

Tending the Common Ground

through **Resource Stewardship,
Creation Care & Diversity**

Sustainable Pathways is a collaborative effort between the United Methodist Camp Retreat Ministries and the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association that provides ecumenical education and training opportunities for camp and retreat leaders throughout the US and Canada.

September 9-12, 2018

CALVIN CENTER

13550 Woolsey Rd. Hampton, GA 30228



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EDUCATION FOR CAMP & RETREAT LEADERS

Overview

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Training

Sustainable Pathways offers training and equipping events focused on a specific element of camp, conference and retreat ministry leadership. Our program this year will focus on two specific themes:

- **Creation Care**

Have you ever considered a light switch as an expression of faith? During our time together, we will explore faith as demonstrated in our physical facilities and financial resources. Every building has an opportunity to improve its performance and save money. We will identify the best strategies for achieving better resource efficiency in buildings and campuses, identify “low-hanging fruit” projects as well as capital improvements, and use savings to fund future projects. We will also examine camp and retreat facilities as holistic systems and how this approach can inform how we approach improvements. Finally, we will discuss how improving building performance tangibly demonstrates our faith and stewardship for our greatest sanctuary, Creation.

- **Diversity**

The world is changing, and as a result, the methods we use to connect with others from different cultures, backgrounds, beliefs, and lifestyles must adapt as well. We will explore a different dimension of diversity and inclusion with creativity, humor, insight and a fresh perspective as our speaker lays out the blueprint and design for the perfect “Camptopian” environment under our current social and cultural circumstances. We will look at how stereotypes and assumptions contribute to intentional and unintentional discrimination, bias and misunderstanding, all with the goal of learning ways to create camp and retreat environments that are more inclusive and welcoming to all people and cultures.

Location

Calvin Center
13550 Woolsey Road
Hampton, GA 30228

(770) 946-4276

www.CalvinCenter.org

Calvin Center is a beautiful Presbyterian conference center uniquely situated in a natural setting and yet just twenty minutes south of the Atlanta Airport in Hampton GA.

For this year's Sustainable Pathways training event, the following lodging options are available.

Conference Lodge - Single Occupancy	\$545/person	Geneva Lodge - Double Occupancy	\$385/person
Double Occupancy	\$385/person	Day Participant (no lodging)	\$185/person

Shuttle transportation for ATL will be available for pickup Sunday for flights arriving before 5pm and drop-off Wednesday for flights departing after 10am.

EARLY BIRD: Registration opens June 1 with Early Bird Discounts Prior to August 1

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT
<http://tinyurl.com/SustainablePathways2018>

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Speakers

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Shane Totten



Shane Totten is an architect working at the Southface Energy Institute where he leads research and innovation efforts to create a regenerative society. He has a long history of outdoor/camping ministry as well as working in sustainability of the built and natural environments. In his thirty years of experience he has worked with private and public sector clients including groups such as, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, Atlanta Zoo, Kennesaw State University, Chick-Fil-A, Compass Points, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Feeding America Network and several educational systems on improving building performance and increasing the programmatic capacities of the organizations. Shane has taught architecture and sustainability in higher education as well as served on boards, such as the US Green Building Council, Georgia chapter. He is an avid cyclist and outdoors junkie where he finds the greatest sanctuary of worship. Shane lives with three canine kids in East Point, Georgia but often dreams of Vermont.

Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley



Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley is the Executive Director of Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, an interfaith environmental organization working across Georgia. She has served as GIPL's Executive Director since 2014, having previously served as GIPL's Director for Congregational Support. Kate is an ordained Presbyterian minister (PCUSA), having earned her degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA) and Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL). With over 25 years in nonprofit management ranging from social services to political campaigns, Kate also has served on the pastoral staff of Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Atlanta and previously directed a Presbyterian environmental organization, Earth Covenant Ministry, which eventually merged with GIPL. She is passionate about caring for God's creation and bringing other people of faith together in this shared responsibility to steward the Earth in meaningful ways. Kate lives in Decatur with her husband and three children. In addition to sharing Christ's love and pursuing God's justice in this world, her life goal is to visit and enjoy every national park in the U.S. She loves to hear about others' experiences of travel in such places and shared tips for reaching this monumental goal!

Niambi Jaha-Echols



Niambi Jaha-Echols is a Cultural Agility Strategist, Inspirational Speaker, Thought Leader, Author, Visionary, Professional Educator, and nationally-recognized Life Empowerment and Transformation Advocate with over 30 years experience working with various modalities of creativity. She is the Principal and Lead Consultant for Cross-Cultural Agility where she trains, coaches and consults individuals and corporations on issues supporting cultural intelligence and new pathways to inclusion. Niambi served for six years on the American Camp Association's National Board of Directors and is currently serving on their National Board Development Committee, National Conference Program Planning Committee and their National Board's Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee. She is a faculty member of Expert Online Training, is a member of the National Diversity Council and serves as a Professional Advisor to graduate students at DePaul University's School for New Learning. Niambi enjoys traveling, inspiring creativity in others and uncovering solutions to challenges that beseech the human spirit.

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