In 2019, we gather at a time in which people of faith and conscience are again called to stand in the prophetic stream of those who have come before us, those who were not afraid to stir up #GoodTrouble for the sake of God’s kingdom.

Join us April 5 for Compassion Peace & Justice Training Day at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Gather with your fellow Presbyterians as we look at how our church and our partners are working to organize for change. In plenaries and workshops, we will look at the Church as movement as well as ways to build movements for change. We will hear from inspiring leaders and learn about past, present and future efforts to bring about a more just society and world. We will offer concrete tools and strategies for members and their congregations to organize and advocate in their churches and local communities.

The 2019 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Conference will draw on #GoodTrouble pioneers from the Civil Rights era as well as inspiration from young leaders to learn from the past, share best practices and encourage one another for the work ahead. Through worship, educational and training workshops and advocacy, we will beckon the Spirit to “Trouble the Waters” as depicted in John 5:1–9, calling on God to bring healing to our nation and world. Join us as we envision and train for new ways to stir up #GoodTrouble for the healing of all God’s children.
2019 CPJ Training Day, April 5

Speakers:

David LaMotte: CPJ Day Keynote Speaker
David LaMotte is an award-winning songwriter, speaker, author, and activist. He has produced 12 CDs and performed 2,500 concerts on five continents.

He suspended his music career in 2008 to accept a Rotary World Peace Fellowship, earning a master’s degree in international studies, peace and conflict resolution from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia and worked in rural India as part of that degree.

LaMotte maintains a dense calendar of speaking and musical events worldwide. He also serves as the president of PEG Partners, the nonprofit organization he co-founded to support schools and libraries in Guatemala. In addition to that, he serves as the Clerk (chair) of the Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Task Group for the AFSC (Quakers).

His most recent endeavor is as one-third of the interfaith trio, Abraham Jam, whose debut album was released in November 2018.

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, CPJ Preacher
The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins serves as the director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.


Rev. Hawkins served as treasurer on the Church World Service global board and as a board member of the National Council of Churches. He is a board trustee with Union Presbyterian Seminary. He has chaired several interfaith/ecumenical and nonprofit boards including Durham Congregations in Action, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Religious Coalition for a Non-Violent Durham, Housing for New Hope (homeless advocacy) and End Poverty Now.

His community ministry includes being a leader for the Moral Monday Movement since its onset in 2013. He has participated in three actions of civil disobedience, protesting the actions of the North Carolina General Assembly to curtail voting rights, refusal to expand Medicaid, HB2 and other draconian legislation. He served as a member of the North Carolina NAACP Executive Committee and has been active in justice advocacy throughout his ministry.

Stay for EAD Advocacy Training Weekend April 5–8

After Compassion Peace & Justice Training Day, join the ecumenical community in “Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World” at Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD), April 5–8 at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Crystal City, Virginia. Nearly 1,000 Christian advocates will engage in a weekend of workshops, lectures and concrete actions, including “lobby day” on April 23, when advocates raise their voices on Capitol Hill for a more just society.

Register for EAD at advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/registration.

For discounted hotel rates at EAD, visit advocacydays.org/2019-troubling-the-waters/location-housing or call the hotel at 800-222-8733.

For more information, visit advocacydays.org.