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**BOP Announces Median Salaries for 2019.** The 2019 median effective salaries for ministers and employees are [now available](#). The Board of Pensions annually sets median effective salaries based on data reported by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and employers. Effective salary is used in calculating employer dues and member benefits. When a member's annual effective salary is less than the median, pension credits, disability benefits, and death benefits are calculated based on the applicable median salary. The Salaries in the Parish Ministry Salary Study will no longer be released with median effective salaries, as in years past. New data will be included in the updated [Living by the Gospel](#), which will be released later this summer.

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**National Council of Churches offers Resource for Ending Racism.** Authentic Christianity requires the loving inclusion of all God's creation. An inclusive, beloved community is a community free from racism. [United Against Racism](#) is a call to an authentic Christianity, a religion that strives to become God's inclusive, beloved community. It summons Christians to pray, think, and act to end racism. This resource aims to support churches, communions, and those who endeavor to share the journey of the Christian faith in the pursuit of an unfinished agenda to embody a more excellent way of racial equity. Get your copy today for the discounted price of just \$12! This is a limited time offer so make sure you buy your copy soon. Special discounts are also available for orders of 10 copies or more. Use it for your Sunday School class, area conference pastor gatherings, youth groups, small groups - or just use it yourself. Order your copy online at <http://bit.ly/unitedagainstracismbook>

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**Transitional Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk Search Committee begins search process.** The committee began its work with a teleconference that included the Rev. Joyce Lieberman, Executive/Stated Clerk of Synod of South Atlantic, to learn more about the process of searching for a transitional executive presbyter/stated clerk for Providence Presbytery. For now, the primary focus of the committee is developing the job description and completing the Ministry Information Form (MIF). We ask for your continued prayers throughout this process as we seek God's calling. Search Committee members are Joe Hardy, Edgar McCall, Iris Rose (Moderator), Marty Simmons, and Ann White. Questions? Please contact Iris Rose at [rose.iris4310@gmail.com](mailto:rose.iris4310@gmail.com)

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**Montreat Presents: An Evening with Kate Bowler:** [Tickets Available Now](#). Join us Saturday, August 11, 2018, for an evening Keynote and Q&A with Kate Bowler. At thirty-five, after writing her first book about the American prosperity Gospel, Kate Bowler was a professor at the school of divinity at Duke and a new mother when she received the earth-shattering diagnosis of Stage IV colon cancer. Reckoning with the news, Bowler discovered, to her chagrin, that she would have to learn how to give up her own “prosperity gospel.” As she struggled to find the balance between optimism and delusion, she wondered how to accept her own finitude without feeling like she was giving up. As she learns to live with cancer as a chronic condition, Bowler speaks powerfully about the ways in which her brush with mortality transformed her. She also frankly addresses the uniquely American concept that tragedy is a test of character, and looks at the different ways that people try to rationalize suffering and catastrophe, for better or worse. To learn more about Kate Bowler, visit [prhspeakers.com/kate-bowler](http://prhspeakers.com/kate-bowler).

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**Air Conditioning at Kirk Apartments.** Just received word that we have received \$13,795 of the \$25,250 needed for the air conditioning of the Kirk Apartments (with 100% support of the Board of Trustees.) This is such wonderful news! Thank you to all that have donated to this project. If you like to “jump on board,” no donation is too small! Make out your check to: SC Inn at Montreat - Special Gifts-- PO Box 2653, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Plan a trip to see us soon! Come visit us at your home in the mountains~the South Carolina Inn at Montreat.

**Support Syrian Schools Today!** To read about one of the schools run by the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) for Syrian refugee children, click the following link: <https://jpburgess.me/2018/07/19/commencement/> Your purchase of notecards, calendars and buttons from the Syrian Working Group helps fund these schools for displaced children. Items are still available for purchase! Please contact Helen Guinness for more information: [hbguinness@comporium.net](mailto:hbguinness@comporium.net)

**Montreat Podcast Available Now! *Living In(to) the Church*** Introducing Montreat's New Podcast We're talking to conference leaders, friends, neighbors, and even strangers about what it means to be part of a community of faith and how we can make those communities better for the future. This first episode we talk to our Women's Connection 2018 keynote speaker, Kate Bowler - a divinity professor at Duke University who was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer at age 35. [Listen Now](#)



