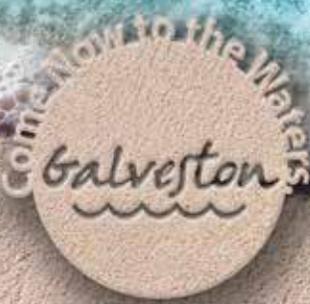


Tuesday, February 5,  
through Friday, February 8



### Workshop Schedule—

#### Tuesday, February 5

See descriptions below Preconference workshops

#### Wednesday, February 6

9:00–10:30 a.m.

Bonus Workshops

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Bonus Workshops (Extended)

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10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Workshop A

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Workshop B

#### Friday, February 8

1:45–3:15 p.m.

Workshop C

1:45–4:45 p.m.

Workshop D (Extended and Off-sites)

3:45–5:15 p.m.

Workshop E



Galveston Island Convention Center

### Workshop Categories

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## Preconference Workshops

### Tuesday, February 5

8:45 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

#### 203. A Visit to Space Center Houston

Registration Fee: \$40 to cover entry fee and transportation by commercial bus. Lunch on your own at the Space Center.

*Minimum needed by Dec. 7 is 20, maximum is 46 people.*

The center features more than four hundred space artifacts, permanent and traveling exhibits, and theaters related to the exciting future and remarkable past of America's human space-flight program—the experience is designed to engage adults and children alike. We will enjoy a tram tour of the Johnson Space Center, visiting Mission Control, and Rocket Park.

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

#### 204. Silent Retreat at Ruah Spirituality Center at Villa de Matel

*Led by Janet Troy of CCVI.*

Registration Fee: \$40 to cover lunch and transportation by commercial bus.

*Minimum needed by Dec. 7 is 10, maximum is 30 people*

Experience silence at Villa de Matel's Ruah Spirituality Center. Ruah is located within Villa de Matel, the motherhouse of The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI), less than an hour from Galveston. Ruah's spaces are set apart for silence. Silence is presented as nonnegotiable: it is offered as a gift and guarded as a treasure for those who seek. Here people are led to rest in God's presence; then the same Breath of God (ruah) who drew them here sends them out to confidently echo the good news of God's love on the streets of their lives. There are numerous prayer spaces within the center, a labyrinth on the grounds, and trails for walking. The group will be oriented to the space and then will spend about four hours in silence, ending with a time of debriefing the experience led by a spiritual director. Lunch is provided and eaten in silence.

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

#### 206. Welcome to the 2020s: Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation

*Presenter: John Roberto*

Registration Fee: \$60.00

*Minimum needed by Dec. 7 is 45.*

We are on the doorstep of a new decade. So many of the trends and challenges we experience today were just emerging as this decade began: a ten-decade life span, the millennial generation starting families, baby boomers entering their "retirement" years, the younger generations leaving organized religion, multiple family structures and living arrangements, the diversity of ethnic cultures, the recognition of gender and sexual diversity, and more. The arrival of a new decade is a good time to create an "agenda" for the future of faith formation. Together we will explore seven areas for the future development of faith formation in congregations:

- Developing a new ecology of Christian faith formation
- Becoming intentionally intergenerational
- Empowering and equipping parent and family faith
- Designing twenty-first-century faith-forming experiences for each stage of life
- Focusing on pathways of faith maturing across the life cycle
- Personalizing faith formation for all ages
- Embracing new faith formation leadership roles



## Bonus Workshops

Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

### 302. Morning Yoga

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per session  
Signed release waiver required.

This mixed-levels yoga class serves a range of students who are guided through a flowing sequence of poses for the integration of spirit, mind, and body. Students are gently reminded to remain mindful of each breath and movement and given guidance on how to make adjustments for their current needs and progress toward more advanced poses and breathing techniques as they are ready. Your health and happiness in the practice are top priority!

### Bonus Workshops

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

### 305. Children in Mission

*Jon Brown*

Sometimes we forget that children are active agents in their own spirituality. How can church leaders cultivate participation of children in worship, service, and justice? We will explore resources, models, and activities that engage children in mission and ministry as appropriate expressions of their covenant membership in the community of faith. "Let the children come . . . for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

**Repeated in Workshop B**

*Children, Youth, Multigenerational*

### 306. Killing the Church Softly, Reviving the Church Loudly

*Brian Frick, Jason Santos*

Are you wrestling with how to introduce intergenerational formation into the life of your congregation? Have you wondered what are the best ways to experiment and explore this type of formation in the existing structures of your ministry? At its core, this workshop explores how

new ideas and shifts in thinking might more faithfully be cultivated in our churches and integrated into our denominational structures. Utilizing the argument presented in "Killing Church Softly," this workshop will use a case study approach to explore how culture shifts are possible when intentionally implemented and communally executed. Join Presbyterian Mission Agency staff as they share the nuts and bolts of cultivating intergenerational formation in faith communities.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Youth, Young Adults, Leadership, Mission and Social Justice*

### 307. Let Software Flow Down Like Water for Churches

*Craig Kunkle*

This workshop will explore free or low-cost software options out there for churches. It will demonstrate Techsoup, an online distribution center for software for nonprofits at highly discounted rates. The workshop will also compare Google for nonprofits and Office 365 for nonprofits, two online collaboration tools that are free for churches or nonprofit institutions. Online collaboration allows multiple people in different locations to work on the same document at the same time. This stops the need for version control or worrying about who has the latest version.

*Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Multigenerational, Older Adults*

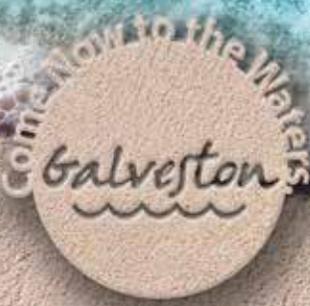
### 308. We Want to Be Creative, But How?

*Kelly Hutchinson*

Even if you have a small congregation and a limited budget, you can have dynamic creative worship experiences. This workshop is designed for small to mid-size congregations who desire to more creatively engage people in Sunday morning worship as well as special services through the use of the visual and performing arts. These ideas and techniques can be used for many styles of worship in many different cultural communities. At the end of this workshop, participants will have a collection of resources and ideas that can be put to use immediately.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Multigenerational*



## Bonus Workshops Extended

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

### 309. Baptism and Beyond

*Kathy Dawson and Anne H.K. Apple*

Many of us take vows at the time of baptism to support and nurture the infant undergoing this sacrament but have little notion as to how to live this out. This workshop will explore how we can scaffold those who are baptized from infancy to confirmation to support families in this faith journey. Among the models addressed will be a program that Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN, is doing called “Baptism Buddies,” which works to build relationships among members through prayer, equipping for faith development, and encouragement for a life of faith.

**Repeated in Workshop D (Extended)**

*General Education, Children, Adults, Multigenerational*

### 310. Creativity, Innovation, and Risk in Faith Formation

*Rebecca Davis and Bill Carter*

Faith formation in the church that lives between what was and what will be needs a new way of thinking. Through the interplay of creativity, innovation, and risk, new ways of growing in the life of faith are engendered and enlivened. Let’s move beyond the comfortable confines of the curriculum box and the fear of failure and learn to dare to risk for the sake of the Gospel and its witness in the world. Let’s explore what is possible for forming faith when we cultivate creativity, examine the brain research that grounds it, and take a lesson or two from jazz on the journey toward innovation.

**Repeated in Workshop D (Extended)**

*General Education, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational, Special Needs*

### 311. The Church in a Mardi Gras World

*Debbie Hough*

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!* (Let the good times roll!) Mardi Gras is not a just one-day event. It has a huge influence on the Gulf Coast and Gulf Coast churches. This workshop will explore the Christian roots of celebrating Mardi Gras and the influence of the Mardi Gras culture on the church and the church’s response. We will also explore how these actions can impact churches who never experience Mardi Gras up close and personal. Participants will travel to a local “float barn” to learn more about Mardi Gras celebration.

Transportation will be provided to the float barn; folks will return to the Convention Center by way of the Galveston Trolley.

Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

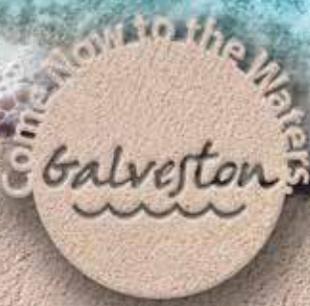
### 315. Conversation with John Roberto

Are you someone who has attended one of John’s seminars exploring using digital media in faith formation? Have you implemented any of John’s strategies in your ministry? Come for a time of conversation with John, sharing successes, challenges, and, yes, even the not so successful attempts.

### 316. Is This Your First APCE Annual Event?

Is this your first time attending the APCE Annual Event? If yes, then please come to the First-Timers’ Welcome on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, from 1:00–2:00 p.m. We will share some tips for getting the most out of your first event and what to expect. We will connect you to others in your region and share with you how glad we are that you are with us. You will not want to miss this special time with other First-Timers. Join us for information, fun, and, did we mention, door prizes?

**Hosted by your APCE Advocacy Ministry Team**



7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

**401. Morning Yoga**

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This mixed-levels yoga class serves a range of students who are guided through a flowing sequence of poses for the integration of spirit, mind, and body. Students are gently reminded to remain mindful of each breath and movement and given guidance on how to make adjustments for their current needs and progress toward more advanced poses and breathing techniques as they are ready. Your health and happiness in the practice are top priority!

7:00 a.m.–8:30 am

**402. Multicultural Breakfast Conversation:  
Navigating the Waters of Leadership**

Free, Limited to first 35 registered

How can the leadership of the APCE organization better represent all of its members? The Governance Ministry Team actively monitors the inclusiveness of membership for our organization’s Ministry Teams with respect to geography, gender, age, race, culture, sexual orientation, and academic and professional expertise. Join us for a free breakfast as we listen and learn from one another, discerning ways to better seek inclusiveness at the leadership level.

**Workshop A**

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**408. Aging, Caregiving, and the Church**

*Michele Hendrix*

It is time for the church to offer ministry to its increasing numbers of seniors and to benefit from the ministry they can offer. Ideas will be presented with practical guides that will attract and engage our multi-generational seniors on a local level. Their wisdom, experience, and expertise are needed in the church, and their personal aging needs should be addressed as practically as possible. How do we honor, engage, and involve the increasing aging population in service while at the same time generate understanding among these multiple generations? By connecting the generations.

*Older Adults, Multigenerational*

**409. An Ecology of Faith for a New Decade**

*John Roberto*

We need to build a new faith-forming ecology for the twenty-first century. Discover how to develop an intentional plan for strengthening the faith-forming power of the intergenerational community, nurturing the faith of today’s families and parents, and promoting faith growth across the whole life cycle.

*General Education, Leadership, Multigenerational*

**410. Believing in a Better World:**

**Engaging Young Christians in Social Justice**

*Michael W. Waters*

In this workshop, we will consider the necessity of engaging social justice issues with young people and explore approaches and resources for doing so faithfully within a congregational setting. Through his experiences as parent, pastor, and social activist, Michael will offer a unique, prophetic perspective for helping children to build a foundation of social justice awareness and equip our young disciples to become agents of change in our world.

