



### Workshop Selection Tips

(Use the registration worksheet provided in the Event Registration Procedures file.)

Information to consider when you make your selections:

- Workshops are scheduled on Thursday and Friday afternoon.
- It is important to plan for second and third choices on your worksheet, as popular workshops close early. When you register online, you need to select only your first choice. The system will alert you immediately if the workshop is full.
- At the bottom of each workshop description there is a skill level identified—basic, intermediate, advanced, or all levels—to aid you in selecting workshops that fit your level of experience.

- Choose carefully! It is important to attend only the workshops to which you are assigned. Rooms have space limitations, and leaders prepare materials in advance based on actual registration numbers. See the event registrar on-site for changes when you arrive.
- Off-site workshops usually require an additional fee that is listed after the workshop description. The fee covers transportation, entrance fees, and other expenses associated with the workshop.
- All registrations for off-site workshops must be made no later than Friday, December 8.
- Learning takes place outside the traditional classroom, too. Plan to spend time in the Market Place to learn about resources and programs that will be helpful to you in your ministry. Also, plan your schedule to include a visit to the Spirituality Center.

### Workshop Schedule—

#### Thursday, February 1

2:00–3:30 p.m. Workshop A  
4:00–5:30 p.m. Workshop B  
2:00–5:30 p.m. Extended Workshops

#### Friday, February 2

2:00–3:30 p.m. Workshop C  
4:00–5:30 p.m. Workshop D  
2:00–5:30 p.m. Extended Workshops



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### Workshop Categories

Education—403, 404, 405, 407, 419, 421, 425, 433, 434, 435, 436, 513, 516, 518, 522, 524, 526, 528, 534, 540, 542, 545,
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Other—416, 418, 438

## Thursday, February 1: Workshop A

2:00–3:30 p.m. Onsite Workshops

### 421. Where to Find the BEST (even FREE) Reformed Internet and Social Media Resources ■ ■

*Jennifer Whitford*

The Internet is a super resource and it can help you plan your lessons, add an idea or two, and connect you with other educators. It is also difficult and time-consuming to find good, Reformed, balanced, and trusted sources. Come discover where these websites are, who the authors/creators are, what social media groups are available, and how to utilize all the wonderful information and resources out there.

Jenni is a certified Christian educator working with children and youth for over 18 years. She has served in the Lake Michigan and Scioto Valley Presbyteries. (All Levels)

### 412. Opening Our Doors a Little Wider ■ ■

*Deborah Huggins*

Come discover practical, transformational tips to end barriers to hospitality. We will hear the story of a parent's experience of a church's ministry. We will dream together what is possible and offer tools to make the next step. An advanced degree in special education is NOT required to welcome a child with special needs to your church. Deborah Huggins is associate pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ, and the Congregational Ministries Publishing's special needs consultant. Her experience as a special education teacher, combined with her theological training, inspire her to work towards the inclusion of all. (All Levels)

### 406. Creating Safe Places for Ministry with Youth ■ ■

*Karen Miller*

Young people often encounter persons and places in their lives where they feel like they cannot be themselves. Being a part of a youth group and church family should not be one of these places. In this class, we will discuss the importance of safe spaces, create strategies for helping youth open up and draw closer to God, and have a safe space of their own to share their successes and failures. Karen Miller serves as the director of children's and youth ministry at United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL. She has a passion for inclusion and advocacy. (All Levels)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.***

### 402. A Beginner's Guide to Ministry with Youth ■ ■

*Nathan Wheeler*

Join other passionate, crazy people like yourself who have decided to be youth leaders, pastors, ministers, and directors, in a workshop focused on those who are new to youth ministry. We will laugh, cry, and share in the wonder and mystery that is youth ministry. In an action-packed 90 minutes, we will explore everything from culture building, office planning, and resource development, to parent engagement and child safety, in a light-hearted, sometimes serious, but extremely informative workshop. Nathan Wheeler serves as coordinator of youth and young adult ministries for Cumberland Presbyterian Church. (Basic)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.***

### 417. The Depth of Pop Culture in Youth Ministry ■ ■

*Katie Hartwell*

Young people are constantly watching TV, movies, gaming, or listening to music. How often do they see God in the media they consume? God is ever-present and that includes when we seek entertainment. Learn how to authentically integrate popular culture into our ministry to foster a deeper awareness of how God speaks in everyday life. Together we will explore theological themes in movies, music, TV, and video games. Katie Hartwell is designated associate pastor for children and youth at River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville, IL. (All Levels)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.***



#### 418. Welcoming Congregation—

##### Welcoming Worship

*Keith Sundberg*

Most congregations claim to be welcoming. How do we help visitors know if they have found a place that genuinely is? What are welcoming words in the bulletin? What would a liturgy look like that both educates the worshipper and evokes the Spirit? We will explore philosophical positions of a welcoming congregation and a way to share that understanding in parts of the service. Keith Sundberg is associate pastor at Wayside Presbyterian Church in Erie, PA. He is currently serving on the Eastern APCE Board and was the co-director of the APCE national event in Baltimore in 2015. (All Levels)

#### 404. Adult Education in the Large Congregation

*Catherine Foster*

Adult education in large congregations plays a particularly critical role in providing spaces of hospitality, spiritual growth, and ongoing care. One size does not fit all, and oftentimes, last year's success model is this year's flop. In this workshop, we'll explore ways to keep adult education in congregations of 750+ fresh by looking at different models, curricula, and publicity. Of course, there will be plenty of time for sharing best practices with each other! Catherine Foster is associate pastor for mission and discipleship at Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. (All Levels)

#### 410. Lead with Your Best Welcome

*Perry Chang*

This practical workshop will offer several approaches to evaluating activities and events, including structured, semi-structured, paper, online, and face-to-face. Evaluation is part of a continuous improvement process that includes self-reflection, participant feedback, and experimentation. Participants in small groups will design alternative evaluation and improvement plans. As a Research Associate for the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Research Services team, Perry Chang has helped evaluate PC(USA) agencies, ministries, curricula, and events. He is a ruling elder at Louisville's Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. (Basic)

#### 415. Spirituality of Hospitality as Seen Through

##### Children's Literature

*Debby Madden*

Using children's books, such as Miss Spider's Tea Party and The Tiny Caterpillar and the Great Big Tree, Debby will enable us to talk about the variety of ways we are called to be hospitable and what it really looks like. Although the focus will start with children, information will be expanded to include how these actions relate to adults and the entire congregation. Debby Madden is an associate certified Christian educator and has a certificate in spiritual formation from Columbia Theological Seminary. In 2016, EAPCE honored Debby as Educator of the Year. (Basic)

#### 405. Building Bridges: From Christian Education to

##### Faith Formation

*Deborah Abbott*

Christian educators are bridge builders who create unique pathways to span obstacles blocking the way to meaningful faith growth. In this workshop, we will explore (1) the difference between Christian education and faith formation; (2) the benefits of intentional intergenerational events; (3) how to enable faith nurture in the home; and (4) how to use hospitality, storytelling, games, and crafts in intergenerational settings. Participants will help each other create an individual, intergenerational event that will fit their church context. Deborah Abbott is director of faith formation at Hodges Presbyterian Church and is currently waiting for her certification exam to be read and approved. She leads adult Bible studies and has lead several different adult workshops. (All Levels)



