

LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 17

AN EVENING WITH
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TO BENEFIT
CAMP OLMSTED




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THE DREAM**
LIVING KINGS LEGACY
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**GLOBAL
CITIZEN**

**HOMECOMING
WEEKEND**

September 23-24



**DEMAND HEALTHCARE
FOR ALL!**



SEPTEMBER 6
in WASHINGTON D.C.

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THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Riverside to Host Exciting Major Events this Month



Global Light of Peace 2017*

Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 a.m. in South Hall
& Event livestream available at [Facebook.com/glop2017us.s](https://www.facebook.com/glop2017us.s)

The Middle Way Meditation Institute (MMI) is organizing and conducting an inner peace meditation known as the Global Light of Peace for 2017. The highlight of the event is a 30-minute online guided meditation session. MMI's goal is to connect one million people from six continents around the world to meditate simultaneously for world peace. And we're going lit the lights of peace together worldwide. Suggested donation of \$20. Free exclusive light ball and t-shirt provided.



AN EVENING WITH
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An Evening with Hillary Clinton to Benefit Camp Olmsted

Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nave

Hear from former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as she discusses in person her faith and the recent election with Rev. Dr. Bill Shillady. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Camp Olmsted. General Admission tickets are \$75 and include a copy of *Strong for a Moment Like This: The Daily Devotions of Hillary Rodham Clinton*, featuring devotions written by Pastor Amy and Rev. Kevin Wright. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://aneveningwithhillary.eventbrite.com>.



Global Citizen's Breaking the Silence: Beyond the Dream*

Sunday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the Nave

Global Citizen and The Riverside Church will join together for a dynamic afternoon of performances and speakers commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Beyond Vietnam" speech. Breaking the Silence: Beyond the Dream will be an intergenerational, interfaith program that calls on people from all walks of life to RISE UP and speak out on the injustices facing the world.

Participants include: Rev. Al Sharpton, Forest Whitaker, The Howard University Gospel Choir, Sir the Baptist, The String Orchestra of Brooklyn, Dr. Chelsea Jackson Roberts, and more.

Free. Sign up at <http://www.beyondthedream50.org/events/breaking-the-silence>.

*These events are part of Riverside's year-long Beyond the Dream initiative, designed to provide a year of education and action to call us toward a more just and peaceful society. Learn more at www.beyondthedream50.org.



Mark Your Calendars! Homecoming Weekend is September 23-24

The Riverside Church is gearing up for Homecoming Weekend!

3rd Annual All-Church Picnic on Saturday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Sakura Park

You're invited to the annual all-church picnic on Saturday, September 23 in Sakura Park. Main dishes and other essentials will be provided, but we need your help to make the picnic a success! Sign up to volunteer, or to bring a side dish or dessert, at <https://2017trcpicnic.eventbrite.com> or contact Yas Hickson at yhickson@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6856.

Homecoming & Festival of Lay Ministries on September 24

The Riverside Church is gearing up for Homecoming this year on Sunday, September 24. The annual Festival of Lay Ministries happens again in South Hall after worship.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

An intimate gathering for meditation, Scripture, homily, discussion, and communion.

9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Open Meditation • 4th Floor MLK

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby immediately after worship. Lunch is available for purchase.

12:30 p.m. Korean Mission Service • Chapel of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

In the Theatre of the Oppressed, "spectator" is a bad word. Be a spectator who acts (spect-actor) and become fluent in the human language of theatre. Contact Jeremiah Kyle Drake at theatreoftheoppressedtrc@gmail.com.

1:30 p.m. B & Ps Women's Club • 9T

2:00 p.m. Korean Mission Fellowship • 411 MLK

3:00 p.m. Chinese Christian Service • Chapel of the Cross

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | LABOR DAY

The Riverside Church will be closed in observation of Labor Day.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 a.m. Global Light Of Peace 2017 • South Hall & Live on www.facebook.com/glop2017us

6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation • 13T

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel

All are welcome to join us for a brief reading with discussion, followed by a 20-minute silent meditation.

