



A NEWSLETTER OF THE CATAWBA CLERGY NETWORK

## CATAWBA CLERGY DAYS 2021: A CALL TO RESTORATION

Our Third Annual Catawba Clergy Days will be in-person this year on **October 28-29, 2021!** We will have COVID protocols in place and there is an option to join virtually. We are looking forward to this chance to gather together. If you are interested in registering for Catawba Clergy Days, please visit: <https://catawba.edu/clergydays>.

Our theme for this year's program is, "A Call to Restoration." Many of us need to be restored. What does this look like? How do we continue to thrive in our current situation(s)? We hope that you will join us as we hear from dynamic speakers, most of whom are from within our own Network:

- Rev. Hugo Morrison will be offering a session on technology, entitled, "*Lights, Camera, Action: Shifting Your Digital Strategy.*"
- The Rev. Dr. Willie Mae Hawkins will offer us a session on the importance of self-care, entitled, "*Self-Care- God Has Something to Say: Now Do That!*"
- The Rev. Beth Kennett will help us think through restorative practices in a session entitled, "*Practices for Resilience and Well-Being as We Establish the New Normal!*"
- Cely Chicurel will offer us a hands-on experience in her session, "*Exploring Creative Options for Rest and Restoration.*"
- And we will worship together, with a message from guest preacher The Rev. Rodney Sadler, PhD, and music from Catawba Student group the Scholars of the Chapel.

We are looking forward to hearing and receiving the wisdom that each speaker has to offer us as we experience this call to restoration. We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship, education, communal meals, moments of reflection, and much more!

The health and safety of those in attendance is important to us, therefore COVID-19 protocols and precautions will be in place and followed through the event. Upon check-in all attendees will be asked to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours of the event. Additional COVID protocols will include masking indoors, physical distancing, and hosting events outside whenever possible. Again, if you are not comfortable with traveling to attend this event in person, we do have virtual options available, just indicate that preference on your registration form at [www.catawba.edu/clergydays](http://www.catawba.edu/clergydays). If you have any questions about Catawba Clergy Days, please feel free to email us at [clergynetwork@catawba.edu](mailto:clergynetwork@catawba.edu) or call us at 704-637-4725.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Blessings,  
The Catawba Clergy Network Staff and the Clergy Days Planning Team



# CLERGY THRIVING GRANT CORNER

ALL CLERGY NETWORK MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO SUPPORT YOUR THRIVING IN:

REST, RESOURCES, RELATIONSHIPS, & REFLECTION

*Clergy Thriving Grants can be up to \$2,500 to support Clergy Thriving. There is a competitive grant cycle, with applications due by May 15. These grants are separate from \$500 COP Grants, for which clergy are eligible upon successful completion of the Communities of Practice Year.*

*We will share stories in this space about how both COP and Clergy Thriving Grants have been used so that others may glean insights and inspiration from the experiences of others.*

## CLERGY THRIVING GRANT SPOTLIGHT: WILD AND WONDERFUL

Angela Roberson



My original grant project was a tour of the National African American Museum of History and Culture in Washington, DC. Unfortunately, this trip was canceled because of a reduction of hours at the Museum due to COVID 19 precautions.

With a surge in COVID transmission along with my need to get away before I fell apart, I decided to travel to West Virginia, whose slogan is "Wild and Wonderful." The rivers, streams, bridges, tunnels and mountains provide the spiritual and mental relaxation that I craved. I was awestruck in seeing, hearing, and touching God's gorgeous creation. In addition to reflecting on God's creation, I visited West Virginia State University to walk on the ground that Carter G. Woodson, the father of African American history, and Katherine Johnson, NASA mathematician, had walked.

Rather than going to bed based on a next day's schedule with tasks and responsibilities to others, I went to bed when I chose to. Instead of getting up early, I chose to get up much later than usual. The trip to West Virginia provided me an opportunity to visit a new state and gain a restful spiritual and mental state.

It was a great reminder to listen to your inner spirit and to rest when you are led to do so.

# COP ROUNDTABLE



## *Interested in joining a* **CATAWBA CLERGY NETWORK COP?**

“COPs” or “Communities of Practice” are small discussion groups for peer learning and support. Catawba Clergy Network offers COPs for SOC, Catawba alumni, and area ministers. COPs meet monthly and are designed to provide community and resources to help ministers thrive.

*Our next interest meeting  
is October 28, 11:30 am,  
at Catawba Clergy Days!*



Interested in joining a Community of Practice? We will host a COP Info session in conjunction with Catawba Clergy Days 2021. The session will begin on October 28 at 11:30 am and will include a boxed lunch before the rest of Catawba Clergy Days programming. There will also be an option to join virtually. To attend, please register for Clergy Days at [www.catawba.edu/clergy](http://www.catawba.edu/clergy).

For more information about the session or participating in a Community of Practice, contact The Rev. Betty Morton at: [bjmorton19@catawba.edu](mailto:bjmorton19@catawba.edu).

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION!

The Clergy Network “Discussion Hub” can be found within our private Facebook group. Through a simple application, you can apply to be a part of this group, which is only for current members of the Clergy Network. This is an informal space which offers a safe place for you to receive and share resources, rest, reflect, and meaningfully connect with fellow clergy as well as Catawba Clergy Network staff. We hope to see you all there! If you have any questions or have resources you would like shared through this Facebook group please contact, Hannah Hutchens McNeely, [hhutchen18@catawba.edu](mailto:hhutchen18@catawba.edu).

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