*Mission and Social Justice, Children, Youth*

**411. Beyond Mission Trips:**

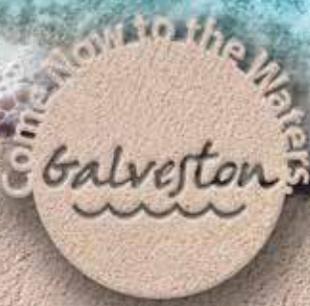
**A Postcolonial Look at Mission with Youth**

*Bill Buchanan*

What are the most faithful and effective ways to help our youth engage in mission and social justice? Join us in a discussion of the history of Christian Mission, the current culture of youth mission trips, and the potential of what mission can look like with this rising generation of young people. This workshop will include practical information and examples of how to educate young people in social justice and engage them in loving their neighbors at home and around the world.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Mission and Social Justice, Youth*



#### 412. Christian Education Accommodations for Youngsters with Autism

*Natarsha Sanders*

In this workshop we will examine strategies for including individuals who require modifications and accommodations to enjoy Sunday School or Children's Church. We will consider the Universal Design for Learning while connecting our call to educate in God's house with our call to include some of our most vulnerable citizens.

*General Education, Children, Special Needs, Youth*

#### 413. Finishing School for Young Adult Faith Formation?

*Brian Frick*

As the river of faith formation flows, why are we letting non-denominational para-church ministries form our young adults, and what we can do to change that? For the past thirty years, we have focused on Christian Education with our children and youth in the congregational setting. After that, where do they go? They are many times more likely to attend non-denominational college ministries and camps than our denominations' ministries. Not surprisingly, afterward, those young adults are then joining non-denominational congregations or none at all. Why are we letting others "finish" Christian formation at this crucial young adult life stage? We will discuss how we got here, what needs to change, and how we might start making that happen.

*General Education, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Multigenerational*

#### 414. Keeping Your Head above Water in the First Few Years of Youth Ministry

*Shannon Guse*

In the midst of caring for young people, it is easy to feel swamped by the never ending list of things to organize, paperwork to collect, people to contact, and ways to communicate. A lack of support can dampen our spirits, enthusiasm can wane, and we can feel as if we are drowning. How can we get beyond just staying afloat and move into a place where we find healthy longevity in ministry?

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Leadership, Youth*

#### 415. Killing Church Softly

*Jason Santos*

For the last half-century, we've increasingly formed our children and youth through developmentally centered, peer-oriented ministry programs that removed them from the corporate life of the church. Recent research suggests that we might have taken the ages and stages model of ministry a little too far. This presentation explores this phenomenon by both examining several major shifts in our understanding of the church and through identify formation theories that shed light on the problem and offer insight toward a more communal and intergenerational understanding of spiritual formation.

Part 1 of 2. Choose one or add "Reviving Church Loudly" for a fuller experience—Workshop B.

*Multigenerational*

#### 416. Networking: Youth Workers and Congregational Support

*Kaitie Kautz and Gina Yeager-Buckley*

Too often, young people swim at a different end of the pool than the rest of the congregation. Come join a conversation where we'll explore creative ways for generating congregational support, involving young people in the life of the congregation, and connecting the congregation with the amazing young people in their midst. Let's change a separate swimming experience into one big pool party.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Leadership, Youth*

#### 417. On a Beach or in a Parking Lot—Create a Labyrinth!

*Glynden Bode and Meg Scott Johnson*

If the tide is out, each participant will create a seven-circuit labyrinth on the beach. If the tide is in, we will demonstrate how to create a labyrinth useful on retreats, youth events, or church picnics. Then we will walk the labyrinth and process the experience.

*Spirituality, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational, Special Needs*

#### 418. Preparing for and Responding to Human-Caused Disaster ■ ■ ■

*Jim Kirk and Laurie Kraus*

Violence changes everything, and it requires different skills for responding to natural disasters. After violence, survivors become engrossed in emotional, psychological, and spiritual chaos.

Participants will learn definitions and guidelines for human-caused disasters, trauma, clergy care, congregational care, worship and liturgy, media relations, and long-term emotional and spiritual care. In addition participants will be able to bring their learnings directly to their ministry context. The resources can be used for a one-time workshop and/or a multi-week educational experience.

*Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults*

#### 419. Sing, Move, Dance, Play in VBS Every Day! ■ ■ ■

*Diana Taylor*

Have you ever looked at the VBS music curriculum and wondered how to make best use of the materials while having meaningful lessons all week? Taylor will explore ways to supplement the VBS curriculum with classic songs and age-appropriate activities for the youngest participants and challenging options for your older students. Instrumental exploration, dance, and reinforcing singing skills will move you past the VBS compact disc or download.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Children, VBS*

#### 420. Spiritual Pilgrimage as Educational Model ■ ■ ■

*Keatan King, Jonathan Britt and Omar Rouchon*

We offer spiritual pilgrimage as an educational model to transform how to teach the faith. While mission trips attempt to change a place, spiritual pilgrimages are journeys in which we are transformed by a place. We'll report how youth of our churches undertook a journey of prayer, education, and conversation around key sites in the civil rights movement, learning about the sinful history of racial oppression as well as brave persons who led the civil rights movement to pursue the work of reconciliation that God still calls forth in our nation. This workshop is both conceptual and practical.

