

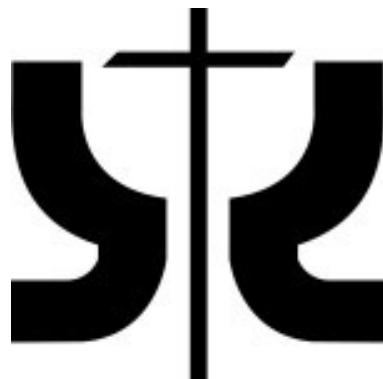


NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018
PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAM

April 16 –19 | Silver Spring, Maryland
Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel

God's Power Nurturing Communities of Witness and Dialogue

On-Line Registration Is Now Open! www.nwcu.org





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Welcome to the 2018 National Workshop on Christian Unity and to metropolitan Washington, D.C.! The Workshop continues to be the only national gathering of its kind in the world. The event brings together ecumenical representatives, ecumenists, and interested members from all churches who share one faith, one baptism in Jesus Christ. This year's Workshop includes a rich program of plenaries and seminars, a banquet, off-site tours, and opportunities to join together in prayer.

God's Power Nurturing Communities of Witness and Dialogue.

A primary focus at the 2018 Workshop is working together on our common journey as followers of Jesus to heal the wounds of discord and separation so that the world may believe. We are joined by church leaders to explore more deeply the amazing

gifts of reconciliation that we have experienced in recent decades. These gifts include new relationships among church bodies, as well as new commitments to restoring communion among traditions.

We are coordinating this year with the annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days gathering that immediately follows the Workshop to better understand what Christians are doing in the area of advocacy at both the local and national levels. There is also an opportunity to learn about models for engaging in public discourse.

What's Happening in 2018?

Based on feedback from previous workshop attendees, the number of plenaries is increasing in 2018. Most of the seminars offered on Wednesday are repeated on Thursday to give attendees more choices.

On Tuesday, attendees have the opportunity to get out of the hotel and choose from several excursion options. Choices include visits to one of two Smithsonian museums: The National Museum of African Art *or* the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Other options include visits to the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception *or* the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America.

Please take advantage of all that is offered at the 2018 Workshop! Most importantly, this is a time for fellowship from which friendships can develop, friendships that are the starting place and cornerstone of any work of unity in the Body of Christ. We discover that there is so much more that we share than there are differences which have separated us for far too long.

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At the Hotel

Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel is located in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland. The Silver Spring Red Line Metro Station is just a few blocks away, and the hotel also provides a **complimentary shuttle** to the station.

There is a 24-hour fitness center on site. The **Mica Restaurant** at the Sheraton serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Mica Lounge serves beverages and light snacks from 4 to 11 p.m. daily. A **Starbucks** is also located off the lobby.

Check-out: 12:00 noon

Front Desk 1-301-589-0800

Self-parking: \$14.84 each day

Downtown Silver Spring

The Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel is within walking distance to local businesses, more than 20 restaurants, and many entertainment venues, including the American Film Institute Silver Theater.

More information at:

www.downtownsilverspring.com/



Transport | Hotel to and from D.C. Area Airports

National Airport (DCA) is 10 miles away in nearby Arlington, Virginia and is the closest airport to the Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel.

Transit: A trip on the Metro rail system takes about 35 minutes. At the airport, catch the yellow line in the direction of Fort Totten. At Fort Totten transfer from the yellow line to the red line in the direction of Glenmont. Silver Spring is the second stop after Fort Totten.

Taxi: 25 minutes: \$40-100

Shuttle: 25 minutes: Cost \$35 – 70. *Shuttle Fare, Shuttle Wizard, SuperShuttle, GO Airport Shuttle*

Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) is about 20 miles away.

Transit: Total trip: 1 hour. At Concourse 3, Stop # 2, catch the B30 transit bus, which will take you to Greenbelt Yellow Line Metro stop. Take the yellow line to Fort Totten At Fort Totten transfer from the yellow line to the red line in the direction of Glenmont. Silver Spring is the second stop after Fort Totten.

