



**INTERCULTURAL  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

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**COLUMBIA  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**DECATUR, GEORGIA**



**ALL IN!**  
**INCARNATION  
IN AN  
INTERCULTURAL WORLD**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Monday**

4:00-5:30 p.m.	Opening Worship
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Break
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Workshop #1

**Tuesday**

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Music and Singing
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30-12:00 a.m.	Workshop #2
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-3:30 p.m.	Workshop #3 (Repeats morning workshops)
3:30-4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00-5:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Stacey Abrams
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Break
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Evening of Cultural Sharing

**Wednesday**

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Welcome to Oakhurst / Music and Singing
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Workshop # 4
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-12:15 a.m.	Closing Worship
12:15 p.m.	Lunch

**(at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church)**

*End of Conference*

**GO IN PEACE!**

# PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Opening Worship (Monday)**

*Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse & PIN board*

**Keynote Address (Tuesday)**

*House Minority Leader Stacey Abrams*

**Bible study (Tuesday)**

*Rev. Dr. Gun Ho Lee*

**Closing Worship (Wednesday)**

*Rev. Nibs Stroup & PIN board*

**Workshops (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)**

**Workshop 1: Opportunities for Incarnational Community**

*Connie Lee & Nibs Stroupe*

Come share with us as we explore the great opportunities and the significant obstacles for building community across the boundaries of the world.

**Workshops 2 & 3:** *(three options, each done twice, allowing each participant to choose two)*

**A: Incarnational Worship: No Turning Back**

*Gun Ho Lee & Laurel Underwood*

Jesus didn't hold anything back when he came to us as God incarnate, nor did he turn back from the road God called him to follow. This workshop will explore the deep, unfaltering commitment required to imagine, define, and live into worship that is an incarnational representation of Christ's radical hospitality as we might see it today in our intercultural world.

**B: Duck for Turkey Day? Models for Intercultural Christian Education** *Sung Hee Chang & Caroline Leach*

What happens when the peoples of the world are coming to your church? What are the best ways to enhance your Educational ministries so that everyone is included? Participants will examine their Christian education principles and practices from the perspective of intercultural encounter. This workshop will provide an inclusive teaching and learning experience for all members of the church, focusing on different models which encourage positive intercultural relationships within the church and the community.

**C: Incarnational Care Giving: Power Reconsidered, Power Redefined** *Princeton Abaroaha & Sharon Mook*

Clear awareness and deep understanding of the power dynamics in care giving relationships are essential to being truly present with another person and providing the most effective care. Lack of this awareness and understanding seriously undermines the efforts of care providers, even those with the best intentions, carefully honed skills, and years of experience. In fact, without genuine awareness and understanding of power dynamics, actual harm may be done to those needing care. In multicultural and intercultural relationships, the imperative of effectively dealing with power issues and imbalances increases exponentially. This workshop can enhance your care giving in multicultural and intercultural contexts—and, actually, enrich all of your relationships.

**Workshop 4: Incarnational Environment: Designing Intercultural Worship Space**

*Caroline Leach*

Walking in your worship space—what do you see and hear? This workshop will focus on the weaving of liturgical seasons and celebrations of our many nations' church. We will look at the seasons of the church year, the ways to intersect the colors, seasons, liturgical suggestion, art, scripture, and a whole lot of imagination into designing worship space that reflects where we live and who we are as celebrants of God's Word.

Leadership will be provided by the Liturgical Arts Team at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, nearby the campus of Columbia Theological Seminary.

**Evening of Cultural Sharing (Tuesday)**

Enjoy a casual, fun-filled evening as we make the most of our diversity. You're invited and encouraged to bring songs, dances, instruments, native dress – anything that can be a cultural "show and tell" of your heritage. You could represent a home left behind, or trace your genealogy back a few generations to a different time and place. You might bring or do something that will reflect a culture you grew up with, or you might celebrate an adopted culture. Or you could just come, relax, take it all in, enjoy our differences, and have a lot of fun!





## PRESENTERS



### Keynote speaker

**Stacey Abrams**, the House Minority Leader for the state of Georgia, is the first woman to lead either party in the Georgia General Assembly and the first African-American to lead in the House of Representatives. The recipient of the 2012 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award and the 2014 Gabrielle Giffords Rising Star Award, she is a legislator, entrepreneur, and author committed to thoughtful engagement and innovative solutions.

One of six children, Stacey grew up in Mississippi with working-class parents who taught them the value of public service and civic engagement at a young age. After attending Spelman College, graduating magna cum laude as a Harry S. Truman Scholar with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies (Political Science, Economics and Sociology), she received a Masters from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from Yale Law School. Stacey returned to Atlanta as a tax attorney at the Sutherland law firm, with a focus on tax-exempt organizations, healthcare and public finance. At the age of 29, Stacey was appointed as the Deputy City Attorney for the City of Atlanta.



First elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2006, Stacey quickly became known for her expertise and ability to explain complicated tax and legal questions, and she earned a reputation for working across party lines to pass legislation. In 2010, Stacey became House Minority Leader and has led the caucus to promote and pass legislation to increase educational opportunity, promote economic security, and improve the quality of life for all Georgians. Stacey serves on the Boards of Trustees for Agnes Scott College and Atlanta Metropolitan State College Foundation, the Board of Directors for the Gateway Center for the Homeless, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Board of Visitors for the University of Georgia, and the Advisory Boards for Literacy Action, Project GRAD and HSTAT – Health Students Taking Action Together. Stacey lives in Atlanta.

