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## A Message from our General Presbyter

Thank you to all who attended the Presbytery meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a full meeting and, I think, an exciting one as we approved the sale of our property on Main Street in Harrisonburg to be used for a much-needed homeless shelter, aligning with our Matthew 25 initiative. And you approved moving our offices to Massanetta Springs, a connection most welcomed! If all goes smoothly, we anticipate being in our new offices sometime in May, but we will keep you informed along the way.

But as much as I am happy and excited about this good news, my heart is heavy over the invasion of Ukraine. Friends please continue to pray for peace as this conflict continues. Pray for all involved. Pray for God's guidance. Pray.....

*Blessings,*



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## Associate General Presbyterian—Nancy Meehan Yao

### 8 Habits of Evangelism #2 WORSHIP

While every congregation engages in worship (it's what we do), worship also prepares us, empowers us, and shapes us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We come in, to be sent out.

But in this time of pandemic, the whole scheme of “coming in” to worship has been disrupted. We have had to re-examine the ways we worship, and many of us have found that people who would not come in to worship with us, now join us in online or recorded worship experiences. While we might struggle with the type of worship we are most comfortable with, if we are to reimagine what evangelism calls us to do, we need to be open to other ways of worship. This may be a new form of evangelism for us.

Here (from Bruce Reyes-Chow) are some thoughts:

**We need to Reimagine, rather than replicate.** When using online techniques for worship, use the advantages online technology can give you to share the Good News. Online does not have to replicate identically what happens in physical worship, and by the same token, technology may be used to enhance in-person worship (video clips, messages from members who cannot be physically present, etc.)

**Add more seats to the table.** More people, and more different people, can now be part of worship. All ages, voices, and people, even those physically different, can now be present in worship, and can help to lead the service.

**Think of yourself as a DJ.** As worship leaders, we create the worship environment. This still applies in online worship as well. WE can choose from a variety of worship element, experiment- and even have fun. This is a way to incorporate new elements that might not have been used previously in physical, sanctuary based worship.

#### Some questions for discussion:

What have you lost? What have you gained, in this shift in worship during the past 2 years?

What have you learned about yourself, your congregation, and the community in which you reside?

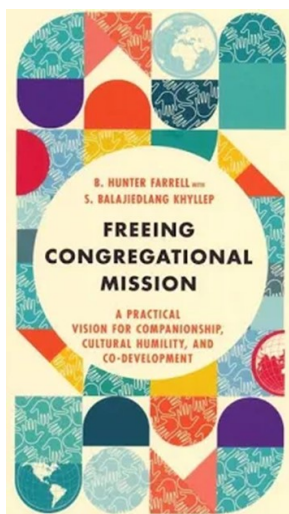
What worship practices might God be revealing to you and your congregation?

Blessings, Nancy



## Freeing Congregational Mission

by Hunter Farrell and S. Balajiedlang Khylllep



In *Freeing Congregational Mission*, Farrell and Khylllep help congregations examine mission practices, moving from harmful cultural lenses and assumptions, so churches can better partner with God's mission and work in the world.

The authors focus on:

A Christ centered theology of mission rooted in companionship

An approach to engage across differences with cultural humility

Insights and strategies to accompany local and global neighbors in co-development.

Farrell and Khylllep say that these 3 core elements and orientations are the 3 foundational “stones” upon which mission must rest.

Included in the book are tools to help congregations, mission teams, leaders and participants to reflect on their current practice and assumptions, and to grow in each of the 3 core areas.

Farrell is Director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative, and Khylllep is Associate Director.

An article about their work may be found in *The Presbyterian Outlook's* January 30, 2022 issue.

