

Skills for Mission

Presbytery Associate Debbie Ingram Schmidt will present information on necessary skills for mission outreach in communities different from our own.

How can we reach across our differences to discover something new, empowering, and life-giving? These skills will be necessary to re-create Jesus' vision in Matthew 25 of Christians who seek to care for others in deeply compassionate and understanding ways.

Congregational Discernment

Each congregation will have the opportunity to sit together throughout today's event. With the assistance of dialogue questions, there will be time to discuss learnings from today and generate ideas and plans for going back to your church. What will be useful in getting outside your walls to be more deeply involved in your community?

What resource(s) are you most interested in using in your church context? How will this event change and improve the way your church engages in mission?

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Getting Beyond Our Walls:
Equipping Our
Congregations in Mission

Susquehanna
Parish Ministry
Group

Spring Discipleship Event

Saturday, March 28, 2020
8:30 am - 2 pm
First Presbyterian Church
Bel Air, MD

Vision for the Day

Each of our churches is called to look outside of ourselves to see the world God made and to become part of the Kingdom. Jesus showed us that the Kingdom involves doing justice, taking care of the poor, reaching out to the outcasts, and listening to and loving everyone God puts into our paths. Today's goal is to help us think in new ways about the communities around our churches: who is in them, how we might partner with them, and what we might discover about ourselves and the work of Christ when we engage in mission in new ways.

Schedule for the Day

8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Worship
9:30 am	Keynote Speaker
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Words of Wisdom on Mission
11:15 am	Panel Discussion
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Skills for Mission
1:30 pm	Congregational Discernment
2:00 pm	Closing Prayer

Keynote Speaker

Sarah Henken is a Mission Co-Worker for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) currently working in Colombia. She serves as a peace initiative promoter with the Presbyterian Church of Colombia and as a site coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer program there. She has over 10 years experience as a co-worker and will be sharing her thoughts on mission.



Words of Wisdom on Mission

*First, we'll learn about the PCUSA's Matthew 25 initiative, inviting all congregations to work towards building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. For more information, see www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25

*Next, Presbytery Associate Susan Krehbiel will speak to us about Principles of Reconciliation, how to create a vision for ways to work in mission all across our communities, with many different groups of people. How can we help rather than hurt, and build partnerships?

*Lastly, Melynda Velez of LASOS (Linking All So Others Succeed) in Bel Air will speak of their ministry with people in Harford County, and the challenges and learnings they have discovered.

Panel Discussion

Added to those speaking are:
Rev. Jose Lopez, pastor of the NCD Comunidad Presbiteriana la Trinidad in the Bay Area Disciples Ministry Group

Pastor Roxana Navas, pastor of the Dios de Pactos community, a member of the Assemblies of God denomination

Paula Whitacre, Lancaster Seminary graduate and in process for ordination in the United Church of Christ