Taxi: 45 minutes. Cost \$90-120.

Shuttle: 45 minutes. Cost: \$30-80. *Jayride, SuperShuttle, Supreme Airport Shuttle, GO Airport Express Shuttle, Montgomery Express*

Dulles International Airport (IAD) is approximately 30 miles away.

Transit: Total trip: 1 hour. Catch the Silver Line Express Bus at Arrival Door 4 on the Baggage Claim Level. The bus will take you to the Wiehle-Reston East Silver Line Metro stop. Take the Silver Line to the Metro Station stop and transfer to the red line in the direction of Glenmont. Exit at the Silver Spring Red Line station.

Taxi: 45 minutes. Cost \$60-100

Shuttle: 45 minutes. Cost: \$30-70. Shuttles are located at the Lower level of the Terminal at Door 2 or Door 4. *SuperShuttle, Supreme Airport Shuttle*



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God's Power Nurturing Communities of Witness and Dialogue

2018 Theologian-in-Residence

From Ferguson to New York to Germany and South Africa, Ms. Harper leads trainings and helps mobilize clergy and community leaders around shared values for the common good. She is a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church. A prolific speaker, writer and activist, Ms. Harper is the founder and president of *FreedomRoad.us*, a consulting group dedicated to shrinking the narrative gap in our nation by convening forums and experiences that bring common understanding, common commitment, and common action toward a just world.

Ms. Harper is the author of several books and a columnist at *Sojourners Magazine*. She has written extensively on shalom and governance, immigration reform, health care reform, poverty, racial and gender justice, climate change, and transformational civic engagement. She has appeared on TVOne, FoxNews Online, NPR, and Al Jazeera America.

Having earned her Masters degree in Human Rights from Columbia University in New York City, Ms. Harper served as *Sojourners* Chief Church Engagement Officer. In this capacity, she fasted for 22 days as a core faster in 2013 with the immigration reform Fast for Families. She trained and catalyzed evangelicals in St. Louis and Baltimore to engage the 2014 push for justice in Ferguson and the 2015 healing process in Baltimore and trained faith leaders in South Africa to pull the levers of their new democracy toward a more just world.

In 2015 *The Huffington Post* recognized her as one of "50 Powerful Women Religious Leaders to Celebrate on International Women's Day." Most recently, *Relevant Magazine* recognized *The Very Good Gospel* as one of "Six Books that Will Change the Way You See the World" and Ms. Harper as one of "Seven Leaders to Follow in 2017."

Preacher for Opening Worship

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II is the preacher for the 2018 National Workshop's Opening Worship. He is also a speaker at the Tuesday morning workshop plenary. Nelson has been Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 2016. The son, grandson, and nephew of Presbyterian pastors, he is the first African American to lead the largest Reformed denomination in the U.S. Earlier Nelson served as director of the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C., and has served as pastor of congregations in North Carolina and Tennessee.



Banquet Keynote Speaker

Fr. Rosica is the founding Chief Executive Officer of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, Canada's first national Catholic Television Network. Appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Fr. Rosica served as Media Attaché at four Synods of Bishops at the Vatican from 2008 to 2015. Fr. Rosica has been very involved in Ecumenical and Interfaith work throughout his priestly ministry. He served as the Canadian Bishops' Representative on the National Christian Jewish Consultation and the Working Group of the Middle East Council of Churches. He has lectured and preached around the world and has authored hundreds of articles and several books on Scriptural and ecclesial themes. He is currently Procurator General of the Congregation of Priests of St. Basil.



NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018

DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE

Overview

The National Workshop blends both a general program designed for all individuals interested in church unity, along with denominational network programs tailored for ecumenical and interreligious officers from sponsoring church bodies. Network meetings take place throughout the day on Monday and again on Thursday afternoon. All events sponsored by networks are open to all attendees—and you are welcome to attend.

