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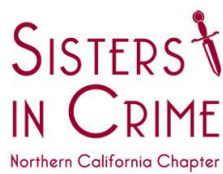
LEARN ABOUT CERT AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Saturday, January 18th, 10:00 a.m.
Christ Lutheran Church
780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito**

Marlene Keller, block captain for the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program of El Cerrito and Kensington, will talk about preparing for emergencies. **“IN A DISASTER, YOU MAY BE ON YOUR OWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE LEARNING WHAT TO DO - ARE YOU?”**

Gloria Merrill, Program Co-Chair

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COME HEAR TWO SISTERS IN CRIME MYSTERY WRITERS

**Saturday, February 15th, 10:00 a.m.
Christ Lutheran Church
780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito**

Sisters in Crime is an international organization of writers, readers, booksellers, librarians, agents, editors, reviewers, and teachers. We're interested in promoting the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry. Mystery writers (**Faye Snowden** and **Gayle Feyrer**) from our local **Sisters in Crime** chapter will discuss everything from the writing process to their favorite mysteries. **Faye Snowden's** newest release, "A Killing Fire", is a psychological thriller set in Louisiana. **Gayle Feyrer**, aka Yves Fey, is an author of historical and romantic mysteries. Bring questions for this lively discussion.

Maria LaForge, Program Co-Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! As we reflect on 2019 and look forward to 2020, we can be proud to be part of AAUW, an organization that advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. In 2020 with its critical election, we mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act – two milestones that gave woman the right to vote. See "**5 Issues AAUW is watching in 2020**" page 4.

We continued with our exciting Program. In November we heard **Elena Leichty**, Google Corporate Counsel, talk about "**Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare**". Then we ended the year with our **annual Holiday Party, hosted by the Walentas**. The **Piedmont Troubadours** performed again this year. We collected books/donations for **Read-Aloud** and the **Grant Birthday Book Programs**.

At our **January 18 Meeting** you will learn about **Emergency Response** from **Marlene Keller, a CERT block captain** for Kensington and El Cerrito. Then at our **February 16 Meeting**, Mystery writers (**Faye Snowden** and **Gayle Feyrer**) from our local **Sisters in Crime** chapter will discuss everything from the writing process to their favorite mysteries. Guests are always welcome! Invite family and friends!

In January we also kick off our **2020 Tech Trek Program** with a **meeting, Tuesday, January 21st, at Marsha's at 10 AM**. We need more members to help with the nomination and selection of the seventh grade West Contra Costa County girls we will sponsor to attend camp next summer. Let me know if you are interested.

Thank you for your support. I appreciate all you do for the Branch, considering your busy lives and other commitments. I enjoy working with such special women.

Roberta Montgomery, President

JANUARY-FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020**, at 2:00 PM, at the home of **Sally Dunham** (510-758-4094) 4309 Fran Way, Richmond (off Appian Way). The February Board meeting will be **Tuesday, February 4, at 2:00 PM**, at the home of **Judy Sam** (510-527-1661), 8821 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito. Contact **President Roberta Montgomery** (510-237-5293) for more information.

Afternoon Books: The group meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **1:30 PM**. Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 27**, at the home of **Ida Michael** (510-524-7468), 268 Cambridge Ave., Kensington, where we will discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. **On Monday, February 24**, we will discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly at the home of Maria LaForge (510-527-4378) 240 Columbia Ave., Kensington. All are welcome —please join us! .

Lunch Group: The group's next meeting will be **Monday, January 20, at 12 Noon**, at **H & J's Restaurant**, 10841 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito. Gloria Merrill will be hosting. The following meeting will be **Monday, February 17, at 12 Noon**, at **Chez Mansour** (Lebanese), 1369 Solano Ave., Albany. Contact **Maria LaForge** (510-527-4378; d.laforge@sbcglobal.net) with any questions. All are welcome!

Global Interests Group: The group meets on the **second Monday of each month at 1:30 PM** at the home of **Ellen Mills** (510-229-9020), 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington. The group's next meeting will be **Monday, January 13**. **Barbara Miller's topic is "Tunisia after the Arab Spring"**. The following meeting will be Monday, February 10, when Maria Laforge will talk on "France Today". Contact **Maria LaForge** (510-527-4378; d.laforge@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

Daytime Bridge Group: We are still trying to get the **Bridge Group** going again. The Group is open to all levels of players and will meet on the **third Friday of each month at 1:00 PM**. Please contact **President Roberta Montgomery** (510-237-5293; rjm2343@sbcglobal.net) if you can host a meeting or just want to play.

"SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST" INITIATIVE FOR NOVEMBER BALLOT

California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) and several other organizations including the League of Women Voters are working to get the "Schools & Communities First" Initiative on the November Ballot. This historic ballot measure closes the Proposition 13 Corporate Loophole. In 1978 voters passed Proposition 13 to help homeowners, but because of a loophole large commercial property owners avoid paying billions in property taxes because they are still being taxed based on decades old property values. This means that schools and local community services like first responders, senior centers, libraries, parks and health clinics funded by property taxes lose \$11 billion per year in funding. The "Schools & Communities First" Initiative will restore the funding without changing residential or agricultural property taxes while protecting small businesses.

I will be at the January 18 and February 15 meetings to answer questions. I will also have petitions available to sign. For more information, go to <https://californiaalliance.org/> and <https://www.schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/>.

Diane Ichiyasu



The kick-off meeting for our 2020 Tech Trek Program is Thursday, January 21, at 10:00 AM, at the home of Marsha Weintraub (1080 Park Hills Rd., Berkeley). Consider joining the team. We can use more volunteers to work with the West County schools on the nomination, selection, and processing of the seventh grade girls we will sponsor to attend the **2020 Tech Trek STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) **Camp at Sonoma State University** June 21-27. Let us know if you want to work on the **Tech Trek** selection team. We also provide a camper orientation/reception at the EC Denny's in early June and the camper follow-up presentations at the September Meeting.

Tech Trek continues to be a major program for our Branch. This year we will again be sponsoring **eight girls** from the **WCCUSD Middle Schools (Crespi, DeJean, Helms, Hercules, Korematsu, Pinole, Mira Vista, and Stewart)**. The Branch works closely with the middle school math, science, and computer teachers to identify seventh grade girls who will benefit from the Tech Trek experience. Each nominated girl completes an application, writes an essay, and is interviewed with a parent. For the selected girls, Tech Trek is often life changing.

In addition to selecting the girls, raising the money to send them to camp is very challenging. The amount needed for each **Tech Trek** camper we sponsor is \$1,000 (including the \$50 camper commitment fee). Because of the difficulty in getting regular donations from businesses, we depend more on the generosity of our branch members and family/friends. Special thanks go to our Branch donors: **Meigan Dadzie, Susan Duncan, Lita Fries, Mimi Fruhan, Christine Hills, Diane Ichiyasu, Carolyn Linnard, Marion McIntire, Ida Michael, Ellen Mills, Patricia Player, Judy Sam, Marianne Selph and Elaine Yamaguchi.**

Donations to our **Tech Trek** Program of any amount are always welcome and fully tax-deductible. **Make your check payable to AAUW-CA SPF with Tech Trek in the memo line** and then either mail it to **AAUW WCC Branch, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530**, or bring it to our **January 18 or February 15** meeting.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Roberta Montgomery & Marsha Weintraub
Tech Trek Co-Coordinator

[5 ISSUES AAUW IS WATCHING IN 2020](#)

1. **Equal Pay for Equal Work.** To close the stubborn wage gap, we need leaders who will pass the federal [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) and advocate for laws and policies that ensure women are not discriminated against at work.
2. **Investing in Education.** Education is the pathway for women and girls, but too many of our schools are falling short. We need to raise teacher pay, invest in [STEM education](#), protect [Title IX](#) and make education a top national priority.
3. **Reducing Student Debt.** Women hold two-thirds of the nation's \$1.46 trillion [educational debt](#). Policymakers should protect grant programs, champion tuition- and debt-free options and expand loan forgiveness programs.
4. **Strengthening Social Security.** Because of lower wages and time off from work, women collect about \$320 a month less than men do in Social Security benefits. Our lawmakers need to [address the retirement wage gap](#) women face.
5. **Implementing Paid Leave.** The U.S. is the only developed country without paid family and sick leave. Let's [adopt policies](#) to give workers paid time off for illness and caregiving.

CULTURE CORNER for JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

By Barbara Miller

El Cerrito Art Association. Exhibits of local artists' work around El Cerrito. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.
<https://elcerritoart.org>

- Mon., Feb 10, 7:00pm: Monthly meeting. Topic TBD.
- Exhibitions:
 - Through January 8 at the El Cerrito Community Center: ***Desert Images*** of Bears Ears National Monument, Death Valley National Park, and other public lands. Watercolor paintings by Carol Sutton and Sonia Tamez, who traveled to these protected but impacted landscapes.
 - Through March 13, 2020 at the El Cerrito DMV: The theme is ***Peace***.

