

Guided by the Spirit, Our Presbytery follows Christ by partnering with congregations, communities, and individuals to embody God's inclusive love and justice in an ever-changing world.



Connectional NEXUS - June 2026

Our Presbytery

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next 2026 Presbytery Meetings

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
Sisters of St. Joseph Campus, Brentwood



Saturday, November 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM Location TBA

Is your church facing rising insurance costs? Are you wondering what you can do to manage both costs and risk?

Our presbytery has joined together with the presbyteries of Hudson River and Albany for a Zoom conversation with the Insurance Board. We strongly encourage all of our churches to

participate and learn about the current insurance landscape. Share the flyer below with the relevant leaders in your congregation.



The flyer is for a Virtual Summit presented by the Insurance Board. It features a background image of a church. At the top, the Insurance Board logo is displayed with the tagline 'Partners in Protection'. The main title 'VIRTUAL SUMMIT' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it says 'We welcome the Presbyteries of Albany, Long Island, and Hudson River.' The date and time are listed as 'Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 5 - 6 PM EST via Zoom Meeting'. Three speakers are featured with circular headshots: Chad Cunningham, Farnaz Ansari, ARM, and James Howard, each with their respective titles. A call to action 'CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING' is in a white box. Contact information for Cathy McCarty, CIC, CPCU is provided, including email and phone. The meeting ID and passcode are also listed. Logos for the Insurance Board and William A. Smith & Son Insurance are at the bottom.

Insurance Board
Partners in Protection

Insurance Board Presents a:

VIRTUAL SUMMIT

We welcome the Presbyteries of Albany,
Long Island, and Hudson River.

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 5 - 6 PM EST via
Zoom Meeting

SPEAKERS:

Chad Cunningham
Director of Loss Control

Farnaz Ansari, ARM
Sr. VP of Marketing
& Sales

James Howard
VP of Operations

Join us to learn more about Insurance Board and the Risk
Mitigation Resources for the PC (USA) churches in New York.

Contact Your Insurance Board Agent,
Cathy McCarty, CIC, CPCU
committed to serving the Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.) ministries.

Email: cmccarty@wasmithandson.com
Phone: (845) 561-1706, ext. 232

**CLICK HERE TO
JOIN MEETING**

Meeting ID: 837 6815 3014
Passcode: 357733

 www.insuranceboard.org

My name is Bill Phillips. I'm a member of the Trustees for Presbytery and co-chair of our Property Management of Center Moriches Presbyterian Church. We had a recent break-in at our church during our preschool program. It made the local news, but everyone was safe and followed lockdown protocol. As a retired teacher/electronics technician. I would like to offer our Presbyterian churches my knowledge about inexpensive monitoring camera systems and motion lighting. Our times have changed, as Center Moriches just learned. If you feel you could enhance your lighting and security, please give me a call, and I can offer suggestions on what your church can do. The Presbytery Trustees have supported this free outreach for my help- I'm not receiving any funds for my support. Bill Phillips- 631-255-4771 cell



Join in prayer across our presbytery
Presbytery of Long Island
Mid-Week Pause for Prayer
Every Wednesday, 6:30-7:00 PM,
on Zoom

Please join together across our presbytery for a time of prayer for our needs, our congregations, our nation, and our world. Gently facilitated by past-Moderator Elder Don Adams, this brief gathering on Zoom will offer weekly connection and a space to gather our prayers as we seek God's guidance during challenging days. All are welcome.



[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 899 9412 3794

Passcode: 575901

Creation of an Immigration Emergency Fund

Our Presbytery's Immigration Task Force and the Shepherding Council invite congregations to contribute to a fund that will provide financial support for the legal and other costs of families in our congregations who are impacted by immigration actions or deportation. Recipients would be referred by a congregation in our presbytery and must have a relationship with the congregation. Any financial assistance will be approved by the Moderator team. *Individual or church contributions can be sent via check made out to the "Presbytery of Long Island" with "immigration emergency fund" in the memo and sent to Presbytery of Long Island, 109 Udall Rd., West Islip, NY 11795.*

Events & Notices from Our Churches

Promote Your Next Church Event Here

Please send:

Event Name/Dates/Church/PDF flyer or link
to laurie@presbyteryofli.org



[Click on the event for more information!](#)

Nesting at the Community
Presbyterian Church in Merrick

The Community Presbyterian Church
Deek Park





POWERHOUSE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

CHURCH BAZAAR

YOUR INVITED!
OUR CHURCH BAZAAR IS BACK!

COME SHOP, EAT AND CONNECT
WITH YOUR COMMUNITY. THERE'S
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- UNIQUE VENDORS
- HOLIDAY GIFTS
- MUSIC AND FUN

June 27, 2026
10am to 4pm

2101 WILLIAM PLACE
MERRICK, NY 11566

CONTACT LESLIE EASON
(516)-724-6569



YOU'RE INVITED TO

GOSPEL IN THE LOT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FUN, COMMUNITY. ALL IN ONE PLACE!