*Mission and Social Justice, Youth, Multigenerational*

#### 421. Taking the Worship Home: Worship Skills for Youth and Children ■ ■ ■ ■

*Kelly Abraham*

This week's worship services were rich with ideas to use back in your home churches. But how can we incorporate the worship, music, art, and liturgy in smaller worship spaces? With different styles of music? With many or few youth and children? How can we engage youth and children on Sunday mornings/evenings or during our mid-week programming to prepare? How can we get the support of our worship team to allow for these ideas to be used on Sunday morning? We'll gather to provide ideas, answer questions, and provide a mock-up plan to get us started.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Children, Youth, Multigenerational*

#### 422. Transitioning from Children's Ministry to Family Ministry ■ ■ ■ ■

*Jan Williamson*

Why and how should you transition from a children's ministry focus to a family ministry focus? Whether you want to have greater impact with the kids in your church or you want to reach more families, changing your mindset and your ministry to focus on partnering with families is crucial. Today, more than ever, churches are called to partner with families in nurturing our children in faith. We have a unique role in engaging, equipping, and encouraging families. We will explore why churches should make this transition and how to communicate and implement the shift in your setting.

*Leadership, Children, Youth, Multigenerational*

#### 423. Wade in the Water: The Power of Music to Fulfill Our Baptismal Promises ■ ■ ■ ■

*Kimber-lee Adams and Elizabeth Deibert*

This workshop will offer participants an opportunity to explore the use of music as a way to connect the Body of Christ across all generations by engaging body, mind, and spirit, and connecting left and right brain hemispheres to nurture an enduring faith.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Multigenerational*



#### 424. What Do They Seek? Adult Formation That Responds to Longing

*Lisa Kimball*

First, let's be clear about why adult formation matters at all. Second, we need to get real about who we mean when we say, "adult." Third, we should be honest about

our contexts and the spiritual hunger that each creates ... so that the time and resources we commit to nurturing the faith of other adults truly transforms lives and makes Christian disciples.

*Adults, General Education*

## Workshop B

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

#### 429. Aging as a Spiritual Journey: Prayers and Rituals

*Mary Currie*

If our rituals and prayers help bring meaning and spiritual fullness by sanctifying the times and events of our lives, then what are the "occasional services," rituals, and prayers of aging? What are the prayers for the day the widowed person removes the wedding ring? Who stands with that person to pray? What are the rituals and prayers for moving and downsizing? Or the house-warming blessings for the new apartment in a senior community? What are the occasional services and prayers needed for the life transitions of older adults? How do we pray with and for one another in these days?

*Spirituality, Older Adults*

#### 430. Beyond the Logistics: Policies, Practices, and Resources for Ministry with LGBTQ Youth

*Shelley Donaldson*

When it comes to LGBTQ teens, many youth workers' brains go straight to lock-ins and overnights: "How am I going to handle this from a logistical perspective?" This workshop will move beyond that question and look at real-time policies, proven practices, and available resources that are available to support LGBTQ youth in our churches. We'll explore new terminology, discuss ways to read Scripture from the perspective of LGBTQ youth, and engage policies that offer support to LGBTQ youth in their faith journeys.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Leadership, Youth*

#### 431. Change Is Hard: Navigating Transitional Ministry as Educators

*Holly Inglis and Joe Reggin*

Change is inevitable! How we navigate change and the emotional issues that arise during times of transition can greatly impact the outcome. This workshop will introduce concepts of groups as emotional systems and help educators understand the neuroscience of anxiety, especially in the context of change and transition in a congregation. Using case studies, participants will be able to identify the flow of anxiety in the emotional system, define their role within the system of a church staff and congregation, and be equipped to work more effectively with transitional leadership.

*Leadership, Youth, Young Adults, Older Adults, Adults*

#### 432. Changing Music and Faith for Children and Youth at Church

*Bonnie Moore*

Children and youth are the future of our churches. Getting them involved and engaged in experiencing the joy, reflection, learning, and faith of music at church is a must as outside activities compete for their time and talents. In this workshop, we will explore innovative ways to engage children and youth in music and in church. Participants will experience these ideas, share with colleagues, and leave with a toolkit of ideas and resources to make music and faith stick. We will also look at new and creative ways to incorporate children and youth in worship and activities.

*Worship and Music, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Multigenerational, Special Needs*

### 433. Children and Youth in Worship Leadership

*Libby Engdahl Whiteley and Karmen VanDyke*

Whether we believe that children and youth are the future of the church or, rather, that children and youth *are* the church, we must seek meaningful ways for them to take their place as leaders in worship. This workshop will provide resources for our congregations' children and youth that will allow them to provide leadership in Sunday worship. In this workshop we will provide resources and consider the theological and pedagogical foundations for including children in leadership roles in worship. Tried and true experiences will be shared and evaluated. Participants will share their own ideas!

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Children, Youth*

### 434. Children in Mission and Ministry

*Jon Brown*

Sometimes we forget that children are active agents in their own spirituality. How can church leaders cultivate participation of children in worship, service, and justice? We will explore resources, models, and activities that engage children in mission and ministry as appropriate expressions of their covenant membership in the community of faith. "Let the children come . . . for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

*Children, Youth, Multigenerational*

### 435. Comics as Spiritual Storytelling: Understanding Our Place in God's Story through the Art of Comics

*Emily Hill*

As Christian educators, we need creative tools to help children, youth, and adults learn to see, understand, and speak about their own experiences in the context of God's story. One such tool is the art of making comics. In this workshop, participants will be invited to explore the art of making comics as a faith formation tool. Participants will use comic book techniques to learn to tell their own stories in relation to God's story. They will also learn how to use these techniques with others as part of their Christian education practice. Don't worry: no artistic skills required!

