

# THE 2020 DAWE LECTURE

**“CRUCIFORM MINDFULNESS” – LED BY DR. ROGER GENCH**



*Dr. Roger Gench retired in 2019 from seventeen years of service as the senior pastor of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. He has also served as the pastor of Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland. He has spent the last thirty years connecting the contemplative arts and theological reflection to the practice of community organizing. He currently serves as Theologian in Residence at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia. He is an alum of Union Presbyterian Seminary, where he completed a Ph.D. in Theological Ethics.*

Please join us for a reception with light refreshments after the lecture.

*This event is free and open to the public; no registration needed.*

Dr. Roger Gench will explore the connection between the Buddhist notion of mindfulness and Christian theology and spirituality of the cross. He will articulate a foundation for the Christian life in which activism and spirituality are integrally related, part of the same footprint, not disconnected or addenda to each other.

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**March 16, 2020 | 7:30 PM**  
**Watts Chapel**  
3401 Brook Road  
Richmond, VA 23227

