

Presbytery Gathering Workshops: September 28, 2019  
St. Peter's By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church, Huntington Beach

**Morning Workshop: September 28, 2019 8:00-8:25AM**

***GCT – Q and A on Mission Statement***

Facilitator: Kim Skilling & Rob Langworthy, co-moderators of the GCT

Arrive early for coffee, donuts & conversation. Bring your questions, concerns and insights to this Q and A about the Mission Statement.

**Afternoon Workshops: September 28, 2019 12:45-1:45PM**

*\*For this Gathering, our workshops will be a “working lunch.” You can pre-order a boxed lunch from the Gathering registration link or bring your own lunch.*

***1. #7for7in2019 Part 2***

Facilitator: Ryan Romberg, Convener for Healthy Congregations from the Strategic Coordinating Team

Come and listen to insights about the conversations that sessions are having with the Vital Congregations #7for7in2019 initiative. This is open to all, pastors, elders, and guests, whether your session is using this resource or not, and it's not necessary that you went to Part 1 (in May).

For more information and to download the Vital Congregations Toolkit:

<https://losranchos.org/7-for-7-in-2019-a-vital-challenge/>

***2. “Is There Any Hope Remaining for Palestinians?” International Peacemaker Muna Nassar***

Facilitator: Mark Davis, host

Muna Nassar is a writer, freelancer, translator and a literary/culturally infused personality, based in Bethlehem. She is involved in the cultural domain in Bethlehem, and is currently working with Kairos Palestine, a Christian Palestinian movement born out of the Kairos Document, which advocates for ending the Israeli occupation and achieving a just solution to the conflict. She was part of a delegation from Kairos Palestine to South Africa recently. Muna will be addressing the meaning of hope, the realities that Palestinian young people face today and how hope may still be possible in our lifetime.

***3. Lunch with Jaco Hamman***

Facilitator: Jaco Hamman

Join our guest speaker for lunch and an informal time of Q & A.

Jaco Hamman is an Associate Professor of Religion, Psychology, and Culture and the Director of the Program in Theology and Practice at Vanderbilt Divinity School. His research interests include the formation of pastoral leaders, the disclosive power of Scripture, psychology of religion, psychodynamic theory, play studies, and humanity's deepening relationship with technology. His most recent book, *The Millennial Narrative: Sharing a Good Life With the Next Generation*, focuses on the importance of narrative in the Book of Joel for persons who are spiritual but not religious.