

113th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Charlotte  
“Lunch & Learn” Workshop Opportunities  
(From 11:30—12:30)

**Immigrant Ministry: Opportunities to Create a New Church”**

**LOWER LEVEL OF EDUCATION BUILDING**

**Leaders: Rev. Veronica Cannon & Rev. Carol Hassell**

This workshop will introduce participants to opportunities to join Christ in reaching out to strangers (Immigrants/Refugees) who are new to the United States. It will share strategies, models and opportunities for congregation and clusters of congregations to provide become nesting ministries for mission and outreach. It will provide working models and discuss how the Immigrant Workgroup wants to come along side congregations to help resource this ministry.

**“Challenges for Christians in Iraq” - ROOM A-12 (Admin. Bldg)**

**Speaker: Dr. Mazen Alsaqa**

International Peacemaker Dr. Mazen Alsaqa from the Mosul Presbyterian Church, Mosul, Iraq, will address peace and justice issues in his presentation. While in Iraq, he was associated with the Assembly of Presbyterian Churches in Iraq, a partner church of the Presbyterian Churches in the USA (PCUSA).

Alsaqa was born in Mosul, Iraq (old Nineveh), where he served as youth leader, assistant lay pastor, and doctor in the church clinic. Following the kidnapping and murder of his father, Alsaqa fled to Jordan. In 2009 he was granted refugee status and currently resides in Michigan where he is completing requirements to practice medicine in the USA. He is interested in the meaning of being Christian and the effects of persecution on faith and church. Better understanding for concerns around the world translates into a better understanding of the issues in our own communities.

**“Domestic Violence – In My Church?” - ROOM F-12 (Family Life)**

**Speaker: Carol DeLoach Lewis**

This workshop will present a resource tool, Continuum of Christian Care for Adult Victims of Domestic Violence (DV) for pastors and lay leaders with minimal or no training in domestic violence to help adult victims connect to appropriate resources in their community.

Participants will be presented a scenario, given the one page domestic violence resource tool to determine how it may help them help the victim to safety, and then participants will be asked to provide their feedback on this tool. Discussion will follow and participants will leave with this resource tool to use in their church.