

# Congo Mission Network Annual Conference

September 21 – 23, 2017  
at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church

## Moving Mountains in the Congo through Reconciliation

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

4:00 - 7:00 Preregistration  
4:00 – 7:00 Meet and Greet – Dinner at local restaurants **as arranged by attendees**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 - 9:00 Registration with Continental Breakfast  
8:30 - 8:55 Congo 101 – **For Newcomers** - Basics about the Congo, its Presbyterian Churches, and Ministries: **Jimmy Shafe & Anne Crane**  
9:00 - 9:10 Welcome by Co-Convener: Roberta Spalding and **Pastor Lauren Gully TB reconfirmed**  
9:10 - 9:20 Devotion – (Reconciliation Scripture [2 **Corinthians 5: 17-18**] and Message) **BY TBD**  
9:20 - 9:35 Overview of Conference Goals and Introduction of Congolese Keynote Speaker(s): Roberta Spalding  
9:35 - 10:20 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Congo: Current Conditions in the DRC; Causes of Conflict & Why Reconciliation is Critical – Dr. Pakisa Tshimika, Ph.D.**  
10:20 – 10:30 Q&A  
10:30 – 10:45 *Break*  
10:45 - 11:30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Historical Perspectives & Bantu Strategies for Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation – Pakisa Tshimika,**  
11:30 – 11:40 Q&A  
11:45 – 12:45 *Grace, Lunch, & Late Arrival Check-in*  
12:45 - 1:35 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Conflicts in Ministry & How They were Handled Among Youth in Church &/or School (Matou Matunga) or Cultural Differences in Conflict Resolution (between different language groups in Africa, between North America & Africa) or other guest speaker from DRC**  
1:35 – 1:45 Q&A  
1:45 – 2:20 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER [Matou or other guest speaker from DRC]**  
2:20 – 2:30 Q&A  
2:30 – 3:00 **PC(USA) Local Congregation Mission Activity Reports:** (4 at 7 minutes or 6 at 5 minutes)  
3:00 – 3:15 *Break*  
3:15 – 4:00 **CMN Ministry Groups & Other Reports: 5 - 7 minutes each: Education, Health, Project Hope (ROW) & UPRECO, Advocacy, MBF,**  
4:00 – 5:00 Ministry Groups Planning: Education, Advocacy (for all who are interested)  
5:00 – 6:00 Ministry Group Planning: Ministries to Vulnerable Children & Women, including Trauma Healing (for all who are interested)  
6:00 – 7:00 Supper at LOPC

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:30 - 9:00 Check-in for any new people & Continental Breakfast (Give Congo 101 handouts to new folks)
- 9:00 - 9:20 Opening Prayer/devotion By Whom **TBD**
- 9:20 - 9:45 Debbie Braaksma: Updates on Mission & Mission in the Midst of Conflict
- 9:45 - 9:50 Q&A
- 9:50 - 10:25 Mission Co-Worker Report: **Christy Boyd (Title Pending)**
- 10:15 - 10:20 Q&A
- 10:20 - 10:35 *Break*
- 10:35 - 11:00 **Mission Co-worker Report: Jeff Boyd, (Title Pending)**
- 11:00 - 11:05 Q&A
- 11:05 - 11:30 **Mission Co-worker Report: Inge Sthreshley, (Title Pending)**
- 11:30 - 11:35 Q&A
- 11:35 - 12:00 **Mission Co-worker Report – Dr. Larry Sthreshley, Ph.D. (Title Pending)**
- 12:00 - 12:05 Q&A
- 12:05 – 1:00 Grace, Lunch and Open Space conversations
- 1:00 - 1:50 **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION among keynote speakers and mission co-workers:**  
*Integrating Conflict Transformation & Reconciliation in our Different Ministries; i.e. Health, Education & Sunday Schools, Evangelism, Youth, women & Families, etc.*
- 1:50 - 2:00 Q&A
- 2:00 - 3:00 *Reports from local congregations (5-7 minutes each)*
- 3:00 - 3:15 *Break*
- 3:15 - 4:15 Ministry Groups Planning (Advocacy, Education, & Ministries to Vulnerable Children & Women)
- 4:15 - 4:30 Ministry Groups' Reports on Plans for coming year. (4 at 3 minutes each)
- 4:30 - 5:00 Business Meeting; Plans for 2018; Election of CMN Board Members

### **2018 Conference: To be hosted by Simonsdale Pres., Portsmouth, VA; Dates TBD**

- 5:15 – 5:30 *Break*
- 5:30 – 6:15 **Worship (Congolese Musicians are driving down from Davis)**
- 6:30 – 7:30 Supper at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 and 11:00 Lafayette-Orinda Church Services (Also, other local churches may engage CMN speakers in services)