NIAD Art Center. 551 23rd Ave., Richmond. 510-620-0290. <http://niadart.org/exhibits/> NIAD also presents several online exhibitions. See <http://niadart.org/category/blog/>

- Jan 4 through 24: Exhibitions: <http://niadart.org/exhibits/at-niad-january-exhibitions/>
 - ***Good on Paper.*** Erin McCluskey Wheeler, the first Artist in Residence at the El Cerrito Recycling Center, collects used paper —office paper, correspondence, photographs, and book pages— then sorts, paints, draws and glues the found bits into a 28' collage mural that includes a hand-cut map of El Cerrito. Shown along with works from NIAD artists in the main gallery and backroom.
 - ***Right Here, Right Now, Richmond.*** A juried exhibition looking at the excellent and risk-taking new work being made in Richmond. Featuring work in different media by local artists. At NIAD's Annex Space and Storefront and at the Richmond Art Center's Community Gallery.
 - Laurel Shear photographs roses, cuts them up and reassembles them into a collage, which inspires her paintings representing love, struggle, and hope. She has studied art in Florence, Italy and Brisbane, Australia, and recently earned her MFA.
 - Irene Wibawa uses old family photos, found objects and other images to describe her family's story of ethnic Chinese living in Indonesia and then immigrating to the U.S., and to shed light on how family stories of this odyssey shaped family myths and truths.
- Sat. Jan 11, 1:00-4:00pm. ***Opening Reception for January Exhibitions***
- Thurs., Jan 23, 4:00-7:00pm. ***Thirsty Thursday.*** NIAD hosts an open bar with craft beer, spirits, wines and snacks, backed up with phonograph records. At 5:45pm, organizer Erin McCluskey Wheeler will give a walk-through of ***Good on Paper.*** Free admission.
- Feb 1-20: Exhibitions: <http://niadart.org/exhibits/february/>
 - ***Through My Eyes.*** A pairing of work by NIAD artists and staff. Organized by Scott Hewicker and Cliff Hengst. At the main gallery.
 - ***Rainbow In the Swamp.*** New ceramic sculptures and applique paintings by Oakland artist Amanda Walters, highlighting the tension between the picturesque and the unfavorable. At the annex space and storefront.
- Sat., Feb. 8, 1:00-4:00pm: ***Opening Reception for February Exhibitions***
- Thurs., Feb 20, 4:00-7:00pm: ***Thirsty Thursday,*** with open bar, music, and snacks. At 5:45pm, there will be a walk-through of the exhibit ***Through My Eyes*** by its organizers. Free.

Richmond Art Center. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772. The largest visual arts center in the East Bay. Open Tues.-Sat., 10:00am-5:00pm. Closed major holidays. <http://www.richmondartcenter.org>

- Exhibitions:
 - Through March 6: ***Right Here, Right Now, Richmond.*** Community Gallery. This exhibit looks at excellent, risk-taking work currently being made in Richmond. A variety of media are included. This exhibit is presented in partnership with NIAD Art Center.
 - Through Feb 29: ***The Future is Fluid.*** South Gallery. Work by Richmond-based photographer Chloe Aftel, who specializes in portraits of transgender people and celebrates the non-binary community.
 - Jan 14 through March 13: ***Art of the African Diaspora.*** Main and West Galleries. A group exhibition featuring works of over 150 artists of African descent. In addition to the exhibition at the Richmond Art Center, there will be self-guided open studio tours and satellite exhibitions. Details

to be published in the Open Studios Guide, available in January, 2020. Check the website. This annual exhibition was formerly named *The Art of Living Black*.

- Sat., Feb 29 and Sun. Mar 1: **Open Studios**. Check website for guide in January.
- Sat., Jan 25, 12:30-2:00pm: **Artistic Achievement Awards and Awardees Talk**: Award recipients are KaliMa Amilak, Zoë Boston and Abi Mustapha.
- Sat., Jan 25, 2:00-5:00pm: **Reception** for the above exhibitions.
- Sat. Feb 1, 12:30-2:00pm: **Featured Speaker for Art of the African Diaspora**.
- Sat., Feb 29, 3:00-5:00pm: **Artist Talk**. Talks by artists participating in *Right Here, Right Now*, with a special performance of Jenny Balisle's new work, *President Above the Law* (2019). Beer by Richmond brewer Origin Brewers.

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts. 339 11th St., Richmond. 510-234-5624.