Throughout the Week

Workshop Office

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bookstore and Displays

Daily

Liturgy and Meditation Space

Daily

Meals

Breakfasts, Luncheons, Banquet

Network Meeting Rooms

(to be provided in final program)

Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (CADEIO)

Evangelical and Pentecostal Ecumenism and Dialogue Association (EPEDA)

Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (EDEIO)

Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Representatives Network (LEIRN)

United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (UMEIT)

Sunday, 15 April

National Planning Committee

7:00—9:00 p.m.

Monday, 16 April

Registration

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Workshop registration and network registration are adjacent.

Note: After Monday, Registration is located in the Workshop Office.

Network Meetings

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

**On Monday, the schedules and start times for meetings vary for each network. See listings of meetings for each network in final program.*

Newcomers' Orientation



—all first time workshop attendees are welcome!

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Opening Reception

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. | Silver Spring United Methodist Church—8900 Georgia Avenue

 Distance: two blocks west of hotel | 5 minutes

 Note: Parking is limited! Please walk or arrange to use the hotel shuttle. 

More information on the reception in final program

Opening Worship

6:30 p.m. | Silver Spring United Methodist Church
Order for Evening Prayer

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Tuesday, 17 April

Breakfast

7:15 to 8:00 a.m.

Workshop Eucharist | Roman Catholic Rite

8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

Bible Reflections

9:20 to 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper, Founder and President of *FreedomRoad.us*, 2018 Theologian-in-Residence

Workshop Plenary: Justification, Justice, and Sanctification

10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn (Kit) Kleinhans, Dean, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University

The Rev. Clayton Childers, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church

Workshop Luncheon

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. *Facilitated discussion.*

Concurrent Plenaries

1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

The Public Square

Mr. Alexei Laushkin, President of the Kingdom Mission Society

The Rev. Dr. Susan Henry Crowe, General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society, United Methodist Church

Dr. Rick Elgendy, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics & Public Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary *jointly sponsored by the Evangelical and Pentecostal Ecumenism and Dialogue Association (EPEDA) and the United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (UMEIT)*

Bishops Paired for Mission

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee

Most Rev. Denis J. Madden, retired Auxiliary Bishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore *jointly sponsored by the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (CADEIO) and the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (EDEIO)*



Off-Site Excursions

2:45 to 5:00 p.m. | concurrent

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America

1400 Quincy Street NE



Distance from Hotel: 6.5 miles

  25 minutes

National Museum of African Art

950 Independence Avenue SW



Distance from Hotel: 8 miles

  35 minutes

National Museum of African-American History and Culture

1400 Constitution Avenue NW

Distance from Hotel: 8 miles

  35 minutes

National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

400 Michigan Avenue NE

Distance from Hotel: 5 miles

  20 minutes

Evening

from 5:00 p.m. on

“On Your Own”

Continue to explore sites in our nation’s capital and have dinner at area restaurants



Wednesday, 18 April

Breakfast

7:15 to 8:00 a.m.

Workshop Eucharist | Episcopal Rite

8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

Bible Reflections

9:20 to 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper, Theologian-in-Residence

Wednesday, 18 April *(continued)*

Workshop Plenary: Ecumenism and Advocacy

10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches

Mr. Justin Giboney, Co-Founder of Crucifix & Politics

The Rev. Al Baca, Executive Director, Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Ms. Lacy Broemel, Refugee and Immigration Policy Analyst for The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations

Workshop Luncheon

12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

A facilitated discussion takes place, led by the Rev. Lisa Sharon Harper.

Concurrent Plenaries

1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

A Gift to the World

The Rev. Kenneth Carter, Bishop, Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference, Florida Episcopal Area, United Methodist Church

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Martin Luther King Jr., 50th Anniversary Commemoration

The Rev. Brenda Girton Mitchell, Founder and President of Grace and Race Ministries, Inc

The Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray, Jr, President, Chicago Theological Seminary

The 2018 National Workshop marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. This Plenary considers where we are at as a society 50 years later.

Concurrent Workshop Seminars

3:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Note: Sessions 1, 2, and 3 are repeated on Thursday. Session 4 is offered only on Wednesday.