#### 409. How Do We Choose Welcome? – Accompanying Refugee and Immigrant Neighbors ■

*Amanda Craft, Teresa Waggener, and Nora Leccese*

Immigrant and refugee communities are living in fear in the United States. As they are directly threatened and accused, these communities—our neighbors—become even more vulnerable to violence, hatred, and exploitation. In this workshop, we will offer methods to reach out to at-risk communities who need accompaniment, assistance, and agency so that they may live in safety with dignity. Highlights will include choosing welcome, family preparedness, sanctuary, rapid response, and networking with other organizations. Teresa Waggener is manager of legal resources, and Amanda Craft is manager of immigration advocacy in the Office of the General Assembly, PC(USA). Nora Leccese is associate, domestic poverty and environmental issues, at the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness. (All Levels)

#### 416. Team Up with Parents! ■ ■

*Heidi Everhart*

Helping parents feel like they are part of their child's faith journey can be a difficult task to take on. We all strive to make them feel welcomed because if they do, they are more likely to bring their children to the different activities we provide. In this workshop, you will learn how to engage, encourage, equip, and empower parents to become partners in their child's faith journey. After all, parents are asking for ways they can help lead their children spiritually at home; so why not show them boundless hospitality! Heidi Everhart is director of children's ministry at Friedberg Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC, where she is blessed to share the word of God with children two-years-old through fifth grade. (Basic)

#### 408. Graced Spaces: Cultivating Formative, Hospitable, and Prayerful Environments ■ ■

*Susan Forshey*

How might we craft our liturgical spaces in ways that are conducive to prayer? What are supportive physical environments for learning and formation? While the content of our teaching and liturgical gatherings are

important, the spaces in which we teach and pray offer their own powerful and implicit formation, communicating in subtle (and not so subtle) ways support or opposition to our explicit content. This workshop will explore how to discern a space's formative influence, consider ways to order the environment to support different uses, and give ideas for cleaning, clearing, and reconfiguring spaces with little to no renovating budget. Susan Forshey is a PC(USA) ruling elder and assistant professor of discipleship and Christian formation at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She brings over 20 years of leadership experience to PC(USA) congregations, with experience in Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Pentecostal communities. She teaches at the intersection of Christian education, neuroscience, spiritual disciplines, and liturgical formation. (All Levels)

#### 420. When the Least of These Demand the Most of You ■ ■

*Susan Perkins*

Providing a special needs ministry in your church deepens and widens your ability to be hospitable to a community that often experiences church as a place they do not fit in. Providing room for the families of children with special needs is offering a cold cup of water, food, and welcome to several "strangers." Children and adolescents with special needs may present unique and sometimes disruptive behaviors that volunteers are not prepared to deal with, even though their hearts have responded to God's call to participate in this ministry. This workshop will explore some of the reasons these behaviors occur and the importance of relationships in curbing these behaviors before they become overwhelming. It will provide some proven interventions that will assist your special needs ministry team with responding to aggressive and violent behaviors that can arise when these families/children are part of your church. Susan Perkins has served three churches. She has a master's degree in counseling psychology and has worked with chronically, mentally ill adults for approximately 10 years. She now works as a service coordinator for the Autism Support Program in McHenry County, IL. (All Levels)



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## Workshops

Thursday, 2:00 p.m.  
to 3:30 p.m.  
and  
Thursday, 4:00 p.m.  
to 5:30 p.m.



### 413. Resisting Comfort: Cultivating Courage for Solidarity and Radical Welcome



*Molly Casteel*

Explore how whiteness, internalized dominance, and fragility obscure the capacities of our better angels and prevent wider inclusive practices of hospitality. Building on the biblical call and the Belhar Confession, we will learn how oppression is baked into our systems and socialization, then turn toward an ethic of radical inclusion and the transformations called for in thinking and action to get there. Molly Casteel serves as assistant stated clerk and manager for representation and equity at the Office of the General Assembly. She is a teaching elder who is passionate about holy disruption, joining with co-conspirators and working to widen participation, and equipping the church to effective intersectional justice and equity work. (Intermediate/Advanced)

### 407. Extending the Ultimate Welcome



*Stefanie Marsden*

Did you know that your generosity story can go on forever? This interactive session focuses on how we can inspire generosity in people of all generations. It's true: hospitality really is part of generosity. Together we will discover how a legacy can truly welcome others so we can nurture our congregations and our churches. Stefanie Marsden is relationship manager at the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, working closely with current partners to grow

relationships, as well as their TPF assets. She also identifies and cultivates new partners whom TPF can assist in the expansion of their mission efforts. Stefanie serves as an elder at Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, in Richardson, TX. (All Levels)

### 411. Mental Health Matters



*Kathy McNair*

One in five people has a mental health condition: approximately one person in every pew. Mental illness is largely invisible. People with mental health challenges are hungry for companionship, thirsty for compassion, and longing for community. Faith communities can help provide what people most need. Come learn about two new support groups that help people deal with mental health issues and educate those who want to help. "Faith, Hope and Recovery" focuses on people impacted by diagnosable mental health concerns. "Faith, Hope and Wholeness" looks at everyday experiences of anxiety, loss, grief, and depression. Both programs use spiritual practices to help loosen people from the chains they feel are binding them. Rev. McNair will also describe ways in which she can consult with churches, presbyteries, and other faith-based organizations. Kathy Dale McNair is a specialized minister in the PC(USA) whose ministry focuses on mental health. She also works for the National Alliance on Mental Illness as the FaithNet coordinator in the Chicago area. (All Levels)

## Thursday, February 1

### Workshop B • 4:00–5:30 p.m. Onsite Workshops

### 435. Story & Stretch: Narrative Yoga for Kids



*Michel Le Gribble-Dates*

Attendees will learn how to help children develop the skills necessary to offer boundless hospitality by leading them in "Story & Stretch: Narrative Yoga for Kids." This combination of biblical stories and yoga allows children to interact with God's Word in ways that bring them inner peace, encourage social awareness and responsibility, and support a sense of universal connectedness. Attendees

will experience a "Story & Stretch" session and then practice planning one! Michel Le Gribble-Dates is the founder of Umbrella, an organization aimed at helping you—regardless of age—to reconnect to God through spiritual practices. She is also an author, yoga instructor, labyrinth facilitator, health coach, Reiki practitioner, mindfulness educator, and creator of liturgical yoga and "Story & Stretch: Narrative Yoga for Kids." (All Levels)



#### 434. **Preschool Preacher: Developing a Chapel Program for Preschoolers** ■■■

*Susie Faas*

Does your church sponsor or collaborate with a preschool? Are you inviting children into faith formation by providing a worship experience for children ages 3 to 5? This interactive workshop will provide resources, techniques, creative “child-tested” worship ideas, and lesson plans for a weekly chapel service for preschoolers. Learn how to praise God with little children, gather new resources to add to an existing program, or build a chapel program from the ground up. Susie Faas is director of children’s ministries at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Mason, OH. (Intermediate)

#### 431. **Loving Our Neighbor by Supporting Our Public Schools** ■■

*Alonzo Johnson, Nora Leccese, and Mark Koenig*

Public schools are the primary way our children are educated. Presbyterians have long supported quality public schools for all children. Our policy statement on public schools, Loving Our Neighbors, addresses concerns at the forefront of conversation and debate about our schools. In this seminar, we will look at issues challenging our public educators today, such as separation of church and state, the growth of private schools, and faith-based challenges to the teaching of science. We will offer and discuss strategies for engagement on these issues, provide models for how congregations can support their public schools, and feature a report from and conversation with members of the “Educate a Child” Initiative. Alonzo Johnson, M.Div., is coordinator for the self-development of people and convener of the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” Initiative, PC(USA). Nora Leccese is associate for domestic poverty and environmental issues, Office of Public Witness, PC(USA). Mark Koenig, M.Div., is coordinator for leader development, racial justice, and network support, PC(USA). (All Levels)

