

Morning Session

Finance Leaders Basics by Brant Henshaw

We will cover the basics of this critical ministry within the life of the church from Shared Ministry calculations, to salary worksheets, to W-2 forms, to property tax exemptions and everything in between. There will be time to answer specific questions and delve into best practices for the local church finance team.

Disaster 101 & UMVIM Teams by Ronda Cordill, Jim Truitt, Gerri Harvill, and Stan Norman

What happens during and after a disaster? How can I help? Learn the basics such as the phases of disaster, the roles of UMCOR and UMVIM, how the local church should respond, how the the district and conference will help, and who to call. Early Response Teams (ERTs) and UMVIM Rebuild Teams directly assist disaster survivors. Learn how you can be part of one of these life-changing teams.

Upgrading Church Technology by David Valera

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Conversation on Clergy/Congregational Wellness by Dale Cockrum

Clergy: When was the last time you devoted some time to personal growth? When was the last time you took a vacation? When was the last time you simply turned your phone off without being paralyzed by fear that *something* will happen in the congregation and you will not be able to give of yourself?

Laity: When was the last time you genuinely asked how your pastor is doing and actually listened for the answer? Have you seen your pastor "running ragged" and asked to share the burden?

Mission U: Removing Barriers That Keep Us Apart by Lynn Swedberg

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Hint: men are welcome, too!

Conversation on Pastoral Care by Kathy Barrick

Pastoral Care is the art of living in relationship with others in ways that provide for healing, hope and growth. It is not reserved for the professionals. We can all minister with and to our fellow journeyers with a deeper connection, learning from the model of Jesus Christ. In this conversation we will explore helpful tools for connecting during hospital calls, comforting those in need, and even casual coffee hour conversations.

Kathy Barrick has served as local pastor at Rockford and Central UMC and has been active in several UMC congregations for many years. She speaks from her experiences both in the pews and in the pulpit. She is also a hospital chaplain.

Afternoon Session

Trustees Basic Training by Brant Henshaw

Our time will focus on items important to those in attendance but might include: Insurance, building management guidelines, non-profit status, parsonage standards, worker's compensation, and Safe Church responsibilities.

Spiritual and Emotional Care Training for Present and Future UMVIM Team Members by Gerri Harvill and Stan Norman

What should I say? What should I not say? Can I listen without commenting? Learn the do's and don'ts of relating to people who are in difficult circumstances, who blame God and others for their situation, who are in shock. Learn how to just be present and not try to fix the situation. Learn to refer. Learn how to take care of your own spiritual needs and those of your team.

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