## 192nd Stated Meeting of Presbytery February 26, 2022



2021 Moderator, CRE Judy Hensley  
passes the stole and cross to  
2022 Moderator, Rev. David Howard



Rev. David Howard  
leads our Stated Meeting

For all documents and video of the meeting, find us at  
<https://shenpres.org/presbytery-meeting/>

To view the recording of the 192nd Stated Meeting go to:  
<https://youtu.be/B-zQ8tmHI9g>

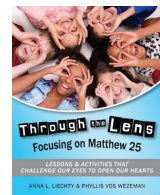
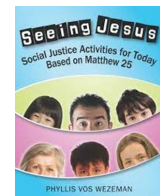
Community Cup Coffee Shop and More has supplied a video of  
the background of their New Worshipping Community.  
<https://youtu.be/qhEQkdf0Q7o>

**Seeing Jesus: Social Justice Activities for Today Based on Matthew 25**, by Phyllis Vos Wezeman  
Available in Print and download

**Through the Lens Focusing on Matthew 25**, By Ann Leichty and Phyllis Vos Wezeman  
Available as download

“Sharing God’s love was a task not only given to the disciples thousands of years ago, it is the responsibility of every Christian in any age. Seeing Jesus provides creative, concrete methods for responding to Jesus’ commission in Matthew 25. It once again challenges each and every learner with the question, “What will you do?”

Designed for a variety of ages and developmental stages, The Presbytery has a copy of these resources, if congregations would like to use it/borrow it, contact Nancy Meehan Yao at [assocgp@shenpres.org](mailto:assocgp@shenpres.org).



## Camp and Conference Scholarships & College Scholarships

Are the youth of your church seeking funds to participate in a Camp, Conference, or work trip this summer?

Would the college students in your congregation benefit from a grant towards the cost of their education?

Shenandoah Presbytery’s Committee on Educational Resources is now accepting applications for the Presbytery’s Camp and Conference Scholarships and College Scholarships. The forms are available on the Presbytery Website (<https://shenpres.org/scholarship-grants/>). The Camp and Conference Scholarship Applications are due by **May 1** and the College Scholarship Applications are due by **June 1**.

Both applications require session endorsement, so be sure to communicate these opportunities to your congregation soon!

## Church News

**Tabler Presbyterian Church** is celebrating its offering response to aid the victims and communities in Kentucky who are recovering from the tornado outbreak late last year. Two Sundays in January were designated for the offering which received \$1,185, and then was matched by an equal amount by the session from the church's general fund, for total gift check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the P.C. (U.S.A.) of \$2,370. We give thanks for the generosity God inspires us to share with those in need.

An Ash Wednesday Service for congregations in the **Eastern Panhandle Mission Community** is being hosted by Tabler Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. Pastors from Tomahawk (the Rev. John Cushwa), Gerrardstown (the Rev. Karen Greenwalt), and Tuscarora Presbyterian (the Rev. Rachel Crumley) Churches are participating along with host pastor, the Rev. Dr. Brad Langdon and elders from Tabler.

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## Did you know?

...the Board of Pensions, through Board University e-courses, offers a course in Clergy Taxes?

This course helps you better understand the tax laws unique to ministers. You will learn about dual tax status, self-employment tax, housing allowance, imputed income, accountable reimbursement plans, and considerations when hiring a tax advisor. This course will provide you with tax worksheets and reference resources that will help in preparing your tax return.

Go to [Pensions.org](http://Pensions.org), and then to "Benefits Connect".

Also, the Board of Pensions offers clergy tax help through the EAP (Employee Assistance Program) for those enrolled in the Board of Pensions, either in Pastor's Participation or Minister's Choice programs:

### Financial and legal assistance

Financial consultation: a 30-minute telephone consultation with a qualified specialist on issues such as debt counseling, retirement planning, tax planning, clergy tax issues, budgeting, and college funding

Legal consultation: a 30-minute telephone or face-to-face consultation with a participating attorney

Identity theft assistance: a 60-minute consultation with a fraud resolution specialist

Tax assistance: a 25 percent discount on regular tax preparation services

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Thanks to Ian (See Mark 4:35-41)

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## Job Openings Around Shenandoah

### Communications Assistant, Lexington Presbyterian Church

Lexington Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Virginia, is in search of someone to fill the position of Communications Assistant. [View a detailed job description here.](#) If you are interested in the position, or have questions, please contact Tom Groome at [tgroome@lexpres.org](mailto:tgroome@lexpres.org).

