WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 1:00PM-3:30PM (before Open Space and the Stated Presbytery Meeting)

National Presbyterian Church Chapel 4101 Nebraska Avenue NW. Washington DC 20016

The Color of Whiteness: Engaging White Privilege in Church and Society

White people in the United States often struggle to engage the dynamics of race in our society, particularly when it comes to the unique racial identity that white people have and the privileges that come with that identity. Given that the PC(USA) is over 90% white, this is a particularly important problem for us to address. This workshop will create a positive and brave space to unpack why this is such an struggle; provide insight and strategies for overcoming that challenge and engaging the realities of whiteness in the United States, and consider how Christianity can and must play a constructive role in this work.



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