



# THE VINE

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CATAWBA CLERGY NETWORK

*Save the Date*



**CLERGY DAYS**  
September 26 & 27

JOIN US FOR THE  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY

*Cole Arthur Riley!*



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Following up on last year's big success with Kate Bowler as our keynote speaker, we are excited to welcome Cole Arthur Riley as this year's keynoter. Riley is the author of "Black Liturgies" and "This Here Flesh" which was on the New York Times bestseller list. Her conference talks have garnered rave reviews. Please check her work out at [ColeArthurRiley.com](http://ColeArthurRiley.com) or [BlackLiturgies](#) on Instagram. This keynote address will be free and open to the public. She will be signing copies of her books prior to her address and then she will lead the first of our many meaningful and helpful workshops during Clergy Days.



The Catawba College Music Department will be helping us with our worship services and the President of Livingstone College, Dr. Anthony Davis, will be preaching at our closing worship service. Following the service, Dr. Randall will lead a mindfulness walk through the Stanback Nature Preserve on campus. This will be a great way to finish Clergy Days 2024.

Visit [catawba.edu/clergy](http://catawba.edu/clergy) to register for workshops, meals and lodging. The deadline for registration is **September 20** so we can have arrangements made for space and food. Lodging is limited this year, so if you will need a room, please don't delay. Consider who you can invite to Clergy Days and share the link. There is no charge this year for any part of the two day event.

# CLERGY DAYS WORKSHOPS

THIS YEAR, WE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND INFORMATION SHARING DURING OUR CLERGY DAYS WORKSHOPS.

- \* Cultivating Healthy Ministers in Relation to your Congregation with Bill Wilson
- \* This Here Flesh and the Arts with Cely Chicurel
- \* Social Media for the Local Congregation with Angel Jeffery
- \* Bible Studies and Programs for your Congregation with Donna Chase
- \* The Beginner's Manual to Podcasting with Zachary Trivitt
- \* Saving Creation and Saving your Congregation Money "What if Caesar paid unto you?" with John Morrison
- \* What's Up with Clergy Health with **Kori Robins**
- \* Best Practices for Nonprofits in Finance and Administration
- \* Preaching in a Secular Age with Robert Black
- \* Buffet of Congregation Mission Projects

BIOGRAPHIES AND PHOTOS OF OUR WORKSHOP LEADERS ARE FOUND ON THE REGISTRATION PAGE.

**WE HOPE YOU ARE AS EXCITED AS WE ARE!**



# STAFFING UPDATES

Our colleague, grant writer and leader of COPs, Paula Boland, has moved to the beach and continues to work on many of her business projects and her ministries in Guatemala. Paula has resigned her position at Catawba to focus on growing her coaching business. We wish Paula well in all her endeavors.



Dr. William Hoyle's interim position is drawing to a close and we are actively recruiting for a permanent Director of the Clergy Network. This person will oversee Clergy Days, Communities of Practice and our clergy grant programs. Information about the position is listed in the job opportunities page at [catawba.edu/jobs](http://catawba.edu/jobs). If you know someone who might be interested in working on this great team and directing the CCN, please share the word!

## GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

The Lilly Endowment Inc. has funded the work of the Catawba Clergy Network for the next five years through a sustainability grant. The generous support of Catawba College and anticipated community resources, along with other grant funding will match the wonderful support from the Lilly Endowment. We hope this news will be promoted and shared so that Communities of Practice will be inspired to grow and multiply, and Clergy Days opportunities can continue with excitement and strength.