Session 1: Middle East Christians: Peril, Refugee, Martyr

His Eminence Mor Dionysius Jean Kawak, Patriarchal Vicar for the Archdiocese of the Eastern USA, Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch

Session 2: Being Neighbour Now to Churches in the US: What Do Canadians See? What Can Be Done?

The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, President, Canadian Council of Churches

Session 3: Healing Racial Conflict: Grace and Race

The Rev. Brenda Girton Mitchell, Founder and President of Grace and Race Ministries, Inc

Session 4: Conflict Resolution

offered Wednesday only

Dr. Amr Abdalla, Senior Advisor on Conflict Resolution, Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights (KARAMAH), Senior Advisor on Policy Analysis and Research at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of Addis Ababa University.

Wednesday Evening Banquet

7:00 p.m. | Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel

Keynote: The Rev. Thomas Rosica, CSB, Chief Executive Officer of Salt and Light Catholic Media

The banquet is included in the cost for full Workshop registration.

Please inquire about tickets for individuals not registered for the Workshop.

Thursday, 19 April

Contemplative Prayer

8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Ms. Lisa Sharon Harper, Theologian-in-Residence

Concurrent Workshop Seminars

9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: Middle East Christians: Peril, Refugee, Martyr

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Thursday, 19 April *(continued)*

Concurrent Workshop Seminars *(continued)*

Session 2: Being Neighbour Now to Churches in the US: What Do Canadians See? What Can Be Done?

The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, President,
Canadian Council of Churches

Session 3: Healing Racial Conflict: Grace and Race

The Rev. Brenda Girton Mitchell, Founder and President of Grace and Race Ministries, Inc

Workshop Brunch

10:45—11:30 a.m.

Outcomes and Sending Prayer

11:15 a.m.

Network Presidents

Network Leadership Meetings: Boards and/or Planning Teams

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. | concurrent

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United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (UMEIT)

National Planning Committee Meeting

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, 20 April

National Planning Committee Meeting

9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days

Friday through Monday, 20 - 23 April

A World Uprooted: Responding to Migrants, Refugees and Displaced People

The 2018 National Workshop on Christian Unity has been intentionally scheduled to allow Workshop attendees to extend their stay in Washington, DC to participate in the 2018 Ecumenical Advocacy Days.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days is a movement of the Christian community, and its partners and allies, grounded in biblical witness and shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. The goal, through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness, is to strengthen the Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of national and international policy issues.

All sessions Friday through Sunday will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia, directly across the Potomac River from Washington, DC.

For more information, registration, and hotel reservations, go to:

[HTTPS://ADVOCACYDAYS.ORG/2018-A-WORLD-UPROOTED/](https://advocacydays.org/2018-a-world-uprooted/)





Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers CADEIO Schedule - *tentative*

Monday, 16 April

CADEIO Board Meeting

time and location—to be determined

Noontime Mass

12:00 noon

location—to be determined

CADEIO: Newcomers' Welcome and Regional Meetings

time to be determined

CADEIO Annual General Assembly —all members

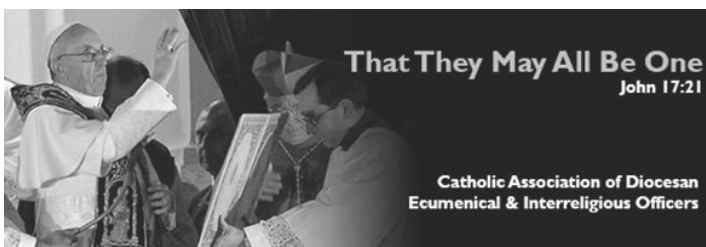
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Thursday, 19 April

CADEIO Board Meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Note: CADEIO meetings are open to all workshop attendees and all are welcome. During business sessions, CADEIO members only are eligible to vote.





Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers

EDEIO Schedule - *tentative*

Monday, 16 April

EDEIO Board Meeting

time to be determined

EDEIO Newcomers' Luncheon

— for first time attendees, with provincial coordinators & EDEIO officers—meet at registration table

time and location to be determined

EDEIO Network Meeting

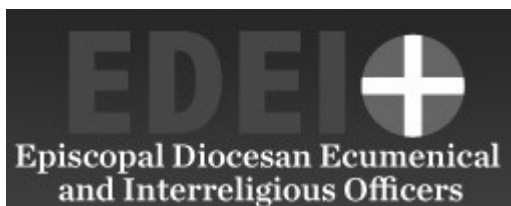
time to be determined

Thursday, 19 April

EDEIO Network Business Meeting

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. noon

Note: EDEIO meetings are open to all workshop attendees and all are welcome. During business sessions, EDEIO members only are eligible to vote.





Evangelical and Pentecostal Ecumenism and Dialogue Association

EPEDA Schedule - tentative

Monday, 16 April

EPEDA Network Meeting

time to be determined

EPEDA—Emerging Networks Joint Plenary

time to be determined

Tuesday, 17 April

EPEDA—Dinner with the Network

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Local Restaurant—to be determined

An opportunity to continue fellowship informally, prior to the Workshop Concert. After dinner, we may gather again at the hotel.

Thursday, 19 April

EPEDA Planning Team Meeting

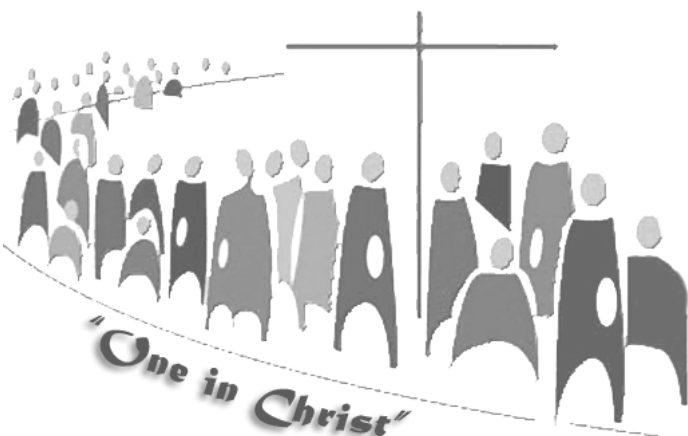
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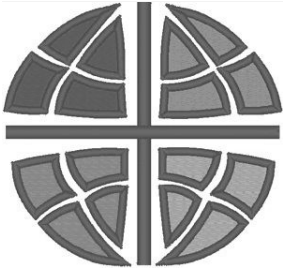
EPEDA (formerly the Consortium of Evangelical Networks for Unity—CEN) has network membership denominations, churches, and individuals within the National Association of Evangelical and Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches of North America. Our trainings on ecumenism and inter-religious dialogues are open to all.

Fiscal sponsorship in 2018 comes from the Kingdom Mission Society. As a training and equipping association, membership fees also help to support the ministry of EPEDA.

EPEDA plans to develop a board of advisors from member denominations. Similar to other networks, officers will be elected to specific terms. Denominations may choose to allow EPEDA (by written agreement) to enter into discussion of interest on ecumenical topics. EPEDA makes itself available to member denominations for consultation and advice.

Note: EPEDA meetings are open to all workshop attendees and all are welcome.





Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-religious Representatives Network LEIRN Schedule - *tentative*

Monday, 16 April

LEIRN Executive Board Meeting

time to be determined

LEIRN Newcomers' Luncheon

— first time attendees, meet at registration table

time and location to be determined

LEIRN Network Meeting

time to be determined

Agenda includes: Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Update, Best Practices, and Network Training. Network elections for Executive Board positions.

Kathryn Lohre, Executive, Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Relations

Kathryn Johnson, Director, Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Relations

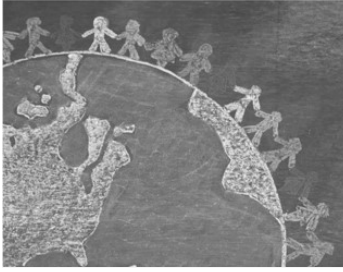
Thursday, 19 April

LEIRN Executive Board Meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Note: LEIRN meetings are open to all workshop attendees and all are welcome. During business sessions, LEIRN representatives only are eligible to vote.





