





Compassion, Peace & Justice FLORIDA SYMPOSIUM 2018

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2018**

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 **Compassion, Peace & Justice
Florida Symposium 2018**

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*Presented by the Mission Development Committee of
Central Florida Presbytery*

**Open to ALL ages! ALL communities of faith, color, gender and those
committed to work for a more compassionate, just and peaceful world are
WELCOME!**

CPJ FLORIDA SYMPOSIUM will feature workshops by outstanding members of the local community, national and community speakers/advocates, staff members from the Office of Public Witness and the Office of the General Assembly, PC(USA). The event has expanded to include a movie and panel discussion on Friday 9/7.

*Please share this symposium information with anyone who is
interested in working together to create a more just, peaceful and
compassionate world.*

Come learn and share about issues that affect our daily lives.

*Have Questions or Need More Information?
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CPJ FL INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOP LEADERS



RICK UFFORD-CHASE is Co-Director of Stony Point Center and Co-Founder of the Multifaith Community of Living Traditions. He is a faith-based activist committed to a broad array of issues including overturning systems of white supremacy, immigration advocacy, support for those who have been incarcerated, human rights accompaniment, and combatting climate change. Rick served as the Moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the PC(USA) and is a member of the Activist Council of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Rick is the author of "Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire." *Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader*



THE REV. JIMMIE R. HAWKINS has been Director of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness, Washington, D.C. since 2016. Previously he served as the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in New Hope Presbytery. He is committed to ecumenical relations having served on the global board of Church World Service and the National Council of Churches. He has chaired several local interfaith and ecumenical boards. Hawkins' community advocacy includes serving as a leader for the Moral Monday Movement since its start in 2013. He is a member of the NC NAACP Executive Committee and has advocated on issues of social justice before congressional and state legislative leadership. *Workshop Leader and Panelist.*



THE REV. PEGGY HOWLAND was one of the first women pastors ordained in the PC(USA) 60 years ago. She is a former Synod Moderator, twice a Presbytery Moderator and four times a Commissioner to General Assembly. Peggy has volunteered at more than 35 General Assemblies with other clergy and laypersons who care about issues before the church, and share information and concerns for peace and social justice. *Discussion leader of the **Out of Order** film on Friday.*



TIMOTHY MCKINNEY is an advocate, collaborator, community-builder and servant leader. In his years as a successful entrepreneur and professional baseball umpire, McKinney underwrote the efforts of many charitable entities. He participated in multiple humanitarian aid trips to Eastern Europe, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. From 2005 to 2009, he chose to be a full-time caretaker for his 92-year-old chronically ill great-aunt. McKinney said the experience with his aunt — who also had dementia — reminded him that there are people who cannot defend themselves. It also reinforced his God-given responsibility to give unconditional love and assistance to people who need a helping hand. Since 2009, he has lived that belief by taking on a more-than-full-time job that some would call impossible. He leads the Bithlo Transformation Effort, a grassroots effort to undo over 80 years of generational poverty and neglect in a town once known as "The Nightmare before Christmas." The Effort is recognized as a national model in place-based community and population health improvement. *Workshop Leader.*



SCOTT MAXWELL is the Sentinel's "Taking Names" columnist. He's fascinated by people and politics -- and likes giving readers information they won't get elsewhere. Scott came to the Sentinel in 1998 and has penned a column since 2002. *Panel Discussion Moderator.*



ALEX PATCHIN MCNEILL is the Executive Director of More Light Presbyterians. Alex holds a Master's of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He is an openly transgender man, a life-long Presbyterian, and a nationally known educator and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) Christians. He played key roles organizing faith communities for the passage of Amendment 10A in the PC(USA), and for marriage equality legislation in Maryland. McNeill has also campaigned for ballot measures and legislation to promote LGBTQ rights. His journey to ordination is currently being chronicled in the documentary, **Out of Order**. *Discussion leader at the screening of the film **Out of Order** and Workshop Leader.*



THE REV. MARGERY ROSSI is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls, NY, a member of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Activist Council and chairs the PPF Gun Violence Prevention group who created the Congregational Tool Kit. She has led vigils for victims of gun violence, teaches regularly on gun violence & helped create the PC(USA) policy on gun violence prevention. Mrs. Rossi is a ruling elder and Commissioned Lay Pastor.