7:00 p.m. Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

An informal celebration of praise, Scripture, and prayer.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

7:30 p.m. An Evening with Hillary Clinton to Benefit Camp Olmsted • Nave

Hear from former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as she discusses in person her faith and the recent election with Rev. Dr. Bill Shillady. Purchase tickets at <https://aneveningwithhillary.eventbrite.com>.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 a.m. Sojourners Trip to Elizabeth Detention Center • Meet at Claremont Entrance

11:00 a.m. Book Club • 20T

12:00 p.m. Beloved Earth Community • Multipurpose Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

An intimate gathering for meditation, Scripture, homily, discussion, and communion.

9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Open Meditation • 4th Floor MLK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 CONTINUED

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Dr. Amy Butler, preaching • Nave

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby immediately after worship. Lunch is available for purchase.

12:30 p.m. Grateful Living Series: A Web of Gratitude: Exploring Christian Stewardship • 10T

Farley Lord and Rev. Dustin Pickett kick-off the Grateful Living Series with this workshop to help illuminate the ways that our lives are connected to the various tenets of Christian Stewardship, using a creative and interactive activity.

Korean Mission Service • Chapel of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Maranatha Business Meeting • 411 MLK

Morningside Retirement and Health Services Celebrate 50th Year of Service • 9T

African Fellowship Group • 20T

Theatre of the Oppressed Uptown • 13T

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2:00 p.m. Korean Mission Fellowship • 411 MLK

3:00 p.m. Chinese Christian Service • Chapel of the Cross

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | PATRIOT DAY

10:00 a.m. Art of Movement • 411 MLK

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous • 7C

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

6:45 p.m. Mindful Meditation • 13T

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous • 7C

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer • Meditation Chapel

All are welcome to join us for a brief reading with discussion, followed by a 20-minute silent meditation.

7:00 p.m. Space for Grace • Assembly Hall

An informal celebration of praise, Scripture, and prayer.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Tower League Day

12:00 p.m. Bible Study with Dr. Hsien-yu Wang • 9T-Library

1:00 p.m. Welcome Back Gathering • 9T-Library

A casual gathering for fellowship, lunch, the celebration of August and September birthdays, and the kick off of our focus on health and well-being with fresh fruit smoothies.

6:00 p.m. Weeknight Prayer • Meditation Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. Morning Light • Christ Chapel

An intimate gathering for meditation, Scripture, homily, discussion, and communion.

9:30 a.m. Open Bible Study • 430 MLK

Open Meditation • 4th Floor MLK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 CONTINUED

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with Rev. Michael Livingston, preaching • Nave

Plan on arriving early - The Howard University Gospel Choir will be singing during the prelude.

Join us for Coffee Hour in South Hall Lobby immediately after worship. Lunch is available for purchase. We will bid Rev. Kevin and Dr. Marci Vandiver a fond farewell as Kevin leaves to assume a new position as senior minister of a Lutheran church in Harlem. Please feel free to bring notes that express your appreciation for all that Rev. Vandiver has done for our congregation.

12:30 p.m. Korean Mission Service • Chapel of the Cross

1:00 p.m. Congregational Finance 101 Presentation • 411 MLK

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1:30 p.m. Latino Ministry • 430 MLK

2:00 p.m. Breaking the Silence: Beyond the Dream • Nave

Join us for an afternoon of dynamic performances and key speakers commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. King's Beyond Vietnam speech. Free. Sign up at <https://globalcitizenbreakingthesilence.eventbrite.com>.

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3:00 p.m. Chinese Christian Service • Chapel of the Cross

Upcoming News/Events Highlights

Riverside's Mission and Social Justice Ministries Sponsor Live Justice Now

"Justice is really love in calculation. Justice is love correcting that which revolts against love." --Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Live Justice Now is a monthly initiative of The Riverside Church's Mission and Social Justice ministries. Each month we will suggest actions that both respond to current events and challenges of our day, and advocate for greater justice for communities most vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Visit www.trcnyc.org/livejusticenow for all the details.

Our nation and world are experiencing a great need for truth, justice, and compassion. In response, Riverside is committed to providing faithful Christian witness and action. Please join us as we put our faith to work and follow the words of the prophet who told us what God requires: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). For more information, contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6909.

