



## **Lift Every Voice: Racism, Class & Power**

### **Presbyterian Church (USA) Advocacy Training Day**

**Friday, April 15, 2016  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**New York Avenue Presbyterian Church  
1313 New York Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C.**

**Join over 200 Presbyterians** for Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day, as we look at how Presbyterians are working to address the suppression of political and economic rights of people of color, immigrants, workers, and the poor in our own country and abroad.

#### **PREACHER: REV. DR. MARK A. LOMAX**

The Reverend Dr. Mark A. Lomax is the founding pastor of the First Afrikan Presbyterian Church of Lithonia, Georgia where he has served since 1993, and associate professor of homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) where he has served since 1998.



**PLENARY PANEL** includes: Doreen Hicks, United Workers (Baltimore) and Conrado Olivera, Joining Hands (Peru)

#### **Of the 18 workshops, several address racism & power head on . . .**

##### **Anti-Racism: Next Steps?**

This experience-based workshop will equip participants to initiate conversations around anti-racism in their own congregations and communities and provide a deeper understanding of the systems of power and privilege that perpetuate racism. Participants will learn about the tools and resources for antiracism work. Leaders: Sera Chung, Associate for Race and Gender Justice, Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries; Alonzo Johnson, Mission Associate for Peacemaking

##### **Class Wealth and Social Impact: The Impact of Privilege**

Race and class privilege plays a key role in one's access to systems of social capital. This workshop will examine how race and class can be a barrier to success through discussing our own networks of social capital. Leaders: Laura Polk, Office of Immigration Issues and Keisha McKenzie, director and principal consultant, McKenzie Consulting Group.

##### **The Importance of Worker Rights Centers in the Struggle for Justice**

Worker rights centers (WRC's), controlled and led by workers, find themselves facing racism, classism, and disempowerment in the context of their struggle for worker justice. They will share solutions grounded in peer education, collective action and solidarity. Leaders: Current worker rights center activists and Rev. Trina Zelle who was the founding director of Arizona Interfaith Alliance for Worker Justice, a worker led, worker controlled WRC, in Phoenix, AZ.

### **Bowling with Roller Skates On: Power Dynamics in Your Hunger/Justice Ministry**

As people of Faith we understand our calling is to the “least of these” and respond with compassion to hungry people. Many well-intentioned congregations set out to do just that but too often we see good intentions do more harm than help when all angles of a particular response are not considered.

Leaders: Andrew Kang Bartlett, Associate for National Hunger Concerns at the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Rev. Adan A. Mairena , Organizing Pastor of the West Kensington Ministry at Norris Square (WKM).

### **Examples of other Workshops**

#### **Locked Up and Locked Out: Addressing the Issue of Mass Incarceration and its Continuous Disempowerment of Low-income Communities.**

Examine recidivism reduction and the struggle of inmate acclimation to society after release, the role of education and the arts as tools of self-empowerment, the role of the faith community and public policies to improve employment and readjustment. Leaders: Rev. Alonzo T. Johnson, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program with experience in volunteer prison Chaplaincy at Luther Luckett Correctional Facility, LaGrange KY, Dr. Hans Hallundbaek, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Hudson River Presbytery, NY and Founding Member, Board of Trustees Rehabilitation Through Arts program at Sing Sing Correctional facility.

#### **Backyard Beauty, Backyard Pollution: What Role Can We Play in Environmental Justice?**

How do divisions of race and class influence our priorities and our perspective on protecting ecology? And who receives most benefit from protected areas of environmental beauty? If we are called to care for all God’s creation—and all people in it, around the world—then how do we create a society that values justice instead of just-us? How to go beyond changing our light bulbs and starting a church recycling project, and tackle issues of the environment in ways that bridge divisions that might exist in your own community. Leaders: Rebecca Barnes, Associate for Environmental Ministries, Shantha Ready Alonso, Director, Creation Justice Ministries , Jacqui Patterson, NAACP , Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper

#### **Prolonged Occupation and Palestinian Children**

How are Palestinian children affected by Israel’s prolonged military occupation of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza? This workshop will focus on the widespread and systematic ill-treatment and torture of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention, as well as violence against Palestinian children by Israeli settlers and soldiers, highlighting the dual legal systems operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the disparity between legal protections provided to Palestinian children and Israeli children. Leaders: Beth Miller, U.S. Advocacy Officer, Defense for Children International Palestine; Mark Koenig, director, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations

#### **The Global Refugee Crisis**

In 2016 we have the largest number of refugees and displaced persons in the World since the end of World War II, 60 million people! This workshop will provide an overview of the current global crisis as well as personal accounts by refugees and a call to action. Leaders: Mark Koenig, director, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, Susan Krehbiel, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Christine Gedim, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service and former refugee, and Miray Zaour, from Syria, member of a Presbyterian church in Damascus.

***For more information about registration and scholarships, contact Susan Krehbiel, [skrehbiel@baltimorepresbytery.org](mailto:skrehbiel@baltimorepresbytery.org)***