United Methodist Ecumenical and Inter-religious Training

UMEIT Schedule - *tentative*

Monday, 16 April

UMEIT Training

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All day—with lunch and breaks scheduled

Thursday, 19 April

UMEIT Conclusions, Evaluation, and Future Planning

12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Note: UMEIT meetings are open to all workshop attendees and all are welcome.



National Workshop on Christian Unity 2018 | Speakers

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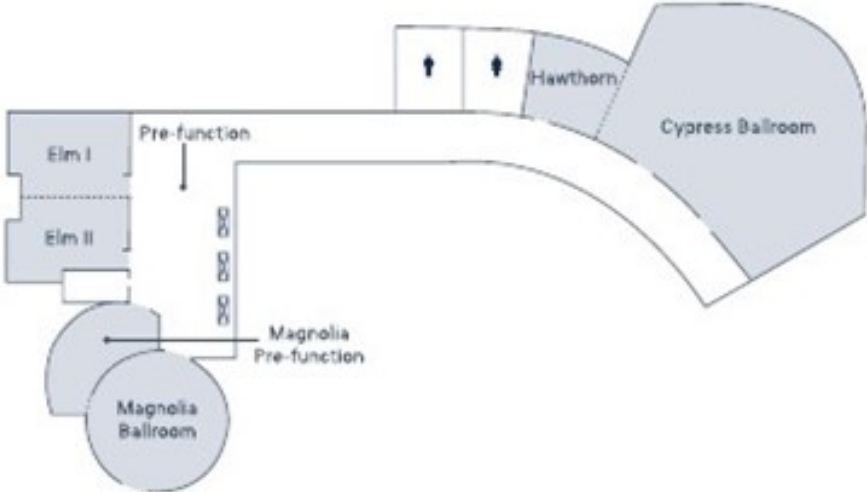
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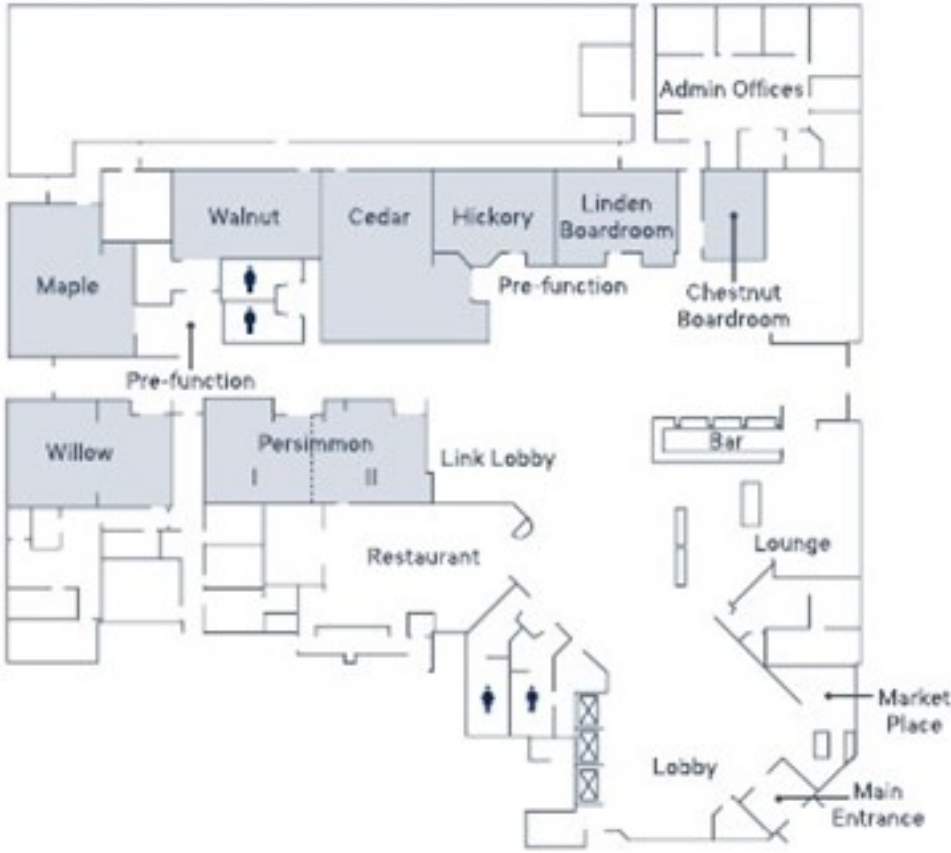
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Mr. Jim Winkler, President and General Secretary of the National Council of Churches

