

The Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture committee is thrilled to announce:

## **Festival of Faith 2019**

# **Keynote Presenter BRIAN MCLAREN**

## **April 6, 2019**

First Presbyterian Church,  
Charleston, WV

*Brian D. McLaren* is an author, speaker, activist, public theologian, and leading figure in the emergent church movement. A former English professor and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for “a new kind of Christianity” – just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good.

His books include:

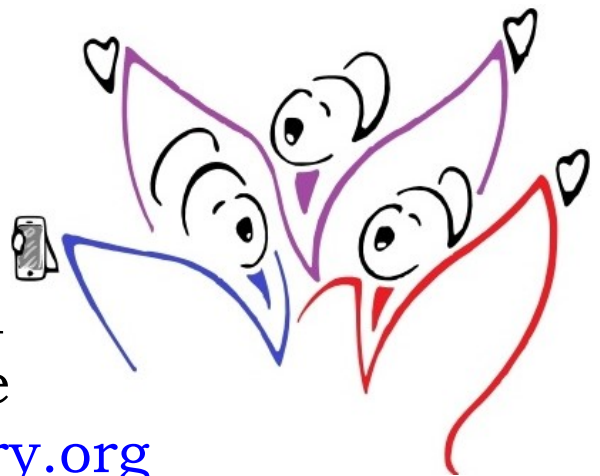
- *The Great Spiritual Migration* (2017)
- *We Make the Road by Walking* (2014)
- *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha and Mohammed Cross the Road? (Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World)* (2012)
- *A New Kind of Christianity* (2010)
- *Everything Must Change* (2007)
- *A Generous Orthodoxy* (2004)

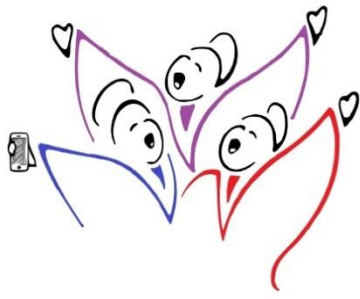
See more at [www.brianmclaren.net](http://www.brianmclaren.net).

Registration information  
and full event details are  
available at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org)

or 304-744-7634.

Early registration deadline is March 18.





# FESTIVAL of FAITH 2019: April 6, 2019

## BEING CHURCH TODAY EVENT SCHEDULE

(All activities at First Presbyterian Church of Charleston. Building maps and workshop room assignments will be distributed at registration. All utilized areas are handicapped accessible.)

**9:00 - 9:30 A.M.**            **REGISTRATION (DINING ROOM)**

**9:30 - 9:45**                **THE GATHERING (SANCTUARY)**

**9:45 - 10:50**            **KEYNOTE: BEING CHURCH IN A TIME OF DIVISION**

*The early church began in a time of tension and arguments: Do we pay taxes to Caesar? Do we observe Kosher laws? Do we forgive those who deny Christ when threatened with martyrdom? The church in America has had to function in similarly fractious times and issues - regarding slavery, segregation, equality for women, etc. What are our options for handling divisive situations? How can we wisely and safely pilot our churches through turbulent times?*

**10:50**                      **LATE REGISTRATION (DINING ROOM)**

**11:00 - NOON**            **WORKSHOPS A**

A1 - THE SEVEN STORIES WE LIVE BY

A4 - CHURCH VITALITY AND RESILIENCE

A2 - WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

A5 - ELECTRONIC MEETINGS 101

A3 - PW 2019-2020 STUDY

A6 - THE SALVATION STORY IN CLAY

**11:00 - 1:15**            **MARKETPLACE OPEN (FAIR TRADE ITEMS; MISSION DISPLAYS, BOOKSTORE)**

**12:00 - 1:00 P.M.**            **LUNCH (DINING ROOM)**

**1:15 - 2:15**                **WORKSHOPS B**

B1 - THE STATE OF THE PRESBYTERY

B4 - INTRODUCTION: BIG GOD BIG QUESTIONS

B2 - SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

B5 - THE BASICS OF WORSHIP VISUALS

B3 - IS THIS CALL FOR ME/THEM

B6 - BOARD OF PENSIONS OPTIONS

**2:25-3:25**                **WORKSHOPS C**

C1 - THE SEVEN STORIES WE LIVE BY

C4 - GET OUT: ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

C2 - CREATIVITY AND SPIRITUALITY

C5 - AS THE TABLES TURNED - JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

