



For the past several months, Nineveh Presbyterian Church has had the pleasure of having Pastor Adam M. Demetros serve our congregation while the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has worked diligently to prepare the church to call its next pastor. Pastor Adam comes to us from Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned his Master of Divinity degree and felt called to congregational ministry. Prior to his theological studies, Pastor Adam earned a Master of Public Administration degree with a focus on nonprofit religious organizations which he says “beautifully supplements an MDiv and better prepares a person for ministry”.

Having lived in Vestal for many years, Pastor Adam is a native to the Southern Tier and is pleased to have been called back home. Prior to serving Nineveh Presbyterian Church, Pastor Adam provided pulpit supply for churches throughout our presbytery and has enjoyed being involved in the life and work of the churches in our area. Adam has a passion for ministry and thirst for knowledge that keeps his nose firmly planted in theological literature. When he is not studying or writing, Adam enjoys traveling and spending time with his newlywed wife, Amanda, who is a Science and Math teacher at All Saints Catholic School in Endicott.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is moving along nicely. The Pastor Information Form (PIF) was submitted and approved by the Committee on Ministry (COM) at the beginning of August. As soon as the PIF was accepted, it became ‘live’ and was placed online for all prospective pastors looking for a full-time position to view. In the coming months, interested candidates will be interviewed, references will be contacted, and hopefully before long, NPC will have a new full-time pastor. Until that time, we are very happy and fortunate to have Pastor Adam Demetros with us.

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### **A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery**

#### **October**

- 7     Hancock
- 14    Nineveh

21 Deposit 1st Marsha Muller, Commissioned Lay Pastor  
28 Dryden 1st Virginia Coakley, Pastor

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**Prayers:**

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Lisa Ruth Mays if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

**Staff News:** Christine Rogalski will be out of the office on October 15-16, 2018.

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**Other News**



**Calling all Women! Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!**

All are invited to a Gathering of Presbyterian Women in our Presbytery

Saturday, October 27, 9:30 - 12:30

Union Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, Endicott, NY

- Worship with Communion
- Highlights from the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women
- “Days for Girls” Mission Information
- Book Chats
- Lunch (\$5)
- Child Care available by request
- Need Elevator? Park on Liberty St. side

**RSVP by October 22** – Carleen Rynick, 754-1523, [carlya1447@aol.com](mailto:carlya1447@aol.com)

Questions? [joanngray@stny.rr.com](mailto:joanngray@stny.rr.com) 687-5076

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## **2019 Colombia Delegation with Presbyterian Peace Fellowship seeking participants - Would you like to apply to be part of a delegation to go to Colombia in January 2019?**

**Essential Info:** Dates: January 21 to 31, 2019

**Price:** \$1,600 includes all meals, travel within Colombia, and accommodations (does not include airfare, which we estimate to be *around* \$800)

**Application Deadline:** October 31, 2018 (Note: We're accepting applications on a rolling basis, so the sooner you can get your application in the better).

**Financial Assistance:** We will work with all delegates to fundraise if/as needed. Money given toward the on-the-ground expenses (the \$1,600) are tax deductible.

For more info. go to <https://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/events/colombia2019/>

OR contact Vimary Couvertier-Cruz, Delegation Coordinator, at 845-786-6743 or [vima@presbypeacefellowship.org](mailto:vima@presbypeacefellowship.org)

### **Goals of this delegation to Colombia:**

1. To provide accompaniment to our partners in the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia (Presbyterian Church of Colombia) who are taking great risks in their human rights work and their support of the communities of Colombians who have been displaced by the violence of the fifty-year war in their country.
2. To learn about the realities of implementing the Peace Accords in Colombia -- the challenges, the successes, and how the Presbyterian Church of Colombia is involved.
3. To become advocates for the Colombia Accompaniment Program and Colombian peace building in the United States upon return

### **About the Delegation**

This delegation of 12 people will visit three regions: La Costa (Barranquilla and around), Uraba, and Bogota, providing the opportunity to meet with people who are helping to implement the Peace Accords, hear from people who have been displaced by the violence of the last five decades, and see several different parts of this beautiful country. The delegation will primarily be led by Sarah Henken, PCUSA mission co-worker in Colombia, along with leaders from the IPC.

The delegation will be bilingual with interpretation from Spanish to English, so Spanish skills are not necessary, but it would be a good idea to brush up on your Spanish! The accommodations will be simple (mostly in hotels), the climate will be hot and humid at times, and the delegation will travel quite a bit, so while all efforts will be made to accommodate people's physical needs, please consider your physical stamina and capabilities when deciding to apply for this delegation.

In the first week of November, delegates will receive a packet of information with more details about what to expect, what to pack, and how to prepare for the delegation. There will also be two opportunities to meet with other delegates and leaders by video conference before the delegation (dates TBD).

Click here for flyer [2019-01 PPF-Colombia flyer](#)

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**NEW CLASS FORMING LAY PREACHERS TO BE COMMISSIONED TO SERVE IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY**

If you are curious about who is preaching from the Word of God in the Presbytery...

If you feel you have something more to say from your own experience...

If you wonder where our small churches will find worship leaders who speak to their concerns...

IT COULD BE THAT GOD, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, IS CALLING YOU TO SHARE YOUR OWN FAITH UNDERSTANDING IN A WAY THAT CONNECTS WITH OTHERS.

The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley has a training program that will enable you to speak your faith in Jesus Christ to others so that it makes sense. You don't have to go to a seminary or training school. The presbytery's ministers and elders of long training and experience stand ready to help you to help others in their lives and faith journeys. We have a 26-year tradition of lay preachers that is unmatched by any other presbytery.

Curious? Want to know more, like

How much does it cost?

How much time does it require?

There will be a gathering on Dec 1st at 12 noon (hopefully at Sky Lake, near Sanford, NY) that will offer more information and hopefully answer all your questions.

***Please give us a sense that you might want to inquire and will be at the gathering.***

***(Rev.Dr.) Barbara A. Renton (honorably retired) [therentons1@gmail.com](mailto:therentons1@gmail.com)***

**or call: 607-967-4819.**

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