*General Education, Multigenerational*

### 436. Experiential Holy Week Worship

*Ashley Ross*

How do we create environments for the worshipping congregation to experience the Divine Presence? Come see, hear, taste, touch, and draw from the heart, mind, and soul creative worship experiences for Holy Week. Come prepared to participate in hands on, contemplative worship centers as well as resources for creative liturgy. Come open to sharing ideas about worship experiences for Holy Week. Come to be inspired!

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Youth, Multigenerational, Adults*

### 437. Fruitful Living: Increase Your Impact by Improving Your Health

*Michel Gribble-Dates*

How would your ability to serve your church, community, and world change if you felt less fatigue and more energy, less stress and more ease, less aches/pains and more comfort in your body, less fogginess and more clarity? "Fruitful Living" was specifically created to help those in ministry have a better experience in their God-gifted and glorious body so that they can better respond to the sea of change in our world today. Participants will learn how to automate ten self-care practices using proven behavior change techniques and be able to share these life-giving resources with their church.

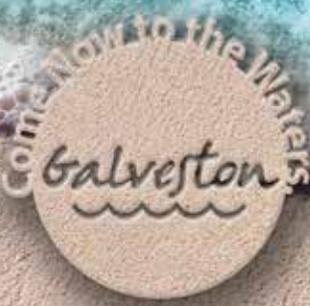
*Multigenerational*

### 438. Generation Z: Who They Are and Other Generational Haberdashery

*Jason Santos*

In recent years, generational theory has made a bold comeback in conversation about the culture and the church. Understanding the life patterns and spiritual practices of Generation Z (aka iGen) is essential to how we minister to young people. This workshop will explore the current statistics, trends, life patterns, and scholarly predictions connected to Generation Z and ask why it matters for the future of the church and its ministry to young people.

*Leadership, Youth, Young Adults*



#### 439. *Big God Big Questions:* *The Covenant of Confirmation*

*Mark Hinds and Meg Rift*

The “success” or viability of Confirmation is rooted in the covenantal relationship between the confirmand and God, supported by the web of relationships among the congregation, mentors, and home. Confirmation has too often been relegated to the periphery of congregational life; it needs to be front and center, as the church fulfills its call to make, baptize, and teach disciples. In this workshop, explore the covenant of Confirmation found in the four questions asked of confirmands and how *Big God Big Questions* can play a crucial role in your Confirmation program.

*General Education, Multigenerational, Youth*

#### 440. *Quenching Your Thirst* *through Words*

*Heidi Everhart*

Words of a story can definitely help to quench our thirst for learning more about God!! During this workshop we will adventure through many types of stories where God’s Word is very present through simple everyday literature. There will also be hands-on opportunities to help connect those words with tangible objects children and adults can take with them as reminders. This will be an interactive workshop where I will share some ideas, and then we all will dive into the waters within books and learn how to use different stories to quench our thirst for learning more about God!

*General Education, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Multigenerational, Older Adults*

#### 441. *Reimagining Youth Ministry*

*Meredith Alspach*

Have you wished for more youth? Wondered if there is a different way to lead youth? Struggled with participation in a changing landscape? This workshop focuses on real life scenarios and practical applications for thinking beyond the traditional youth group model and creating an innovative format for youth ministry. It will be led by creators of a successful multi-church fellowship.

*General Education, Youth*

#### 442. *Reviving Church Loudly*

*Brian Frick*

How do you introduce new ways of thinking about intergenerational Christian formation into the existing structure of our congregations? This workshop explores how new ideas and shifts in thinking are faithfully cultivated in our churches and integrated into denominational structures. Utilizing the argument presented in “Killing Church Softly,” this workshop will use a case study approach to illustrate how culture shifts are possible when intentionally implemented.

Part 2 of 2. Choose one or add “Killing Church Softly” —Workshop A.

*Note: Workshop A is not a prerequisite for this workshop but is recommended.*

*Multigenerational*

#### 443. *The Great Escape!*

*Bill Lane*

One of the growing fads is escape rooms. Escapes are a series of puzzles and riddles used to escape the room. They can build community and reinforce a theme. This workshop will look at the basic design of a simple “portable” escape room experience in the church. These portable escape rooms are easy to set up, take down, and even transport. We will explore both how to design one and some of the pre-made ones on the market. Participants will get to work together to escape from such a room (a different room than 2018 APCE).

*Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational*

#### 444. *What Can Children’s (Picture) Books* *Teach Us?*

*Mary Jane Bisset*

What are the stories that we share with our children? How do they help or hinder spiritual development? Whether they are Bible stories, Dr. Seuss, or picture books, what we read with and to our children should not be taken lightly. The stories we share can help to develop a child’s natural spirituality or can dampen or destroy that wonderful part of the child. Sometimes our work with children is anything but spiritual. As we explore what resources are available in children’s literature, we will discover some insights into our ministry with, to, by, and for children.

*Spirituality, Children, Multigenerational*



#### 445. Why Palestine Matters

*Noushin Framke and Susan Landau*

The workshop will explore the issue of human rights and justice for Palestinians by using the lens of intersectionality, such as racism, feminism, cultural appropriation, and more. It will include an experiential approach and deep reflection, guiding participants through multiple interactive experiences. The accompanying study resource includes videos and a detailed discussion guide, with an eye to using the resource in various settings, including local church, interfaith gathering, and community-based groups.