C3 - MODERATING SESSION MEETINGS

**1:15 - 3:25**                **WORKSHOPS D**

D1 - NEW TREASURERS' WORKSHOP

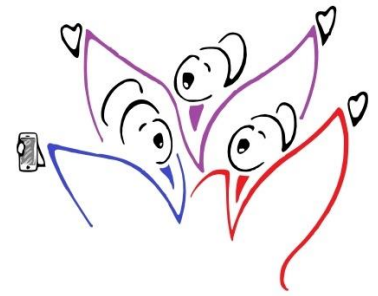
D2 - STEWARDSHIP: WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

D3 - CREATING SACRED SPACE AT THE END OF LIFE

D4 - OFFICER TRAINING

**3:30 - 3:45**            **THE SENDING (SANCTUARY) FOLLOWED BY BRIAN McLAREN BOOK SIGNING**

## A Morning Workshop (11 am – noon)



### **A1: The Seven Stories We Live By**

Most of us are driven by six common stories that promise peace and security, but produce conflict and sorrow. Many of us are coming to see how Jesus confronted those six societal narratives and proposed an alternative, a seventh story of freedom and reconciliation. In this workshop, we'll practice our "narrative fluency," more deeply understand Jesus and his message, and gain insight into how to teach and lead our congregations in turbulent times.

**Leader: Brian McLaren, Author, Speaker, Activist, and Public Theologian. <https://brianmclaren.net>**

### **A2: Working with the Board of Pensions**

Ever get confused by Board of Pensions matters? Here's a chance to explore the when, why and how of interacting with the Board of Pensions and ways to get your questions answered.

**Leader: Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator and Treasurer, Presbytery of WV**

### **A3: 2019-2020 Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study**

The fall 2019 Horizons Bible Study is *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, by Eugenia Gamble. This workshop is for those who will be teaching the PW Bible Study next fall and anyone else who might be interested. It will introduce the scripture, themes and special features of the study.

**Leader: Nellie Howard, Resource Center Director, Presbytery of WV**

### **A4: Church Vitality and Resilience**

This workshop will look at the factors that help a church have a vital ministry and deal with the challenges that will come its way.

**Leader: Ed Thompson, General Presbyter, Presbytery of WV**

### **A5: Electronic Meetings 101**

Electronic meetings offer flexibility, save travel time, and can be more cost effective than traditional face-to-face meetings. This workshop will give participants ideas for improving their skills in moderating electronic meetings. It will also provide ideas for how churches might design parameters for using electronic meetings as well as reviewing what the Presbytery's Manual says about electronic meetings for Presbytery committees. The class will explore for electronic meeting platforms, and include a detailed experience with the Zoom format.

**Leaders: Michael Givler, Communications Coordinator, Synod of the Trinity; and Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WV**

### **A6: The Salvation Story in Clay**

Are you looking for a new way to share the Scripture Story? How about using clay? This hands-on workshop will explore a plan for using clay to tell the story from Genesis to Revelation, and/or different parts within it, with persons of all ages.

**Leader: Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV, and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church**

## **B Afternoon Workshops (1:15-2:15 pm)**

### **B1: The State of the Presbytery**

This workshop will look at trends within the presbytery, including church size, the number of retiring pastors, what it will take for a church to sustain a full-time pastor, and what options a congregation would have if it is not able to afford a full time pastor.

**Leader: Ed Thompson, General Presbyter, Presbytery of WV**

### **B2: Session Record Review**

This is an opportunity for Clerks of Session to attend Festival of Faith and bring their Session records for annual review (Book of Order, G-3.0108a). This is the primary Records Review event for the Charleston area of Presbytery; however, Clerks of Session from throughout the presbytery are invited to participate. In addition to reviewing records, participants will be provided with helpful information to be a better Clerk of Session. Please note: records must be accompanied by the Clerk of Session, a Ruling Elder member of Session or pastor in order to be reviewed.

**Leader: Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WV**

### **B3: Is this Call for Me/Them??**

This workshop is designed for those who may have sensed, or wonder if they've sensed, a call to ministry. It's also for those who may have sensed someone whom they know is called to ministry and wonder how to help them discern that call. (Ministry here refers to either a call as a minister, Christian educator, missionary, or something else.)

