



Presbyterian Mission  
**Compassion,  
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## **CONFRONTING CHAOS, FORGING COMMUNITY— AND BATTLING RACISM, MATERIALISM, AND MILITARISM**

Workshops

**Session I: 10:45 – 12:00**

### Adopt Your Local Prison: Forging Community and Exploring Restorative Justice Inside and Outside Prison Walls

Today's criminal justice system focuses on breaking community and separating certain groups, such as minorities, the poor and disenfranchised and people of color, from others. This is a global trend, and the U.S. prison industrial complex continues to strengthen this process.

In a time where mass incarceration numbers have reached an all-time high, there is a great need for the church to reach out to our local jails and prisons with the purpose of fostering relationships with the offender and provide healing and hope for them, the victims, and the community. This is a community-based justice system focused on the healing of broken relationships, in direct opposition to today's outdated, punitive model.

The idea of "Forging Community" is as old as the Greek idea of "Polis" (city or local community). In fact, it is found in most early human tribes and societies. Restorative Justice is the Polis idea as it relates to those who break the rules of society. In a Restorative Justice model each jail and prison becomes a place for churches and ministries to engage in community outreach, healing, and reintegration. This workshop will offer analysis of the intersection of economics, race, class and power and how they are operative in the current predatory system of mass incarceration.

With its biblical basis in Matthew 25, it will also provide and explore examples of rehabilitation programs (artistic, academic, spiritual) and exemplify the recidivism reductions and reductions in cost to society. The workshop provides activities, such as skits, designed to help participants better understand the idea of Restorative Justice and how it can be used in the context of ministry to the incarcerated.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Alonzo Johnson**, Coordinator, Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Hans Hallundbaek**, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Hudson River Presbytery, NY and Founding Member, Board of Trustees Rehabilitation Through Arts program at Sing Sing Correctional facility.

**Lincoln Chapel—Main Level**

## Doctrine of Discovery and Propagation of the Christian Empire

The 222nd General Assembly (2016) acted to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery. Why don't we know more about it? Sometimes our histories are hidden so long by racism, cultural alienation, and political manipulation they are forgotten. The story of the Doctrine of Discovery, also known as the Doctrine of Christian Domination, has been untold for centuries although it has been foundational to international land law for the past 500 years and is even codified in the U.S. Constitution. In an era of truth telling, we must ask its past and present impact on Native American tribes and individuals. How can Presbyterians support American Indian rights of sovereignty and redress for past oppression of legal structures based on the Doctrine of Discovery?

**Workshop Leader:** **Elona Street-Stewart**, Delaware Nanticoke, Synod Executive, Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

**Park Level Main—Basement Level**

## For the Living of These Days: Hope and Courage in Difficult Times

What gives us hope when life becomes challenging? Where do we find courage in fear-filled times? How do we develop the resiliency to live faithfully as followers of Jesus? This interactive workshop will focus on equipping participants to lean into and claim power in what portends to be very difficult days.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Sara Lisherness**, Director, Compassion, Peace, and Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Mark Koenig**, Coordinator, Leader Development, Racial Justice, and Networking, Compassion, Peace, and Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**John Quincy Adams Room—Main Level**

## Reconsidering our Relationship to Stuff: Reflecting on Materialism and Consumership

If the Earth and its resources were divided evenly everyone would have 4.5 acres. Everything you need would come from those 4.5 acres. The average American uses 22.3 acres of resources.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program's Enough for Everyone office invites Presbyterians to ask themselves tough questions regarding their daily choices. What would it mean to live more simply? Who is impacted when we don't? What can we do about that? And how do we move beyond fair trade coffee and recyclable grocery bags?

Join the Hunger Program and the International Labor Rights Forum, a human rights organization that advocates for dignity and justice for workers in the global economy, as we address the topics of simplicity, alternatives to materialism, and being a responsible consumer, particularly as it pertains to the garment industry.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Jessica Maudlin**, Associate, Enough for Everyone, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Sarah Newell**, Campaigns Associate at the International Labor Rights Forum; Sarah's primary focus is on campaigns around gender-based workplace violence and corporate accountability in the garment industry.

**Lincoln Parlor—Main Level**

## Providing Sanctuary: Why, How, if not us, Who?

This workshop will offer background on the Sanctuary movement, and tangible skills and organizing tools for congregants to engage their communities to become Sanctuary Churches. The goals are to educate participants on the history of the movement, inspire them to take action in an urgent moment, and provide support and strategy. We will be connecting Presbyterians regionally as well as nationally, and build relationships that will help us carry out the work throughout the year. We will provide information not only on how to host an individual seeking Sanctuary, but on how to amplify that message and build political power with the act.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Nora Leccese**, Associate for Domestic Poverty and Environmental Issues, Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency, **Susan Krehbiel**, Catalyst for Refugees & Asylum, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Amanda Craft**, Manager of Advocacy, Office of Immigration, Office of the General Assembly.