#### 432. **Moving Beyond “Purpling”: Practicing Intentional Hospitality with LGBTQ Youth** ■

*Shelley Donaldson*

For years, youth workers have used the phrase “no purpling” to prevent young women (pink) from mingling too much with young men (blue). This phrase might have served us well in the past, but it’s time to move beyond. It’s our responsibility to make sure that young LGBTQ people are able to fully be themselves as children of God. This workshop is a chance to rethink everything that we use—from language and games to everyday logistics—when planning overnights and bathroom usage. Come and learn how to practice God’s intentional, radical hospitality to all youth, especially those the church has often left on the margins. Shelley Donaldson serves as senior high youth coordinator at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL. She is a contributing author for the soon-to-be-published book, Four Views on Pastoring LGBT Youth. (All Levels)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers’ Association.***

#### 423. **Creating a Deep Bench of Volunteer Youth Workers** ■

*Kaitie Kautz*

As adult volunteers get busier and busier, finding volunteer youth workers in our congregations gets harder and harder. Come learn how to create a wide network of volunteers who understand the importance of creating healthy relationships with young people in the church. We’ll tackle lots of challenges together including recruiting, training, supervising, and retaining volunteers in youth ministry programs of all sizes! Kaitie Kautz is director of youth ministries and director of equipping ministries at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL. She has a passion for youth ministry, mission, and dance. (Intermediate)

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#### 439. When to Call 911 and Other Things That Go Wrong in Youth Ministry

*James Monnett*

A lot can go wrong when we work with teenagers. During this interactive workshop, we will talk about injuries, church damage, keeping our head of staff informed, communicating with parents, what to do when our rental van drops its transmission on I-75, salmonella poisoning, and other surprises that were not covered in seminary or at our favorite youth institute's conference. Jim Monnett is a 20-year veteran youth leader who has led youth trips from 5 to 70+ people to varied locations including Pittsburgh, New Mexico, the Navajo Reservation, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Guatemala, and Belize. He is passionate about helping youth engage their faith through active church involvement. He is interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Saline, MI. (Intermediate)

#### 425. Curricular Tools for Welcoming Learners

*Malinda Spencer*

Join a conversation about how attention to hospitality can positively affect the way we structure classes, equip facilitators, include supplementary activities, and choose curriculum. Effective adult education offers an opportunity to practice hospitality, in hopes of creating an environment conducive to learning and transformation. Curriculum samples from Congregational Ministries Publishing will be available. Malinda Spencer is associate for curricula training and promotion with Congregational Ministries Publishing, PC(USA). (All Levels)

#### 436. The Church as the "Go to Place" for Caregivers

*Michele Hendrix*

The church can be a "Go to Place" for family caregivers. Interactive activities will identify the roles and responsibilities of caregivers and ten considerations to help caregivers determine if it's time to get more involved in addressing challenges their loved one may be facing. The practical ways a church can help the family caregiver as they address and react to those challenges will be considered. We will interact with models that can be easily used in the church setting along with suggesting books for book reviews or classes. We'll explore the church as a facilitator of support groups for caregivers. Michele Hendrix is acting president of Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network, a caregiver specialist, licensed master

trainer, and class leader for Powerful Tools for Caregivers. She has worked for over 25 years to advocate, educate, involve, and motivate individuals in the process of aging and self-care. (All Levels)

#### 438. We've Been Doing It Wrong: Measuring Congregational Vitality Is More Useful Than Counting Heads

*Deborah Coe*

How do you know whether a congregation where you worship, serve, or are considering serving, is healthy, vital, and thriving? Do you look up their membership statistics, average attendance, or size of their budget? Wouldn't it be better to know more about how well a congregation is living into its sense of call and purpose? A collaborative project between Research Services and the Office of Theology, Formation & Evangelism, PC(USA) in Louisville, has been developing and testing a new resource for assessing congregational vitality. Come take a "sample test" to assess your congregation's vitality. Learn which traits are important and see how it will be used in the very near future to resource congregations. Deborah Coe is coordinator for research services in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA). Deb began her career as a Christian educator in both the Presbyterian and United Methodist churches. She is a long time APCE member who felt a sense of call to become a researcher to help mainline churches deal with the decades-long pattern of decline. (All Levels)

#### 422. All-Church Thematic Planning

*Stephanie Fritz*

An all-church theme for your program year can bring energy, focus, and unity to a congregation. In this workshop, you will learn strategies for developing a theme, bringing your leadership onboard, and carrying it out in the congregation. You will go home with specific examples of themes that have been implemented in congregations and spend some time brainstorming new themes. We will discuss how to avoid fatigue mid-year, how to allow multiple entry points for church members, and ways to modify for all congregation sizes. Stephanie Fritz is director of children, youth and family ministries at Central Presbyterian Church in Denver, a longtime APCE member, and past chair of the Annual Event Committee. (All Levels)

#### 424. Cultivating Holy Habits: This is Your Brain on Grace

*Susan Forshey*

The human brain is an amazing, God-given creation, yet our approaches to formation, education, prayer, and liturgical spaces often seem to work against how the brain learns. Drawing upon the most recent studies in cognitive and expertise sciences, art and music, and the centuries of graced intuition about how to cultivate habits of love and holiness, this workshop will offer ways to reframe spiritual disciplines and educational formation that work with the brain's amazing capacities for memory-making and willpower. It will be a fully sensory experience for educators, "pray-ers," worship leaders, and anyone longing to taste the "unforced rhythms of grace" which Jesus promises. Susan Forshey is a PC(USA) ruling elder and assistant professor of discipleship and Christian formation at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She brings over 20 years of leadership experience in PC(USA) congregations, with experience in Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Pentecostal communities. She teaches at the intersection of Christian education, neuroscience, spiritual disciplines, and liturgical formation. (All Levels)

#### 426. Equipping Parents to Nurture Faith at Home

*Jean Dow and Elizabeth Hockerman*

Parents may not feel prepared to engage their children's questions about faith or to guide their religious and moral development. Together, parents and clergy have developed a "Parents' Pub" (distributed by Constant Contact, Inc.) to serve as a resource for parents as they grow their family's faith at home. Every other month, we email information, activities, and other resources that equip families to: teach our children the stories and values of the Christian faith, foster a sense of belonging, and nurture love of God and neighbor. The email can also be shared with extended family, caregivers, and friends who may not be involved in the church. Jean Dow is associate pastor at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, WI, where she is responsible for the education of children and youth. Elizabeth Hockerman is vice president of content and operations at Gravity Marketing in Milwaukee. She is a member of Immanuel Church and the mother of two young boys. (All Levels)

#### 433. Planting Seeds of Service: Youth and Young Adult Engagement with the Ever-Changing Church

*Blake Collins*

The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program is a year of service for young adults, ages 19-30, at sites across the United States and around the world. YAV will present the lessons learned from working with young adults in the church and offer encouraging insights about engaging with youth and young adults. We will look at ways social media can be utilized for Bible study and/or devotions, while also sharing patterns about how young adults experience challenge and faith development. As the Associate for Recruitment and Relationships for the PC(USA), Blake helps spread awareness about this transformational experience, connecting with alums and developing wider partnerships between the YAV program and campus ministries, congregations, and young adults (All Levels)

