



*Caring, Empowering and Celebrating
the churches in Foothills Presbytery*

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PRESBYTERY STATED MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

2017:

Sunday, April 30: Nicholtown @ 2 p.m.

Sunday, August 13: First Woodruff @ 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14: Easley @ TBD

2018:

Tuesday, February 20: Fort Hill @ TBD

Saturday, May 19: Eastminster @ TBD

Tuesday, November 13: Eastminster @ TBD

The Foothills Coordinating Council agreed to host two meetings in 2018 at Eastminster as an experiment. We are planning the special event to be a hands on mission project regarding hunger and want to include as many youth and adults in that Saturday morning project. Also we want more Commissioners to visit the Presbytery office/ resource center. And, of course, it is centrally located so the drive is easier for people who live at our edges. The Session of Eastminster has graciously accepted this request.

PCSC Ambassador Meeting

FOOTHILLS
PRESBYTERY
Stated
Meeting #103
Sunday,
April 30, 2017
at
Nicholtown
Presbyterian
Church
201 Carter Street,
Greenville

[Click here for a list of
2017 Stated Meeting
Dates & Resources](#)



PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PCSC Ambassador Meeting

Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina invites Ambassadors and pastors from the churches of Foothills Presbytery to the annual PCSC Ambassadors meeting held at The Foothills Retirement Community (205 Bud Nalley Drive, Easley, SC 29642) on **Wednesday, April 5th at 11 am.**

Those attending will hear reports on PCSC's ministry from the CEO, the Director of Church Relations, and the Director of Marketing. Lunch will be served and tours will be offered afterwards. Registration begins at 10:30 am.

Please let Cathy Jackson (cathy.jackson@prescomm.org; 803-772-5885) know if you plan to attend.

Quick Links

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West/Central Region Small Church Gathering

**WEST/CENTRAL Region
Piedmont Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 27
6:15**



Our discussion will include case studies of local congregations who have begun partnerships with other churches to broaden their ministry and impact in their communities.

There is no charge for this event, and a light supper will be served. We welcome multiple representatives from each congregation.

[**Register Here**](#)

We look forward to seeing you!

NEW! East Region Small Church Gathering

NEW!
**East Region (Spartanburg & Cherokee Counties)
at Limestone Church in Gaffney
Tuesday, May 2
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**



Foothill Presbytery is pleased to partner with Presbyterian Foundation to offer a unique 90-

Christian

Foothills Presbytery

Office Hours

9:00am - 4:30pm

Monday - Thursday

Office Closed

on Friday.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

"SHARING BRINGS JOY. TO OTHERS. TO GOD, AND TO US"

Through abundant and generous gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterians have for many years faithfully heeded God's call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives.



Thornwell Home for Children

www.thornwell.org

minute event geared toward helping smaller churches toward greater financial and overall health.

- Foster relationships between churches and church leaders,
- Engage in a sustained conversation centered around 5 areas of need:

WHO WE ARE? Church assessment & Community assessment,

WHAT DO WE NEED? Leadership models,

WHAT DO WE DO? Shared mission/ministry

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? Rebuild or Hospice and

HOW DO WE CELEBRATE? Connections & Celebrations

[Register Here](#)

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Annual Reading of Session Minutes

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***** There are two forms this year that we will need with your Minutes:**

(click on the title of each form below to open the document)

1) Clerk Guidelines for Minutes Review Form - This is the form we use to identify the actions reviewed and the pages in your minute books where those actions are found. Please begin now to do a self-review in order that your minutes are complete and up to date. *This form should be included with your minutes.

2) Financial Review or Audit Form - this is a new form created this year and approved by Council. As stated in the Book of Order (G.3.0113), each church in Foothills Presbytery is required to submit proof that a financial review or formal audit of the church's records has been conducted on an annual basis. Written results are to be sent to the particular church by the firm or individual who conducts the review. The session of each church is to document the results in their annual minutes. *Please make sure this form is included with your minutes as well.

The following session reading dates are confirmed:

Fourth Church, Greenville* -**

Thursday, April 27 from 12 - 2:00 pm

Central Church, Anderson* -**

Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm



SOUTH CAROLINA INN AT MONTREAT

Keep the South Carolina Inn in mind when you start making your summer plans. If you plan to attend a conference at Montreat or just want some time away in the beautiful mountains, you can find room in the South Carolina Inn or the Kirk Apartments. Give Chuck a call to inquire about options and to make reservations - 828-669-7460 or cell phone 828-230-5171.