**Main Sanctuary—Second Level**

## Advocacy and Organizing 101

This workshop will provide basic skills on how to organize a group to take collective action. In this introductory training, we will explore how groups of people build power to act for justice, and teach and practice the building block skills of facilitation and organizing one to ones. Participants will walk away with an understanding of power relationships between the private sector, the public sector and the civic sector and organizing strategies to influence public policy.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Nora Leccese**, Associate for Domestic Poverty and Environmental Issues, Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Jimmie Hawkins**, Director, Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Radcliffe Room—Main Level**

## Antiracism: Next Steps

This experience-based workshop will equip participants to initiate conversations around antiracism in their own congregations and communities. It will help participants gain a deeper understanding of the systems of power and privilege that perpetuate racism. Resources presented will range from interactive activities to newly developed PC(USA) resources, including a study guide on *Waking Up White*. Participants will spend time examining their own experiences related to race, power, and privilege and will learn about the tools and resources for disrupting racism and engaging in antiracism work.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Mark Koenig**, Coordinator, Leader Development, Racial Justice, and Networking, Compassion, Peace and Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Alonzo Johnson**, Coordinator, Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Park Level Main—Basement Level**

## Creating Spaces of Welcome: Acting in Solidarity with Refugees and Immigrants of all Faiths and Nationalities

The PC(USA) is a denomination with a majority white, U.S.-born membership. Congregations concerned about the racism and isolationism that permeates current immigration policy are often at a loss about how to step into the public debate, win over fellow members, and develop a message and strategy as allies with Muslim refugees, Central American asylum seekers, and others. This is a “nuts & bolts” workshop designed for congregations who are just starting to become more publicly visible/active on the rights of refugees and migrants and/or those who wish to “step it up” due to policy shifts under the Trump administration and the new U.S. Congress, as well as rising acts of hostility and xenophobia toward immigrants and refugees.

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## Militarism, Materialism and Racism in our Food System—and Tools for Resistance

Brazilian activist and academic Maria Luisa Mendonca and Action Aid USA campaigner, Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau, will explain how large-scale land investments, driven by products in our pantries, fuel in our gas tank, and money in our retirement accounts cause deforestation and conflict in indigenous communities. Learn about a grassroots campaign targeting TIAA-CREF retirement funds that fuel illegal land grabs in Brazil, palm oil plantations in Guatemala, and soaring land prices in the United States.

Workshop participants will learn about tools needed to build effective strategies for tackling these and other challenging crises facing our world. We will explore how developing a Theory of Change and doing

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power mapping can be foundations for success. Participants will be offered resources to take concrete anti-land grab action and to build effective strategies on the issues that most concern them.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Maria Luisa Mendonça**, Network for Social Justice and Human Rights, Brazil, **Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau**, ActionAid USA and **Andrew Kang Bartlett**, Associate for National Hunger Concerns, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Lincoln Parlor—Main Level**

## Peacemaking and Peacekeeping: How to Engage in Peace

This workshop will look at PC(USA)'s work in making and keeping peace around the world. We continue to see challenges to peace, from mineral and water wars to displacement because of natural disasters, and we know that as Christians we are called to be makers of peace. We'll explore ways the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations (PMUN) and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program are working together to engage Presbyterians in the vital work of peace.

The PMUN works to equip and inspire Presbyterians to engage in global discipleship and advocate the policies of the PC(USA)'s General Assemblies at the United Nations. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program works to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. Learn ways that you and your congregation or mid-council can get involved.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Ryan Smith**, Director, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Carl Horton**, Coordinator, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**John Quincy Adams Room—Main Level**

## Speaking the Truth in Love: Staying in Dialogue in Divisive Times

This skill-building workshop will provide participants with basic tools for navigating thorny conversations with people who have a different point of view.

**Workshop Leader:** **Sara Lisherness**, Director, Compassion, Peace, & Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Lincoln Chapel—Main Level**

## Session III: 2:45-4:00

### From Broken Windows to Open Doors: The Role Churches and Communities Can Play in Building Relationships with Law Enforcement

With increased concern about police brutality and increased hostility between police departments and urban communities of color—specifically African American and Latino, there is a great need to create. Cities such as Ferguson, Baltimore, Charlotte, and names such as Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Philando Castille, and Freddy Gray have become synonymous with the deteriorating relations between urban communities and law enforcement. Given the rise in tensions between the Black Lives Matter and Blue Lives Matter movements, it is clear that something must be done to create meaningful and impactful dialogue between law enforcement and urban communities of color. The church can play an integral role in being a part of this.