### Director of Christian Education, Warrenton Presbyterian Church

Warrenton Presbyterian Church, in Warrenton, Virginia, is seeking an enthusiastic, passionate, and innovative individual to professionally guide, plan and lead a comprehensive, creative Christian education program for adult, youth and children. As Director of Christian Education, you should enjoy working with children and youth and serve as an example in being a faithful disciple, attending church regularly, and participating in activities and religious studies while possessing a solid knowledge of Presbyterian traditions and Biblical studies. For more information and to apply, visit: <http://www.wpcva.org/employment/>. [Ministry Information Form](#)

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## Strong Ministers Fund Deadline—March 31

The Strong Ministers Fund is accepting applications for grants with a deadline of March 31, 2022. The mission of the Strong Ministers Program is to foster strong and enduring ministries by supporting the Teaching Elders, Stated Supply Pastors, and Certified Christian Educators of Shenandoah Presbytery. Grants are available in the following categories: housing assistance, emergency medical expenses, college or seminary debt assistance, continuing education, sabbatical support and college funds for children and spouses of those eligible.

Please find a link to the guidelines and application form [HERE](#) and submit applications no later than March 31, 2022 for spring disbursements.

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## Mandatory Boundary Training

Register by 4:00 pm on Thursday, March 3 to be included in Saturday's session and receive materials. Please look for the registration button found on the red bar on the Shenandoah Presbytery website, or [click here](#). There is no cost to attend- this training is provided by Shenandoah Presbytery.

**MANDATORY BOUNDARY TRAINING MARCH 2022** via Zoom  
Mandatory Boundary Training, for Pastors, CREs, and others will be held:  
**Saturday, March 5, noon- 3 pm**  
**Tuesday, March 22, 9 am- noon**

THIS TRAINING IS REQUIRED by the Presbytery every 3 years- If you had your last Boundary Training in 2019, or are new to Shenandoah Presbytery, this training is for you.

You may register for EITHER the Saturday zoom class, or the Tuesday zoom, but do not need to attend both. This training is for the whole church - Ruling Elders and Deacons, Christian Ed and Church staff, and any others interested may attend.

Boundary Training is a way to develop healthier relationships, to guard those who are in our care, and to live fully into being the Church Christ calls us to be.

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# Shenandoah Presbytery

A Community of Christ for Worship, Nurture and Mission

**SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY** is a covenant body where:

- CONGREGATIONS are empowered to be centers for mission
- PEOPLE OF GOD are equipped to be Disciples of Christ in a challenging world
- CHURCH LEADERS and members are nurtured and strengthened for service
- OPEN COMMUNICATION and information are used constructively and creatively to keep us connected

## Dates to Remember!

### March 2022

- 1 - CPT 10:00 am
- 5 - CMO 9:30 am
- 7 - CCVT 1:00 pm
- 8 - Staff Meeting 10:00 am
- 8 - CNCD 3:30 pm
- 9 - CPM 10:00 am
- 10 - CRM 9:30 am
- 10 - CRE Oversight 4:00 pm
- 16 - Nominations 2:30 pm
- 17 - CER 10:00 am
- 17 - CPA 1:30 pm
- 23 - Shenandoah Press Deadline
- 24 - Community Cup NWC 9:30 am
- 29 - CPT 10:00 am

### Other Dates

- 5 - Boundary Training 12:00–3:00 pm
- 9 - Lent Lectionary Discussion 9:00—11:30 am
- 10 - Pastors' Meeting 12:00 pm
- 22 - Boundary Training 9:00 am—12:00 pm
- 24 - Pastors' Meeting 12:00 pm
- 29 - PW Bible Study 7:00–8:00 pm