*Mission and Social Justice, Adults*



4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. (note extended time)

#### 446. Conference Choir

*Joshua Taylor*

The conference choir is offered as a joint workshop between APCE and PAM. Registrants are invited to share in music making and participate in worship throughout the conference. Join clinician Joshua Taylor, Director of Worship and Music at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, for this opportunity to share in song together.

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*Worship and Music*



7:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

### 501. Morning Yoga

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per session  
Signed Release Waiver required

This mixed-levels yoga class serves a range of students who are guided through a flowing sequence of poses for the integration of spirit, mind, and body. Students are gently reminded to remain mindful of each breath and movement and given guidance on how to make adjustments for their current needs and progress toward more advanced poses and breathing techniques as they are ready. Your health and happiness in the practice are top priority!

## Workshop C

1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

### 512. *Love Carved in Stone: A Bible Study on the Ten Commandments* ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Join the author and editor of the 2019–2020 Presbyterian Women/*Horizons* Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, for a Bible study workshop. Bring your Bible and be ready to wade into the Ten Commandments. Presbyterian Women commit to nurturing faith together through prayer and Bible study. Experience with us how PW/*Horizons* studies help that happen. Workshop participants will study Scripture, receive supplemental resources to understand the study, and take home information to help them do the study with others.

*Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational*

### 513. *A Year of Innovating: Presentation from Presbyterian Youth Workers Association's Innovation Cohort* ■ ■

*Brian Kuhn*

In January of 2018, PYWA and Ministry Architects launched an Innovation Cohort to use design thinking to develop and test new ideas for creating missional youth

ministry initiatives in local congregations. Come hear from the cohort members as they articulate their focus issue, present their findings, and reflect on how the yearlong experience has affected their approach to ministry with youth.

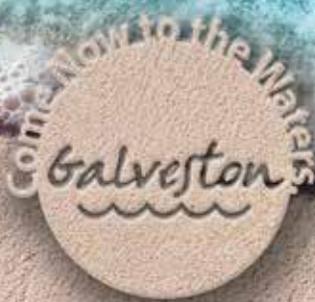
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*Leadership, Youth*

### 514. *Churches Don't Get Sued for Copyright Infringement, Do They?* ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

*Kirsten Foyles and Terri Sinclair*

Like it or not, copyright law affects us all in one way or another. It's an issue we would like to avoid, but we shouldn't. Copyright law exists for the protection of everyone: those who write the music/lyrics; publish and/or record the song; and buy, perform, or distribute it. Our workshop is designed to help you navigate and understand the various aspects of the law that are particularly relevant for church musicians. We will present common misconceptions about copyright law followed by what the actual law requires.

**Sponsored by PAM**  
*General Education, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational*



### 515. Creating Better Partnerships to Better Serve

*Phillip Morgan and Kelly Abraham*

One of the most strained relationships among church staff can be the partnership of the church musician and the church educator. The trauma seems to stem from differences of opinion on what can seem like everything, ranging from ideas about appropriate worship styles and practices, to competing schedules for spiritual formation and musical rehearsal. Strategies for collaborative worship and curriculum planning with a focus on creating healthy work relationships will be explored to allow congregations to fully experience the best qualities of their church staff.

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*Worship and Music, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational*

### 516. DIY VBS: It Is Not as Hard as It Seems!

*Karen Miller*

Frustrated with the same old VBS that five other churches in your town are doing? Irritated that you buy the program but have to spend so much time adapting? Want to create something unique and memorable that shares the ministries your church is passionate about? I know it sounds scary and like a lot of work, but a VBS change is easy to make and so rewarding. I have created four unique VBS curricula that have made ours the VBS to attend each year. In this class we will go over structure, planning, and implementation where all of my resources will be available to help create a one-of-a-kind VBS.

*General Education, Children, VBS*

### 517. Fount of Every Blessing: Hymns and Faith Formation

*David Gambrell*

The hymns of the church can be a deep reservoir of theological insight and spiritual nurture. In this workshop, participants will experience three examples of interactive, (potentially) intergenerational studies of classic water hymns. These are wellsprings of inspiration for Christian faith, life, and worship. These brief hymn studies will be offered as a model that might be adapted for creative engagement with other hymns.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Multigenerational*

### 518. God's Big Plan for Living with Difference

*Elizabeth Caldwell and Theodore Hiebert*

How is faith formed in a sea of change? This was the question of the residents of Babel and ours today. The writers of Genesis helped the original audience learn about God's plan for them and for God's world through stories of people and places. One story that remains relevant for us today is how we are faithful as we live with difference and diversity of language, culture and faith. Join us as we explore biblical texts and the realities of our contexts today.

*General Education, Children, Multigenerational*

### 519. Marriage and the New Book of Common Worship

*Kimberly Bracken Long*

The 2018 edition of the *Book of Common Worship* includes a fully inclusive marriage section with three parts: a rite that can be used by all couples, a service for reaffirming vows, and a liturgy that can be used when a marriage ends. Come see what's new, what's familiar, and how these services reflect a profoundly biblical understanding of marriage.

*Worship and Music, Adults*

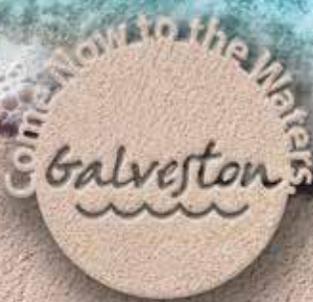
### 520. Networking: Youth Mission Trips

*Tully Fletcher*

Planning a youth mission trip experience in the next year? Come network with other youth workers who are in the same boat! This will be an opportunity to swap ideas for mission trip locations, best practices for planning and leading the experience, devotional and curriculum resources, and so much more. We'll talk about how to avoid unhealthy mission mindsets and how to enable the trip participants to bring the experience home with them.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Mission and Social Justice, Youth*



## 521. Nurturing the Streams of Generosity ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

*Stefanie Marsden*

Generosity exists in all of us. However, to truly impact our mission and ministries, it must be nurtured and encouraged. Please join us as we explore the best ways that you can nurture your streams of generosity by exploring and utilizing your stories, celebrating generations, revisiting policies and procedures, and much more.