THE REV. DR. LIZ THEOHARIS is Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival with the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. She is the Co-Director of the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice and a Founder and the Coordinator of the Poverty Initiative. She is the author of "Always with Us: What Jesus Really Said about the Poor" (Eerdmans, 2017). Liz is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). *Keynote Speaker.*



TERESA WAGGENER, *Immigration Attorney for the Office of Immigration Issues, General Assembly PC(U.S.A.)* Teresa enjoys advising mid-councils and congregations who are calling immigrant pastors. She also strives to help Presbyterians understand and engage the injustices within this country's complex system by taking immigration law and policy and breaking it down into resources that tell the stories of those affected. Teresa has a Juris Doctor from the Brandeis School of Law and a Masters in Spirituality from Bellarmine University. Before her work at the Office of Immigration Issues, Teresa worked as a public defender, attorney for child protective services, and an immigration attorney for Kentucky Refugee Ministries. *Workshop Leader.*



THE REV. Dr. NEDDY ASTUDILLO is a Venezuelan-American, an eco-theologian, and a Presbyterian pastor working for GreenFaith as Director for Training and LatinoAmerica, an interfaith environmental organization helping to equip, inspire, and mobilize diverse communities for environmental action. In 1998, together with her husband Tom, Neddy co-founded the Angelic Organics Learning Center; a farm-based educational nonprofit building sustainable food & farm systems in Northern Illinois. Since 2013, Neddy also teaches Eco-theology at seminaries in the USA and Latin America. Her written work has been published in a diversity of books and online media.



LISA D. HABA is a licensed attorney in the state of Florida. She is a partner in The Haba Law Firm. Mrs. Haba spent seven years as an Assistant State Attorney in Seminole County, where she prosecuted human trafficking, sex crimes, child abuse, homicides, career criminals and violent crimes. Mrs. Haba tried the first human trafficking trial to occur in Seminole County and won, securing justice for the victim and a lengthy prison sentence for the trafficker. She has presented trainings statewide on the prosecution of human traffickers and how citizens can recognize the warning signs. Mrs. Haba has

received several awards for her legal advocacy. In 2017, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi named her Prosecutor of the Year for the State of Florida for Human Trafficking prosecution. In 2016, she received the Polaris Star Award for exceptional legal advocacy in human trafficking from the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force.

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7.

NO CHARGE FOR FRIDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON EVENTS

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Screening of *Out of Order* film and discussion with Alex McNeill and the Rev. Peggy Howland

"Out of Order" is a one hour documentary drawing timely attention to the joyful experiences and complex struggles of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people who persist in faith and follow God's call. Each of the people featured had a very different journey, but they shared one important thing. For each of them church is "home," and each wanted the wider church to be as welcoming to others as it had been for them. Despite the obstacles they face, the film is about their remarkable grace. Alex McNeill will lead our discussion of how we can widen our church's welcome to joyfully include LGBT people in our ministries.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion-*Gun Violence in Communities and Places of Worship*
Moderator: Scott Maxwell
Panel: Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Rick Ufford-Chase, State Senator Linda Stewart and others from local community.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Advocacy Training

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Registration

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome, Announcements, and Dinner

7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Rick Ufford-Chase

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Prayer Service, Introduction of workshop leaders

9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Workshop I

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Workshop II

12:45 p.m.—2:00 p.m. LUNCH Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Liz Theoharis

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Workshop III

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshop IV

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Wrap up

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SESSION I: 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

I-A ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

In this workshop, we will explore principles of environmental justice and creation care, and how they intersect with other justice issues, specially in the state of Florida. We will address the movement for a “Just Transition” away from fossil fuels, and “Living the Change”, an initiative sponsored by the World Council of Churches to support individuals and faith communities who want to make faithful choices in the way they eat, transport and use energy, for the sake of a flourishing world. **Leader: Neddy Astudillo**

I-B HOW TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY: WHAT CAN WE DO?

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I-C IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES—JOURNEY TO A NEW HOME: BOUNDLESS HOSPITALITY IN AN UPROOTED WORLD

Come with us on a journey from the Northern Triangle of Central America to the US. Learn the reasons people are coming, the dangers they face on the journey and the devastating lack of welcome asylum-seekers receive once they arrive in the US. Be challenged to think and pray on how we can become the people of welcome that the Bible and our international agreements require us to be.

Leader: Teresa Waggener, Immigration Issues, Office of the General Assembly of PC(USA)

I-D INTERSECTION BETWEEN POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

Leader: Timothy McKinney

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SESSION II: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

II-A LGBTQ--DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

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SESSION III: 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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- ___ I-A ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- ___ I-B HOW TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY: WHAT CAN YOU DO?
- ___ I-C IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES
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Session II: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- ___ II-A LGBTQ—“DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE”
- ___ II-B POLICING AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
- ___ II-C ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- ___ II-D “RE-IMAGINING OUR CHURCHES FOR
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BUFFET LUNCH AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER 12:45-2:00 P.M.

Session III: 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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PLEASE REGISTER BY: Monday August 27, 2018.

___ REGISTRATION FOR FRIDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON (FREE) EVENTS

___ REGISTRATION FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7 DINNER AND SPEAKER

___ REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 WORKSHOPS AND
SPEAKER

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7 (including dinner buffet and speaker): \$35.00

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 (including continental breakfast, lunch with
keynote speaker and workshops): \$50.00

BOTH DAYS SEPTEMBER 7 and 8 (including continental breakfast, lunch and
dinner, workshops and keynote speakers): \$75.00

YOUTH (21 years of age or under): \$25.00

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