Summer KICKOFF CELEBRATION!

Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship, fun, and community as we kick off the summer together!

DATE: JULY 8TH | TIME: 7:00 PM | LOCATION: 353 FULTON AVE HEMPSTEAD, NY 11550

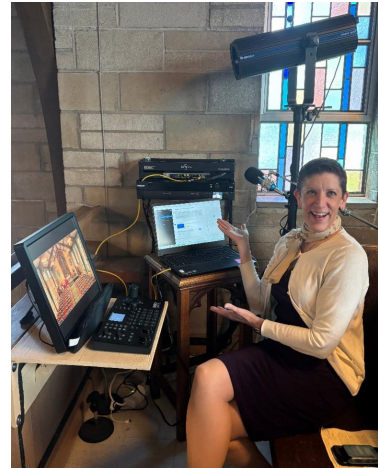
- LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC
- POWERFUL WORD & PRAYER
- FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
- FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
- FUN FOR ALL AGES

COME EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF GOD, CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY, AND START THE SUMMER WITH PRAISE!

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH." - PSALM 100:1

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND EXPECT A GREAT TIME IN THE LORD!

SEE YOU IN THE LOT!



Rev. Matthew Means final service at Old First Presbyterian Church, Huntington



Rev. Peter Kelly Retirement Party First Presbyterian Church of Southold





Garden City - Free Piano and Handbells.

Interested parties should reach out to Barbara Doud: 516-354-1848 Mon-Thurs, 9-1 or Magalene McClarrin 516-375-8189



Food Pantries in Our Presbytery

As food pantries are working to meet increased need in their communities, we ask churches in our presbytery to consider offering additional support to congregations that host food pantries. [Click here](#) for a list of pantries in our presbytery.

Local Events

You are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Faith-Based Affordable Housing Summit

Start Time: June 17, 2026 | 8:00am - 5:00pm

Location: The Riverside Church 490 Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10027

[Register by June 12th!](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Explore funding and partnership opportunities that can elevate your congregation's impact on community revitalization.

Partner with financial institutions and developers on Community Reinvestment Act aligned projects to strengthen communities.

Join workshops and Q&A sessions empowering faith-based organizations and affordable housing advocates.
Discover real estate opportunities in faith-based property development to provide professional services.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Houses of Worship of all Faiths
Clergy and Parishioners
Affordable Housing Advocates
Developers and Architects
Real Estate Professionals
Legislators
CRA Officers
Title Companies

WHILE WE'D LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US IN PERSON, THERE IS A VIRTUAL OPTION FOR ATTENDING! Please register to receive the link information.

For more information contact: info2.IAHC@gmail.com or Rashida Tyler 845-282-6022

Synod of The Northeast

Matthew 25 In Action: A Winter Community Supper that Fed More Than Hunger

In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that faithful love is never abstract—it is lived. It looks like welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, and recognizing Christ in our neighbors.

This past winter, **First Presbyterian Church of Southold** put that call into motion through a new ministry that became both a meal and a meeting place: the Winter Community Supper.

[Read More](#)



The 2026 Emerging Gospel Community Grant application season is now open. We invite congregations, new worshipping communities, and emerging ministries within your presbytery to imagine boldly, dream faithfully, and step courageously into what God may be calling them to create. This grant is designed to support new and renewing expressions of Christian community—ministries that extend beyond the walls of the church and engage people where they live, work, gather, and seek meaning. Whether through community meals, neighborhood outreach, ministries of compassion and justice, intercultural engagement, or innovative forms of discipleship and worship, the Emerging Gospel Community Grant seeks to nurture Spirit-led initiatives that foster connection, belonging, and hope.

Informational webinars are available to help potential applicants learn more about the grant opportunity and application process. **English and Spanish webinars have already been scheduled, and we are awaiting final confirmation of a Korean-language webinar.** The attached promotional materials may be shared widely throughout your presbytery. Each flyer contains registration information and a direct link for the corresponding webinar. We encourage you to distribute this information to congregations, ministry leaders, and individuals who may be discerning new ways to engage their communities with the good news of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing the creative and faithful ministries that emerge through this grant opportunity. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Grace and peace,
Michael Yeoman

[Apply Here](#)

[English Webinar](#)
[Spanish Webinar](#)



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Care for the Earth?? If so, you,

leaders from Holmes Camp & Retreat Center, and all others interested in taking care of our planet will hold a brainstorming

conversation on **Saturday, June 20, from 11 am - 1 pm**, at the First Presbyterian Church, Manhattan. Members from New York City, Long Island, and Hudson River Presbyteries are invited. This is our first initiative to join the forces of regional congregations, together with the Holmes Camp & Retreat Center, to promote Earth Care through the strength of collaboration, sharing knowledge, skills, and experience, and creating educational, inspirational, and experiential gatherings at Holmes.



