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**ABC MINISTERS COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

*To fulfill the gospel mission, the American Baptist Churches Ministers Council of Northern California gathers as an inclusive community of persons in Christian ministry for support, nurture and accountability.*

**ITEMS OF INTEREST  
November 4, 2021**

**November 11 - An In-Person Meeting  
CrossWalk Community Church**



"Come join us in our next face to face meeting on Thursday, November 11, from 10-11:30 am in Napa. Our host will be Rev. Dr. Pete Shaw, pastor of CrossWalk Community Church. For our discussion, please read this [article](#) by David Gushee and be ready to explore these questions:

- Which Jesus are we preaching as we enter Advent?
- How do we deal with the tension between the Jesus according to Jesus and the Jesus we have created to our own liking?
- How do we recognize and address our own limited thinking as well as others?

At the beginning of our discussion, Pete will give an overview of Gushee's book to provide some context.



**Thursday, November 18 at 5pm Pacific  
"A Pilgrim's Perspective: Why We Walked the Way of St. James"  
Led by Rev. Dr. Don and Rev. Lauren Ng**

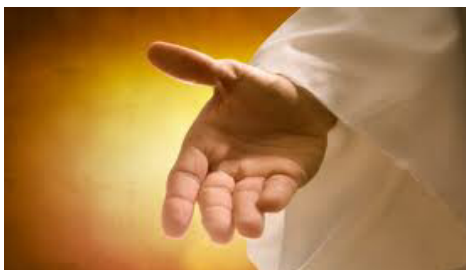
Don Ng said, "Camino" means "the way". While the historic Camino de Santiago takes place in Spain, "caminos" can happen anywhere. You can have a "camino" in your own neighborhood. One of the distinctions of the *Camino de Santiago* is walking for a long time. This is not to tire you out or make it too formidable for many to do it. Rather, going for a long walk enables focused and contemplative thinking which may lead to a re-purposing of our spiritual life.

Since Lauren and I are not only daughter-father, we are blessed with the relationship of being American Baptist ministerial colleagues. Let's say we have much to talk about! In August, we walked the final segment of the Camino Portugues to arrive at the Cathedral Santiago de Compostela. Join us, as we share the value of what a long walk may do in your ministry."



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**December 9 - Zoom Meeting  
MCNC Advent Service**



**Rick Mixon is taking the lead in planning.**  
Advent Dates: Sunday, November 28 thru Friday, December 24

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**January 9 - 11, 2022** (Sunday Evening thru Tuesday 4pm)  
At Redwood Glen Campgrounds – An In-Person Gathering

**2022 Ministers Council of Northern California Annual Retreat**

**Speakers: Don and Lauren Ng**

**Theme: FOSTERING CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER OF STORIES**

We will engage our own stories, those of our colleagues, and the various narratives within~ our local context. Together we will live into the nuances and purpose of building trust, establishing meaningful connections, and aspiring toward culturally competent ministry impact.