**Leaders: Dana Sutton, Professional Certified Coach and at large member of the Presbytery of WV; and Jim Musgrave, Chair, Vocations Committee, Presbytery of WV, and Ruling Elder, Highlawn Presbyterian Church, Huntington**

### **B4: Introduction to *Big God Big Questions: Confirmation for a Growing Faith***

Organized around the traditional questions of membership and based upon the findings of the Confirmation Project (a study across five denominations around confirmation in their traditions), *Big God Big Questions* is the new PCUSA confirmation curriculum. This workshop will focus on the curriculum and its components; uses in ministry settings; and reviews by those who are currently using it.

**Leader: Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV, and Pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church**

### **C5: The Basics of Worship Visuals**

The Word of God is proclaimed through every element of worship. What visual message is your worship space sending? How can visuals enhance and reinforce the proclamation? Get some general advice about visuals in the sanctuary, review the elements of visual design, and take home suggestions for creating a worship visuals tool kit. This workshop is for pastors, worship committee members, artsy people, non-artsy people, visual learners, and anyone interested in creating more visually interesting worship.

**Leader: Amy Parker, Minister of Education and the Arts, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston**

### **B6: Board of Pensions Insurance Options**

The Board of Pensions offers a variety of different options for insurance coverage. This workshop will review the options and help answer questions about which coverage would be best for your church staff.

**Leader: Doug Portz, Area Representative for Board of Pensions, PC(U.S.A.)**

## C Afternoon Workshops (2:25-3:25 pm)

### **C1: The Seven Stories We Live By**

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### **C2: Creativity and Spirituality**

We acknowledge God as Creator and celebrate being made in God's image. But do we see creativity as part of our spiritual DNA? Come explore the relationship between creativity and spirituality, and discover something new about God, self, and the world around us.

**Leader: Mark Parsons-Justice, Member, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston**

### **C3: Second Look at Moderating Session Meetings**

There is no class titled *Moderating Session Meetings 101* at seminary. Most folks learn to moderate a session by asking a mentor or friend, watching someone moderate, or fumbling through by trial and error or by luck. This workshop will present ways to craft session meetings that are spiritually nourishing, effective, and time efficient. The *Top Ten List* of polity mistakes (and how to avoid them) will be highlighted. Let's learn to be better moderators together.

**Leaders: Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WV; and Anna Pinckney Straight, Pastor, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg**

### **C4: Get Out: Rethinking the Role of the Church in Community**

Society is changing. Hierarchical institutions are struggling to compete with organic networks in all layers of society. How might the church respond to this emerging reality? How do we develop models of ministry that look more like organic networks that operate out in the community, rather than inside the walls of our church institutions? In this workshop we will explore these questions and more as we discuss practical strategies for church evangelism and revitalization, drawing on wisdom from the 1001 New Worshiping Communities Movement.

**Leaders: Zac Morton, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown; and Mavis Grant-Lilley, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown**

### **C5: As the Tables Turned - Jesus in the Temple and 'Money Changer Monday' idea**

Jesus' "Cleansing the Temple" is oft overlooked, understated or misunderstood, yet some believe is the pivotal event linking the Old and New Testaments ... a simple yet momentous story. It's significant because that leads directly to the cross ... the tipping point from the cursed fig tree and turned tables, to the Temple's CE 70 destruction and birth of Christianity. Discuss ideas and dramatizations around "Money Changer Monday."

**Leaders: Ray Foss, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg; and John Yeager, Commissioned Pastor, Eleanor Presbyterian Church**

## **D Afternoon Workshops (1:15-3:25 pm)**

### **D1: New Treasurer's Workshop**

This workshop will be an introduction to responsibilities of the church treasurer. Important duties of treasurers, interactions with the congregation, session, Board of Pensions, Presbytery and IRS will be reviewed.

**Leader: Rocky Poole, Financial Administrator and Treasurer, Presbytery of WV**

### **D2: Stewardship: What Does It Really Mean?**

What does the word "stewardship" mean to Presbyterians and our diverse churches? Join in a discussion of ways to improve the giving of our time, treasure and talent.