#### 437. The First Seven Minutes

*Nancy Myer and Jaime Staehle*

Research shows that people make up their minds about a program within the first seven minutes of arrival. How do you engage children, youth, and adults, and make them feel welcome as soon as they walk in the room? Nancy Myer is staff associate for children's ministries at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, NC. Jaime Staehle is director of youth and children's ministries at The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell in Caldwell, NJ. (All Levels)

#### 429. How Wide is Your Welcome?

*Cathy Hoop*

Our signs in front of our churches say, "All Welcome," but are all really welcome? Is the two-mom family welcome? What about the two-dad family? What does our unwritten curriculum say about our welcome? This workshop will invite us to explore various aspects of our family ministry, from signage and symbols, to language and practices. Come ready to celebrate how diversity enriches our understanding of God and deepens our sensitivity to the sacred in one another. Come ready to share our stories of missteps and successes. Come and help us build a church where our welcome is as wide as God's imagination. Cathy Hoop spent 18 joyful years in children's ministries at Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN; became an ordained pastor; and now serves as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. (All Levels)

#### 427. Hospitality: From the Outside Looking In ■

*William Lamont*

The best way to learn about hospitality is to approach it from the outside looking in, as a visitor. Attendees will hear about my experiences as a visitor attending churches in Great Britain and the USA while on a three-month sabbatical. Hospitality never happens by accident, but is the expressed intention of the host. Sharing my experiences will reveal what hospitable churches are doing to welcome the stranger in their midst. Our discussion will help shape a definition of hospitality and give us ideas for nurturing it within the congregation. Bill Lamont is pastor/head of staff at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA. His sabbatical on hospitality took him to churches in London, England; Iona, Scotland; Minneapolis, MN; Indianapolis, IN; and within Virginia. (All Levels)

#### 428. Hospitality Toward the Undocumented Among Us ■■

*Paul M. Smith*

This workshop will present a biblical/theological perspective on our relationship with the undocumented and offer practical ways for congregations to minister to/with them. Paul M. Smith is a retired RCA pastor having served five years in pastoral ministry and 28 years as library director and a faculty member at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. His involvement in immigration issues began as a leader of seminary intercultural immersion trips to the Arizona-Mexico border region. Currently, he serves as a board member of Lighthouse Immigration Advocates, a nonprofit providing legal assistance to both documented and undocumented immigrants. (All Levels)

### Thursday, February 1

#### Workshop B • 4:00–5:30 p.m. Offsite Workshop

#### 430. Kentucky Refugee Ministries ■

In 2016, Kentucky was ranked seventh in the nation for welcoming and resettling refugees. Louisville was the fourth largest city in the United States in the number of refugees welcomed. Most of these resettlements are due to the work of Kentucky Refugee Ministries ([www.kyrm.org](http://www.kyrm.org)). Founded in 1990, KRM has welcomed over 4,000 refugees to the U.S. KRM not only welcomes, but finds

jobs, offers English and citizenship classes, and provides several legal and medical services for their clients. They do a large amount of this work by mobilizing and empowering churches and local civic organizations as a critical part of this process. Come tour their facility and learn from KRM staff how you can be a part of a ministry of welcome (no matter where you live). (All Levels)

**Fee: \$10** Minimum by Dec. 8 is 10. Maximum is 28.

### Thursday, February 1

#### 2:00–5:30 p.m. Extended Onsite Workshops

#### 403. A Surprising Look at Parables ■■

*Amy-Jill Levine and Sandy Sasso*

Parables are more than they seem! They offer invitations! They invite us to think about whom we welcome and whom we exclude! Discussion questions will include the following: How were parables heard by Jesus' original Jewish followers? How do you address anti-Jewish views that accompany parable interpretation? What appeals to children's imagination? How can contemporary stories challenge them? How can retelling parables engage children in a way that is respectful of people of other

faiths? Amy-Jill Levine, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies and Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, is the author of *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. Sandy Eisenberg Sasso is director of the Religion, Spirituality & the Arts Initiative at Butler University. She is rabbi emerita of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and author of many award-winning children's books. (Intermediate)



#### 414. Slack and Zoom: Collaboration Tools for Educational Ministry

*Von Clemans*

Discover how Slack (a group collaboration platform) and Zoom (a videoconferencing/webinar platform) can enhance your existing ministries and open new opportunities for ministry by providing digital delivery of and interaction with content, while supporting and nurturing participant relationships. Learn basic functions, hear best practices, and explore how these digital tools can be used in your setting. Von Clemans, D.Ed.Min., is a PC(USA) pastor and educator in adult faith formation ministries who served 18 years at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. He is currently past president of APCE. (All Levels)

#### 419. Welcoming the Future: Reframing Christian Formation for an Adaptive Church

*Tammy Wiens and Karen-Marie Yust*

Are you fascinated by the social sciences and research on teaching and learning? We want to engage all curious Christian educators—children’s ministers, confirmation leaders, camp counselors, and church school teachers for any age group—in an exploration of contemporary research that might inform new approaches to faith formation. Registrants will receive a short list of key research articles that they are expected to read before the event and come prepared to discuss in relation to the Christian formation of children, youth, and adults. The goal is to collaboratively identify implications of the research for ministry practices. Following the APCE event, interested participants may continue reading together and developing materials to help educators adapt current research to Christian formation practices across the lifespan. Tammy Wiens, M.Div., Ph.D., is associate for Christian formation at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA). Karen Marie-Yust, M.Div., Th.D., is the Josiah P. and Anne Wilson Rowe Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. (Advanced)

### Thursday, February 1

2:00–5:30 p.m. Extended Offsite Workshop

#### 401. 100 Witherspoon Street: An Introduction to the Presbyterian Center (Thurs. and Fri.)

Just up the river from the APCE conference hotel is the Presbyterian Center, home to four agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, and the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. Take a tour of the building and

learn about its history, as well as some of the significant artwork that adorns its walls. The experience will include an interactive exploration of the work coordinated out of the offices and a Q&A session with representatives of its agencies. (All Levels)

*No minimum. Maximum is 25.*



## Friday, February 2

### Workshop C • 2:00–3:30 p.m. Onsite Workshops

#### 510. Apps in Church?! ■ ■

*Laurie Juarez*

Yes! Apps can and do have a place in church. Come ready to discuss your favorite apps that can be used in settings and areas like Sunday school, check in/security, communication, afterschool, Wednesday night activities, fellowship dinners, devotionals, and kids' ministry. You name it; there's an app for that! I'm not talking your run-of-the-mill apps—like games which have kids looking at their screens and not talking. I'm talking apps that promote creativity, fellowship, learning, and leadership! Come with five ideas and leave with 50! Laurie Juarez is director of children's ministry at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA. She is always looking for new and fun ways to engage the children in her church and spread the good news out into the community. She has been an educator for the past nine years serving four different churches following the calls of her pastor husband. (All Levels)

