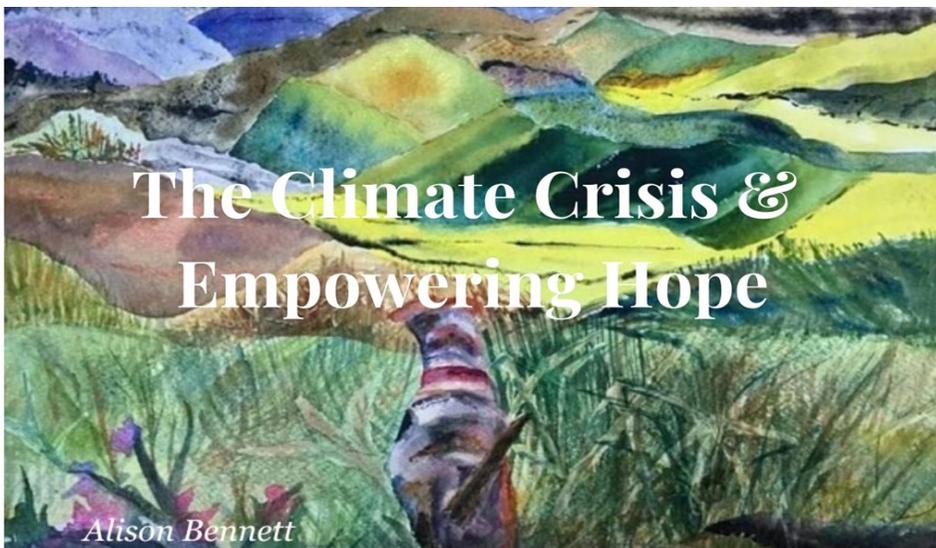
**Locations:**

- Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA
- Regional Hubs: Berkeley (CA), Little Rock (AR), and Minneapolis (MN)
- Virtual (online)

Featured presenters include The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffet, The Rev. Dr. Trisha Tull, Rev. Jed Koball, and Warren Cooper, with more than 26 total live presentations!

For more information and registration, visit

[presbyearthcare.org/2023-conference/](https://presbyearthcare.org/2023-conference/)





# Abukloi

*We Can Do It!*

*South Sudan*

**ARE YOU OR YOUR CONGREGATION INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION...?**

*What is Abukloi...?*

Founded in 2010 to help rebuild a country broken by war and poverty, the **Abukloi Foundation** supports a secondary school designed to "...preserve, create and disseminate knowledge and dignity of individuals through quality and relevant teaching..."

*How can I help...?*

Angelo Maker, the founder of the **Abukloi Foundation**, will visit the six Neighborhoods of Peaks Presbytery to join in fellowship and share the vision and progress of the Abukloi School as it seeks to build "...human communities of love, honesty, justice and harmony..."

*Where can I learn more...?*

Please join members of the **Abukloi Foundation** and **Angelo Maker** at one of the upcoming Neighborhood gatherings to share a sampling of delicious South Sudanese food and hear of the opportunities to ensure the Abukloi School continues to be the self-sustaining institution the region needs...

*When...?*



**Saturday, AUGUST 19  
at 11am**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Covington Virginia**

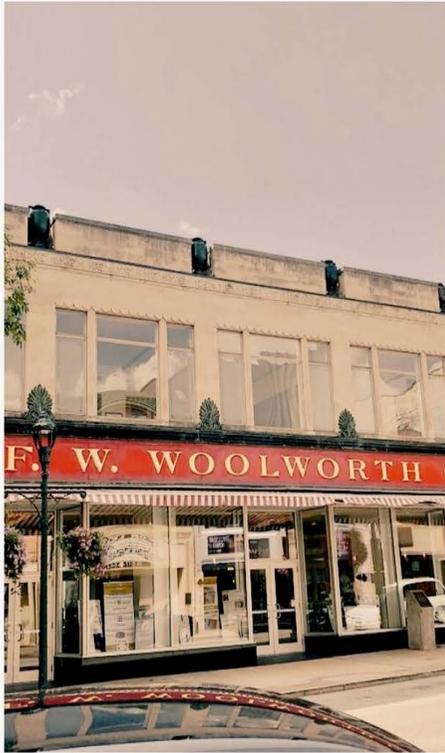
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*\*Bus Trip\**  
**INTERNATIONAL  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
CENTER & MUSEUM**

**GREENSBORO NC**

*October 7, 2023*

Bus will pick up riders at the following locations:

**9am-- Peace Presbyterian Church**

5646 Cloverdale Road

Roanoke VA 24019

**10:15am-- First Presbyterian Martinsville**

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue

Martinsville VA 24112

**11:30am-- Arrive in Greensboro NC**

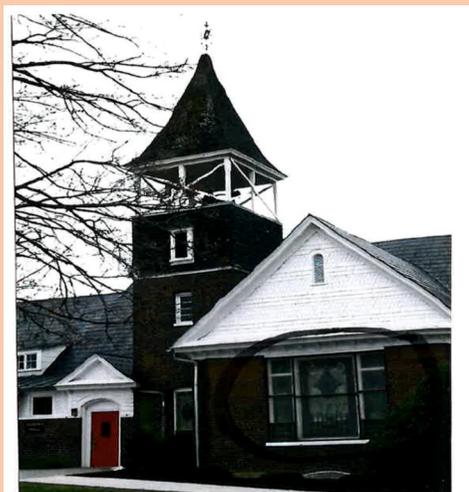
**The International Civil Rights Center & Museum-- commemorating the February 1, 1960, beginning of sit-ins at a whites-only lunch counter in Greensboro, by the N.C. A&T Four college students-- opened in 2010 as a comprehensive museum of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.**

see the Peaks Presbytery website to reserve your seat  
*\*bus transportation and museum admission included\**

Justice and Mercy Commission  
Racial Equity Subcommittee  
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

"Woolworth's Building, Greensboro, NC" by w\_lemay is marked with CC0 1.0.

The Presbyterian Church of Radford is hoping to rehome the following items to another church. For the complete history and measurements of available items, please click [here](#).



A Virtual Journey to Guatemala:

# "Loving your Migrating Neighbor: Legal, Theological, and Practical Perspectives on Immigration"

Wednesday,  
August 23, 2023

4:30 p.m. Pacific

5:30 Mountain/Guatemala

6:30 Central

7:30 Eastern

Suggested Donation: \$11



Join us on CEDEPCA's next Virtual Journey to Guatemala as we gain theological and legal clarity together and imagine ways God is calling us to act locally on behalf of our migrating neighbors. Designed for an English-speaking audience, this virtual travel opportunity will last about an hour and will be followed by an optional 30-minute Q & A with an immigration lawyer based in Texas.

How might Christians in the United States engage in advocacy and act with love toward Central American migrants in their own communities?

Pre-registration is required [HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

***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](mailto:julie@peakspresbytery.org) for inclusion in the following issue.

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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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