**Leader: Becky Ceperley, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Presbytery of WV, and Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston**

### **D3: Creating Sacred Space at the End of Life**

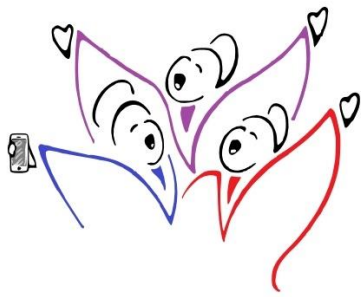
Making decisions with or for a patient at or near the end of life is seldom easy. Pastoral leaders, caring professionals and caregivers work with those who are dying and their families to improve the patients' end of life care. In this workshop we will discuss cultural barriers, advance directives, patients' rights, options for end of life care, and the grief process.

**Leader: Hanno Kirk, LICSW, member, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg**

### **D4: Officer Training**

The Book of Order requires churches to provide training for newly elected deacons and elders. This workshop will satisfy that requirement for those who attend. It will also offer a viable model for pastors to do this training in their own churches. Participants are asked to bring a copy of the latest Book of Order (2017-2019) with them to the workshop.

**Leader: Robin Ray, Pastor, Bridgeport Presbyterian Church**



# FESTIVAL of FAITH 2019

## Being Church Today

April 6, 2019

### Registration Information

- WHAT?** Festival of Faith, an annual education event sponsored by the Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture Committee.
- WHEN?** Saturday, April 6, 2019: 9:00 AM - 3:45 PM
- WHERE?** The First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. All areas used are handicapped accessible.
- WHO?** Presbyterians and non-Presbyterians of all ages!
- WHY?** An opportunity to grow in Christian faith and knowledge, to worship and learn in a variety of ways, to gain insight and skills that could enhance your life and church's ministry, and to network and make new friends!

#### **EVENT SCHEDULE:**

##### **Morning**

Registration	9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
The Gathering	9:30 - 9:45
Keynote	9:45 - 10:45
Late registration	10:45
A Workshops	11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

##### **Afternoon**

Marketplace/Displays	11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00
B Workshops	1:15 - 2:15
C Workshops	2:25 - 3:25
D Workshops	1:15 - 3:25
The Sending	3:30 - 3:45
Brian McLaren book signing	3:45

#### **FEES:**

Early bird registration fee for Individual (any age):	\$20	(Deadline: March 18, 2019)
Early bird registration fee for Family/Household (any size):	\$30	(Deadline: March 18, 2019)
Walk-In Registration Fee:	\$30	(per person)
Lunch (must be pre-registered, in addition to registration)	\$10	

**LUNCH:** Lunch will be catered by Mary Howard and will include a sandwich, chips, cookie and drink. *Lunch is guaranteed for pre-registered participants only. THOSE ORDERING LUNCH NEED TO COMPLETE THE LUNCH ORDER FORM. PLEASE NOTE, WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS. THOSE WITH SUCH NEEDS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH; DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.*

**CHILD CARE:** Child care for infants to preschool age is available **only** if children are **pre-registered by March 18**. **No cost. Please bring a lunch for your child.**

**MARKETPLACE: MISSION DISPLAYS, VENDORS, and a BOOKSTORE BY PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING CORPORATION**

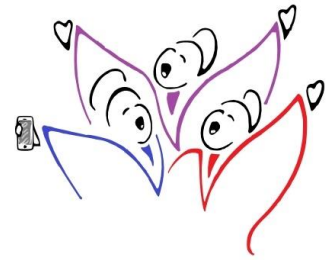
**Registration forms should be received in the Presbytery office by March 18 to qualify for the early bird fees and guarantees for childcare and/or lunch.** Sorry, no registrations by phone, email, or fax since payment must accompany registration. Please keep this information for reference before the event.