*General Education, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational*

## 522. One Hour: Worshiping, Educating, Building Community Together as Families ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

*Erin McGee*

Families with children are no longer choosing an hour of age-based Sunday school, plus an hour of corporate worship, plus time for choir rehearsals or special events. They'll give you an hour . . . OK, go! How do you plan effective ministry if you only have sixty minutes, and you only have that hour once or twice a month, and you have families who want to be together (at least some of the time) so you are ministering to all ages at once? Come explore ideas such as Messy Church, Mirrored Worship, and Prayer Grounds and share your own ideas!

*General Education, Children, Multigenerational*

## 523. Social Media Safety for Christian Educators ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

*Erin Bailey*

As social media becomes an expected integral part of church life, more and more families are asking their Christian Education Directors for help preventing screen addiction, temptations like sexting, cyberbullying, identity theft, and more. In this ninety-minute session, you'll discover everything you need to know about social media safety, including how to navigate the rapid technological changes and where to go for help. You'll also experience specific Bible stories that directly relate to social media. You may be surprised at how much Jesus had to say about SnapChat!

*General Education, Children, Older Adults, Multigenerational, Youth*

## 524. Staying Hydrated in Ministry with Youth ■

*Michelle Thomas-Bush*

Youth workers are notorious for giving generously of themselves, often at the expense of their spiritual lives. Come explore ideas for faithfully navigating the unique challenges that youth workers face as they accompany young people on the roller coaster that is adolescence. By engaging in spiritual disciplines, Sabbath practices, and intentional Sabbatical time, youth workers can stay spiritually-centered faith leaders.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Youth*

## 525. Theology and Management of the Change of Church Programs ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

*Gord Brown*

We've always done it like that. Any change you propose in the way a congregation or group does its Christian education programs, both for children and adults, will meet with at least some resistance. This workshop will include the examination and discussion of the scriptural, theological, and practical aspects of change management with an emphasis on knowing your audience and how best to broach the subject. Case studies will allow the exchange of experiences and ideas.

*Leadership, Children, Youth, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational*



## Workshop D (Extended and Off-Site)

1:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

### 526. Baptism and Beyond

*Kathy Dawson and Anne H. K. Apple*

Many of us take vows at the time of baptism to support and nurture the infant undergoing this sacrament but have little notion as to how to live this out. This workshop will explore how we can scaffold those who are baptized from infancy to confirmation to support families in this faith journey. Among the models addressed will be a program that Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN, is doing called "Baptism Buddies," which works to build relationships among members through prayer, equipping for faith development, and encouragement for a life of faith.

*General Education, Children, Adults, Multigenerational*

### 527. Creating Paper Lace Banners for Worship Space

*Ellen Phillips*

Supply Fee: \$25.00

This class will be a hands-on opportunity for participants to learn the technique of designing and cutting a paper lace banner. Along with the technical instruction, there will also be conversation about elements of design in both creating the banners as well as how to determine the scale and placement of banners in sacred space and topics that range from logistics to theological to philosophical and beyond, depending upon time. The class promises to be creative and informative as well as a lot of fun.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Creative Arts, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Youth*

### 528. Creativity, Innovation, and Risk in Faith Formation

*Rebecca Davis and Bill Carter*

Faith formation in the church that lives between what was and what will be needs a new way of thinking. Through the interplay of creativity, innovation, and risk, new ways of growing in the life of faith are engendered and enlivened. Let's move beyond the comfortable confines of the curriculum box and the fear of failure and learn to

dare to risk for the sake of the Gospel and its witness in the world. Let's explore what is possible for forming faith when we cultivate creativity, examine the brain research that grounds it, and take a lesson or two from jazz on the journey toward innovation.

*General Education, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adult, Multigenerational, Special Needs*

### 529. Prayer Art

*Julie Gvillo*

A Certified Zentangle® Teacher, I have combined my passion for prayer with a love of Zentangle® and coloring to develop a three hour worshipful work retreat that nurtures delight, facilitates healing, and inspires prayer in people of all ages and from all walks of life through creative spiritual practices. Join me to learn (or practice) this meditative art form with a twist and experience God through art in community. Can't draw a stick figure? That's what I said . . . now I teach it!

*Creative Arts, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational, Special Needs*

### 530. Preserving Life in Our Waters (Off-site)

*Shelley Du Puy*

A Visit to the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)

Trip Fee: \$10.00

*Minimum needed by Dec. 7 is 10, maximum is 28 people.*

The workshop will involve a visit to the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

Coral reefs teem with life. Through slides and activities, we will discover the wonder of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, located offshore within 115 miles of Galveston. We will learn how the reefs are constructed, how hurricanes affect the reef, and so much more. We will discover how people can help ensure the health of these ecosystems. 1:45-4:45 p.m. Travel will be by commercial bus.

