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"Reflections"

I'll be heading to the University of Delaware to serve as your clergy delegate for the Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting, June 10 - 12. (Kineta Rotan will be preaching in my absence.) We come together every year to address all kinds of issues: the ministries we've supported across our Conference, National Church, and with our Global Ministries partners. We help each other do better in: church growth, stewardship, disaster relief, creation care and environmental action, children and youth education, and the issues we've faced.

No topic is glossed over: The needless deaths of Freddie Gray, Sandra Bland, and an ever-increasing host of victims of questionable policing, gun violence, racism, the New Jim Crow laws, mass incarceration of minority populations, the overwhelming rip-off industry of payday loans, human trafficking, Israeli-Palestinian conflicts and peace efforts reflect the urgency of our ultimate mission - to walk together for justice, peace and equality for all in the name of the Son we love and serve.

As you know by now, General Synod 2017 is coming to Baltimore next summer. Each Association in our Conference has met and several important resolutions that have been considered and passed in each meeting will be studied, discussed, and voted on individually. Those that are adopted will be submitted to the National Church for further evaluation. If passed, then each resolution will be presented to the Synod delegates for another level of activity. Ultimately, each resolution will either: pass, fail, be tabled, or be passed on for action in 2019.

This is what the business part of the meeting will include:

Items from the CAC Board of Directors:

- [2017 Proposed Conference Budget](#) posted 5/11/2016
- [2016-2017 Clergy Compensation Guidelines](#) posted 5/11/2016
- 2016 Nominations Report

Resolutions:

- [Supporting Adult Survivors of abuse and neglect](#) posted 5/9/16
- [A call for the Central Atlantic Conference to address clergy compensation inequalities and to establish priorities, strategies and goals regarding the Pastoral Search and Call Process that affirm the ministries and that seek to increase its representation of persons of color, women and LGBTQ Clergy](#) posted 5/9/16.

Throughout this vital gathering, we'll worship, eat, munch, discuss, learn, pray and fellowship as only a bunch of church people can do! I learn more each year and come back with new hymns and new friends. Of course, we'll be getting primed and excited about GS2017! I'm looking forward to this special time and about the important work we'll be doing together. If there's any cool free stuff, I'll grab it for you.

In the meantime, I'll be sending you a list of movies for our outdoor/indoor movie night either under the stars if it's not 115 degrees or at a home with a shady yard. I'm going to extend a special invitation to our Cooperative Market friends! Let's see, maybe...a Hitchcock classic, sci-fi, western...a little Jurassic Park...definitely popcorn!

Peace and cool dreams...

Rev Bev

P.s. You can see the resolutions as they are currently written at www.cacucc.org

The Immanuel "Beat Zika" Reference Guide 2016

Natural Alternatives to Pesticides For Your Yard and Outdoor Living Spaces

Plants that can repel mosquitos and are especially good to grow outside (and near entrances, to deter mosquitos from entering your home) include lavender, rosemary, geraniums and scented geraniums (especially lemon scented), peppermint, lemon balm, basil, catnip, catmint, citronella grass, marigolds, and wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*).

Action Plan: Eliminate Mosquito Breeding Grounds (All Standing Water)!

[From the Maryland.Gov Department of Agriculture website](http://www.maryland.gov)

1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
2. Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
3. Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
4. Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.
5. Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
6. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
7. Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
8. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
9. Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
10. Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
11. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
12. Fix dripping outside water faucets.
13. Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
14. Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.
15. Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae. Call the nearest Mosquito Control Office if you find, or suspect, mosquito larvae are present.
16. If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to a Mosquito Control Office. Do not attempt to clear these ditches because they may be protected by wetland regulations.

Help Restore the Bay's Oysters!

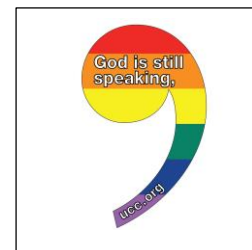
Rev. Bev is looking for volunteers to work on a project with the **Chesapeake Bay Foundation** this summer. You can help restore the Chesapeake's native oyster population by cleaning oyster shells. "**Shell shaking**" removes dirt and debris off oyster shells so that oysters larvae can attach and grow on the shells. If oyster larvae attach to debris on a shell, rather than the actual shell, they can later be washed out with the silt. Millions of healthy oyster larvae are at risk. Shell shaking is done by shoveling oyster shells onto a wire screen which is then rocked back and forth to knock off the debris. The shells are then dumped into a wire cage and a new load of shells is shoveled onto the wire screen for "shaking". Since lifting is involved, shell shaking is not recommended for people with health concerns or back issues. Shell shaking will take place at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Oyster Restoration Center, 4800 Atwell Road, Shady Side, Maryland 20764 and **advanced registration is required**. Shell shaking dates are all Fridays from 9:00am to 2:00pm – June 3, June 24, and July 8. Contact Pat Beall at pbeall@cbf.org or 443-482-2065 with questions. A tour of the oyster restoration center will follow the shell shaking. [Click here to register.](#)

Upcoming Events

June 12 Consistory Meeting

June 10-12 Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting, Delaware
Kineta Rotan will be preaching while Rev. Bev attends the
Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting

Global Café Bible Study will reconvene in September with the book of Revelation.



A Note of Thanks to Our Choir 2016

We want to thank Les, Nevin, Marjay and our choir for the blessings we've so gladly received throughout this music season. We are grateful for your leadership, the countless hours of practices and hard work, and the harmony that creates reflection, peace and inspiration. Enjoy your vacation, choir, then get back to work soon! (The Choir will return in September!)

June Birthdays

02—Peggy Wiley

17—Bryan Holley

23—Cindy Pfefferkorn

24— Diane Resides

29—Jill Kramer

30— Larry Dunham





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Lectionary Readings

(Day-Date; First Reading; Psalm; Second Reading; Gospel)

Third Sunday after Pentecost – June 5, 2016

1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24), Psalm 146 or 1 Kings 17:17-24, Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 12, 2016

1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a, Psalm 5:1-8 or 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15, Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 19, 2016

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a, Psalm 42 and 43 or Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – June 26, 2016

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Prayer Concerns

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS:

Let us pray for peace and justice, and work to restore the broken places in Baltimore that we face together.

Flood and storm victims in Texas and the Midwest; Refugees across the world; Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria; U.S. Military deployed and stateside.