Stewardship of Creation Enabler Connections

**March-April
Newsletter**

Pickens Church, Pickens* -**

Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm

First Spartanburg Church, Spartanburg* -**

Friday, April 28 from 12 - 2:00 pm

(If your church missed having 2015 minutes read, you can bring 2015 and 2016 minutes to one of the sessions below.)

Please note, the FORMS: (Clerk's Vault) section on the website, found at the top of the home page, is a wonderful source for most information you need.

United Ministries Luncheon



Uniting for Change Luncheon

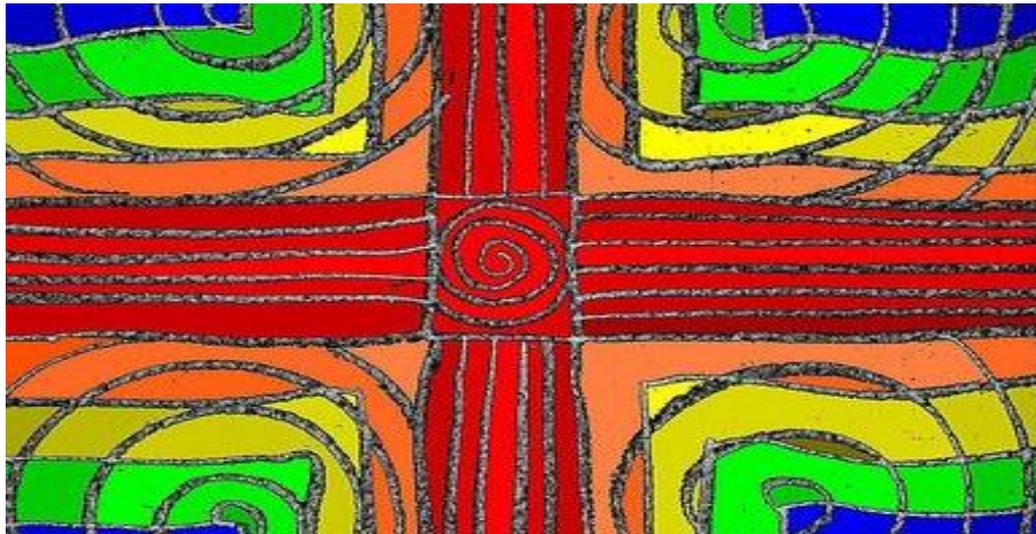
Thursday, April 20th
at
11:30 a.m.
at the Hyatt Regency in downtown
Greenville, SC.

This luncheon follows an exciting inaugural event in 2015 featuring Robert Lupton, author of Toxic Charity. We are excited to share with you our 2017 Uniting for Change Luncheon, presented by Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. Along with our partners in the Sociology and Poverty Studies areas at Furman University, United Ministries is excited to feature Dr. Desmond at the 2017 Luncheon and bring further attention to affordable housing in our area. Greenville has experienced tremendous economic growth over the past several years, and there is increasing concern with how this progress affects those in our community who live near or below the poverty line.

Proceeds raised from the luncheon will benefit all of United Ministries' life changing programs that serve and empower those in our community who are striving to achieve self-sufficiency.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Press Release](#)



EAST REGIONAL EVENT

**Reach Out with Ray Jones
Coordinator for Evangelism (PCUSA)
Sunday, May 21
Morning and Afternoon Events**

In the Morning

At Inman Presbyterian Church

Inman, SC

11 AM - Ray is preaching with an old fashioned pot luck supper afterwards.

Seating is first come, first serve.

Everyone is welcome.

[Click here for more Information - Morning Session](#)