**Providence Presbytery Plans Medical Trip to Honduras.** In August 2018 a mission team from Providence Presbytery will go to Las Mercedes, Honduras to help meet the medical needs of people there. We will need to take the medicines we will need with us. We are asking that those who wish to help us with supplies donate the amount of money you normally spend on aspirin or other over the counter medicines. We are not asking for donations of the bottles of medicine because of shipping challenges. Please make your check out to Providence Presbytery and in the “for” line write “mission trip medicine”. Send or bring your check to the presbytery office at 515 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29730 by July 25.: Please mark the envelope: “ATTENTION: Barbara”. Thank you for your help with this important work.



**Sexuality and Faith is Theme of this Year's Leader of Leaders' Event.** The 5 Presbyteries of South Carolina presents the Leader of Leaders event is scheduled for October 16 featuring author and speaker, Kate Ott. Held at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia for pastors, educators, youth ministry leaders and youth ministry stakeholders, the event will explore theological foundations for healthy sexuality and sexuality education in faith communities, as well as assessment of how various aspects of sexuality are addressed in implicit & explicit ways within a congregation from policies to education, use of language to actions groups (allows participants to examine present ministries and what can be improved). For more information, [See the flyer](#). Cost of the event is \$50 and space is limited [Registration is Online](#).

**Minister and Educator Retreat Registration is Online.** [Sign up now for the October 22-24 retreat.](#) The Bible is full of embarrassing, offensive, problematic texts that present serious interpretive challenges for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Should they be repudiated? Discarded? Silenced? Or are there perhaps more effective and faithful ways of handling them? This retreat will tackle the importance of engaging difficult texts directly, with the expectation that we may encounter the living God in our conversation with them. It will provide the opportunity to wrestle with such texts, to consider interpretive strategies for engaging them with integrity, and to reflect on the authority of Scripture.. See the brochure here: <http://bit.ly/5SCRetreat2018>

**Early Registration Discount Ending Soon! How does Gratitude Change the Face of Stewardship? Find out at Stewardship Kaleidoscope September 24-26 in St. Louis.** In her new book, Grateful. The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks, Bass weaves together social science research, spiritual wisdom, and contemporary issues as she calls for a richer understanding and practice of gratitude. She will explore the gap between our desire to be grateful and our ability to behave gratefully, and the implications that gap may have on stewardship. This year's [Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference](#) will help you think about generosity in a whole new way. **Register before August 1st for lower registration fee!** [Find out more.](#)

**FAMILY PROMISE OF YORK COUNTY IS HIRING.** Family Promise of York County is seeking a part time Service Coordinator whose primary responsibility will be to offer case management services to families in our homeless shelter programs. A full job description can be found on our website, [www.familypromisec.org](http://www.familypromisec.org). Cover Letters and Resumes should be sent to: [applications@familypromisec.org](mailto:applications@familypromisec.org). Applications accepted until August 10, 2018 or until job filled

**Music Teacher Needed.** Unity Preschool, an education and outreach ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, is accepting applications for a part-time music teacher. The position is one morning per week (preferably Thursday) from September through May. For more information, please visit our website ([www.preschoolatunity.com](http://www.preschoolatunity.com)) and click on the "More" tab.

**Oakland Avenue Seeks Children's Choir Director.** Do you see children's choir as an opportunity to enhance children's worship experiences as well as their understanding of God? Do you communicate well with children and have a passion for music? Are you available on a part time basis to lead and direct Children's Choir for a large Rock Hill church? If so, please check out our [job description](#) and apply by August 1st for this opportunity to serve.

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8/12	Called Presbytery Meeting	2:30PM	Bowling Green Presbyterian,
8/16	Bethelwoods Ministry Team	5:30PM	Bethelwoods
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10/16	<a href="#">SC5 Leader of Leaders Event</a>	9:30AM-3:30PM	Forest Lake Presbyterian, Columbia, SC
10/22-24	<a href="#">Minister and Educator Retreat</a>		Montreat