<http://www.eastbaycenter.org/events/upcoming-events>

- Sat., Feb 22, 7:00pm: **Ubuntu: For the Whole of All Humanity**. Dance presentation by the East Bay Center of a performance by the Washington, D.C. Contemporary Dance Theater and El Teatro de Danza Contemporanea. *Ubuntu*—the essence of human compassion— “brings together diverse ethnic communities through a powerful dance program including contemporary, indigenous, street jazz, and dances to spoken word.” Five works honoring their heritage will be presented by ethnic artistic community leaders and choreographers, including Lloyd Whitmore, Francis Castillo, Maurice Johnson and Chandini Darby. Tickets are \$25 online. To learn more about this program and its artists, go to: <http://www.eastbaycenter.org/globals/events/2020/february/ubuntu>

Youth Musical Theater Company (YMTC). El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. 510-595-5514. <https://ymtcbayarea.org>

- Weekends, March 7 through March 15. **The Music Man**. Tickets go on sale starting Feb 1. You can purchase in advance online, by phone, or at the high school box office on performance days.

Cerrito Theater (Rialto Cinemas). 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-273-9102. El Cerrito's own restored art deco theater. Have a drink and/or dine in during the film, or visit "The Scene" wine bar next to the lobby before or after the show. <http://www.rialtocinemas.com/cerrito>.

- **National Theatre Live**. Plays filmed during performances in London theaters. All shows are at 7:00pm. They sell out quickly, so purchase tickets early.
 - Wed., Jan. 15: **Present Laughter** by Noel Coward, directed by Matthew Warchus. “A giddy and surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire, and loneliness.” Fans of Masterpiece’s *Sherlock* will recognize the star, Andrew Scott, as Prof. James Moriarty. <https://rialtocinemascerrito.tix.com/Event.aspx?EventCode=1140679>
 - Mon., Jan 27, Wed., Feb 5, Mon. Feb 10, and Wed. Feb 19: **All My Sons** by Arthur Miller, starring Sally Field, Bill Pullman, Jenna Coleman and Colin Morgan. Broadcast live from the Old Vic. <https://rialtocinemascerrito.tix.com/Event.aspx?EventCode=1140680>
- **Cerrito Classics**. A classic film is shown the second Thursday of every month except in the summer.
 - Thurs., Jan 9, 7:00pm: **Rear Window**. The Alfred Hitchcock classic starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly. https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2019_rear
 - Thurs., Feb 13, 7:00pm: **Ninotchka**. A 1939 Billy Wilder classic starring Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas. https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2020_ninotchka

West County Winds. Concerts are at the Knox Center for the Performing Arts on the Contra Costa College campus. 2600 Mission Bell Drive (El Portal Drive and Castro Drive), in San Pablo. <http://westcountywinds.org/>

- Sun., Mar 1, 3:00pm: **WCW Goes to the American Musical Theater**. Conductor: Geoffrey Gallegos. Program includes songs by George Gershwin, John Williams, Frank Loesser, Stephen Sondheim, Richard Rodgers and Meredith Wilson.

Kensington Symphony Orchestra. Concerts are at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. <https://www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org>. Music Director and Conductor: Geoffrey Gallegos

- Sat., Feb 29, 7:30pm: **Happy Birthday Ludwig!** To celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, KSO will perform the Symphony No. 4 in B-flat Major Op. 60 and the Violin Concerto in D Major, Op 61, featuring Leonid Igudesman on the violin.

El Cerrito Trail Trekkers. The El Cerrito Trail Trekkers is a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving, improving and extending the city's network of public pathways, stairs, trails and greenways for pedestrian and bicycle use, advocating for increased public open space, and sponsoring activities that involve trails and open space, including hikes, festivals, and other educational events. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Harding Club House, 7115 C Street, El Cerrito. The public is welcome to attend. <https://ectrailtrekkers.wordpress.com>

- Sat., Jan 11, 1:00-3:30pm: **Wintertime Creekside Hike.** Dave Weinstein leads a walk to several local creeks. You will see some city parks, some creek restoration, delightful neighborhoods and interesting architecture. Rain or shine. Free.
- Sun., Jan 19, 2:30pm: **Restoring Unlikely Urban Environments, A Presentation by Dr. Ann Riley.** At the Trail Trekkers annual meeting, Dr. Riley, the author of *Restoring Neighborhood Streams*, will give a talk. Dr. Riley was featured on the PBS TV show *Urban Nature*. She is a pioneer in restoring very degraded riparian corridors, including undergrounded streams, and has worked on several El Cerrito projects, including Baxter Creek.

El Cerrito Historical Society.