September Actions:

- **Demand Healthcare for All on September 6 in Washington D.C.:** Join fellow Riversiders, Housing Works, and the Center for Popular Democracy in helping preserve and protect the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medicaid, and supporting Universal Health Care by making your voice heard when the Senate returns from vacation. Learn more and sign up to attend the protest at bit.ly/HealthCareDCSept6 or contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6909.
- **Hurricane Harvey Clean Up Kits:** We're partnering with the United Church of Christ and Church World Service to provide cleanup kits for survivors of Hurricane Harvey. These kits will be given to families and communities in need as they seek to rebuild in the aftermath of the hurricane. Donations can be dropped off in South Hall during Coffee Hour or at the security desk throughout the week. Each kit needs:
 - Five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (used buckets must be clean and not have held chemicals of any kind.)
 - Four scouring pads
 - Seven sponges, including one large
 - One scrub brush
 - Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
 - One package of 48-50 clothespins
 - Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
 - One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
 - One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
 - One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
 - Five dust masks
 - Two pairs non surgical latex gloves
 - One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
 - 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
 - One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent



For monetary donations, give online now at donate.trcnyc.org and type "Hurricane Harvey" as the donation's designation. You can place a check or envelope in the offering plate, noting "Hurricane Harvey" on the donation. For more information, contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org.

The Grateful Living Series Starts Kicks Off September 10 at 12:30 p.m. in 10T

This interactive learning experience is designed to deepen the congregation's understanding of the tenets of Christian Stewardship and the five seeds of gratitude. Beginning in September and ending in December, this interactive journey will include book discussions, financial planning seminars, service opportunities, and moments of fellowship.

Visit www.trcnyc.org/gratefullivingseries for full details and event listings.

- **A Web of Gratitude: Exploring Christian Stewardship:** Farley Lord and Rev. Dustin Pickett will lead a workshop to kick-off the Grateful Living Series. This hour-long workshop will help illuminate the ways that our lives are connected to the various tenets of Christian Stewardship, using a creative and interactive activity.

Next Quarterly Grateful Gatherings is October 29 After Worship in South Hall

It's time to party! Join us after worship in South Hall as we showcase the impact of your giving and serving at The Riverside Church during Riverside's quarterly Grateful Gatherings. The theme of Riverside's year-long giving and serving campaign is "Grateful," because we're all grateful for the love, community, and prophetic ministry of our church. Come enjoy music, food, and games for the entire family and see for yourself what gratitude-infused giving and serving can do! For more information, contact Stewardship and Development at stewardship@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6782.

Morningside Retirement and Health Services Celebrate 50th Year of Service on September 10 in 9T

At 1:00 p.m. in 9T, Morningside Retirement and Health Services (MRHS), a longtime Riverside Church community partner, is celebrating their 50th year of service with a special luncheon. To attend, please sign up by September 1 by contacting MRHS at 212.666.4000. Suggested donation is \$25.

Maranatha Business Meeting on September 10 in 411 MLK

At 1:00 p.m., join Maranatha for a meeting to elect officers. Light refreshments will be served. All who have participated actively in Maranatha over the past few years – including our recent newcomers – are invited to attend and are eligible to vote. Nominations and self-nominations to run for office will be accepted.

Farewell gathering for Rev. Kevin and Dr. Marci Vandiver on September 17 after Worship in South Hall

Join us on September 17 in South Hall following the worship service as we bid Rev. Kevin and Dr. Marci Vandiver a fond farewell as Kevin leaves to assume a new position as senior minister of a Lutheran church in Harlem. Please feel free to bring notes that express your appreciation for all that Rev. Vandiver has done for our congregation.

Congregational Finance 101: Concepts for Understanding Church Financial Documents on September 17 in 411 MLK

At 1:00 p.m., the Men's Class and the Budget & Planning Committee invite you to a presentation by Rev. Karen McArthur, Minister of Stewardship and Finance at First Church UCC in Cambridge, MA and founder of Congregational Finance LLC. As we enter the 2018 budget-building process, learn about building a budget that reflects the congregation's mission and intent, restricted versus unrestricted funds, and monitoring year-to-date spending. For more information, contact dconover@trcnyc.org.