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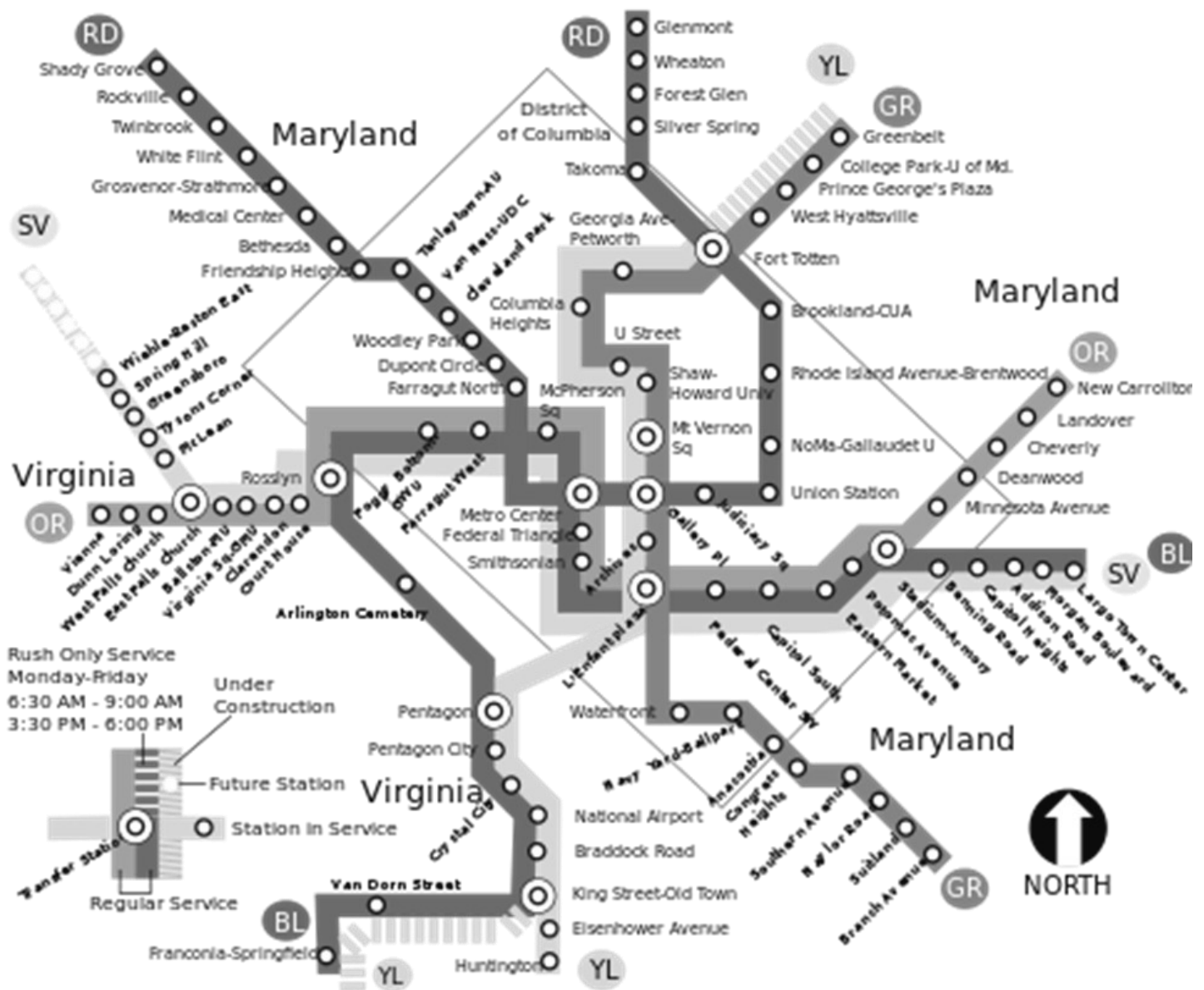


