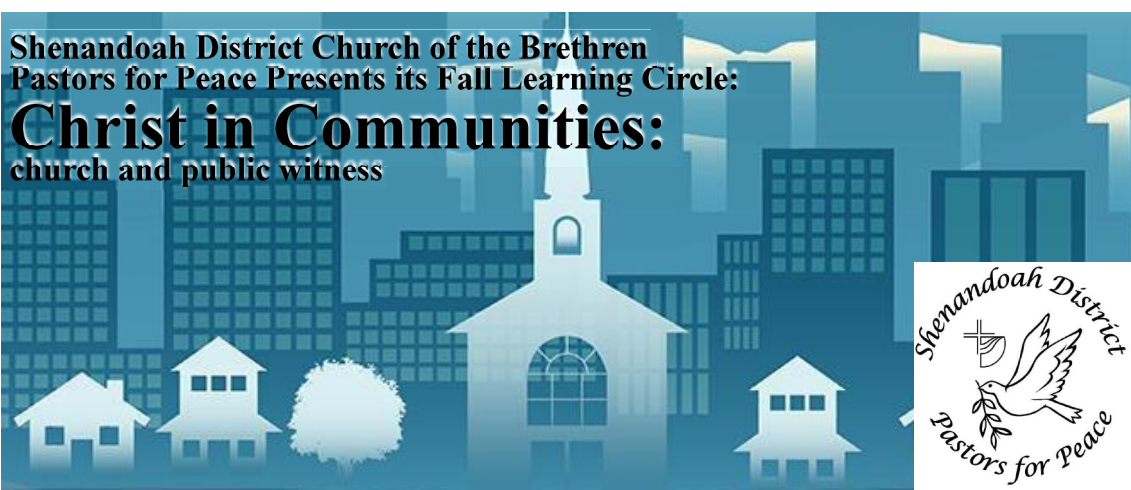


Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren  
Pastors for Peace Presents its Fall Learning Circle:

# Christ in Communities:

church and public witness



**leadership:** Nathan and Jennifer Hosler

**location:** Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center

4896 Armentrout Path, Keezletown, VA 22832

**date:** Saturday, November 19, 2016

**time:** 8:45 am - 3 pm

**cost:** \$25 (lunch included)

**CEUs:** .5 CEU for pastors/personal leadership growth

What does it mean for a congregation to be a site of public witness? What does it mean to follow in Jesus' way in our communities? Using tools of theological ethics and community psychology, we will read biblical texts and consider how congregations can embody mission and be sites of public witness proclaiming the peace of Christ. Such public witness may be carried out by a church's community garden or in other ways that a congregation envisions community engagement.



### Nathan Hosler

Nathan Hosler is a bi-vocational minister at the Washington City Church of the Brethren and the director of the Church of the Brethren's Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC. The office's work is summed up in the tagline "seeking to live the peace of Jesus publicly." Previously he worked with the Peace Programme of Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) and taught peacebuilding practice and theology at Kulp Bible College. He is writing a PhD dissertation in Theological Ethics focusing on peacemaking. Nathan enjoys running, cooking, and fixing their old row home in Washington, DC.

### Jennifer Hosler

Jennifer Hosler is a bi-vocational minister at Washington City Church of the Brethren in Washington, DC and a full time PhD student. Jenn has a background in both biblical/theological studies and community psychology. Her ministry interests include growing urban churches and in building peace by bringing together people of different ethnic and religious backgrounds. She served for over two years in northern Nigeria as a peace and reconciliation worker with the Church of the Brethren's Global Mission and Service, and for almost two years as an interim coordinator of the Brethren Nutrition Program, Washington City Church of the Brethren's lunch program for people in need. Jennifer lives in northeast Washington, DC, with her husband Nathan, and enjoys gardening, bike riding through the city, and running.

### REGISTRATION

Christ in Communities

November 14, 2016 deadline

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

DietaryNeeds: \_\_\_\_\_

CEU Credit Requested? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

CEU's will be administered by the Shen.District and will be given to you at the end of the event.

Number of people on this registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each. Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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