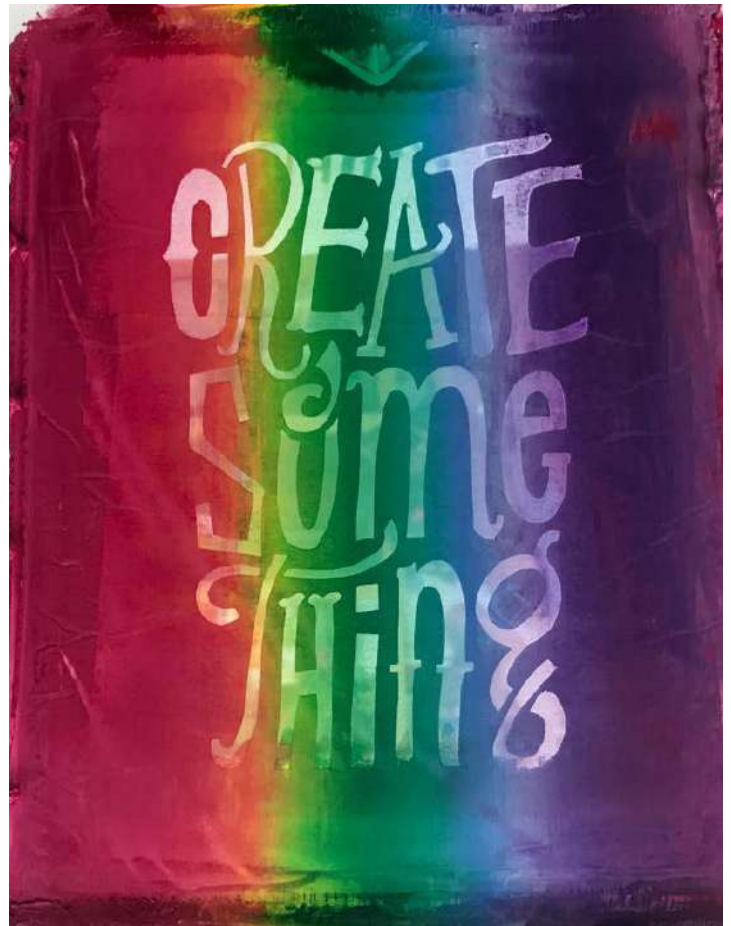


PSEI May Assembly



Creation Lab
an arts and creativity incubator

Presbytery Meeting May 17, 2018
10AM – 4PM
First Presbyterian
204 W. Prairie
Decatur IL 62523

Join us for a day of Creativity!

Cultivating creativity, experimentation and imagination is a form of stewardship. Creativity builds our resilience for trying new things, in worship and in the larger life of our communities as we make hard and exciting decisions about our future. In addition to taking care of business, our May Assembly Meeting will be a day of collaborative workshops and worship that will give us the opportunity to stretch our imaginations and practice creative ways of:

Telling our stories as an act liturgy and proclamation.

Collaborating to create a visually rich worship space.

Working together to choose music and for worship that inspires the imagination.

Studying biblical texts that offer us examples of our biblical ancestors as innovative humans in relationship with our creative God!

About Creation Lab and our Collaborators:



At **Creation Lab** we want to take the Grand Risk of the Gospel. God came to be embodied as a human like us and set out on an impossible project: to renew the world without destroying it. In calling us to lay down our nets and follow, Jesus calls us to be renewed by a moonshot, an attempt at the impossible. We've always been working on ideas that are against the laws of physics. Christ died and came back again. We're ready to see the world totally innovated, completely disrupted. Brand new. Aren't we?

At Creation Lab we hope to cultivate our own capacity for taking risks and trying new things and to share this same experimental space with the Church. We have a physical studio space in Chicago, we are willing to join you in your own spaces for collaboration and we host brainstorming spaces online! Creation Lab's Studio is located in West

Logan Square in the Kildare Studios Building at 2649 N Kildare Ave, Chicago, IL 60639 and online @ creationlab.org! If you want to connect with us follow us on facebook or email us at creationlabchicago@gmail.com!



Shelley Donaldson is a co-founder and creator at Creation Lab, and is the new Associate Pastor for Youth and Mission Engagement at First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, CT, beginning in May 2018. Shelley is also a contributing writer for *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* from Westminster John Knox Press and *4 Views on Pastoring LGBTQ Teenagers* from The Youth Cartel. Shelley's artwork is often focused on space; creating artistic and metaphorical space because of the ways in which space allows for creative response to God's love and the movement of the Holy Spirit. Space is also crucial in how we welcome not only the presence of God but also how we welcome others into our spaces. In her work in the church, Shelley focuses on how we live into God's call upon our lives in creative and different ways, and how we take Scripture and understand it in real-time. She believes, like theologian Karl Barth, that Christians should live life with a newspaper in one hand, and a Bible in the other, but also with whatever creative tool that we use to express ourselves in this world. And this is where Creation Lab comes in to help each of us discover what those tools might be.



Rev. Shawna Bowman is an artist and pastor doing ministry with the creative and quirky folks at Friendship Presbyterian Church in Chicago and Co-founder of Creation Lab, an Art Collective and working studio space at the intersection of creativity, spirituality and prophetic imagination. Most recently her writing has appeared in *Presbyterians Today* and she is also a contributing writer for *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* from Westminster John Knox Press. Shawna curates the Studio Tent at the Wild Goose Festival and creates large scale art installations for national conferences and gatherings. Shawna is also Associate Director of Field Ed & Experiential Education and an Affiliate Faculty member at McCormick Theological Seminary.