

Parish Resource Center®

Consultants and Practical Resources For Churches
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Spring 2022

Dear Friends of the Parish Resource Center of Long Island West,

It is with deep gratitude and humility that I share the news that Karla McKenzie, longtime Executive Director of the Parish Resource Center and transformative consultant and supporter of our congregations plans to retire at the end of 2022. Last fall, Karla McKenzie announced that she will be leaving the PRC at the end of 2022 as part of retirement planning that she and her husband John (a Lutheran pastor) have contemplated for many years. We appreciate her many contributions and are grateful for the outstanding leadership which she has provided.

The PRC Board along with Karla has been actively planning for her transition, and the hiring of a new Executive Director while seeking to ensure that this wonderful resource for our congregations continues to thrive. We are grateful that both Heidi and Pat have made a commitment to continue their service to the larger church through the PRC.

Karla's contributions to the PRC over these 20 years has been immense. Some of the highlights are:

- Growing the number of congregations and individuals using the Parish Resource Center
- Establishing the Parish Resource Center of Long Island West Inc. as a standalone 501(c)3 organization
- Migrating the infrastructure to a state of the art database system supported by Salesforce
- Introducing new methods of delivering training workshops including webinars and offsite retreats
- Creating opportunities for additional revenue through special contracts, banner making, and training at events hosted by judicatories and religious organizations
- Promoting the Parish Resource Center's distinctive core service of easily accessible, competent, and professional staff of consultants, professionally led seminars and cutting edge resources

Now more than ever the Parish Resource Center LI-West needs the partnership and participation of all our subscribers, congregations, donors and friends. We have all been through more than we could have ever imagined in the last two years, but there is so much to look forward to in the months and years ahead. It is hard not to be filled with hope, joy, and gratitude when connected with the remarkable community of the Parish Resource Center.

The board invites you to support the Spring Fundraising Appeal, renew your subscription and make a special legacy donation in honor of Karla's outstanding work. It is critical that we have strong leadership to maintain our momentum. You can also assist us by sharing with your contacts the job description for the Executive Director position which will be posted on our website (www.cpr4church.org.) We will keep you updated on our search and welcome your feedback and input.

Lastly, we thank you for your past support, and welcome your thoughts and ideas on ways to strengthen the PRC's work going forward. We invite you to contact the PRC for additional information regarding the Executive Director search process, and ways to submit your resume for review by the search committee.

Sincerely,
Reverend Patrick O'Connor, Board Chair

Need Help?

For help in planning for your spring and summer programs, contact us by email at consultant@cpr4church.org or by phone at 516-285-0919. You are also invited to visit us in person at our Valley Stream and Manhasset locations.

New Virtual Office Hours

Unable to make it to the center during normal office hours? We are adding a new service just for you! We will offer "Virtual Consultations" over the phone or computer on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm. Just send us an email or give us a call to set up an appointment.

Saturday, May 14 from 10am to 2:30pm

Wilderness Journey: A Retreat for Congregational Leaders During a Time of Transition

What happens to clergy when they think about leaving their long-tenured clergy position to enter into the next stage (whatever that might be)? Relief? Doubt? Regret? Enthusiasm? New energy? Confusion... and maybe some of all of the above. How do they manage their emotions, plot their course, and enter into the "new" steadily and with faith, and so they don't take others along on a roller coaster ride with them?!



And what occurs in a parish when its pastor departs? Yes, you guessed it: Relief! Doubt! Regret! New found enthusiasm and energy, coupled with confusion. How do the congregation's leaders guide with a sure hand steadily into the future when the "leadership vacuum" hits home? How do leaders respond when members complain about uncertainty, or want a quick fix" for everything they think is wrong with their church? Or when differing visions of the church's mission emerge and proponents demand a hearing?

Transition time is like entering into the wilderness, where we don't quite know what will happen. This half day workshop/mini retreat invites participants to travel along in their imagination with the ancient Israelites as they entered the wilderness after being liberated from slavery in Egypt. But what would this new life of liberation look like? We'll try to learn from their experience and take away some sure guideposts for our journeys.

Our retreat leader: Rev. Dr. Noel D. Vanek serves as pastor of The Community Church of the Pelhams United Church of Christ, and before that served for 21.5 years as senior Pastor of the Church in the Gardens in Forest Hills. He is a trained interim minister from the Interim Ministry Network. Rev. Vanek has experience in the areas of district wide search and call for the United Church of Christ, leadership training for laity, and has led many spiritual retreats



This event will include lunch provided by the PRC.

Cost: \$20/person for subscribers or \$50/group of 3 or more. Limit of 4 per congregation.

\$35/person for non-subscribers or \$75/group of 3 or more. Limit of 4 per congregation.

