

# **Claim a New Day: Partners in Creating a New Congo**

*Healing the Wounds of War while Laying the Foundation for Peace  
and Empowering Women and Youth for Leadership*

*All meetings in third floor Chapel except where indicated.*

## **Thursday, October 17, 2019:**

- 11:00 - Registration and mingle - Displays and Mission Market open - 2nd floor  
*Lunch on your own at nearby restaurants (recommendations provided)*
- 1:30 **Welcome and Introductions: Overview of Conference Goals**  
Colleen Shannon and Charlotte Rule White
- 2:00 **Congo 101-102 - Jeff Boyd**, Regional Liaison for Central Africa
- 3:00 Break - Refreshments in The Commons, 2nd floor
- 3:15 Return with Singing (Mark Pace, FPC Music Director)
- 3:30 **Getting to Know our Special Guests from Congo** - Charlotte Rule White
- 4:00 **“DRC on the World Stage: Politics and Climate Change”**  
Ryan Smith, PCUSA Ministry at U.N.
- 4:30 **“Congolese Refugees in the U.S.”** Drocella Mugowerewa, Bridge Refugee Services
- 5:00 Screening of **“Congolese,”** a 12 min. film directed by and featuring Congolese refugees including Bikyeombe Kisubi of First Presbyterian Church
- 6:00 Dinner - Catered by Yassin’s Falafel House, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 **Keynote: “Laying the Foundations for Peace in Congo”**  
**Rev. Isaac Kalonji Mukendi**, General Secretary and  
President of Congolese Community of Kinshasa (CPK)
- 8:00 Vespers in Chapel

## Friday, Oct. 18:

- 8:30 Continental breakfast and check-in for any new arrivals
- 9:00 Conveners give brief overview for the day and introduce new arrivals
- 9:15 Devotion - Meredith Loftis
- 9:30 **Keynote: “Empowering Women for Change in Congo”**  
**Elder Monique Misenga Mukuna**, CPK Office of Research & Projects;  
Founder, Woman Cradle of Abundance (FEBA)
- 10:30 Break - Refreshments in The Commons, 2nd floor
- 10:45 **PCUSA World Mission Report: Debbie Braaksma**, Coordinator, Africa Area
- 11:05 **Mission Co-worker Reports:**  
**Jeff Boyd**, Regional Liaison  
**Christi Boyd**, Women & Children Facilitator
- 12:00 Catered lunch and browse displays (Mission Market open)
- 1:00 **Keynote: “Healing the Wounds of War While Strengthening Healthcare in Kasai”**  
**Dr. Serge Makolo Kazadi**, Director, Institute Medical Chretien du Kasai (IMCK)
- 2:00 **Mission Co-worker reports:**  
**Larry Sthreshley** (Public health and Ebola Response)  
**Inge Sthreshley** (MPH, nutrition, gardens & cook stoves)
- 2:40 Break and return to sing
- 3:00 **Ignite presentations** (10 minutes each)  
Friends of IMCK - Bill Rule  
Mission: Hope - Jimmy Shafe  
Congo Helping Hand - Woody Collins  
Build Congo Schools - George Collins
- 4:00 Move to break-out groups: **Health** - James Park Room, 2nd floor  
**Education** - Heritage Room A, 3rd floor    **Advocacy** - Heritage Room B, 3rd floor  
**Women & Children** - Courtyard Room A    **Refugees** - Courtyard Room B, 2nd floor
- 5:20 **Recognition of Dr. John and Gwenda Fletcher** in James Park Room
- 5:30 **Dedication of Rule Collection in Atrium** (Mingle with Rule family members)
- 6:00 Dinner - Catered by Abundant Life Catering (Knoxville Area Rescue Mission)
- 7:00 **PANEL: “Is it a New Day in Congo? How Can You Tell?”**  
Rev. Isaac Kalonji, Elder Monique Misenga, Dr. Serge Makolo,  
Moderator: Anne Crane
- 8:00 Vespers in Chapel
- 8:30 **“City of Joy”** (74 min. film) Panzi Hospital in Eastern Congo, James Park Room

## **Saturday, Oct. 19:**

- 8:30 Continental Breakfast, Check-in for new arrivals
- 9:00 Conveners give brief overview for the day and introduce new arrivals
- 9:15 Devotion - Meredith Loftis
- 9:30 **“U.S. Partners Empowering Women & Youth for Leadership”** (30 min. each)  
**Beth Ann Caspersen, Congo Coffee Project (Equal Exchange)**  
**Nate Houghton, Founder and CEO (Congo Leadership Initiative)**  
**Ayman Nagy, Advocacy Manager (Enough Project)**
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 **Panel: “Laying the Foundations for Peace through Empowering Women and Youth - Ways to Build Effective Partnerships”**  
Pastor Isaac, Maman Monique, Dr. Serge, Beth Ann, Nate and Ayman  
Moderator: Jimmy Shafe
- 12:00 Lunch (Mission Market open)
- 1:00 **Break-out groups** (Add to Friday’s work and refine recommendations to group)
- 2:15 Break (Set-up PowerPoint/PDF reports)
- 2:30 Report back from groups (5 minutes each)
- 3:00 **Response from Congolese leaders and mission co-workers**
- 3:45 Write commitment letters
- 4:00 **Business meeting and planning for 2020**
- 4:30 **Closing worship: Pastor Isaac preaching, Communion**  
(Present commitment letters as part of offering)