



Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois Newsletter December 5, 2019



The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
invites you and your family to join us
for a

Fellowship Event

Thursday, December 12th - 4:00-6:30pm
McKinley Presbyterian, 809 S. Fifth St., Champaign, IL

Friday, December 13th - 4:00-6:30pm
First Presbyterian, 310 S. University Ave., Carbondale, IL

The Presbytery will provide light refreshments and drinks (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) for everyone's enjoyment. You are welcome to bring something to share if there is something you want to make sure is available.

Contact the Presbytery office if you have any questions.



Presbytery Trip to Nicaragua

Philo Presbyterian Church are again
planning a mission and service trip to La
Flor Nicaragua, March 21 to March 28,
2020. As in the past we will be partnering
with Justhope (www.Justhope.org).

Contact Mary Simon for more information or download the flyer via the link below.

msimon9914@gmail.com.

Click [HERE](#) for more information



Join Us for a Trip to Nicaragua



March 21-28, 2020

Participants on this trip (sponsored by the Presbytery of SE Illinois) will develop relationships with the people of La Flor, Nicaragua, working and sharing life together.

Cost: \$825, plus airfare
Location: La Flor, Nicaragua
Registration Due: Dec 22, 2019
Contact: Mary Simon,
msimon9914@gmail.com
Details at JustHope.org



This trip is coordinated through JustHope, a nonprofit creating sustainable partnerships to fight poverty in rural Nicaragua.



Lux Summer Youth Institute Offers Environmental Program

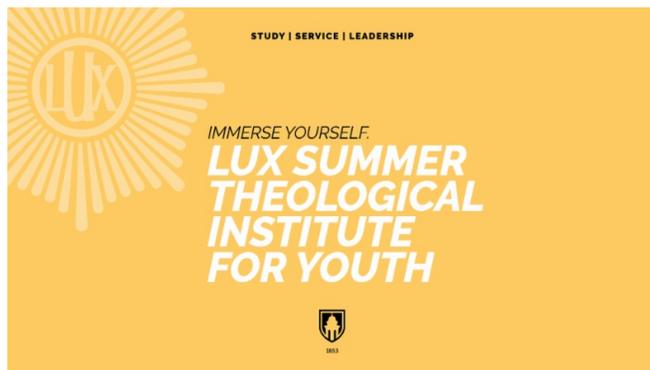
A NEW EARTH: THINKING THEOLOGICALLY ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Sunday, June 14-Sunday, June 28, 2020

What does it mean to care for creation?

Are Christians called to respond to climate change?

Is it possible to live sustainably for the benefit of future generations?



Theologically curious high school students are invited to ***apply before January 1, 2020*** for the 2020 Lux Summer Theological Institute at Presbyterian-related Monmouth College (Monmouth, IL).

Funded by the Lilly Endowment, the Lux Institute is an opportunity for students to engage with a topic of global importance and participate in a living-learning community through study, worship, service, recreation, and vocational exploration.

Scholarships are available to cover all program expenses for the two-week program, with the exception of travel. A free shuttle to/from Chicago airports is provided.

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Please Join Us

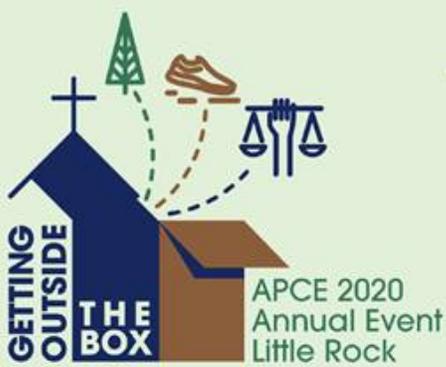
**Tours of our Assisted Living options,
Refreshments & Entertainment,
NEW Christmas Cards (only 10cents a piece!)
and Christmas Décor & Ornament Sale, plus more.**



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*Hosted by McCormick Theological Seminary
Lunch with Lib Caldwell at APCE 2020*



See, I am sending you out.

Luke 10:1-11

January 29 – February 1, 2020

Discipleship through Retreat, Mission, & Justice Ministries

**McCormick Theological Seminary Host
Lunch with Lib Caldwell*
at APCE 2020**

Friday January 31, 2020

11:45a.m. – 1:15p.m.

Marriott Little Rock

3 Statehouse Plaza
Little Rock, AR 72201

Cost: \$30.00 per person

RSVP For Luncheon Required

<https://support.mccormick.edu/LunchwithLib>

You do not have to be registered for the conference to attend the lunch.



December Bible Study

*For use at Presbytery gatherings/meetings.
Authored by Rev. Bill McLean, Presbyter for
Congregational Care.*

Matthew 3:1-12 - New Revised Standard
Version (NRSV)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham



as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

- What would John the Baptist's prophetic message sound and look like today?
- John called religious leaders of his day "a brood of vipers," what would be an appropriate description for religious leaders of today?
- How might the Presbytery/congregation/committee be guided by this Scripture?

