



# Presbytery of Yukon

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## Prayer Requests



Pray for  
Commissioned Pastor  
Virgie Kasak, and her  
family members. She  
and five other family  
members were in a  
serious car accident  
Thursday night.  
Virgie, her daughter-  
in-law and one  
grandson remain  
hospitalized with  
serious injuries.

The family and  
friends of Rev. Mary  
Ann Warden in her  
passing.

## Praying Psalm 10, by Rev. Curt Karns

I am meditating on Psalm 10 these days. For over two weeks the nation, and the world, have been filled with demonstrators of mostly young people, young people of all races, insisting on justice for people of color. The airwaves are filled with descriptions of implicit and systemic racism, and the world is calling for meaningful change right now. That is why I have been meditating on Psalm 10.

Psalm 10 cries out from the perspective of people, who are oppressed by others.

"Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?  
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?  
In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor-" vv. 1-2a

Speaking of the oppressors, the Psalmist cries out about the privilege the oppressors enjoy:

"Their ways prosper at all times;  
your judgments are on high, out of their sight;  
as for their foes, they scoff at them.  
They think in their heart, "We shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations we shall not meet adversity." vv.5-6

The Psalm ends with a statement of absolute faith in God's compassion and justice:

"O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek;  
you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear  
to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,  
so that those from earth may strike terror no more." vv. 17-28

God does, indeed, hear, and when the Holy Spirit moves, and we see it in the way people respond. Alaskans have also been out in the streets over the past two weeks. KTVA reported that more than a dozen Alaskan towns saw Black Lives Matter protests. Photos in this article were from the Palmer protest on June 6.

The question, now, is what will happen next. Politicians see the importance of this moment and are jockeying for position. People of faith need to recognize the importance of this moment, too. "Beyond Protest, how can You and Your Church Bring Change?"

## Stay Connected



asks the Presbyterian Mission Agency in a recent article. This is a good question for all of us.

In Alaska, we recognize the plight of all people of color, including Alaska Natives. Giving only one example, in Alaska data published by the 2010 US Census reveal that 38% of incarcerated people are American Indian or Alaskan Native while only 15% of the total population is. The same measure for African Americans shows that in Alaska, Black people constituted 4% of state residents, but 10% of the incarcerated population. What's more, since 1978, the total jail population in Alaska has increased 1,286%. Alaska's population increased only 80% in the same period. Our justice system needs an overhaul.

Beyond protest how can you and your church bring change? The Presbyterian Mission Agency asks us to seek out good people and ask them to get involved-believing some will not see their possibilities unless asked. And...maybe we need to ask ourselves what it is that we can do:

- Who will take effort to include a diversity of people in their friendship groups, listening to multiple perspectives that risk exposing our own prejudices to change?
- Who will feel the pain that has birthed this movement, and will lament our own sinful generation?
- Who will get involved in the politics of advocating for meaningful new policy, and writing meaningful legislation to get it done?
- Who will let the Lord inspire them to participate in the movement of the Spirit, now?

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## **Alternative Worship Options**

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ONLINE WORSHIP  
OPTIONS AND RESOURCES, PLEASE  
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.PBYUKON.ORG/ALT\\_WORSHIP](http://WWW.PBYUKON.ORG/ALT_WORSHIP)**

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## **A List of PCUSA Racism Resources**

As our communities, and our churches embrace this as a time for addressing race and racism in American society, we provide this list of PCUSA resources available on the web. We hope this makes finding information easier. [Click here to view the List of PCUSA Resources.](#)

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## **Online Music Conference**



*Join us online this summer!*

- *Live Worship and Interactive Worship Reflections*
- *Masterclasses and programs with choral and handbell clinicians*
- *"Montreat Moments" throughout the day - even ice cream at The Huck!*
- *Daily Concerts, including the Organ Recital and Hymn Festival*
- *Save money on travel, lodging, and even the registration rate!*

*Join us from every time and place for our online conference!*

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## Mark Your Calendars

### Ongoing

### Wednesday Night Prayer Service

At 7:30pm

By video: <https://zoom.us/j/7959606340>

By conference call: 907-276-1095

**October 9-10,  
2020**

### Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location: TBD

Presbytery of Yukon - 616 W. 10th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99577 - 907-276-0914

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