### Guest Preacher

**Rev. Dr. Sterling Morse** is the PC(USA) Coordinator for African American Intercultural Congregational Support for the Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries area of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Before joining the Agency staff in 2010, Sterling was the pastor of Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. for nearly 14 years. He also served on the staff of National Capitol Presbytery in Washington, D.C. as the Associate for Mission, and previously as pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI and Congruity Presbyterian Church in Sumter, SC. He has served as moderator of two presbyteries: National Capitol Presbytery, 2001, and the Presbytery of Atlanta, 1984 (an African American presbytery in the former United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.)



A native of Chester, Pennsylvania, Sterling matriculated at Cheyney University (PA), earning a B.A. in Political Science; the Master of Divinity from Johnson C. Smith Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, and the Doctor of Ministry from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI. He has done extensive work in anti-racism, understanding personality preferences, coalition building, ecumenical and interfaith partnerships, and cross cultural/intercultural ministries.

Sterling is married to Patricia Petty, a Senior Trial Attorney with the Office of Internal Affairs, US Department of Justice. They have four children, and twin grandsons.

## Workshop leaders



**Rev. Princeton E. Abaraoha** is a graduate of Perkins School of theology – SMU. He is originally from Nigeria, West Africa. Princeton is an experienced church planter and an Evangelism Coach. Since joining the Presbyterian Church USA in 2003, he has been Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Texas. He has served the Grace Presbytery in several committees where he currently serves as the moderator of the Presbytery and a member of the Committee on Ministry.



**Dr. Sung Hee Chang** joined the faculty of Union Presbyterian Seminary as Director of Supervised Ministry in Charlotte and Assistant Professor of Christian Education in 2012. Previously Chang had served as an educator in several churches in Virginia and North Carolina. Her areas of special interest include curriculum theory with a particular attention to gender, race, identity, and postcolonial studies, intercultural theological education, ecumenical formation, interreligious education, and Asian theological education. She currently serves on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Educator Certification Committee.



**Rev. Caroline Leach** is the co-author of *O Lord, Hold Our Hands* (Westminster John Knox, 2003). Caroline has been ordained for 40 years and has served a multicultural church for over 28 years.



**Rev. Connie Lee** is currently serving as the Associate Pastor for Community Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. She served as the minister to the Hillside/First Presbyterian Partnership Ministry for over ten years. The unique ministry focused on bringing members of both Hillside Presbyterian and First Presbyterian of Atlanta together in community and international mission efforts. Connie and her family moved to the Atlanta area from Gainesville, Florida. She graduated from Bethune Cookman College where she majored in religion and philosophy. She earned a Masters of Divinity at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Connie was a recipient of a PCUSA multicultural grant while doing her internship at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta (FPC). Connie has served as the Southeast Region Racial Ethnic Representative for the National Association of Presbyterian Clergywomen (NAPC). She served as a representative at the 211th General Assembly. She is a facilitator for the Presbyterian Women's Becoming the Beloved Community workshops. She has served on various Presbytery Committees. She enjoys spending time reading, traveling and relaxing with family.



**Rev. Dr. Gun Ho Lee** served the PMN board (2005-2008), and has since served on the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. Gun Ho also has been serving as Organizing Pastor of Korean Presbyterian Fellowship of Greenville and as Associate for Multicultural Ministries of the Presbytery of New Hope since 2003. A native of South Korea, he came to the US for advanced study in the history of the ecumenical movement. He holds a Ph.D. in mission and ecumenism from Union Presbyterian Seminary, specializing in the history of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Lee is particularly interested in articulating the nature and functions of the church in a religiously plural world from the perspective of God's mission and developing partnership in God's mission among congregations of different cultural backgrounds.



**Rev. Dr. Sharon Mook** serves as Moderator of the Board. Having served inner-city, urban, and suburban churches, on seminary faculty, and in hospital, prison, and retirement center settings, her life, worldview, and approach to ministry have been formed, and re-formed, in ongoing dialogue with a diversity of persons, cultures, contexts, and theologies. Her education includes a B.S. in health/physical education (Slippery Rock); the M. Div. (Princeton); D. Min. (Perkins, SMU); and Ph.D. (Luther in Minnesota). Understanding that transformation emerges from genuine relationship, Sharon believes that God is calling the North American church to a deep-level transformation that will be ushered in by intercultural relationships and intentional intercultural community—where persons from widely diverse national, cultural, racial, and social locations will live and serve together in ways defined by truth, justice, mutuality, and sharing of power.



**Rev. Nibs Stroupe** serves as the Treasurer for the board. Since 1983, Rev Stroupe had been the co-pastor of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, Decatur GA. "We have listened to one another's stories here, and we have discovered that the people we feared, those monsters we thought would destroy us - because of different skin colors, different genders, different sexual orientations, different economic categories - they are really our sisters and brothers, the folks for whom our hearts long."



**Rev. Laurel Underwood** has been in ministry serving a wide variety of churches for 20 years as a solo pastor, co-pastor, interim or stated supply pastor. She is a gifted pianist and singer who has extensive experience as a professional accompanist and choral director. She strives to always be open to transformation into a new creation, and to encourage the churches and people to perceive change as an opportunity to embrace God's new thing (Isa 43:19). She is excited by unfolding possibilities inherent in new eras in congregational life, alternate worship experiences, multicultural fellowship, and creative outreach to the unchurched. Her specialties are Multicultural ministry, New Church Development, Post-modern Christianity, and Worship.



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