

Biblical Foundations for Narratives of Hope

A Workshop with The Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

Moderator of the 2024 General Assembly



How might biblical stories in which



is inspired for God's people
lay a foundation for our own stories of
hope and possibility?

This participatory workshop, designed for both clergy and lay leaders, will start by considering tales of hope from the Bible. *How do Hebrew prophets communicate the hope God entrusts to them? How do Jesus' words and actions impart hope? How does the Spirit lead the early church toward hopefulness?* Then we will explore ways to find parallels in these ancient tales of hope for our congregations today. *What do these narratives teach us about hope in the midst of challenging times for the church? How might we take inspiration from our biblical traditions to help discern possibilities for our future? How might our listening to these stories and each other engage our spiritual imagination in the service of our faithfulness and future as God's people?*

This workshop is designed to complement the project undertaken this year by the Assembly Council through its Working Group on Narratives of Hope and Possibility. The Working Group has been tasked to **consider narratives of hope and possibility to help the church imagine, learn and act upon narratives that could lead to renewal, transformation and vitality for congregations, courts and agencies of the church.** However, the task of considering narratives of hope and possibility is not just the responsibility of the Working Group, but rather an encouragement to all of us to participate - thus this workshop.

Join us for this FREE Presbytery Workshop:

- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 703 Heritage Drive SW
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th
- 9:30 – 12:30 pm (Workshop in Trinity Hall)
- 12:30 – 1:00 pm (Lunch in Trinity Hall)

Please register for this event by email: office@standrewscalgary.ca or call: 403.255.0001