

FREEDOM IN MINISTRY
at the
WARWICK
CONFERENCE CENTER

January 11-13, 2019

PROGRAM THEME:

*"Caring for Those Seeking
Refuge"*

Program Leader:

JJ TenClay, Refugees Ministry
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Missions

Worship Leader:

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Through the years, many have shared with us that the Freedom in Ministry conference is something like a refuge for those who attend. The opportunity to step away for a weekend offers a breath of fresh air, a time of learning, rest, worship, and fellowship with others who carry the burdens of ministry in one shape or another. As a planning team, we are proud of this reputation, but this year those thoughts and the growing violence and suffering in our world opened our minds to a different sort of topic: What does it take to care for those who are seeking refuge? It may be that you have been praying about this ministry possibility in your community or maybe this weekend will provide a kernel for a new ministry or maybe you simply need a bit of refuge for your own soul ... in any case, this year at Freedom in Ministry we're addressing ***"caring for those seeking refuge."***

Our educational program at Freedom in Ministry will be led by JJ TenClay. JJ, along with her husband Tim, spent four years in Italy as missionaries for the Reformed Church in America, where they strived to meet the complex physical, social and spiritual needs of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Italy from Africa and the Middle East. They returned to the United States in July 2018, and JJ is now serving in a newly created role as Refugee Ministries Coordinator for the RCA Global Missions. JJ is thankful to have seen the image of God reflected so diversely in the faces of those to whom and with whom she served abroad, and we invite you to learn from JJ about her experience in ***"caring for those seeking refuge."***

Freedom in Ministry is centered on Worship - with Friday hymn sings and Sunday morning communion. This year our worship leader will be the Rev. Amy Nyland the Executive Minister of the Regional Synod of New York. The weekend will feature Rest and Renewal with Saturday afternoon fire side chats; conversations around dining tables and talent sharing; and Discovery - with an educational component for ministers and their spouses/partners. This is a unique event and a treasured weekend. Come discover Freedom in Ministry.

You will find a registration form to fill out for the weekend. We invite you to return it no later than Friday, December 1st, to reserve your spot. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Rodney Haveman a call at (201) 321-1764. This is a great weekend of learning, renewal, relationship building, worship, singing, talent sharing, and relaxation. Any one of these gifts is a rare treasure in ministry. At Freedom in Ministry, all of them are offered.