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3rd Annual All-Church Picnic on Saturday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Sakura Park

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Homecoming & Festival of Lay Ministries on September 24

The Riverside Church is gearing up for Homecoming this year on Sunday, September 24. The annual Festival of Lay Ministries happens again in South Hall after worship.

Tower League Trip to African Burial Ground National Monument on September 28

From about the 1690s until 1794, both free and enslaved Africans were buried in a 6.6-acre burial ground in Lower Manhattan, outside the boundaries of the settlement of New Amsterdam, later known as New York. Lost to history due to landfill and development, the grounds were rediscovered in 1991 as a consequence of the planned construction of a Federal office building. Join us for a guided tour of this sacred space, preceded by lunch in 9T at 11:00 a.m. Suggested donation: \$20. Sign up by September 21 by contacting Rev. Lynn Harper at lharper@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6753.

Riverside's Harvesting Health and Wellness Fair on October 1

Join us from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall and Cloister Lounge for our Harvesting Health and Wellness Fair. Learn about the myriad of health and wellness services and resources within Riverside, the neighborhood, and the city. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event, as we cultivate health and wellness in mind, body, and spirit.

- **Free Breast Cancer Screening from 2:00-4:30 p.m.:** As part of the Harvesting Health and Wellness Fair, a mobile care clinic will provide mammograms and clinical breast exams at no cost for women 40+ who currently live in NYC and have not received a mammogram in the past 12 months. No co-pays required, deductibles are waived, and uninsured patients are welcomed. Contact Daniel Conover at dconover@trcnyc.org or 212.870.6909 to schedule an appointment.

New York City CROP Walk on October 15

Join Team Riverside after church to raise money for work to fight hunger and poverty locally, nationally and internationally - including Riverside's food pantry - by walking in the 2017 New York City CROP Hunger Walk, sponsored by Church World Service. Get involved by signing up to walk (route TBA - about 2 miles), recruiting friends and family to "sponsor" you, get a group together, or sponsor a walker. Additional details coming soon. For more information, contact dconover@trcnyc.org.

Riverside Hawks Annual Hope & Hoops Gala on October 19 in South Hall

Make plans to attend or support the annual Riverside Hawks Hope & Hoops Annual Gala. You are invited to become a sponsor or make a donation by calling 212.870.6811.

6:30 p.m.: Cocktails and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m.: Dinner, Program, and Live Auction

Education Ministry & Faith Formation News/Events

Sign Up for a Fall Small Group Class

We all have questions about life, faith, and our role in the world. Come explore them in a safe and caring environment where hard questions are welcome. Our Faith Formation classes offer a variety of group experiences that will allow you to study Scripture, engage in theological reflection, and deepen your faith. Sign up at www.trcnyc.org/smallgroups.

From Dream to Reality: A Radical Study of the Book of Acts

Prof. Monique J. Fortune | Sundays 9/24-12/17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Meditation Chapel

Struggling Against Domination and Violence: Walter Wink's The Powers That Be

Rev. Dr. Alan Bentz-Letts | Sundays 9/24-12/3 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | 316 MLK

Exploring 'The 7 Deadly Sins' in Today's World & in Short Stories

Prof. Luvon Roberson | Sundays 9/24-12/10 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | 318 MLK

Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith

Dr. Ronald Lonesome | Sundays 11/5-12/17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | 320 MLK

The Color of Whiteness: Engaging White Privilege and Identity in Faith and Society

Rev. J.C. Austin | Thursdays 10/26-11/16 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | 330 MLK | Sign up on trcnyc.eventbrite.com.

Women of the Bible

Eldonia Goode | Sundays 10/1-11/5 | 1:00-2:30 p.m. | 316 MLK

An Introduction to Biblical Language (first two sessions) | Absolute Beginner's Biblical Hebrew (begins 10/1)

Laura Harris | Sundays 9/17-12/17 | 9:30-10:30 a.m. | 314 MLK

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Laura Harris | Wednesdays 9/20-12/6 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | 314 MLK

Advanced Biblical Hebrew

Laura Harris | Sundays 9/24-12/17 | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | 314 MLK

Young Adults Debunk'd Bible Study - Every Third Thursday Evening in 425 MLK

Join Riverside's Young Adults for Debunk'd Bible Study, taking biblical texts and pairing them with current event articles to theologically assess the times and shifting world views. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rev. Kevin Vandiver at kvandiver@trcnyc.org.

