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FROM THE PASTOR



Greetings Church ~

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for forum and worship on Sunday October 23, 2022. That morning we will be joined by one of our American Baptist International Missionaries, Ricardo Mayol-Bracero. He will be informally addressing the adult forum and will offer the message during the service that morning.



As a part of his ministry, Mayol-Bracero serves a regional consultant who accompanies the members of the Continental Christian Network for Peace (RECONPAZ) in theological-pastoral formation. Among RECONPAZ's goals are: to protect humans rights and integral ecology; to investigate and denounce those who originate violence beyond their borders; to educate and inspire the defense of life; to advocate for the use of arts and social media to denounce violence; to move churches and believers to defend human rights and integral ecology. Based in Guatemala, where he works close-

ly with the Ecumenical Christian Council of Guatemala, Ricardo promotes RECONPAZ's goals for peace and justice throughout the continent. Additionally, he invites and works with International Ministries partners whose goals and ideals align with the Continental Christian Network for Peace.

He is a tireless advocate for peace with justice for the earth and all its inhabitants. Learn firsthand about how your mission offerings are turned into practical ministry on the ground in Latin America through the efforts of Ricardo Mayol-Bracero and other mission partners and how you can further support this work.

Peace,

Pastor Jamie

BOARD OF MISSIONS

**Thank you to everyone who helped out with the
ROGER WILLIAMS ATTIC SALE!**



We made over \$3000 towards the January trip to La Romana. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. So thanks to everyone who donated items, those who helped sort, organize and price the goods the week before, those who helped the two days of the sale and those who baked goodies to sell. In addition to supporting our mission trip, we also helped other organizations. The books that were not sold were picked up by Project Books, an organization that sells used books and uses the proceeds to buy textbooks for prisoners. Thanks to Joanne Schneider who coordinated this. All other leftover goods were picked up by Salvation Army. Thanks go to Holly for coordinating the pick up and for all her help during the week.



On Friday evening before the sale, workers finished the sorting and pricing of all of the donated items: [from left to right] Jeanne Kolb, Cheryl Dexter, Susan Lepore, Linda Bausserman, Joanne Schneider, and Jamie Washam.



Near the end of the day on Saturday these young women found skeins of yarn.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Church Fall Festival

Sunday, October 16

3:30 corn maze

5:30 soup dinner

On Sunday, October 16, join us at 3:30 at Salisbury Farm (11 Peck Hill Road, Johnston) for some fall fun. There is a corn maze and farm animals.

Those who make it out of the corn maze, or choose not to enter are invited to Richard and Susan Lepore's for a potluck soup dinner at 5:30. Please bring, a pot of soup, bread or dessert. If you want to sit outside by the fire pit bring a chair too.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall and let us know if you will be going to the farm and what you plan to bring to the potluck. If you need a ride or can give a ride, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet too. There are some funds available so if you need help paying for the corn maze talk to

Upcoming Road Races

Here's the link for the up coming Providence road races.

<https://runningintheusa.com/race/list/providence-RI/upcoming>

Sunday, October 2 - Gloria Gemma 5k

Sunday, October 9 – Women's Classic 5K

Sunday, October 30 – Providence Monster Dash

Quarterly Meeting

There will be a Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, October 23 after the service. Light refreshments will be served.

OCTOBER SUNDAY FORUMS

at 10:00 am

October 2nd

[Acknowledging the Heritage of African-American Spirituals](#) - Steve Martorella

October 9th

Christian Nationalism Discussion I – Ruth Marris-Macaulay

[What is Christian Nationalism All About?](#)

October 16th

Christian Nationalism Discussion II – Ruth Marris-Macaulay

[Why Does Christian Nationalism Threaten Democracy?](#)

October 23rd

Christian Nationalism Discussion III – Ruth

[Why Does Christian Nationalism Threaten The Church?](#)