

**2018 Congo Mission Network Conference**  
at  
**Simonsdale Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, VA**

**SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES:**  
**Transformative Ministries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

**2018 CMN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday: October 11**

- Noon – 1:30 Registration & Socializing  
1:30 - 2:00 Congo 101 (for those who have never attended a conference): Jeff Boyd  
Current Events Briefing for those who arrive early: Debbie Braaksma & Doug Tilton  
2:00 – 2:45 Opening Worship (Official opening, songs, homily, introduction of speakers)  
2:45 – 3:00 Break  
3:00 – 3:45 **Rev. Tshidinda, Interim General Secretary of the CPC (Keynote Address: *Title Pending*)**  
3:45 – 4:00 Q&A  
4:00 – 4:45 **Rev. Dr. Kabue, Rector of Sheppard & Lapsley Protestant University of the Congo (UPRECO), Vice-President of the ECC in West Kasai, & Pastor of the CPC congregation at IMCK: *The Gospel, Christianity, and Culture***  
4:45 – 5:00 Q&A  
  
5:00 – 5:15 Break  
5:15 – 6:00 Dinner: Cafeteria Style; Encourage Conversation  
6:00 – 6:30 Subgroups' Reports: People are encouraged to attend each of these sessions  
6:00 – 7:00 Advocacy Day Recap: (Each group will have 10-12 minutes to report)  
7:00 – 7:30 Education Report  
7:30 – 8:00 Health Report  
  
8:00 .....Socializing, View Display Tables

**Friday, October 12**

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration, Socializing, Viewing Displays.  
  
9:00 – 9:15 Opening Devotions [*PEVA*]  
9:15 – 10:00 **Rev. Dr. Kabue, Rector of Sheppard & Lapsley Protestant University of the Congo (UPRECO), Vice-President of the ECC in West Kasai, & Pastor of the CPC congregation at IMCK; *Train to Transform***  
10:00 – 10:15 Q&A  
10:15 – 10:30 Break  
10:30 – 11:15 Jeff Boyd for **Rev. Kalonji, General Secretary of the ECC: *The Elections and the Humanitarian Situation as it Relates to the Development of the CPK.*** (Jeff will show a video or will give a verbal presentation of Rev. Kalonji's message as Rev. Kalonji was denied a visa.)  
11:15 – 11:30 Q&A  
11:30 - Noon **Debbie Braaksma: *World Mission Africa Office Update***  
  
Noon – 1:00 Lunch  
  
1:00 – 1:45 Keynote Speaker Rev. Tshidinda [Restoring Peace & Justice in the Kasai Region]  
1:45 – 2:00 Q&A  
2:00 - 2:30 **Jeff Boyd on *Trauma Healing; Vulnerable Children & Women: Emerging issues***  
2:30 – 2:45 Break  
2:45 – 4:15 Education Planning Group  
4:15 – 4:30 Break

4:30 – 5:30 Local Congregational and other Agency Reports\*. **2-3 minutes each (Succinctly sharing the what you did & how you did it. If more time is needed, handouts prepared in advance by the group should be provided on a materials table. Encourage people to talk with you LATER if they want more info.)**

5:30 – 7:00 Dinner & Socializing

## Saturday, October 13

8:30 – 9:00 Registration (for those who can only attend on Saturday), Socializing, Viewing Displays

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Devotions [PEVA]

9:15 – 10:00 **Larry Sthreshley, Ph.D.:** *“The Nexus of Development & Humanitarian Assistance”*

10:00 – 10:15 Q&A

10:15 – 10:45 **Inge Sthreshley:** *“Two Ears of Corn”*

10:45 – 11:00 Q&A

Break 11:00 – 11:15

11:15 – 11:45 **Rev. Tshidinda:** *CPC’s Plans for Women’s and Children’s Ministries (with special emphasis on vulnerable women and children, orphans, etc.)*

11:45 – 12:00 Q&A

12:00 – 1:15 Lunch & Business Meeting  
At 12:30 begin business meeting.

*Put list of officers with position descriptions in the registration packet*

1:15 – 2:00 Panel Discussion on *Challenges & Opportunities the Congolese Presbyterian Churches, Universities, and Health Facilities Face*. **Moderator: Anne Crane. Participants are Rev. Dr. Kabue, Rev. Tshidinda, Dr. Larry Sthreshley, Inge Sthreshley, Jeff Boyd.**

2:00 – 2:15 Q&A

2:15 – 3:30 Working Groups: Planning for coming year. [Groups meet concurrently: Health, Education, Vulnerable Children and Women, & Advocacy; (yes, you must choose)]

3:30 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 4:30 Group summaries – 10 minutes each

4:30 – 5:00 Keynote Speakers- Final Message & 10 min. Q&A

5:00 – 5:30 “ “ “ “

5:30 – 6:00 Worship w/local /Congolese Youth Group

6:00 – 6:15 Break

6:15 – 7:00 Dinner

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Reports will be from:

- Mission Hope: Jimmy Shafe
- Tumekutana Women’s Conference: Jan Sullivan
- Friends of IMCK: Bill Rule