New Junior Usher Ministry

Our youth have been invited to serve as Greeters and Junior Ushers in Nave services! If you would be interested in having your child serve as an usher, contact Rev. Kevin Vandiver at kvandiver@trcnyc.org. Along with Acolyte duties, Confirmants will also serve as ushers as a part of their integration into worship and service to and with the Riverside community.

Parent Committee News & Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in serving in a worship-leading capacity with our children? Do you have musical gifts or storytelling gifts, or some other worshipful offering that you might use in a family worship service? Contact Amanda Meisenheimer at mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org with your ideas.

English Conversation Partners Program

Riverside Church's English Conversation Partners Program continues its volunteer global ministry to graduate students new to the city. One-to-one tutor/student conversations are to be seen meeting throughout the church daily. International students should visit the ECPP table during coffee hour after worship to learn about the program, which connects students with tutors for weekly conversations. Contact ECPP at englishconversation4@gmail.com.

Riverside Freedom School

Follow and Support Riverside Freedom School:

Riverside Freedom School on Facebook: www.facebook.com/RiversideFreedomSchool | Twitter: @RiversideFS

Sunday Children & Families Church School Information

Families are invited to join us for Riverside Family Worship on Sunday, September 17 at 10:45 am in Christ Chapel. Riverside Kids Worship will resume on Homecoming, Sunday, September 24 in Chapel of the Cross.

Listen or Subscribe to Riverside Podcasts

We are pleased to offer a variety of great podcasts. Listen or subscribe today via Spreaker, iTunes, or RSS:

Weekly Sermons

Sermons from the pulpit of The Riverside Church.

Spreaker: www.spreaker.com/show/the-riverside-church-sermons | iTunes: <http://apple.co/2thaOja>

Welcome to Riverside

The Church is not a building, the Church is the people.

Spreaker: www.spreaker.com/show/welcome-to-riverside | iTunes: <http://apple.co/2uqzKDr>

Subway Liturgy

Produced by the Education Ministry, Subway Liturgy seeks to find the sacred in every story.

Spreaker: www.spreaker.com/show/subway-liturgy | iTunes: <http://apple.co/2thbFAi>

Follow Subway Liturgy on Twitter: [@SubwayLiturgy](https://twitter.com/SubwayLiturgy)

Strengthen Your Connection to Riverside

Listen to the Previous Week's Worship Service on 106.7 Lite-FM

Enjoy the previous Sunday's Worship service on 106.7 Lite-FM at 5:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Watch or Listen to the Sunday Worship Service Live or Anytime Online

Watch or listen to each Sunday's Worship service live or on demand at www.trcnyc.org/digitaldiscipleship.

Sign Up for the Weekly Riverside Email Newsletter

If you would like to receive the weekly eNewsletter from The Riverside Church, visit www.trcnyc.org to sign up.

Purchase Tickets or RSVP to Events Online Using Riverside's Official Eventbrite

Riverside hosts many great events and performances throughout the year. Visit trcnyc.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets.

Consider Having Your Wedding at The Riverside Church

Looking for the perfect venue for your wedding and reception? Call the Weddings Office at 212.870.6762 for details.

NEW: Recognize a Riverside Employee or Staff Member Doing Great Work

Observe great work? Recognize it by filling out a card in the Welcome Center or visiting <http://tinyurl.com/trcstaffrecognition>.

Riverside Recycles

Riverside Recycles, a joint initiative of the Building Committee, Riverside Youth, and Beloved Earth Community, is our new recycling initiative. Look for new recycling bins around the church. Recycling is already in place for church operations and staff offices - now congregants can do our part!