#### 518. God Says You Are Good: Helping Families and Children Talk about Faith and Sex ■ ■

*Nicole Newton*

Where do you go when you have questions about how you are made? This workshop will explore how churches can show hospitality by fostering conversations between parents and their children about our bodies, our sexuality, and our faith. Attendees will leave with a packet of resources, a book list, and a new repertoire of activities to get everyone talking and engaged around this tough topic. Nicole Newton is a recent graduate of Wake Forest University School of Divinity in Winston-Salem, NC. She serves as elementary ministry coordinator at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, and has a passion for helping families and congregations talk about tough topics. (All Levels)

#### 516. Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline ■ ■ ■

*Alonzo Johnson, Nora Leccese, and Mark Koenig*

A black boy born in 2001 has a 1-in-3 chance of going to prison in his lifetime; a white boy's chance is 1 in 17. This workshop will assess race and the role it plays in our current educational systems. Participants will examine the relationship between poverty, racism, educational inadequacies, and mass incarceration, including the role that corporations play at both ends of the pipeline. Workshop leaders will share stories of how Presbyterians across the country are disrupting these unjust systems and equip participants with useful tools to impact policy at the district, state, and national levels, and to directly serve students "falling through the cracks" in their own contexts. Alonzo Johnson, M.Div., is coordinator for the self-development of people and convener of the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" Initiative, PC(USA). Nora Leccese is associate for domestic poverty and environmental issues, Office of Public Witness, PC(USA). Mark Koenig, M.Div., is coordinator for leader development, racial justice, and network support, PC(USA). (All Levels)

#### 527. The Shape of Youth Ministry: Ideas, Issues, and Frameworks Worth Tracking for Ministry with Young People ■

*Gina Yeager-Buckley*

What are the formative schools of thought, national and global issues, and societal issues impacting the ministry and relationship we have—and the church has—with youth? Through conversation and interaction, participants in this workshop will explore what is shaping our time as youth workers, educators, pastors, and volunteers. Schedules, marketing research, theological shifts, politics, retail, race, sexual identity, technology, fiction and art—it all matters in what we do! It all matters in the formation of young people. Gina Yeager-Buckley serves as mission associate for Christian formation for youth, in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA). Living and working in Louisville, Gina also serves as a youth Sunday school teacher and volunteer at her local congregation. (Advanced)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.***



### 519. Hospitality and Youth: The First Seven Minutes

*Chip Pope*

Seven minutes—that's about the amount of time you have to welcome tweens and teens before they decide whether they will be welcomed into the community. We will use our collective experiences and wisdom to discover how we can create a culture of hospitality and inclusion for our tweens and teens in those first crucial minutes of being together. Chip Pope is associate pastor for youth and their families at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC. He enjoys being outdoors and visiting local coffee shops. (All Levels)

*This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.*

### 530. Welcome: Why Millennials (and Others) Leave the Church

*Jennifer Stanley*

What is welcome? How are we living it out in our churches? When have you not welcomed a stranger? Join Jenn as she shares her story of feeling awkward in church despite being a cradle Presbyterian and church professional. This workshop will give you new ideas and tools to welcome all people into your congregation. Jennifer Stanley is director of faith formation and Christian nurture at Thornwell Home for Children. She is a cradle Presbyterian and loves that she serves in a place that affirms her call. (All Levels)

### 513. Between Faith and the Arts

*Sung Hee Chang, Anne Rankowitz, and Nadine Ellsworth-Moran*

Between faith and the arts, there is a deep, wide space of possibility for worship, fellowship, and growth. Come and explore this sacred space where we encounter God and learn about the ultimate hospitality of recognizing and affirming the diverse ways that creative expression unifies us. Participants will engage with art pieces, literature excerpts, and music selections as they consider new ways of connecting the arts and ministry. Anne Rankowitz is director of the Resource Center for Charlotte Presbytery and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran is associate director for worship and assistant to the academic dean, and Sung Hee Chang is associate professor of supervised ministry at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte, NC. (All Levels)

### 515. Creating Community with Art

*Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks*

Using Scripture, personal narrative, and multi-media, we will create and walk through a group project on how we foster community. This project will be adaptable for all ages. A \$10 supply fee will be charged to each participant. Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks is director of spiritual formation at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, OH. When she is not busy with her family and making connections in her community, she enjoys finding outlets for her creativity through a variety of art and craft projects. (All Levels)

**Supply Fee: \$10**

### 517. Ecumenical Hospitality: Sharing Worship and Mission

*Katy Yates Brungraber*

This workshop will explore ways to connect with local congregations of different faith traditions for shared worship (Lenten series, National Day of Prayer, and Blue Christmas), shared mission (youth ministry, Food Bank), and shared fellowship (picnics and chorales). When we pool our resources, by God's grace, we have enough! Katy Yates Brungraber, M.Div., serves Fort Burd United Presbyterian Church in Fort Burd, PA, where 35 small congregations are looking for ways to reach out to a community in great spiritual need with many unchurched children. Utilizing skills learned from nine years as a certified Christian educator, Pastor Katy works with other church leaders to show ecumenical hospitality in worship and mission. (All Levels)

### 528. Third Calling: Engaging in Aging That is Changing

*Michele Hendrix*

Aging retirees and families are often confounded by the complexity of issues facing the elderly. The church now faces the enormous task of addressing escalating needs, challenges, and changes faced by an aging and intergenerational congregation. Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network and the church should be a part of this educational process by equipping leadership and congregations to meet these increasing needs and concerns with expert solutions that redefine aging through ministry programming and resources. Michele Hendrix is acting president of Presbyterian Older Adult



Ministries Network, a caregiver specialist, licensed master trainer, and class leader for Powerful Tools for Caregivers. She has worked for over 25 years to advocate, educate, involve, and motivate individuals in the process of aging and self-care. (All Levels)

### 531. Worship Arts: Welcoming All Ages to Lead Worship

*Betsy Dishman*

Every church desires more children and youth present for worship. How do we communicate that worship is for all ages? How do we welcome all into our sacred spaces? What gifts can be brought to worship leadership, and how do we encourage these gifts to grow? Using Worship Arts, participants will actively create experiences with chimes, Boomwackers, bucket drums, praise sticks, Magna Doodles, freeze frame, prayer banners, and more. This workshop is for all leaders—musical or not! Betsy Dishman is director of music and children's ministries at Olivet Presbyterian, Charlottesville, VA. She has 25 years of experience welcoming children and youth to develop and offer their gifts in worship with energy and creativity. Betsy has written a resource for GenOn Ministries entitled, "Worship Arts for Children and Youth," which is full of creative ideas to inspire leaders. (All Levels)

### 526. The Promise of God's Presence: Hospitality and the Next PW/Horizons Bible Study

*Betsy Ensign-George and Amy Poling Sutherlun*

God's promise, "I will be with you," wends its way through Scripture from the time of the patriarchs to the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age. Join Amy Poling Sutherlun, author of the 2018-2019 PW/Horizons Bible study, God's Promises, as she introduces study scripture, themes, and features. PW/Horizons Bible studies create community. When Jesus extends the promise of his presence to his followers—where two or three gather, and as they go, making disciples—he extends the promise to us, the followers of Christ who gather and make disciples in his name. Experience PW/Horizons Bible studies—your next great Adult Ed resource! Betsy Ensign-George serves Presbyterian Women as associate editor and edits the annual PW/Horizons Bible studies. Amy Poling Sutherlun is the author of the 2018-2019 study, God's Promises [working title]. Amy serves, with her husband, Joshua, as

co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church, San Marcos, TX. (All Levels)

