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**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Join the Presbytery of Western New York in learning more about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance! Hear Susan Krehbiel as the guest preacher at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Then enjoy a lunch before hearing her lead a workshop on Refugee Welcome.

On Monday, October 22, join Rev. Dr. James Kirk in 2 workshops (with lunch in between) on Public Violence and Human Caused Disasters and a General Overview of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and how to get involved.

Lunch is available each day for the low cost of \$5.00. Complete the attached reservation form and send it to Jan Tyson, Presbytery of Western New York, 2060 Union Rd, W Seneca, NY 14224 by October 17, 2018. Please include a check for each lunch and indicate any dietary restrictions.



Ms. Susan Krehbiel works for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as the *Associate for Refugees and Asylum* where she is responsible for directly PDA's support to Mid Councils, local congregations and national partners in refugee-related ministries. Susan has 30 years non-profit experience working with refugees and immigrants, as an advocate for refugee rights and social and legal services that assist refugees and immigrants in their integration into the United States. During that time Susan has worked for Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (2003-2011), Church World Service (1993-1999) and as a consultant with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). While at LIRS, she led the agency in program and policy development with particular attention to the treatment of unaccompanied children. Susan has worked closely with other non-governmental agencies, the US government and international organizations to promote national and international policies to protect these vulnerable populations and provide appropriate services for their recovery and success.

In addition, Susan serves part time as the Social Justice Consultant with the Presbytery of Baltimore. She was raised in the Presbyterian Church (daughter and sister to Presbyterian clergy), is an ordained ruling elder and has served on two immigration-related task forces for the General Assembly. She is married to Norman Lazarus and they are members at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, outside of Baltimore, MD. She has an MA in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and a BA in Spanish from the College of Wooster.



The Rev. Dr. James J. Kirk is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in August of 2016 accepted the position of Associate for Disaster Response (U.S.) for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This position is responsible for coordinating the denominations domestic response to the many disasters that impact our congregations, Presbyteries and communities. The mission of PDA is to bring, "Out of Chaos, Hope".

Prior to this position Jim served congregations in Sparta, NJ and Naples, FL. He graduated from Moravian College with a BA in 1977 and from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA with a D.Min. in 1981.

Jim is a Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional (CCFP) through the International Association of Trauma Professionals and a member of the International Critical Stress Foundation (ICSF). Jim was a volunteer with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for over 20 years. In that role Jim has responded to a variety of disaster including natural and public violence.

Jim is a past chair of the National VOAD Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee and has been on the committee for nine years. He has been a National and Local Volunteer with Red Cross since 2008. Jim was a part of a team that developed the Disaster Spiritual Care program that is currently being integrated into Red Cross Chapters around the country.



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Get your reservations in! Deadline is Wednesday, October 17, 2018

All events at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church
4369 S Buffalo St, Orchard Park, NY 14127

Sunday, October 21, 2018

11:45am Lunch **\$5.00 cost*** Please list any dietary restrictions.

Name _____ # attending _____

1 – 3pm PDA Workshop on Refugee Welcome

Come meet **Susan Krehbiel** from PDA and discuss *refugee situations and ministry within the immigration context*. Share with her what your congregation is doing; invite her to join in a visit to some of our local non-profit partners!

Name _____ # attending _____

Monday, October 22, 2018

9 – 11am PDA workshop on *Public Violence and Human Caused Disasters*

Name _____ # attending _____

11am – Noon Lunch **\$5.00 cost*** Please list any dietary restrictions.

Name _____ # attending _____

Noon – 2pm PDA workshop for a *general overview of how to get involved in the work of PDA and what they do*

Did you know PDA was more than just construction/rebuilding after storms? Come see what kinds of trainings you can get and how to get involved even if you don't want to swing a hammer!

Name _____ # attending _____

*Check for lunch cost(s) should be made payable to Presbytery of WNY