Ordination at Riverside

Riverside is graced with many people who feel called to ordained ministry. As you think about whether you are among them, below are some basics to begin with:

- You have been a member of Riverside for at least one year, and active in its programs, pledging, and worship.
- You have received or are studying for an M.Div. degree from an accredited seminary.
- You are clear about the denomination in which you wish to serve – whether the American Baptist Churches or the United Church of Christ – and why you need ordination to pursue this service.
- You live within commuting distance of Riverside, are in good health, and can concentrate on developing the professional skills and spiritual maturity necessary for ordained ministry.
- If in your discernment you feel ready to take the next step, start the process by picking up a data sheet and outline called “Coming into Care at Riverside” from the Senior Minister’s office.

Remember Your Loved Ones by Giving to the Flower Fund

With your donation of \$150 to the Flower Fund, Riverside Florist Ms. Vera Smith-Holzman and the Flower Guild will create beautiful floral arrangements for the Chancel. Contact Vera at 212.870.6817.

- **Give & Submit Your Message Online:** Ensure your honoree names and messages are included in the bulletin. Submit your honoree messages for bulletin publication at <http://tinyurl.com/trcflowers>.
- You can also send your contribution and honoree message to: Stewardship, The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. The memo line on your check MUST indicate “Flower Fund” for proper processing.

Donation & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW: Open Hands Volunteer Portal

Experience the vibrant work of Riverside by signing up for volunteer opportunities at <https://apps.trcnyc.org/volunteer>.

Bring Your Food Pantry Donations to Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays

One in five New Yorkers lives in a home that is food insecure. At the same time, over the last few years, a number of pantries have been forced to close their doors, and while we have managed to serve the increased number of guests visiting our pantry, the strain has been tremendous. Food collections are taken every Sunday at Worship, and Wednesday at Space for Grace. Please bring food items and cash donations to support the Food Pantry.

SELECT COMMISSION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Below are the typical meeting dates, times, and locations for select Commissions/Committees. Always contact the Commission/Committee in advance to confirm meeting dates, times, and room locations, especially for meetings that fall on holidays and during the summer. All dates, times, and locations are subject to change without notice.

Audit Committee Quarterly at Call of Chair • TBD	Budget & Planning Committee 3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T	Building Committee 1st Tues at 7:00 p.m. • 20T
Church Council 4th Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 20T	Executive Committee 3rd Mon at 5:30 p.m. • Conference Call	Membership & Parish Life Comm. 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 427 MLK
Education Commission 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • 411 MLK	Nominating Committee 2nd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 20T	Ordination Committee 3rd Tues at 6:45 p.m. • Multipurpose
Mission & Social Justice Comm. 2nd Mon at 6:30 p.m. • Multipurpose	Sharing Fund Committee 1st Mon at 6:30 p.m. • Multipurpose	Social Services Committee 1st Sun at 1:00 p.m. • 503T
Personnel & Salary Committee 1st Mon at 6:00 p.m. • 240 MLK	Stewardship Committee 3rd Tues at 6:30 p.m. • 427 MLK	Worship Commission 2nd Mon at 6:45 p.m. • 420 MLK

Other Regular Meetings at Riverside

Riverside Korean Mission Meets Every Sunday in Chapel of the Cross

Meets every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Chapel of the Cross on 3rd floor MLK. Sunday Fellowship follows in 419 MLK at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Contact: Rev. Choi at kahfceo@gmail.com.

Tower League Meetings will Resume on Thursday, September 14 in 9T / 9T-Library

A supportive, caring community of older adults, the Tower League offers programs that enrich body, mind, and spirit. All are welcome. Contact: Rev. Lynn Harper at lharper@trcnyc.org.

African Fellowship Group Meets 2nd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 20T

Beloved Earth Community Meets 1st Saturday of the Month at 12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room

Riverside Black Lives Matter Planning Committee

Meets as needed. Contact: Ruby Sprott at rubysprott@gmail.com for more information and meeting schedule. All are welcome.

The Book Club Meets 2nd Saturday of the Month, September-June at 11:00 a.m. in 20T

The group engages in lively and critical discussion of a selected book together. All are welcome.

