

# ***Sacred Trust*** ***Relational Boundaries for*** ***Religious Leaders***

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC



Email Robbin Buchanan to register ([rbuchanan@presbyterywnc.org](mailto:rbuchanan@presbyterywnc.org))  
If you are receiving this notification, you are due to participate in one of the  
above trainings.



## INTRODUCING OUR 2019-2020 YAVS



### **JT Davis**

From: Wilmington, NC

Work Site: Haywood St. Congregation

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I recently graduated from Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. Through this year of service, I seek to draw closer to God through service to others. Serving others has always been important to me, and I am excited to have this opportunity. As well, I intend to use this time to think on and explore the many different transitional periods of my life I am currently going through. I play various instruments including the piano and guitar for fun!

### **Meredith Hammerslag**

From: Walton, NY

Worksite: AHOPE Day Center

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My hometown of less than 4000 people is nestled in the Catskill mountains. I traveled to Oneonta, NY 25 miles north to get my Bachelors degree at SUNY Oneonta in Anthropology. I love to sing as well as play the viola with groups in my community, and sewing is a hobby that the women in my family all share. I am excited to be a YAV in Asheville this coming year to learn about the pace and people in another area of the country, as well as continuing to discover God's will upon my life.

### **Deanna McDonnell**

From: Taylor, MI

Worksite: Habitat for Humanity

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I attended Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti and graduated in April 2019 with a degree in Elementary Education with minors in Reading and Language Arts. I celebrated my 25th birthday in July and my favorite hobbies are scrapbooking, swimming, hanging out with friends and Tae Kwon Do. I

Recently have a second degree black belt! I love working with the nursery and Sunday school programs at my church and am excited about my year here and for my year of service.

**Thomas (Tony) Schaufler**  
From: College Park, PA  
Worksite: The Welcome Home Project  
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I am 18 years old and hail from State College, PA. I am a member of the Pine Grove Presbyterian Church and am very active in the State College Presbyterian Church as well. I live on a 12 1/2 acre farm where we raise poultry and grow vegetables to sell at a local farmers market. We also grow crops, like pumpkins and sunflowers! I recently returned from a mission trip in Kenya and hope to return one day soon. In my free time I play a variety of instruments, including the viola and mandolin.



## HOME SWEET HOME

We are entering our second year of partnership with **Brooks-Howell Retirement Home**. The Asheville YAVs live among independent residents and complete service with the activities staff in order to better connect with these retired missionaries. The intergenerational learning between our volunteers and the residents has been even more impactful than we could have dreamed and we are happy to be calling Brooks-Howell home again this year!

Speaking of homes, if you are interested in opening up yours to host the new YAVs for a meal or some coffee please send us an [email](#)!



## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

If you are interested in further supporting the amazing volunteers who serve the city of Asheville, visit our [website](#) or use the link below to learn how to donate your time, talent or financial resources.



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# Presbytery of WNC Delegation to Malawi June 4- June 16, 2020 (Tentative Dates)

## GOALS OF THE TRIP:

- Broaden our understanding of our brothers and sisters in another part of the world and bring us closer to each other;
- Learn their stories and share ours;
- Take Christ's love there and bring it back;
- Provide opportunity for the Malawians and for us to learn from the strengths of our faith in each culture, and to help us come more into balance, moving closer to the abundant life;
- Demonstrate the interconnectedness between local congregations, Presbytery, the denomination and our international church partners;
- Create awareness of larger issues in the world;
- Raise support for the ministries related to our denomination in Malawi.

The trip dates **MAY NEED TO BE ADJUSTED** by one or two days depending upon ticket availability. Teams are generally 6-12 people.

The cost will be \$3,000, excluding personal preparation expenses (passport, immunizations, medicines, etc.). Limited financial aid is available; however, there is an expectation and tradition of home congregations either financially supporting team members or facilitating fundraising for team members. A deposit of \$1,500 must be sent with the application and received no later than **December 31, 2019**. Make the check out to "PWNC." If we are not able to accept your application, the \$1,500 will be returned. Once plane reservations are made, deposits become non-refundable. The final payment of \$1,500 is due **March 16, 2020**.

**This application, the \$1,500 deposit, and a letter of endorsement from your Pastor (or Clerk of Session, if there is no Pastor) must be in the Presbytery office at the address below by December 31, 2019.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions briefly on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Describe your understanding of the purpose for mission teams.
2. Why do you think God is calling you to participate with this mission team?
3. In what ways do you think you might be able to strengthen your congregation because of your participation on this team?
4. What gifts of personality, skills, and experience will you bring to the team? (The team will need a broad variety to become a unit, so include anything you think might help ... first aid training, good humor, music, photography, good organizer, etc.)
5. Do you have any health problems or dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_ What are they? (over)

All participants must make certain commitments before, during and after their mission experience. **Please consider and initial these below and sign your pledge to pursue them.** If accepted, you will receive an orientation handbook and other materials for reflection and study.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **I commit myself to working with my pastor and the session in order to develop a plan to help my congregation grow in faith and vitality** as a result of their involvement in this mission trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **I will pray** regularly for mission team participants and their churches (including myself and my own), and those with whom we will be interacting in Malawi, that we will all be sensitive to God's leading.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **I will attend** the following meetings:

*Orientation for First-time participants only:*                      *March 7 (Presbytery office in Morganton)  
Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 noon*

*Overnight retreat:*                      *April 17-18  
Friday night 6:00 pm-Saturday noon*

*Conference call:*                      *Sunday May 16, 4:00 pm*

*Packing Day:*                      *June ? at Southminster PC (Gastonia)  
Friday at 6:00 pm, spend night near airport*

*Reunion/Debriefing:*                      *July 11  
Sunday 4:00 pm*

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. **I will study the orientation booklet** in preparation for the trip. (This will be given to first time participants in February.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. **I will abide by the guidelines for the team.** I understand these exist for the well-being of the group and our relationship with Malawians.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. **I will keep a record of my experience and prepare to share my experience** with others in my church and in other congregations or groups within the Presbytery.

**I pledge myself to do the above.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail forms and deposit check to: *(Must be received by December 31, 2019)*

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