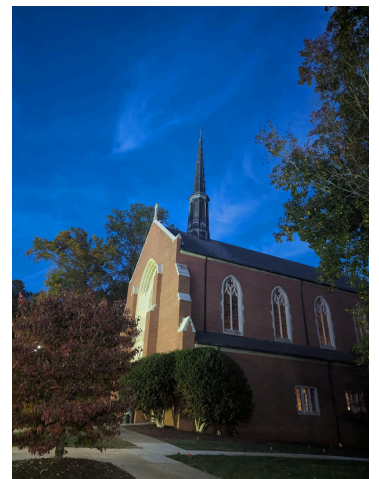


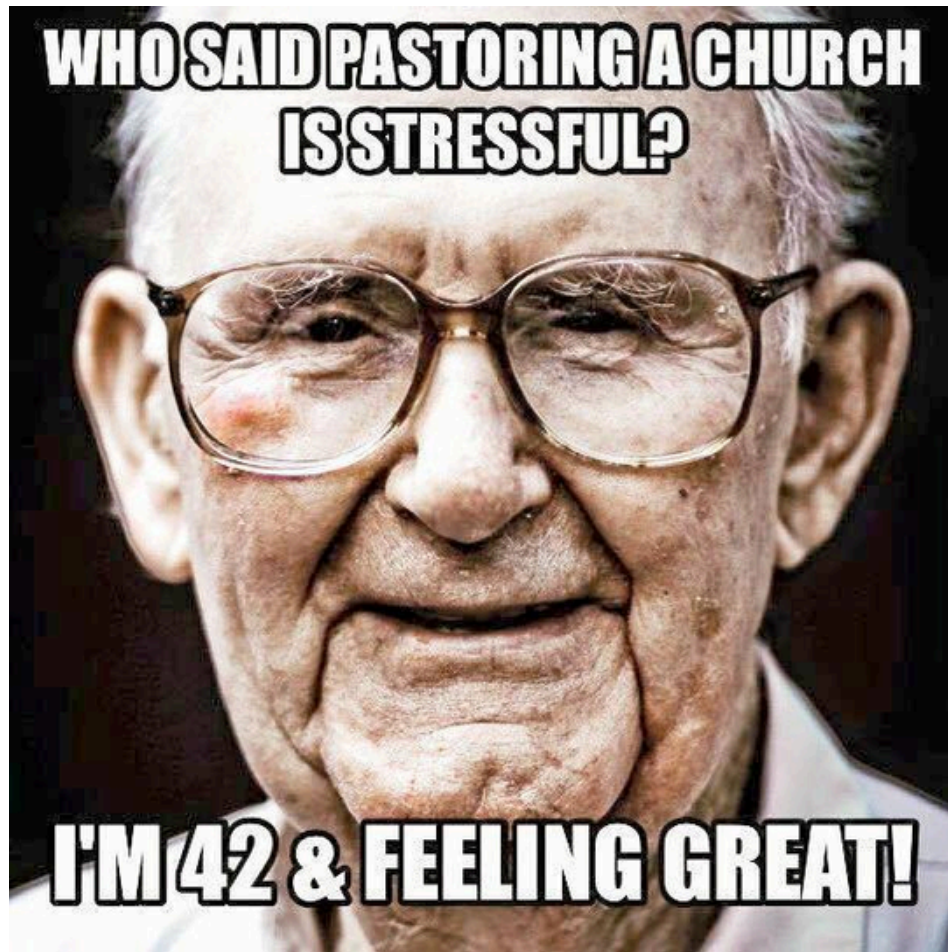
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## *Consider joining a* **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**

A clergy community of practice ("COP") is a small group of ministers intentionally focused on how to do ministry better and thrive as Clergy. COPs focus both on self-care and the support and wisdom we can gain from regular gatherings with peers who offer new perspectives and resources. All clergy COPs are self-directed (focused on the needs and interests of participants) and convened by trained facilitators who help assure the groups run smoothly and effectively. If you are interested in joining a Community of Practice email Bill Hoyle at [wmhoyle23@catawba.edu](mailto:wmhoyle23@catawba.edu).





**CATAWBA COLLEGE PRESENTS  
THE 37TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF**

*Lessons and Carols*

**DECEMBER 2 AND 5 AT 7 PM  
OMWAKE-DEARBORN CHAPEL**

*This beautiful and inspirational service is modeled after the Kings' College 1919 service in England.  
The entire community is welcomed. No tickets are required.  
Bring your friends and come early for a good seat.*