### 520. Hospitality in the Capitol Halls

*Peggy Hinds*

In a time of societal unrest and division, church leaders can create opportunities for members to practice hospitality and advocacy in their city, county, or state "peoples' house." Using the model of Prayer in *Action Days* developed by the Kentucky Council of Churches, this workshop will give participants tools for civil engagement and discourse that are both purposeful and hospitable. Participants will learn how to plan an event, talk to elected officials, and find new resources. Peggy Hinds has served as interim executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and as a freelance professional leadership and congregational coach. She has served 15 years as presbytery staff after serving in churches as a pastor and educator. She and her husband, Mark, live in Louisville, KY. (All Levels)

### 523. Recreation That Says, "Welcome!"

*Carl Horton*

At its best, recreation is creative, life-giving, community-strengthening, and all-inclusive. It invites people into deeper engagement, fuller participation, and more meaningful relationships with each other. Using recreation, we'll look at some best practices and creative ways to provide welcoming, hospitable spaces and to help people feel right at home. You'll leave with plenty of ideas to make your meeting, classroom, study, youth group, or worshipping community more welcoming. You're welcome! Carl Horton, M.Div., serves as the coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, PC(USA), Louisville, KY. (All Levels)

### 511. Being Neighbors: Ministries with Immigrants and Refugees in Our Churches

*Ellen Sherby, Amanda Craft, and Elmer Zavala*

We live as neighbors of immigrants and refugees in our communities. How can our churches connect with them to help them feel safe, supported, and empowered? What kinds of support are most helpful? Come learn about the current situation of immigrants and refugees in the United States and walk away with information, practical ideas, and resources to be better neighbors with one another. Ellen Sherby is coordinator of equipping



for mission involvement in Presbyterian World Mission, PC(USA). She provides resources and training to mid-councils, congregations, and networks for faithful, effective mission and outreach. Amanda Craft is manager of immigration advocacy in the Office of the General Assembly, PC(USA). Elmer Zavala is the pastor of a new worshipping community comprised mainly of Hispanic/Latino immigrants. (All Levels)

**529. Welcome the Stranger: The Nuts and Bolts of Hosting a Refugee Family in Your Church** ■ ■

*Kathi Bubb*

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of the refugee crisis, the role that US churches have had in resettlement, and specifics on how a congregation can minister to a refugee family. These specifics will include sharing stories of churches around our denomination, along with their suggestions on being effective hosts. Kathi Bubb is a certified Christian educator and ruling elder in the PC(USA), currently serving as interim director of Christian education at Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, OH. She previously served as a DCE in Franklin, IN; Jackson, TN; and Santiago, Chile. (All Levels)

**512. Better Together: Creating a Culture of Inclusion** ■ ■

*Cindy Merten and Joanne Blair*

People with disabilities represent 20% of our total population, yet many are excluded from our places of worship. How do we break barriers to welcome the stranger and offer boundless hospitality? We will share our story and provide tools to help (1) identify barriers to inclusion and lead others in welcoming all; (2) lead a “No-Shush” worship service for people of all abilities; and (3) develop ways to include all ages in educational and general church programming. Joanne Blair serves as associate pastor of inclusion and congregational care, and Cindy Merten serves as director of Christian education and all abilities inclusion ministries at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, MI. Together they work toward inclusion of children, youth, and adults in the full life of the church and community. (All Levels)

**Friday, February 2**

**Workshop D • 4:00–5:30 p.m. Onsite Workshops**

**532. Children are Welcome Here (Parents may tag along!)** ■ ■

*Bonny Mulder-Behnia*

Is your congregation looking to open its arms to children and families from your community? What has worked that you can build on? What have you never dared try before? In this workshop, the presenter will share some neighborhood outreach ideas that have helped enfold children and families in to one church’s midweek and Sunday ministries. There will also be opportunity to share ideas that have worked in your local church, and a checklist for assessing your church’s readiness to embrace people from various backgrounds. Bonny Mulder-Behnia serves as executive pastor of Rosewood CRC in Bellflower, CA. She primarily oversees staff and ministries that focus on families, youth, and children, and her passion is outreach in the church’s diverse neighborhood. (All Levels)

**534. Deep and Wide: What Bible Stories Do We Tell?** ■ ■

*Elizabeth Caldwell and Carol Wehrheim*

Christians should be able to articulate why we’re called to a life of hospitality and engagement with issues of justice, kindness, and walking with our eyes open. Bible stories we choose to tell our children matter. Our learning outcomes will wrestle with two questions: What stories to tell when? How/when can we help children know that contemporary issues of welcoming refugees/living with difference are also biblical concerns? We’ll close with stories about the creation of a new Bible storybook for children. Elizabeth Caldwell, M.Ed., Ph.D., is the author of *I Wonder, Engaging A Child’s Curiosity about the Bible*. She is an editor and writer for *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum for children. She teaches at Vanderbilt Divinity School and Columbia Theological Seminary. Carol Wehrheim is clerk of the session and a teacher at Nassau Presbyterian



Church, Princeton, NJ, and the author of *Feasting on the Word, Children's Sermons for Years A, B, & C*. She is also a curriculum writer and was general editor of *Feasting on the Word* curriculum for children. (All Levels)

### 539. How Can We Talk About Race, if (almost) All Our Youth Are White? Joining the Conversation About Race and Faith

*Anna Kendig and Lindsey Anderson*

Resisting racism is gospel work, rooted in the example of our brown-skinned, economically oppressed, politically active Savior, Jesus. Your Twitter-loving, Snapchat-watching, locker room conversant youth are already experiencing the dynamics of race and talking about it—in every community. We promise! Join us as we talk about engaging our youth in courageous and relevant conversations, explore practical ways to live God's call to justice, discuss mission trips and ministry experiences that help and that hurt, and share resources, tips, and places to start. Anna Kendig, M.Div., is staff chaplain at the University of Minnesota Medical Center. Lindsey Anderson, M.Div., is pastor of the Detroit Cooperative Church. (Beginner)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.***

### 533. Con-Ed for Youth Workers—What's the Point?

*Alex Dorsam*

Continuing education opportunities are critical components of becoming stronger faith leaders, but what happens when we gather for faith-based, continuing-education experiences? Research and findings from a 2017 study at Clemson University—that included the annual Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference at Montreat Conference Center—will help facilitate our conversations. Let's talk about how you are learning and growing within your ministry, and how we can be more effective and intentional in developing ourselves as youth workers. Alex Dorsam is a Presbyterian youth worker and a graduate research and teaching assistant at Clemson University. (Advanced)

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### 544. Taking Youth Ministry Wider

*Tully Fletcher*

Many youth leaders do well at diving deep into a Scripture or topic with young people, but often the experience ends when youth group or Sunday school ends. This workshop will explore how to engage more of the congregation in the faith development of youth, how to get parents more involved, and how to follow up on summer trips (and other intensive experiences) through the rest of the year. Tully Fletcher serves as associate pastor for youth and young adults at Orangewood Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ. (Intermediate)