**Holmes Camp
& Retreat Center**

Please join us for our kickoff brainstorming meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, 12 West 12th Street, on Saturday, June 20, from 11:00 am -1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to Sally Collins at mission@fpcnyc.org. This will be a hybrid gathering. Link will be provided upon RSVP.

Holmes Camp & Retreat Center sits on over 500 acres of hills, forest, and wetlands in the Hudson Valley, less than two hours from New York City. For more information, <https://www.holmescamp.org/>.

PC(USA)

Members enrolled in the Medical Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are encouraged to utilize the many well-being resources built into the plan. These include the Mental Well-Being and Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) provided by [Spring](#)

[Health](#), which offers easy access to high-quality mental health care. Members should also register for the refreshed [Call to Health](#) platform to engage in opportunities and activities that promote wholeness. Participation also helps members qualify for reduced deductibles in 2027. For help navigating benefits and connecting with providers, members can rely on Quantum Health's [care navigation](#) to guide them towards the care they need, when they need it. To learn more about these benefits, visit the Board of Pensions [website](#).



The Board of Pensions
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



A Program for Pastors

At the Presbyterian Foundation, we recognize the importance of supporting pastoral leaders and the congregations they serve, particularly in church financial literacy and leadership. That's

why we've established a coaching program to help address the challenges pastors face while promoting sustainability and growth in ministry.

The Presbyterian Foundation's Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program is a free, 12-month coaching opportunity designed to walk alongside pastors. Our program equips pastors with the essential building blocks to improve church finances, stewardship, and mission.



[Contact your MRO](#)



[Visit the Coaching Program Website](#)



[Download Coaching Program Guide](#)

Other Church Financial Literacy and Leadership Programs

Part of the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders, the Church Financial Literacy and Leadership Program helps to equip and train pastors and church leaders in their financial management and leadership for congregations.



Apply for the Church Financial Literacy Grant Program to help attend church financial education opportunities, including Stewardship Kaleidoscope.

[More Information](#)



Apply for a Church Technology Grant to enhance your ministry through technology. The applications will be accepted through July 13, 2026.

[More Information](#)

Church Financial Literacy Resources



The Church Financial Leadership Academy is an e-learning platform with free videos offering training on demand. Sign up today using the registration code PCUSA.

[More Information](#)



The Stewardship Navigator is a free program offered to help pastors, staff and church volunteers build a stewardship program. This program puts resources at your fingertips.

[More Information](#)



Rev. Dr. David Loleng

Vice President, Church Financial Literacy and Leadership and Stewardship Education
800-858-6127 ext. 5901



WHO'LL BE a WITNESS?

PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS
2026 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCE
JUNE 21-26 & JUNE 28-JULY 3

REGISTER BY JANUARY 31 TO RECEIVE THE EARLY BIRD RATE

VISIT [PRESBYMUSIC.ORG/CONFERENCE](https://presbymusic.org/conference)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention Ministry

Concerned about Gun Violence?
Atwood Institute 2026
Registration is Open!

Come learn with other congregations how to build and sustain a gun-violence-prevention ministry in your faith community. **The 3rd Annual James Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage will be Sept. 15-18, 2026, at the Heartland Center near Kansas City, MO.**

As you build relationships with other faith activists from across the nation, expect to learn practical, pastoral, and prophetic skills for guiding your congregation in the task of saving lives and healing the trauma and fear brought by 38,000 lives stolen by gun violence last year.

Who should come? Lay leaders and teams, pastors, parents and grandparents, gun violence survivors, suicide prevention groups, gun owners, safety and public health advocates, veterans, youth leaders---people of faith who are committed to saving lives. **All denominations are welcome.**

Space is limited. Reserve your space today. Scholarships are available. Click [HERE](#) to learn more or use the QR code.

Keynote Speaker [Jer Swigart](#), co-author of *Mending the Divides*, will challenge us to deepen our theological calling for gun-violence prevention and to teach skills for healing.

The James Atwood Institute is an ecumenical project of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Find a Presbyterian News Service story [HERE](#).

www.presbypeacefellowship.org/james-atwood-institute

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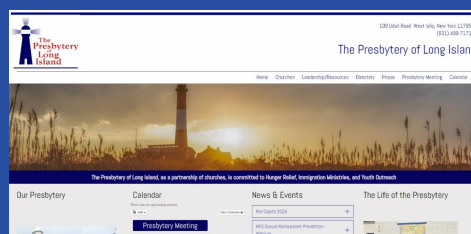


The 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA) will be held in Milwaukee in 2026. Learn more by reading the latest issue of GA227's May "On the Road to GA / Issue 11 " [Open Issue](#)

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