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VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE

Greetings from your JCP Vital Congregations Team!

Welcome to Year One of the Vital Congregations Initiative here in John Calvin Presbytery! We are reaching out to all our congregations who have already registered to take part in VCI (thank you!) and those who attended one of our informational sessions last Fall to invite you to join us for our first Quarterly Cohort Gathering. These gatherings (for now hosted on Zoom) are one of the cornerstones of the initiative. We will be sharing how to best implement the congregational activities for the upcoming quarter and spending time in conversation together.

Who should attend this gathering?

- The full VCI team from each registered congregation, including the pastor / primary congregational leader and all other team members. Ideally there will be at least 3 people from each congregation.

- Representatives (pastor and 2-3 others) from congregations who are still considering if VCI is right for them.

This event will take place via Zoom. Complete the brief registration form to receive the Zoom link. We will also be recording the event and sharing that link with those who register, so even if you can't attend live, please go ahead and register ([below](#)) to get the recording link.

If you have any questions about VCI, or there are ways Jennifer and I can help your congregation grow in vitality, please reach out. We are grateful to share this journey with you.

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[Register Here For the Quarterly Gathering](#)

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Reminder to all Clerks and Pastors

All churches in JCP – Your Annual Reports to Presbytery and the Statistical Reports to General Assembly are due **February 7th, 2022**,

You can download the annual reports to the presbytery at

www.jcpresbytery.com/clerk-of-session.html

John Calvin Presbytery's Antiracism Task Force extends our deepest sympathy to the congregation of Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville, Texas. No worshipper should have to fear being attacked during a worship service. We recognize that Synagogues have been forced to take protective measures just for this sort of thing. We lift you in prayer that you will be able to worship in freedom without fear.

The Anti-Racism Committee has decided for February, Black History Month, to feature an African American in the Presbyterian Church each week in the Notices. Here is the

Reverend Dr. Alton Pollard III.



On June 7, 2018, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees appointed the Reverend Dr. Alton B. Pollard III as Louisville Seminary's tenth president. Pollard succeeds the Reverend Dr. Michael Jenkins, who served as president from 2010 to 2018. Pollard formally began his service with Louisville Seminary on September 3, 2018.

A scholar, author, consultant and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Pollard said he was drawn both by the history and the current trajectory of Louisville Seminary.

"Rare is the theological institution today that innovates well in contemporary society, modeling theological education for just inclusivity in an increasingly diverse world," Pollard said. "As much of our society is focused on division, I will ensure that Louisville Seminary will continue to build bridges between people of different religious, social and cultural perspectives, through teaching and scholarship, and the preparation of persons for lives of faithful witness and public service."

Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned degrees from Duke University, Harvard University Divinity School and Fisk University.

Pollard is the author of *Mysticism and Social Change: The Social Witness of Howard Thurman* (1992), editor of an edition of W.E.B. DuBois's *The Negro Church* (2011), and co-authored of *Helpers for a Healing Community: A Pastoral Care Manual for HIV/AIDS* (2006). He has also edited and co-edited several volumes including *How Long This Road: Race, Religion and the Legacy of C. Eric Lincoln* (2003); *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman Volumes I and II* (2009); and *The Black Church Studies Reader* (2016). He has also written dozens of book chapters, journal articles, and op-eds.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools and the Advisory Committee for the Luce Fund for Theological Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools from 2010–2016 and was chair from 2014–2016. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Pollard and his wife Jessica have two adult children and one grandson.

Announcing IISMO (International Institute of Southwest Missouri) has hired a Youth Mentor Coordinator, Ashley Foley, who is in charge of creating a program for youth ages 15–23 to assist them in planning for the future. By clicking the button below, you will find a flyer with information about this program. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Ashley for more information, at: foleya@iistl.org

INFORMATION ~ YOUTH MENTOR

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Actions of Called Presbytery Meeting February 2, 2022

**** Approved**, with thanks, the host church for the February 26, 2022 stated meeting of Presbytery:
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Joplin, Missouri. (The meeting will be held by Zoom.)

**** Elected** the following to serve terms beginning immediately:

Commissioner to 225th General Assembly:

Dan Davis, First Presbyterian Church, Iola, Kansas

Alternate Commissioner to 225th General Assembly:

Jack Cormack, Hillcrest Presbyterian & Gibson Chapel, Springfield, Missouri

Committee on Ministry:

Jim Gilpin, First Presbyterian Church, Iola, Kansas

Moderator of Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Susan Leonard, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri

** **Elected** an Administrative Commission to work with **First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie**, Missouri, consisting of:

Toni Spieth, First, Joplin, Missouri

Marga Pogue, Westminster, Springfield, Missouri

Jack Cormack, Hillcrest and Gibson Chapel, Springfield, Missouri

Kathleen Strait, First, Carthage, Missouri

** **Examined Daniel Lee** for membership, for ordination, and for a half-time call as installed pastor for the **Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church** beginning on Easter Sunday.

**Microsoft Office Standard for Mac or Windows for \$36--
for churches and church workers**

This offer is only available through TechSoup until April 4, 2022, and our small administrative fee allows TechSoup to continue providing similar offers to nonprofits, as well as educational tools to help you adopt these solutions.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS....

Presbytery-Wide Vital Congregations Lenten Study!

Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., March 1 through April 12

There is no cost to be involved with this study. All are welcome!

More information to follow

DAY OF LEARNING

Explore **Planned Giving** in the Church

Tuesday, March 29 beginning at noon

Hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

BOUNDARIES TRAINING HOSTS NEEDED

Please contact Malinda Spencer if your church is willing to host.

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Prayers Requested

- **The congregations of John Calvin Presbytery...**
- **All churches seeking** a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.
First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas
Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @Hideaway, Galena, Missouri
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Kimberling City, Missouri

First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas
The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg - seeking temporary supply
Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Willard, Missouri

- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
- **The Reverend Peggy Wobbema, recovering Covid.** Peggy is the pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Shell Knob, Missouri

**Prayer submissions will remain on the prayer list for two weeks,
unless an update is received.**

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