***This workshop is sponsored by the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.***

### 541. Making a Home for College Students

*Mihee Kim Kort*

This workshop suggests practical ideas for congregations who are interested in extending hospitality to college students after first considering some of the spiritual questions typical of today's young adults, as well as college students who may be living far from the only church home they've ever known, and/or students who may have never attended church. We will hear personal stories from a panel of campus pastors. The emphasis of this workshop is on "mission." What does it mean to offer hospitality without a guarantee that students will show up for your Sunday worship services? What if we could help shape young people's sense of vocation, but without them adding a single dollar to the offering plate? What does it mean to offer a welcome without any strings attached? Mihee Kim-Kort is a Presbyterian minister who has served as an associate for youth, children, and families, as well as a pastor to UKirk at Indiana University, where she is currently a Ph.D. student in Religious Studies. Panelists will include five UKirk ministers: Lindsey Groves, Vanderbilt/Belmont Universities; Kelli Klingenfus, University of Louisville; Andy Morgan, University of Tennessee-Knoxville; Preston Turley, University of Missouri-Columbia; and Tammy Wiens, UKirk national staff, PC(USA). (Advanced)



#### 540. Living in Christian Community: A Model in Mysteries

*Joyce MacKichan Walker*

Canadian Louise Penny is the author of the Inspector Gamache series of best-selling mysteries. Looking for a vibrant image of Christian community? Love both surreptitious and open biblical and theological imagery? Find it here in the Gamache series and in the village of Three Pines! In this workshop, learn about the Louise Penny Book Group at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, NJ, which is deep into planning the Three Pines Women's Retreat for Community, Hospitality, and Welcome. Come and see! Joyce MacKichan Walker is minister of education and mission at Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ. She was APCE Educator of the Year in 2008. She teaches educator certification classes and writes curriculum materials. (All Levels)

#### 548. Welcoming Worship: Worship as Inclusive, Cross + Generational Faith Formation

*Gregory Rawn*

Our congregations' worship is the key faith formation experience we offer. But, does everyone feel welcome, from all ages and backgrounds? Welcoming is not just about a warm smile, but is the experience of truly belonging. When we don't feel like we belong, we are strangers, whether we've just arrived or if we've been coming for decades. In this workshop, experience and learn strategies for creating a welcoming worship experience for all. Gregory Rawn is the owner and publisher of Spirit & Truth Publishing, an independent, interdenominational publisher specializing in faith formation resources integrating education and worship, cross + generationally. In 2016, Spirit & Truth's faith formation materials were used in over 460 congregations, representing 27 denominations in the United States and around the world. (All Levels)

#### 547. Welcoming Those in the "Third/Third" of Life

*Barbara Chalfant*

Older adults? Gray hairs? Radically maturing individuals? Whatever you call them, they are a gifted part of our church. How and why we make healthy welcoming space for them makes a difference. We will explore the physical, spiritual, mental, social, and day-to-day needs of

this age group and discuss practical ways to make them feel welcome in our congregations. Come ready to play, share, learn, and grow ideas for your setting. Barbara Chalfant is associate for mission for the Presbytery of WV, responsible for the areas of older adult ministry, hunger action, social justice, peacemaking, and disaster needs. She is a graduate of PSCE, a certified educator, and has served congregations in DC, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. (All Levels)

#### 535. Diversity is Welcome Here

*Marissa Galvan-Valle*

Join Marissa for a conversation on the wonder of diversity in God's creation and learn about what unites us beyond our differences. Reflect on the distinctions between multi-, cross-, and intercultural. See how "interculturality" can inform educational ministry, and examine resources that can be used in multilingual contexts. Marissa Galvan-Valle, M.Div., is associate for resources and relationships with Hispanic/Latino constituencies for Congregational Ministries Publishing, PC(USA), and pastor of intercultural Beechmont Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY. (All Levels)

#### 536. Embracing Change: Using Transitional Techniques to Chart New Paths in Educational Ministry

*Christy Clore*

Are you feeling stuck in the routine and expectations of educational and formational programming, but you know something more engaging could be just on the other side of a future creative conversation? Come discuss and experience some of the techniques of the transitional ministry toolbox that might help spark new ideas filled with fresh engagement for those with whom you lead. Christy Clore, M.Div., has certifications in transitional ministry and religious education. She has served two historic Moravian congregations and currently serves First Presbyterian Church, Reidsville, NC, as transitional pastor. She has worked as a partner with Anthony's Plot, an intentional community serving homeless and transitional neighbors, the Institute for Dismantling Racism, and as chaplain of Salem Academy and College. (Beginner)



### 545. Technology Application in Christian Education

*Gary Wires*



This workshop will present real applications which can be used to provide training and online classes within and beyond the walls of our churches. It will highlight existing online training applications that can be used in specific situations. The goal is to reach individuals and groups who cannot be at a common location for a class or meeting. One presbytery's model for purchasing equipment and providing training will be shared. This workshop centers on the Scripture: "I was hungry and you gave me food," where in this case, the food is knowledge and access. Gary Wires is a ruling elder with Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC, and is training to become a commissioned ruling elder. He is past chairman of the Presbytery ConnectEd Christian Education Committee and a current member of the APCE Communications and Resource Team. (All Levels)

### 546. The Great Escape!

*Bill Lane*



One of the growing fads is escape rooms. Escape rooms build community and reinforce a theme. This workshop will look at the basics of designing a simple escape room experience in the church. These escape rooms can easily be setup, taken down, and even transported. Participants will get to participate in trying to escape. Bill Lane has been working with children, youth, and families for 20-plus years. He's an avid board gamer and big recreation gamer. Most recently, he started developing portable escape room experiences. (All Levels)

### 537. Flourishing Together as Disciple-Leaders: Cultivating a Pattern of Life in Community

*Jodi Craiglow*



This past year, folks in the Presbytery of Chicago have come together in conversation, prayer, and discernment about how to grow in hospitality as a community. We've discovered four movements—Welcoming, Restoring, Dwelling, and Sending—which frame biblical accounts of hospitality, and which have informed our community-building efforts. Come learn more about these movements, and join in a discussion about how to incorporate them into the life of our own communities. Jodi Craiglow is a Ph.D. student in Educational Studies and an adjunct professor at Trinity International University,

a curriculum developer for the Synod of Mid America's Theocademy, and a member of the PC(USA) Committee on Theological Education. She is the author of "Meeting Jesus," Presbyterians Today's 2017 Lenten Devotional, and contributes to several denominational magazines and blogs. (All Levels)

### 543. Spirituality, Hospitality, and Disability

*Terry A. DeYoung*



Despite Scripture's powerful mandate to welcome strangers in the church, people with disabilities often are strangers to their more able-bodied neighbors. Jesus said, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me." By growing in its capacity to welcome all people—regardless of ability—through practices of hospitality and welcome, the church more deeply welcomes and serves Jesus. This workshop explores spiritual, theological, and practical issues at stake in the church's response to people with disabilities. Terry A. DeYoung, M.Div., is coordinator for disability concerns for the Reformed Church in America. He was managing editor of the all-church magazine, The Church Herald, for 15 years, and pastor of an RCA congregation for six years. Terry lives with a bone condition that affects all his joints; his wife, Cindi, an RCA chaplain, has lived with hearing loss since childhood. They live in Holland, MI. (All Levels)

### 542. Refugees Welcome: Boundless Hospitality Across Cultures

*Susan Krehbiel and Carl Horton*



The world is facing the largest refugee crisis since World War II. Refugees are forced to cross international borders to seek safety and well-being. Through refugee ministries, congregations have crossed social and cultural borders to offer welcome. Welcoming the stranger in the face of our own fear and anxiety has transformed the faith of Presbyterians who, while offering radical hospitality, have experienced Christ's peace. This workshop is designed for congregations who are just starting to become more publicly visible/active on the rights of refugees and migrants. PCUSA film and print resources designed for use in local outreach and education will be featured. Susan Krehbiel works part-time for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to coordinate PC(USA) humanitarian response and advocacy on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers, and other forced migrants. Carl Horton, M.Div., is coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, PC(USA), Louisville, KY. (All Levels)



