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# PEACEMAKING PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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February 2019

## Calendar Items

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**Wednesday, February 6 -  
Presbyterians for a Better Georgia  
Day at the Capitol** - 7:30 a.m. at  
Central Presbyterian Church (see  
article)

**Saturday, February 9 - Presbytery  
Meeting** - Trinity Presbyterian  
Church (Atlanta), 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
guest preacher - PC(USA) Stated  
Clerk, Rev. J. Herbert Nelson

**Sunday, February 17, 2 - 4 pm  
Human Trafficking Panel  
Discussion** sponsored by the  
**Atlanta Shambhala Center, 1447  
Church St, Decatur** in partnership  
with the Women's Caucus for Art  
of Georgia (WCAGA). Panel  
members include: **Judge  
Shondeana Crews-Morris**, DeKalb  
County State Court; **Taketa Green:**  
Criminal Investigator, Dekalb  
County District Attorney's Office;  
**Jordan Greenbaum, M.D.**, Staff  
Physician Institute on Healthcare &  
Human Trafficking; **Stephanie V.  
Blank** Center for Safe & Healthy  
Children, Children's Healthcare of  
Atlanta; **Shawn Smash-Jett**,  
Wellspring Living

## Join Presbyterians for a Better Georgia and Central OAC at the Capitol on February 6

February 6th is our Day at the Capitol! Come to Central Presbyterian Church at 7:30 am for advocacy training and issue briefing and then go across the street to the capitol for a lobbying experience. There will be guided groups for the capitol visit. This session **Presbyterians for a Better Georgia and Central Outreach and Advocacy** are advocating for policies and resources to prevent homelessness by increasing access to affordable housing. Also of importance are policies for restoring homeless people to the community by providing access to ID, food, housing, healthcare and employment. Included in access to healthcare is to advocate for better access to mental health, substance abuse and addiction services.

To register for Day at the Capitol, go to the PBG website, [www.p4bg.org](http://www.p4bg.org).

## News from Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS).

On January 19, the AMIS office moved from Peachtree Presbyterian Church to **North Avenue Presbyterian Church**, 607 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta.

Please join AMIS Executive Director Rev. Irene Wong, Board of Directors and volunteers to celebrate **AMIS DAY** on **Sunday, February 24, 3 - 5 pm** at North Avenue. This year we'll be celebrating **41 years of international friendships**. We hope you'll come and invite your current and former Amigo international students. It'll be a great time of food, fun, and international friendships. You can see the AMIS office and the newly renovated church. Please RSVP to Karen Turney, [kt2654@gmail.com](mailto:kt2654@gmail.com)

## Calendar Items continued

**Sunday, February 24 - AMIS Day Celebration**, North Avenue Presbyterian Church, 3 - 5 pm (see article)

**Friday, April 5 - Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day followed by Ecumenical Advocacy Days** sponsored by the PCUSA Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC

**Sunday, April 28 - HUNGER WALK/RUN EVENT.** Does your congregation have a team of walkers? Register with the Presbytery contacts: Carlos Moore - [ellos@aol.com](mailto:ellos@aol.com) or Rev. Phil Brown - [PhilBrown@slpres.org](mailto:PhilBrown@slpres.org)

from **Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.....**

On **February 14, 2018**, a former student entered the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida with an AR-15-style semi-automatic weapon. In 7 minutes, he killed 17 students and adults. In **February of 1893**, Presbyterians first participated in the **Universal Day of Prayer for Students**, lifting to God the lives of children, teenagers and young adults. In **February of 2019**, these two anniversaries coincide in a way that calls the church to take seriously the steps needed to protect students and all of us from the crisis of gun violence in our nation.

## Peacemaking Partnership Plans for 2019

At our January planning meeting the Peacemaking Partnership elected new leadership - **Chair - Kathleen Allen** (North Decatur); **Treasurer - Mel Coe** (Shallowford); **Secretary - Karen Turney** (Covenant); **Corresponding Secretary - Catherine Carter** (Decatur); **Presbytery Contact - Doug Langdon** (Pleasant Hill); **International Peacemaker Contact - Rev. Marvin Simmers** (Hillside); **Peace and Global Witness Offering Contact - Rev. Bill Nisbet**; **PC(USA) and Office of General Assembly Contact - Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel.** Our ministry areas continue as follows:

**AMIS** - Karen Turney; **Caring for Chaplains** - Rev. Bill Nisbet; **Compassionate Atlanta** - Rena Marroquin (Covenant); **El Refugio** - Kathleen Allen, Anne Hughes (Oakhurst); **Faith in Public Life** - Doug Langdon **FAMA** - Rena Marroquin; **Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty** - Peggy Hendrix (Central); **Joining Hands for Justice in Palestine and Israel** - Fahed Abu-Akel; **New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta** - Karen Turney; **National Religious Campaign Against Torture** - Doug Langdon; **Gun Violence Prevention** - Kathleen Allen, Mel Coe; **Mission Co-Workers** - Mary Caroline Lindsay (Central), Fahed Abu-Akel; **Presbyterians for Better Georgia** - Kathleen Allen; **Interfaith Prison Partnership Program** - Karen Turney, Doug Langdon.

If you or others in your congregations would like to join us for a meeting or on a regular basis, you are most welcome!

**Saturdays, February 16, March 16, April 13 - Peacemaking Partnership Monthly Meetings, 10 a.m., North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 611 Medlock Road, Decatur, GA**

**Thank you** to the following congregations who made contributions to the Peacemaking Offering Fund in December 2018:

**Norcross Presbyterian Church**

**Druid Hills Presbyterian Church**

Your support helps all our peacemaking ministries!