The focus of this workshop is to help participants engage in the important work that the church and community have in creating meaningful and accountable relationships with law enforcement. With an emphasis on best practices and learning strategies, this workshop will provide ways for participants to initiate and create nurturing relationships with law enforcement. It will address racism and power analysis; explore issues such as police brutality and accountability, understanding community policing and “broken windows” theory, education and examining local law enforcement's relationship to immigration issues. With visuals, stories, and helpful tactile

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approaches, the workshop will also help participants perform critical asset mapping in helping communities understand and utilize their resources to build and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Adan Mairena**, Pastor/Director of West Kensington Ministry, Philadelphia, PA and **ONE DC**—ONE DC’s organizing work centers on popular education, community organizing, and alternative economic development projects. ONE DC is an SDOP funding recipient.

**Park Level Main—Basement Level**

## Funding the Movement: Social Justice and Stewardship

Money is usually a touchy subject - even more so when people gather to form movements for peacemaking and social justice. Economics intersect with many of the sources of injustice in our society and every part of our economic lives: from our consumption, to our investing, to our giving can be used for justice and peace. This workshop will explore Biblical underpinnings of justice-based economics, and provide tips and tools on how to do justice in all areas of our economic lives, as well as explore fundraising practices for your church or organization that reflect the values we hope to see reflected in the world.

**Workshop Leader:** **Bryce Wiebe**, Director, Special Offerings, PC(USA), Mission Engagement and Support, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Lincoln Parlor—Main Level**

## Militarism, Materialism, & Racism in Israel/Palestine

The mission of Tent of Nations is to build bridges between people and between people and the land. Organizers bring different cultures together to develop understanding and promote respect for each other and their shared environment in the hopes of laying the groundwork for peace for both Palestinians and Israelis. Come listen to representatives from Tent of Nations as well as Friends of the Tent of Nations North America as they discuss how they are confronting militarism, materialism, and racism in their attempts to forge community and build peace in their countries and the world. Learn concrete ways that you can take action in your church and community as well.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Amal Nassar**, Tent of Nations, West Bank, **Bill Plitt**, Friends of the Tent of Nations North America and **Catherine Gordon**, Representative for International Issues, Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Lincoln Chapel—Main Level**

## Protecting Communities from Bio-technological Risks

In corporate technology, materialism means putting populations at risk with insufficiently tested products and unmeasured “externalities.” Environmental racism is one result, when chemical exposures put specific communities at risk. More broadly, could strengthening U.S. law with a more “precautionary” approach give scientific fact a bigger role than cost/benefit analysis? Could it reduce unequal social/racial/economic impacts of new bio-tech within a more sustainable economy? In this weekend of the March for Science, how do Christian citizens work with scientists and lawyers to develop safeguards and greater accountability? What are key questions and principles that can help citizens challenge projects and anti-regulatory ideology that may jeopardize future generations?

Within the framework of climate disruption, we will look at emerging technologies that promise ground and water clean-up, “geo-engineering” that could create new kinds of sacrifice zones, and the intended and unintended consequences of nano-technologies and genetically modified organisms. Participants will look at actual cases.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Jaydee Hanson**, Policy Director, International Center for Technology Assessment and **Chris Iosso**, Coordinator, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**John Quincy Adams Room—Main Level**

## What Environmental Justice Leaders Teach Us About Forging True Community: Recognizing and Confronting the Environmental Injustice that Low-Income and Communities of Color Face

Race, class, and power pervade issues of environmental and economic justice. People of color and low-wealth communities disproportionately bear the brunt of environmental degradation. They also are impacted to a greater degree by a lack of access to environmental benefits. This workshop will explore key questions to ask about racism in environmental laws, zoning and regulation, the impact of environmental injustice on the development of low-wealth communities, and how to get involved in what's going on in your community. We will hear from environmental justice leaders, explore the faith community voice, and discuss opportunities for action.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Shantha Ready Alonso**, Creation Justice Ministries, **Elona Street-Stewart**, Delaware Nanticoke, Synod Executive, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, **Rebecca Barnes**, Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency and **Margaret Mwale**, Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**Main Sanctuary—Second Level**

## White Folk Work: Strategies to Disrupt Racism

In this workshop we will discuss the specific work that white people need to do with one another to dismantle racism and white supremacy, and how to leverage our social capital. All white folks need to have difficult but necessary conversations about racial justice this year. The call to challenge one another has come directly from faith leaders of color from around the country, including the PC(USA), and the moment has never been more urgent to answer them. This workshop includes opportunities to discuss what we can do to address racism in ourselves and our communities, and to challenge the scapegoating of “other” white people - especially working class whites and/or white people living in rural or rust belt towns. We will discuss the historic precedent of white Presbyterians organizing in the Civil Rights movement, and make connections to current movement-building work.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Nora Leccese**, Associate for Domestic Poverty and Environmental Issues, Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, Presbyterian Mission Agency, **Mark Koenig**, Coordinator, Leader Development, Racial Justice and Network Support, Compassion Peace and Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency, and **Molly Casteel**, Manager, Equity and Representation, Office of the General Assembly.

**Radcliffe Room—Basement Level**

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