

Hudson River Presbytery

Fall 2014 Events

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 21 **People's Climate March in NYC, all day**

Climate change poses an enormous threat to God's creation, and people of faith must respond. This September the UN will host a historic gathering of world leaders for its Climate Change Summit. These leaders will be gathered to develop a plan for addressing one of the most important challenges facing the world today, climate change. And so people from around the country are gathering in New York City on September 21, 2014 to march and let the world leaders know that we are watching and that we expect them to deliver an agreement that pushes for critical reductions in the use of global warming pollutants. The march is co-sponsored by Hudson River Presbytery. More info at <http://hudrivpres.org> or email lori@hudrivpres.org.

Sat./Sun. 27-28 **Changing the Conversation: Claiming Our Voice, 9:00am – 3:00pm**

This weekend we will explore why and how we are called to employ our unique Christian voice to bring about change in the world. A conference on Saturday from 9:00am-3:30pm at Stony Point Center will feature J. Herbert Nelson, Director of the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness and Mark Koenig, Director of the PC(USA)'s Ministry at the United Nations. They will help us think theologically about advocacy and discuss ways we can engage government, corporations, the larger church, congregations and individuals through Presbyterian witness. The cost is \$25 for the program, lunch and coffee. Register at <http://www.stonypointcenter.org>. From 4-6pm we will have informal conversation with them over wine and hors d'oeuvres at the Gilmor Sloane House on the Stony Point Center campus. And on Sunday Sept. 28, a presbytery-wide worship service will be simulcast from Pleasantville Presbyterian Church at 10:00am.

OCTOBER

Sat. 18 **Food Justice Conference, 9:00am – 5:00pm**

Join Hudson River Presbytery at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center for a full day of workshops aimed at making connections between food, faith and the environment. The workshops will build knowledge, explore best practices, and leave you with concrete strategies for engaging in community building ministries that address issues of hunger, equity, and the environment. Registration is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch. Keynote address from the **Coalition of Immokalee Workers** (CIW), a worker-based human rights organization and a partner of the PC(USA) that is internationally recognized for its achievements in the fields of corporate social responsibility, community organizing, and sustainable food. On Friday, Oct. 17th, 7:00pm, there will be a free screening of "A Place at the Table" at White Plains Presbyterian Church. This movie follows three Americans who maintain their dignity as they struggle to feed their families and how to fix the both food system and public policy to end hunger in the US. For information email lori@hudrivpres.org.

NOVEMBER

Sun. 02 **Church Decline and Resurrection: Multiple Paths**

Rev. Gail Irwin, author of *Toward the Better Country*, a new book about leadership in struggling churches, will lead a 3-hour workshop the afternoon of Sunday, November 2nd, 2:00-5:00pm (location TBD). This workshop will help leaders assess their church's health and explore their options through stories about creative alternatives other churches have found for significant change, rebirth in new shapes, and/or closing their doors with grace and gratitude. All are invited. Watch Hudson Happenings for sign-up information.

DECEMBER

Mon./Tues. 08-09 **When Spiritual But Not Religious is Not Enough, with the Rev. Lillian Daniel**

Pastor, writer and teacher, Lillian Daniel has served as the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn since 2004. Her book, *When Spiritual But Not Religious is Not Enough: Seeing God In Surprising Places, Even the Church* is a provocative case for why religious community matters. This much talked about book has been described as biting, hilarious, pitch perfect, tender and often stunningly beautiful. Lillian will speak on Monday, December 8, 7:00-9:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown and at the stated Presbytery Gathering on Tuesday, December 9. Mark your calendars now!