**Friday, February 2**  
**2:00–5:30 p.m. Extended Onsite Workshops**

**524. Seeing Jesus: Looking at Matthew 25:35–45**

**Today**

*Phyllis Vos Wezeman*



Hungry—Thirsty—Stranger—Poor—Sick—Imprisoned. When Jesus' listeners asked, "Lord, when did we see you?" he replied, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." This timeless question is one which people still ask today. This workshop will help participants discover ways to truly see people as Christ taught in these verses, and to respond to what we see as if we were responding to Christ himself because these are not tasks for the highly skilled or the uniquely called, they are something which every follower can and must do in the name of Christ. Learning experiences will take place in large and small group settings, will explore the context and the segments of the passage, and be appropriate for many ages and programs in the congregation, family, and community. Phyllis Wezeman has served as director of Christian nurture at a downtown congregation in South Bend, IN; executive director of a parish resource center; and program coordinator for ecumenical as well as interfaith organizations in Indiana and Michigan. As founder of the nonprofit, Malawi Matters, Inc., she develops and directs HIV and AIDS education programs with thousands of volunteers in nearly 200 villages in Malawi, Africa. She has authored books and articles for over 80 publishers. (All Levels)

**521. How Monastic Hospitality Can Save the Church**

*Jason Santos*



Every year, the Taizé Brothers welcome over 100,000 young people into their community. This historic expression of monastic hospitality is deeply rooted in a theology of acceptance, informed by an embodied understanding of "love for our neighbors." For more than a decade, Jason Brian Santos has researched and written about the Taizé Community and why it has become a spiritual home for thousands of pilgrims from around the world. This interactive workshop explores both the historical significance of Taizé's welcome and unpacks how the North American church might learn from their spiritual practice of hospitality. Jason Santos, M.Div., is mission coordinator for Christian formation (Christian education, children, youth, college, young adult, camps and conference ministries) at the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He also serves as the national director of UKirk Collegiate Ministries. In his spare time, he plays and designs board games. (All Levels)



## Friday, February 2

### 2:00-5:30 p.m. Extended Offsite Workshops

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*No minimum. Maximum is 25.*

#### 522. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary ■ ■

While on campus, participants will tour the Seminary and participate in a seminar led by Seminary professors. The seminars will build on the theme of "Boundless Hospitality," which melds well with a campus-wide focus on Restorative Justice. Participants will choose from one of three seminars: (1) Embracing Boundless Hospitality in Youth Ministry, led by Rev. Marcus A. Hong; (2) A Conversation Circle Experience Around Boundless Hospitality and Restorative Justice, led by Rev. Dr. Scott C. Williamson; or (3) Pastoral Hospitality, led by Dr. Carol J. Cook. (Beginner)

**Fee: \$10**

*Minimum by Dec. 8 is 10. Maximum is 28.*

#### 514. Churchill Downs: Home of the Kentucky Derby ■

Come experience the most dynamic and unique celebration known worldwide as the "Greatest Two Minutes in Sports." Tour the Churchill Downs Museum. Experience horseracing in a fun, interactive way or join one of the tours scheduled every 30 minutes to visit the paddock, backside, and gift shop.

**Fee: \$40**

*Minimum by Dec. 8 is 20. Maximum is 23.*

## Mini Plenaries

Friday 10:30 a.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m.

### Mini-Plenaries: Tying Your Ministry to Hospitality

Mini-plenaries are a new offering at the APCE Annual Event. These gatherings allow you to learn from noted leaders in a setting that is larger than a workshop, but more intimate than a large plenary setting. Register for one mini-plenary on Friday morning and one on Saturday morning.

#### Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality

*Mini-plenary Leader: Henry Brinton*

Based on Brinton's book, *The Welcoming Congregation*, this time together will blend both the "how to" and the "why to" of Christian hospitality. Participants will explore the best practices of welcoming congregations across the theological spectrum, and then develop concrete action plans to take back to their churches, beginning with the roots of hospitality—sites, worship, meals, and small groups—and ending with the fruits of hospitality: reconciliation, outreach, and new perceptions of God's inclusive love.

*Maximum Registration: 80 participants*

#### Teaching Between Worlds: Nurturing Public Faith

*Mini-plenary Leader: Becky Davis*

We are quick to inform newcomers to our congregations that ours is a "thinking faith" where we do not check our minds at the church door. Yet, how often do we leave our faith in the pew as we exit the sanctuary and make our way back into the world? Do our Christian education programs, Bible studies, mission trips, worship services, and liturgy form Christian identity so that the decisions we make are informed by our faith whether they are made in living rooms, board rooms, court rooms, or classrooms, where choices are made that affect the common good? How do we foster a mature and integrated life of faith so that our personal and communal selves are consistent? How do we teach between worlds? This time together will introduce participants to an approach to faith formation that seeks to teach for understanding, discernment, and engagement.

*Maximum Registration: 110 participants*

#### Genuine Hospitality: From Serving the Poor to Dismantling Poverty

*Mini-plenary Leader: Jan Edmiston*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring." Being the church in the twenty-first century requires making culture shifts, and our ministry to the poor is among the most important, if we are serious about following Jesus. Together we will explore ideas for ministry beyond tossing coins as we seek to offer genuine hospitality.

*Maximum Registration: 110 participants*

#### Sharing God's Hospitality with Children

*Mini-plenary Leaders: Ellen Vellenga & Carol Jones*

Aware of Jesus' invitation to "Let the little children come to me" (Mark 10:14), the church has welcomed children from infancy through adolescence with varying degrees of success. The Montessori-based, visual and tactile presentations in *Young Children and Worship* by Stewart and Berryman transcend age categories by asking wondering questions appropriately. Using biblical stories that portray hospitality in action—such as the parable of the Great Banquet, Zacchaeus, The Good Shepherd, and Jesus' Last Supper—children of all ages can experience the extravagant hospitality of God. Building on that foundation, the presenters will show how they have helped children present that same hospitality to others in a variety of situations.

*Maximum Registration: 80 participants*

## Speaking of Welcome

*Mini-plenary Leader: Rodger Nishioka*

The language we choose in our ministry settings can honor or hinder our call to offer abundant hospitality. How do we communicate and live out an intentionality of welcome that is inclusive and genuine? This is an opportunity to think deeply about the way our congregations can convey and renew their ministry of hospitality for all of God's children.

*Maximum Registration: 120 participants*

## Welcoming the Other: Redefining Inclusion and Diversity

*Mini-plenary Leader: Carl Horton*

In an age of extreme politics, racial and religious tensions, ideological chasms, immigrant bans, escalating violence, and perceived and real threats, we are increasingly "othering" one another—even in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. What does it look like today for the church to reach out to the "other," to really fulfill the biblical mandate to welcome strangers and love neighbors? We will look at the traditional paradigms of hospitality that we have relied on and the historic, cultural, and institutional influences that have shaped and maintained them. We will consider new approaches of welcome that may take us out of our comfort zones, challenge our assumptions, expose our biases, lead us to a more profound hospitality, and help us recognize that we are all somebody else's "other."

*Maximum Registration: 120 participants*