4 easy ways to register for workshops and events or ask a question

◆ online through our website at www.cpr4church.org

◆ by mail using the form below

◆ by e-mail consultant@cpr4church.org

Workshop Registration Form

Register and pay online at our website: www.cpr4church.org or

by completing the form below and mailing it to the Parish Resource Center of LI West, 919 Elmont Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

Registration Deadline is one week prior to the event unless specified otherwise.

# Attending	Subscriber	Non-Subscriber	Total Due
_____ Secretary Appreciation Luncheon (4/27)	Free Event		\$ <u>No Charge</u>
_____ Clergy Transitions Retreat (5/14)	\$20/person	\$35/person	\$ _____
_____ Make and Take Banner (5/21)	\$20/person	\$30/person	\$ _____
_____ The BIG VBS and Summer Resource Give Away (Between 6/4 and 6/11)	Free Event		\$ <u>No Charge</u>

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ Evening Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

Congregation / Location: _____

Upcoming Events

Register for these events at www.cpr4church.org or by calling us at 516-285-0919

The following events are made possible through generous support from subscribing congregations and their members. We thank them for their support of our ministry.

Annual Secretary Appreciation Luncheon at the Parish Resource Center in Valley Stream Wednesday, April 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: Free event

Luncheon hosted by the staff of the Parish Resource Center in Valley Stream to thank all congregational secretaries, administrators, and support staff for the work they do to keep congregations running smoothly. This is a free event, but we do request that you register by April 20 to reserve your seat.

Make and Take Personal Size Banner Workshop

Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 10:30am to 12pm

Led by Heidi Hofmann

Cost: \$20/person for subscribers or \$30/person for non-subscribers.

Join in the fun of banner making and leave with a completed personal size banner for your home, your church or as a gift. This workshop is offered to new or experienced banner makers, and will focus on teaching the "PRC Banner Making Method."

Preregistration is required by May 7 so supplies can be purchased and prepared. Please call us at 516-285-0919 before sending payment to ensure that space is still available.



The BIG VBS and Summer Programming Resource Give Away

From Saturday, June 4 through Saturday, June 11

Cost: Free event

The staff of the PRC is cleaning house, and making prior year Vacation Bible School kits, decorating supplies, and curriculum available free of charge (or for a donation, if you would like to make one). If your congregation is thinking about summer programming, why not take advantage of this offer? PRC staff members will be on hand to work with you to modify kits to fit summer camp, summer Sunday School, weekend camp, intergenerational events, or traditional 5 or 10 day Vacation Bible School. The staff will also work with you to pick a theme and work out all of the details from crafts, to snacks, to music. It is our hope that many congregations will see this as a chance to offer a high quality program at a low cost. Come check it out anytime during our normal business hours.



NYS Mandated Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Workshops and Webinars

Cost: Free to PRC Subscribers

New York State legislation requires all employers to train all employees annually on Sexual Harassment Prevention policies and procedures. The new law which took effect in 2019 also recommends that unpaid volunteers and trustees with oversight responsibilities attend the training. If your church, pre-school or other ministries are in need of this training, please contact the Parish Resource Center in Valley Stream. We will work with you to set up a time, location, and method (in person or virtual).



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Center Closings: April 15-18 And May 27-30

Please use the book drop next to the front door to return resources when the Center is closed. Thank you!

Return Service Requested

Why should a church subscribe to the Parish Resource Center?

A subscription to the Parish Resource Center makes sense for congregations looking for ways to be faithful stewards of the gifts that God has given them.

How else can you add 40 hours a week of staff assistance for as little as \$12.50 per month?

Where else can you borrow resources worth hundreds of dollars for use in your congregation?

Where else can you find dedicated time with a consultant for no additional fee?

Where else can you attend workshops that are tailored to address the needs of local congregations and provide ongoing support, collegiality, and resources to implement the ideas shared in the workshops?

If your church is not a subscribing congregation, contact us to see how you can benefit from a relationship with the Parish Resource Center

Where does the Parish Resource Center get its funding?

As a 501(c) 3 organization, the Parish Resource Center is a non-profit organization funded through subscription fees paid by congregations and individual ministries, gifts and donations from churches and individuals, and fundraising efforts.

Currently, subscriptions cover 33% of our annual budget. The remaining 67% or roughly \$44,000 is made up of gifts, donations, and fundraising events.

Each spring, the PRC Board asks congregations and individuals to consider giving to our Spring Appeal. This year, donors can give in one of several ways. Donations can be mailed to the center at 919 Elmont Road, Valley Stream, NY 11580. Online donations can be made at our website: www.cpr4church.org

Thank you for your generous support!

Office Hours in Valley Stream

Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 3pm
Saturday from 10am to 2pm
Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Satellite Office Hours

Manhasset - Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm

We believe everyone has a calling...

...Ours is helping you!