In the Afternoon

At Covenant Presbyterian Church

Spartanburg, SC

3:30 PM - Gathering with Music and Food

4:00 PM - Inspirational Presentation by Ray

5:00 PM - Action Planning over Dessert

5:30 PM - Wrap Up

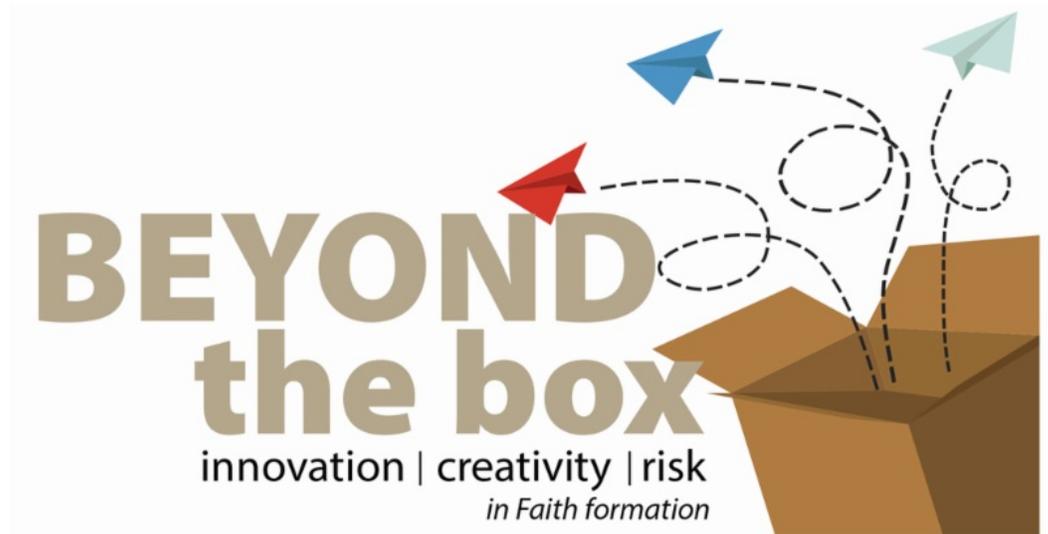
People and groups who register for the afternoon event through the Eventbrite portal will have reserved seating that is front to middle and center. **[REGISTER HERE](#)**

[Click here for more information - Afternoon Session](#)

Website is: <http://reachoutwithray.com>

**You are invited
to join
Ministers/Educators/Youth Directors/church leaders
Thursday evening - Saturday afternoon
as we ask:**

- * Why is innovation in Ministry so important?**
- * How can our roots/heritage inform a creative ministry?**
- * How does the theology of risk teach and stretch us in ministry?**



November 2-4, 2017

**Epworth by the Sea St. Simons Island, GA
in Faith formation**

Early Bird Registration \$80 by August 1st

Regular Registration \$120 Due by October 12th

LEADERSHIP:

Featured Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis

Worship and Music: Rev. William Carter

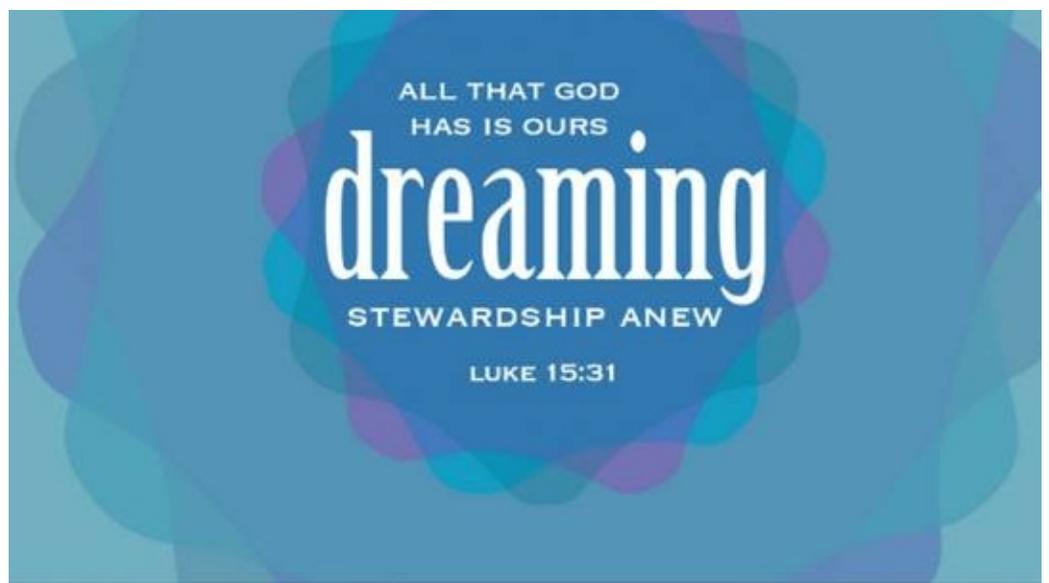
Liturgical Artist: Rev. Pressley Cox

Youth Ministry Coaching Cohort: Rev. Mark

DeVries

To register go to apcesoap.org

Stewardship Kaleidoscope



September 25 - 27, 2017

St. Pete Beach, FL

TradeWinds Island Grand Resort



Keynote
Cynthia Rigby
The W.C. Brown
Professor of Theology
at Austin Seminary



Keynote
Adam Copeland
Director of the Center for
Stewardship Leadership
at Luther Seminary



