

The Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture Committee presents:

Challenging the Church – The Rise of the “Nones”



with

Rodger Nishioka

**Saturday, November 12
10 am – 3 pm**

**Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church,
Charleston, WV**

Cost per person on or before Thursday, October 27 - \$25.

Cost per person after the 27th or at the door - \$30.

Boxed lunches will be available for those who register no later than October 27 at a cost of \$12/lunch; or you may bring lunch with you.

The Pew Forum on Religion and the Public Life reports that as of 2015, the single fastest growing religious group in the United States is the religiously unaffiliated, nicknamed the “Nones” because when asked about which faith group they most identify with, they replied, “none.” Reported to now be one in every five adults, we’re finding out more about this group. Many of them grew up in churches. They do not hate God. In fact, many of them self identify as “spiritual.” A majority of them believe in God. So why do they not identify with us? In this conversation, participants will gain a greater understanding of who these “nones” are and why they see little need for the Church and what they are seeking in life in general and in faith and belief specifically. The latter part of the conversation will focus on several best practices that a number of congregations of all sizes are doing to reach out to these persons and what these congregations are learning. Congregational leaders will leave with seven specific strategies to apply to their ministry as we seek to be the faithful body of Jesus Christ in these most challenging of days.

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