Business and Professional Women's Club Meets 1st Sunday of the Month, September-June at 1:30 p.m. in 240 MLK

Meets the first Sunday of each month, Sept.-June, at 1:30 p.m. in 240 MLK. Contact: Linda D. Lewis at ldlewis747@aol.com.

Men's Class Meets 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 411 MLK

Poetry Group Meets 4th Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. in 423 MLK

Riverside's Sojourners Detention Visitation Program Visits Elizabeth, NJ Detention Center on Saturdays Twice Monthly

Sojourners recruits, trains, and mentors volunteers and transports visitors two Saturdays a month to bring hope and encouragement to asylum seekers and other noncriminal non-citizens. Carpools are available from Riverside and from near Port Authority. Contact frances.connell@gmail.com. Upcoming dates: September 9 & 23.

Tai Chi Class Meets Every Monday at 4:00 p.m., September-Mid-July in Childcare Room off Cloister Lobby

All are welcome. Contact: sacumason@gmail.com or 201.871.8633.

Matthew 5:4 Grief Support Group

This grief support group is for men/women who have suffered the loss of a spouse. Contact: Rev. Debra Northern at dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

By-Laws Subcommittee Seeks Input

The Church Council recently appointed a By-Laws Subcommittee to review and make recommendations on Riverside's current by-laws. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one of the subcommittee's members (Jacqueline Hopkins, Barbara Mellor, Frank Nelson, Rick O'Keefe, or George Walker) or email bylawscom@trcnyc.org.

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What People Are Saying About Riverside!

@Nelag628

Lovely to hear @BernieSanders speak at my home @RiversideNYC, appreciate the shoutout in the dedication! Next edition include #transphobia?

@GuthrieGF

Bernie Sanders is bringing at @RiversideNYC tonight in recalling MLK's transformative speech at Riverside on Vietnam.

@itsmeglinehan

"Use your position, power, and privilege for good." @TsThames at @RiversideNYC on rebellious resistance

@oh_rarl

"Do the right thing, at the right time. Rebel and Resist!" @TsThames at @RiversideNYC

@CDFNewYork

Thankful for all who've supported @ChildDefender #FreedomSchools this summer! @RiversideNYC hosted a great closing ceremony & we loved it!

Alert Compassionate Care

Do you know of someone who can't make it to church due to illness, surgery, crisis, or other challenge? Have you noticed someone missing from their regular seat in the pew? Have a prayer request?

If you think that one of our brothers or sisters might be in need of compassionate care, or if you have a personal prayer request, please take a moment to let us know. If you know something, say something. Contact the Office of Parish Care [212.870.6741](tel:212.870.6741) or email dnorthern@trcnyc.org.

Clergy On Call

Pastoral Care is pleased to offer Clergy on Call when there is a life event or crisis which creates a need for pastoral care outside of regular office hours. Congregants may reach Clergy on Call by calling [212.870.6712](tel:212.870.6712), and a member of the clergy will respond as soon as possible.

Clergy On Call is specifically designated for Riverside members who are experiencing an emergency such as illness, death, accident, or hospitalization as well as those who urgently require prayer.

Please be aware that financial assistance and other social service-related calls will not be responded to by Clergy on Call.

For pastoral needs during business hours, contact the Parish Care Office at [212.870.6909](tel:212.870.6909).

Receive Congregational Care Info by Email

Subscribe to email updates on prayer requests, illnesses, and memorial services at <http://tinyurl.com/trccareupdates>.

Questions? Comments?

Contact Riverside Communications

Have questions about Riverside events? Does your ministry or group have news to share? Send your questions, comments, or news to communications@trcnyc.org.

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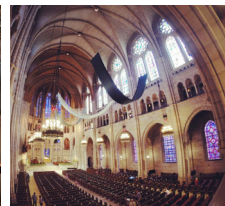
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What People Are Sharing About Riverside!



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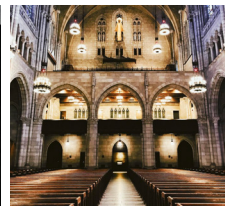
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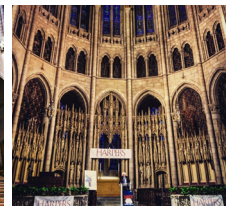
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