**Workshops may be cancelled due to low or no early bird registrations. Please register early!**

**Make checks payable and mail to:** *The Presbytery of West Virginia*  
520 Second Avenue  
South Charleston, WV 25303

Registration forms and information are available online at the Presbytery's website: [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org)

# FESTIVAL OF FAITH 2019 REGISTRATION FORM



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHOP SELECTION**(See Workshop Description Pages):

Workshop A (11 am – noon): First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop B (1:15 – 2:15 pm): First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop C (2:25 – 3:25 pm): First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop D (1:15 – 3:25 pm): First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCH (optional, cost is in addition to registration cost):**

**Adult Lunch (\$10.00/person). TO RESERVE, YOU MUST COMPLETE A LUNCH ORDER FORM.**

**CHILD CARE: (NO CHARGE)**

For infants through preschool only. Please provide name and age of each child, and indicate time(s) needed. Families will be expected to pick up children for lunch. Parents/guardians need to bring child(ren)'s lunch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Morning: \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Do you have any accessibility needs?** Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY REGISTRATION:**

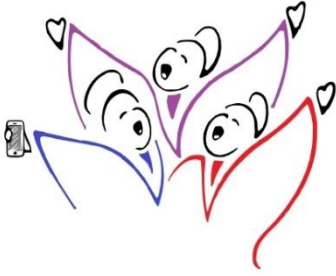
Are you registering as a family/household? If yes, please list here names of other family members attending the event. A separate registration form should be submitted for each family/household member being registered.

**Make checks payable and mail to: Presbytery of West Virginia, 520 Second Avenue,  
South Charleston, WV 25303**

Registration information available online at the Presbytery's website: [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org)

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>			
Registration	Individual	\$20.00	paid? _____
	Part of family	\$30.00	
Lunch	-- adult \$10.00		paid? _____
			Balance Due? _____





## Festival of Faith LUNCH ORDER FORM

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

If registering as a family, please add additional family members below.

Those with special dietary needs are encouraged to bring their lunch; a refrigerator and microwave are available in the church kitchen. Extra drinks will be available.

CHOOSE A SANDWICH OPTION (all on hoagie buns):

\_\_\_\_\_ Ham

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef

\_\_\_\_\_ Veggie

A VARIETY OF CHIPS, COOKIES and DRINKS will be available

Person 2 name \_\_\_\_\_

Person 2 choice \_\_\_\_\_

Person 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Person 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Person 4 choice \_\_\_\_\_

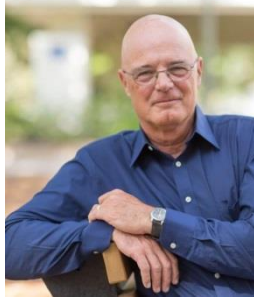
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*author, speaker, theologian*  
**“Being Church in a  
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## **Event Schedule**

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9:30-9:45	THE GATHERING
9:45-10:50	KEYNOTE BY BRIAN MCLAREN
10:50	LATE REGISTRATION
11 - 12:00	WORKSHOPS A
11-1:15 PM	MARKETPLACE DISPLAYS/BOOKSTORE OPEN
NOON	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:15	WORKSHOPS B
2:25 – 3:25	WORKSHOPS C
1:15 – 3:25	WORKSHOPS D
3:30-3:45	THE SENDING
3:45	BOOK SIGNING BY BRIAN MCLAREN

**Pre-Registration Deadline is March 18, 2019!**

Complete descriptions of workshops and registration information are available online at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org).

## **Festival of Faith 2019 Workshops**

### **Morning Workshops A**

- A1 – THE SEVEN STORIES WE LIVE BY
- A2 – WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
- A3 – PW HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY, 2019-2020
- A4 – CHURCH VITALITY AND RESILIENCE
- A5 – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS 101
- A6 – THE SALVATION STORY IN CLAY

### **Afternoon Workshops B**

- B1 – THE STATE OF THE PRESBYTERY
- B2 – SESSION RECORDS REVIEW
- B3 – IS THIS CALL FOR ME/THEM?
- B4 – Introduction: *BIG GOD BIG QUESTIONS*
- B5 – THE BASICS OF WORSHIP VISUALS
- B6 – BOARD OF PENSIONS OPTIONS

### **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS C**

- C1 – THE SEVEN STORIES WE LIVE BY
- C2 – CREATIVITY AND SPIRITUALITY
- C3 – MODERATING SESSION MEETINGS
- C4 – GET OUT: THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY
- C5 – AS THE TABLES TURNED: JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

### **ALL AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS D**

- D1 – NEW TREASURERS’ WORKSHOP
- D2 – STEWARDSHIP: WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?
- D3 – CREATING SACRED SPACE AT THE END OF LIFE
- D4 – OFFICER TRAINING