

A New Thing:

Our Stories, God's Power

Biennial Ministers Council Retreat and Meeting

October 28-31, 2024
Tuscarora Retreat Center
Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania



Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Kym McNair

We anticipate encouraging and equipping connections with Rev. Kym McNair! In response to a number of spring survey responses, we're shaping this retreat with a goal to meet one of our collective needs—discerning the ways to preach on social issues of our day in our various contexts. Please join us and pray for our time together!

[Get to Know Kym McNair:](#) [The full interview with Lin Story-Bunce, 9/10/2024](#)

Snippets from the full interview

- [How does your work at My Sister's Place inform your call?](#)
- [The Importance of Storytelling](#)
- [How Kym's Work Informs Wider Call](#)
- [Preaching on Socially Challenging Topics](#)
- [Sneak Peek on Retreat Programming](#)
- [Transactional vs Transformational](#)

Rev. McNair is the descendant of enslaved Africans, Jamaican immigrants, community organizers, preachers, and teachers and carries their legacies as she works to address the oppressions that are impacting all of humanity, and especially the ways systemic racism disempowers Black women and girls.

Professionally, Rev. McNair organizes on behalf of all people who have experienced the imposition of power and control in their intimate relationships with their partners. Kym has spoken on panels, facilitated conversations for religious and civic organizations across Westchester and has consulted with local congregations endeavoring to incorporate anti-racism principles into their theology. Kym serves on the Board of Directors of Caring for the Hungry and Homeless (CHHOP) and the Westchester Women's Agenda.

A lifelong fan of sci-fi and fantasy, she enjoys Afro- and African futurism fiction, where the protagonists are women. Whether she is out walking her rescue dog, Simba, or tending to her gardens, she dreams of a world in the not so-distant future when, like the protagonists in her favorite literary genre, Black women's voices are heard, and their leadership is followed, and their lives are protected.