

Mikes' Mission Notes

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

One of the most exciting things to happen this year is a blossoming of brand new Mission Networks. The newest network about to be minted into this presbytery is the Refugee Ministry Mission Network, which is doing exciting work. But I wanted to take a moment and introduce everyone to another new network on the horizon, the Arts Ministry Network. A few weeks ago representatives from 7 different NCP churches gathered at Church of the Covenant in Arlington to brainstorm ideas for what an Arts Mission Network might look like. The ideas that emerged were unsurprisingly creative and diverse. One thing that emerged was that an Arts Ministry Mission Network wouldn't be just about the liturgical arts, but also about supporting the arts in our communities and supporting soul enriching artistic endeavors among congregational members as well.



The group gathered there that day decided to engage in quarterly arts events. The first will be July 14th at 1pm (location still to be determined) and will be a demonstration around a fun visual arts project that can be used in the sanctuary as a part of worship. If you would like to learn more about the network, as well as keep up to date on the July 14th event as well as other upcoming programs, email mmcnamara@thepresbytery.org to be added to the email list.

And even before the July 14th event, the Church of the Covenant in Arlington will be hosting another Arts focused event over Pentecost weekend called Music Makes Community(MMC).

Singers of all ages are invited for dinner and a Community Sing on **Friday, May 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Church of the Covenant, Arlington VA**. We'll share songs of freedom, justice and peace from diverse traditions, languages and cultures, led by a dynamic team of Music That Makes Community presenters. The event is free and open to all, and includes the evening meal.

An evening of experiential singing and learning sets the stage for a One-Day Paperless Music Workshop on **Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the same location**. Join musicians, clergy and lay leaders as we explore the basics of paperless music (taught without hymnals or screens), learn new songs to enrich worship and community life, and reflect on strategies for cultivating participatory singing and liturgy. Lunch and workshop materials are included in the registration fee of \$50. (Two-persons from the same organization \$75 registration). Thanks to a Local Mission Grant from the National Capital Presbytery, members of National Capital Presbytery receive a discount on registration fees.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, the MMC team of presenters will visit host congregations throughout the Washington D.C. Metro area to offer worship leadership and model the practices and songs shared during the weekend.

For more info check out: <http://www.nationalcapitalmission.org/new-events/2018/5/18/music-makes-community>

I also wanted to remind folks to check out the new National Capital Global Mission Wiki:

www.nationalcapitalmission.org/ncp-global-wiki In the coming months we will be implementing a new back end into the wiki, so even though sometimes a banner will show up that says things are shutting down, any and all information added to the page will remain, and the wiki will still be accessible through the link provided above.