Worship Leader
Shannon Kershner
Pastor of Fourth
Presbyterian Church
in Chicago

Plus over 30 workshops covering topics such as annual stewardship, planned giving, theology of giving, current trends in stewardship, capital campaigns, and generosity

Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual conference offering excellent plenary speakers, informative workshop leaders, provocative worship experiences, and incredible networking opportunities for all who are passionate about stewardship and generosity. Drawing leaders from across the Presbyterian Church USA and beyond, Stewardship Kaleidoscope is designed to help participants explore stewardship, in its many colorful dimensions!

For more information

visit: <http://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/>

Face To Face Leadership Connection



SAVE THE DATE!
JULY 6-8, 2017

@BIG TENT, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS
REGISTRATION OPENS ON APRIL 17

The Church Leadership Connection (CLC), a ministry of the Office of the General Assembly, assists search committees and call seekers with a high likelihood of "fit" to make an initial connection, relying on them to go deeper in exchange of information, conversation, and discernment.

CONNECT, NETWORK, DISCERN

888-728-7228 X8550 | PCUSA.ORG/CLC

[Click here for more information.](#)

Mid Council Financial Network Conf



PLEASE SHARE WITH
SYNOD, PRESBYTERY,
AND CHURCH FINANCIAL
REPRESENTATIVES

Hold the date!

The Mid Council Financial Network Planning Team has been working very hard to secure a location for the 2017 conference. We wanted to share this information with you in order to get it on your calendar, with the hopes that you can attend. This event is a continuing education and training opportunity for synod, presbytery, and church financial persons. We are working with presenters and various others to bring you the most up to date information for this conference. Details are as follows:

Dates: November 15-17, 2017 (Start with breakfast on Wednesday and end at noon Friday)

Location: Hotel Maya, 700 Queensway Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802
(Group Room Rate \$169 + tax)

Hotel Reservations: [Click here](#) and enter requested information:

If making reservations by phone, please call the hotel directly at 562-481-3904. Be sure to give the group code PBC.

ARW 2017



"Back to

Our Future"

The Arts, Recreation and Worship Conference is an experiential 5-day event focused on recreation, worship, community, creativity, and the arts. It is designed for those who want to deepen their creativity, broaden their leadership skills, and experience personal spiritual renewal. In addition to whole group worship and recreation events, participants select from a wide range of unique courses. [ARW](#) is connected to the PCUSA and welcomes pastors, educators, youth workers, church volunteers, camp and conference professionals, recreation workers of all denominations, and anyone interested in the arts, recreation and worship to participate in the workshop.

For complete information and to register, visit the re:create website by clicking here.

[click here for Workshop Flyer](#)

Big Tent 2017



PCUSA 'BIG TENT' 2017

The PCUSA's Big Tent is meeting in St. Louis, July 6-8, 2017. Mark your calendar and join us for worship, workshops, and the opportunity to engage and connect with other Presbyterians. *More information coming soon!*

Employment Opportunities

New Positions Available!



[Click here to see our current job openings!](#)

Coming Up....

Mark your Calendars Dates to Remember



April 4 - Office will be closed while FP staff attends SC5 All Staff Retreat

April 6 Committee on Ministry meeting

April 18 Youth Roundtable meeting

April 19 Youth Ministry Task Force meeting

April 20 Examinations meeting

April 24 Child Protection Policy Group meeting

April 26 Youth Min Coaching Cohort meeting

April 27 Committee on Preparation meeting

www.foothillspresbytery.org

Survivors Of Suicide Honoring and Remembrance Service

The Survivors of Suicide of Spartanburg County and Unity Presbyterian Church

invite you to a

Honoring/Memorial Service

at

Unity Presbyterian Church

750 Rainbow Lake Road

Boiling Springs SC

This Service will be held at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 4, 2017** at the Church.

A light reception will precede the service at 6:30 PM.

We would ask that you share this information with your member congregations, clients, audience, first responders, friends or family.

Anyone wishing more information may call me Larry Coleman at (864) 266-7127 or email me at colemanlarry60@gmail.com Please RSVP by March 28, 2017

