

Morning Workshop Descriptions

Next Steps with Personal & Practical Discipleship

by Anita Foster

Do you desire to continue to grow spiritually? Have you wanted to make a daily quiet time a priority in your life to deepen your relationship with God? If so, come join us to examine how Bible reading and reflection as well as prayer can become an important part of your day. Please bring your favorite Bible and a pen/pencil.

The Thin Green Line: Puget Sound Communities and Fossil Fuel Transport *by Jenny Phillips & Cody Natland*

In the coming year, Washington State will consider plans for at least five oil-by-rail terminals and two major coal terminals, as well as terminals for refining and exporting other toxic chemicals. Some of these plans have major health and environmental implications for the people and places of the Puget Sound District and the Pacific Northwest Conference. Learn how local churches are advocating on behalf of their communities and how your church can play a meaningful role in these decisions.

A Vital Link: Redefining the Role of Laity Leadership

by Joan Holmes

Did you agree to serve as Lay Leader or Lay Member of Annual Conference and now find yourself wondering what you are expected to do? In this workshop we will discuss these important roles and provide participants with resources to assist them in their work.

Designing with Purpose: Effective Designing for Your

Local Church by Jesse Love

What are simple and easy ways to make your designs have impact (without breaking your budget)? How can we use the tools we already have to increase the EFFECTIVENESS of our designs for ministry? What are some easy concepts that will help in maximizing the value of our print (and web) design?

Let us gather to answer questions and to use resources at hand to create smarter, more beautiful designs that have impact and improve overall value of resources produced in-house for the local church.

Jesse N. Love serves as the Graphic Designer and Print Manager for The Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The Many Faces of Lay Ministry *by Kathryn Garnett*

How many ways are there for the laity to be in ministry? Come, learn, explore and find where your ministry comes alive.

Finance Leaders Basics *by Rik Jamieson*

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.

Creative & Effective Fundraising *by Julia Frisbie*

When it comes to fundraising, we all know the buzzwords... but what actually works? Come have a conversation about effective and creative fundraising with our Imagine No Malaria coordinator, Julia Frisbie. She doesn't have all the answers, but she has a variety of successes and failures to learn from! Share your experiences, practice making "the ask" with role play, and craft an action plan in this small group setting.

Take a Chance on Change: Before it is Too Late

by Kim Poole

The news was grim on the floor of the 2015 Annual Conference in Pasco last summer: It is predicted that somewhere between four to seven churches a year in our conference will close in the next 10 years. Imagine 40 to 70 fewer churches in the future. It does not have to be that way, if we think outside the box, start earlier to make changes before the "crisis mode occurs." This workshop will provide some ways of identifying opportunities for creative change in the early stages and help people share ideas for how to head off decline before the options are behind us.

Staff-Parish/Pastor Relations Committee Basic Training *by Rev. Juli Reinholtz*

SPRC works with the bishop and cabinet for the best possible pastoral appointment for your church and with that pastor to make his or her ministry the most effective it can be. The responsibilities of SPRC seem daunting, but we will share resources and training to make the work manageable and a help to both pastor and parish.

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.

Afternoon Workshop Descriptions

The Church Website: Your Digital Doorstep

by Patrick Scriven

With each passing year, more and more people rely upon the internet to find and make decisions about the products they'll buy, the food they'll eat, and even the places that they will visit. Your church's website is your digital doorstep and first opportunity to leave a good impression with potential visitors. In this workshop we'll discuss how you can avoid some common challenges websites present. We'll discuss what every good website needs (what are the best practices?), right-sizing your online strategy (do we have the people to match the technology?), and a quick overview of the different resources that make having a web presence today possible for any church (what platforms and tools should we consider?).

Prayers for the Climate: Lantern-Making for the General Conference Climate Vigil by Jenny Phillips

Raise your prayers for the climate with United Methodists from around the world by decorating a lantern for the Climate Vigil at General Conference. You will learn about climate-related legislation at General Conference, get hands-on experience decorating a lantern, and receive discussion resources and instructions to lead climate conversation and lantern-making in your local church.

Trustees Basic Training by Rik Jamieson

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.

Conversation on Clergy/Congregational Wellness

by Rev Juli Reinholtz and Sue Magrath

Sue, a retired psychotherapist, counselor, and active spiritual director, will facilitate a conversation on clergy and congregational wellness. Personal emotional and spiritual wellness are often overlooked when clergy focus on the well-being of others, rather than themselves. This neglect of personal and relational wellness can also be said of congregations. The PNW Board of Ordained Ministry has created a task force on wellness to provide information and support to clergy and Staff Parish Relations Committees. The workshop will focus on the struggles clergy face and how SPRCs can better support their pastors. We will focus on those resources churches can tap into that will maintain the spiritual, physical, and mental health of their clergy and congregation.

Creating Successful Laity/Clergy Partnerships

by Joan Holms

The most successful churches are those in which Laity and Clergy work as partners. Participants will have an opportunity to share best practices and learn new ways of partnering with their pastor to lead the church.

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.

Learning to Ask Better Questions by Kim Poole

"You only get what you ask for." That is true for answers to questions as well as many other things in life. Often situations recur in groups because we tackled a symptom rather than the problem. Asking better questions often helps us get our way through the maze of symptoms to get to the major issue at hand. Come try your hand at finding new ways to look at your specific issues by exploring new ways to frame discussion by asking better questions.

Safety Advocate Training by Teri Tobey**

Providing a Safe Sanctuary is the goal of all our ministry settings. These policies and procedures are aimed at ensuring children, youth, and vulnerable adults are kept safe from abuse while they participate in the life of the church in its many settings. In this workshop, we will learn about our PNW Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines and what it means to be a Safety Advocate.

****Please note that participants in this workshop will need to complete several steps on their own in the weeks prior to Roots & Wings:**

Prior to this workshop, you must first pass a national background check, complete the basic abuse awareness training offered through Ministry Safe, review the Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines (visit bit.ly/SafeSanctuaries), and also take a short quiz (visit bit.ly/SATquiz) before participating in the workshop.

More detailed instructions will be provided by the District Service Center after registration.