- Sun., Jan 26, 3:00pm: Annual meeting, a tribute to Pumpsie Green, the El Cerrito High School graduate who integrated the Boston Red Sox in 1959. Speakers: Pete Elman, an El Cerrito lecturer and writer; Arif Khatib, founder of the Multi-Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame; and Nat Bates, former mayor of Richmond. All were friends of Pumpsie Green, who lived in El Cerrito after his baseball career ended. <http://elcerritohistoricalsociety.org>

Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park. 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond. 510-232-5050. Open daily: 10:00am-5:00pm. Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Visitor Center and are free. If you have stories to share, call 510-232-5050 ext. 6643. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Betty Soskin's talks have been temporarily suspended after she suffered a stroke in September. The Park expects her to resume her talks in a few months. There is a GoFundMe page where you can donate to help Ms. Soskin pay for in-home care.** <https://www.gofundme.com/f/inhome-medical-support-for-betty-reid-soskin> The schedule for February is not yet available, but regular programs such as the *Rosie Meet and Greet* and *Blossoms and Thorns* will probably continue to be shown on the same days and times. Please check the website for updated information. <https://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

- Fridays, Jan 10, 17, 24 and 31, 10:30 and 11:30am; Saturdays, Jan. 11 and 25, 10:00am: **Rosie Meet and Greet.** A group of civilian WW II docents share their stories of working at the Richmond Shipyards. It is recommended that you see the orientation film, *Home Front. Heroes* at 10:00, 11:00 or 1:00 before seeing the Rosies.
- Thursdays, 2:00-3:00pm: **Blossoms and Thorns.** A documentary about Richmond's pre- and post-war community of Japanese flower growers, followed by a docent's personal story of experiences in a WWII incarceration camp.
- Fri., Jan 3, 12:30pm: **Rationing on the Home Front.** Stories about the federal government's rationing program, esp. the rationing of food, and how it affected daily life.
- Sun., Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 and Thurs., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:30pm: **The Power of Propaganda: How Propaganda Helped Transform a Nation.** How individual sacrifices, business transformations and government oversight combined to mobilize the nation.
- Sun., Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 and Tues. Jan. 14, 21 and 28, 2:00pm: **Tickets Over the Rainbow.** How "blue discharges" affected gays in the military and contributed to early gay activism.
- Wed., Jan 8, 2:00pm: **A Home Away from Home—USO During WW II.** Learn how the USO offered homesick youth wholesome activities.
- Sat., Jan 18, 2:00pm: **A Second Gold Rush.** UC Berkeley Professor of History Emeritus Thomas Metcalf explains how unprecedented migration during WW II created the California we know today.
- Sat., Jan 25, 3:15pm: **The Life and Times of Henry J. Kaiser.** Author Steve Gilford discusses the life of Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a friend to organized labor.

- Wed., Jan 28, 2:00pm: **Time Out! Sports During the War Years**. What happened to sports in the US during the war, and how the military used sports to boost morale.

City of El Cerrito Special Events. City-sponsored events. At the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. 510-559-7677

- Wed., Jan 29, 1:00-2:30pm. **New Year Japanese Heritage Presentation**. Learn Japanese traditions while enjoying an Ikebana flower arranging demonstration, Japanese tea ceremony and koto performance. Free.
- Sat., Feb 1, 6:00-8:00pm. **Family Sweetheart Dance**. Music, dancing, refreshments, and a photo booth for the entire family to enjoy. Open to all ages. \$20 for a family of 4 or \$7 per person. <http://www.el-cerrito.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=5819&month=2&year=2020&day=1&calType=0>
- Jan 16-26: **El Cerrito Restaurant Week**.
 - Enjoy the hospitality of restaurants located in El Cerrito. Many restaurants will have specials available during this celebration. Check the website for a list of participating restaurants. <https://www.el-cerrito.org/939/Restaurant-Week>

Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Celebration. “Join us for this historic 31st year celebration as our beloved community comes together to honor our collective values of compassionate humanity and social equity. The events are free and all ages are welcome.” (510) 234-2518. <https://www.el-cerrito.org/693/Annual-MLK-Celebration>

- Sun., Jan 19, 4:00-6:00pm: **Convening Courageous Conversations**. El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater. 540 Ashbury Ave. Free.
- Mon., Jan 20: **Parade and Rally**.
 - 9:00am: Gather at City Hall Plaza (Manila Ave. at San Pablo Ave.)
 - 10:00am: March from City Hall Plaza to El Cerrito High School.

11:00am: Program at El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Center. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Anthony Lawrence Jenkins, pastor of Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church in Oakland. He is a graduate of El Cerrito High School and earned a Masters of Divinity degree at the Graduate School of Divinity in Berkeley. He is inspired to preach unconditional love for all to various local groups and in the greater Black Methodist Church community.