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METRO: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Rail System



Things to See and Do along the Red Line Stations

Dupont Circle: near Embassy Row, renowned restaurants, great shopping and exciting nightlife

Farragut North: access to Connecticut Avenue, the business district and a short walk to The White House

Metro Center: short walk to The White House, transfers available to the Blue and Orange Metro lines

Gallery Place: steps from MLK Memorial, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Verizon Center, J Edgar Hoover Building (FBI Headquarters), International Spy Museum, Washington Convention Center, transfers available to the Yellow and Green Metro lines

Union Station: services Amtrak, the MARC Train and Virginia Railway Express

National Planning Committee 2018

The Rev. David Simmons, ObJn
President, Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (*EDEIO*)
Co-Chair, 2018 National Workshop on Christian Unity

Dr. Rocky Piro
Executive Director, Colorado Center for Sustainable Urbanism
Co-Chair, 2018 National Workshop on Christian Unity

The Rev. James C. Biegler
Treasurer, National Ecumenical Officers Association (*NEOA*)

The Rev. Al Baca (*NEOA*)
Executive Director, Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Rev. Dr. Jean Hawxhurst (*NEOA*)
Ecumenical Staff Officer, United Methodist Church

The Rev. Margaret Rose (*NEOA*)
Deputy for Ecumenical and Interreligious Collaboration, The Episcopal Church

Mr. Rick Caporali
Registrar and Communications
Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (*CADEIO*)

Ms. Tura Foster Gillespie
United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (*UMEIT*)

Dr. Kathryn Johnson
Director, Office of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Mr. Alexei Laushkin
President, Kingdom Mission Society, Evangelical and Pentecostal Ecumenism and Dialogue Association (*EPEDA*)

The Rev. Lisa Lewis
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Mr. Richard Mammana
Ecumenical and Interreligious Associate, The Episcopal Church

The Rev. Catiana McKay
Chair, United Methodist Ecumenical and Interreligious Training (*UMEIT*)

The Rev. Christopher Olkiewicz
President, Lutheran Ecumenical and Interreligious Representatives Network (*LEIRN*)

Ms. Jan Skrehot
President, Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (*CADEIO*)



NWCU 2018 Schedule — at a Glance

Monday

- 8:00 to 5:00 Registration
9:00 to 4:45 Network meetings
4:00 to 4:45 Newcomers meeting
5:15 to 6:15 Opening Reception | Silver Spring United Methodist Church
6:30 p.m. Opening Worship | Silver Spring United Methodist Church

Tuesday

- 7:15 to 8:00 Breakfast
8:15 to 9:15 Workshop Eucharist | Roman Catholic Rite
9:20 to 10:00 Bible Reflections
10:15 to 11:45 Plenary: Justification, Justice and Sanctification
12:00 to 1:00 Workshop Lunch
1:15 to 2:30 Concurrent Plenaries
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 - ◆ National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

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 - ◆ Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration3:15 to 4:45 Concurrent Workshop Seminars
 - ◆ 1. Middle East Christians: Peril, Refugee, Martyr
 - ◆ 2. Being Neighbour to Churches in the US
 - ◆ 3. Healing Racial Conflict: Grace and Race
 - ◆ 4. Conflict Resolution (*offered Wednesday only*)7:00 p.m. Workshop Banquet

Thursday

- 8:15 to 8:45 Contemplative Prayer
9:00 to 10:30 Concurrent Workshop Seminars (1, 2, 3 repeated)
10:45 to 11:30 Brunch
11:15 Outcomes and Sending Prayer
12:00 to 1:30 Network leadership meetings: Boards and/or Planning Teams