**531. The Bryan Museum (Off-site)***Tyra Brunz*

Trip Fee: \$24

*Minimum by Dec. 7 is 10, maximum is 28 people.*

Sitting at the heart of historic Galveston Island, the Bryan Museum is located in the historic Galveston Orphans Home. Fortunate to find protection in the sturdy 1895 structure, the children, matrons, and Galveston residents who sheltered there during the 1900 storm survived while many others on the island did not. After rebuilding, this home served as an orphanage until 1984 and has found a new purpose.

It now houses one of the largest collections of historical artifacts, documents, and artwork relating to Texas and the American West. This guided tour will cover the highlights of the settlement of the West from the Pre-Columbian period to the early twentieth century, showcasing the collection and the historic building in which it is housed.

**532. Transforming the Hood to a Neighborhood (Off-site)***Josh Dorrell*

Trip Fee: \$10

*Minimum by Dec. 7 is 10, maximum is 28 people.*

Travel to the Galveston Urban Ministries, one of our offering recipients. We will see first-hand how urban ministry is helping shape and transform a blighted community. Attendees will see how GUM has holistically engaged in a community through relationships, is equipping individuals with needed and necessary skills, and is empowering whole families to take their next step.

**533. When the Waters Come to You: A Visit to First Presbyterian Church of Galveston (Off-site)***Ed Wolf*

Trip Fee: \$10.00

*Minimum by Dec. 7 is 10, maximum is 28 people.*

Over 180 years ago, Galveston became a city in its own right instead of a pirate stronghold. Texas won her freedom from Mexico, and Galveston almost at once became the gateway to the newborn Republic, with a bustling population of some three hundred people. First Presbyterian Church, organized in 1840, has survived the great fire of 1895, the Great Storm of 1900, Hurricane Carla (1961), and Hurricane Ike (2008), although not without damage. Hear the story of this amazing congregation, which has been reshaped at times by the waters. Discover the beautiful stained glass windows and how the congregation is having them restored.

**7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.****Presbyterian Publishing Corporation Breakfast**

Free, Limited to first 150 registered

Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC) will be hosting a free breakfast on Friday morning. During this time, they will present information regarding their new curriculum (*Big God Big Questions*), children's book program ([www.flyawaybooks.com](http://www.flyawaybooks.com)), and other new church resources, [www.pcusastore.com](http://www.pcusastore.com).

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.****Alternative Lunch**

Registration Fee: \$12.00

A simple meal of vegetable soup (vegetarian and gluten-free) and crackers, a whole-wheat dinner roll, and a serving of the Kids Against Hunger meal (vegan and gluten-free) will be offered for \$12.00. We will donate 25 percent of each meal sold to Galveston Urban Ministries, our 2019 Annual Event designated offering recipient. Registration required.



## Workshop E

3:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

### 534. Celebrating Communion: Why Youth Aren't Hungering to Come to the Lord's Table

*Cheryl Carson*

Many church-attending youth find the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be routine and lifeless. Come and explore the reasons why the passion of youth is not being stimulated by celebration of communion. The findings are based on Cheryl's recent doctoral research done with Central Florida Presbytery's Youth Council members. Liturgical strategies will also be shared during the workshop that were developed by the PYC members to help them, fellow youth, and their congregations more passionately engage in coming to the Lord's Table.

*Worship and Music, Youth*

### 535. Crafting Compelling Stories of Mission Service

*Jennifer Goldberg*

In this interactive workshop, Presbyterian World Mission's writing coach will guide you through the process of crafting stories that bring your powerful experiences of mission service alive. We will practice writing techniques, create a draft of a mission story, and workshop other's drafts. We will also discuss how to adapt our written stories into compelling short talks and sermon illustrations. The goal of this workshop is to equip you to inspire others to join you in mission involvement. Please bring at least two ideas for stories of how you have seen God at work in mission.

*Mission and Social Justice, Multigenerational*

### 536. Creating Church beyond the Binary

*Jess Cook and Alex McNeill*

Young peoples' views of gender beyond a binary presents a sea change to the way we understand our identity, community, and theology. The ways youth understand and live into their gender offers rich ground for new ways

of being for the church. Similarly, some of the Bible's most celebrated characters defied their culture's gender norms. This workshop will equip participants to be sensitive to the emerging language around gender identity and nuances of sexual orientation, and opportunities to practice putting new terminology to use, creating room so all who thirst may come to the waters.

*Education, Children, Youth, Young Adults*

### 537. Crooked Managers, Female Saboteurs, and Mustard Bushes: Adventures in the Parables of Jesus

*Tom Long*

"When Jesus told a parable," said Clarence Jordan of Koinoia Farms, "he lit a stick of dynamite and covered it with a story." Indeed, the parables of Jesus are powerful and provocative, and in this workshop we will explore these enigmatic stories of fathers and sons, women baking bread, and embezzling managers. We will ask what a parable is and how it works. We will trace the trajectories of the parable from Jesus through the early church to the New Testament and on to us, and we will explore how the parables challenge and deepen our own experience of the faith.

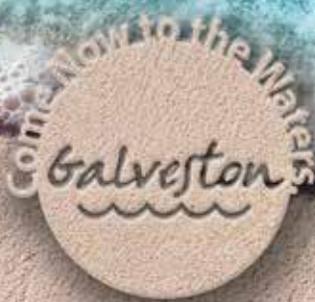
*Worship and Music, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults*

### 538. Enriching Relationships through Spiritual Practice

*Fran Shelton and Rita Odom*

Participants will design a mandala (Sanskrit for circle or completion) by prayerfully exploring an important and meaningful relationship in their lives. With a brief history of mandalas, prompt questions, and an assortment of colors, participants will come away with a new and life-long way to reflect on one's soul and to spiritually relate to others.

*Spirituality, Young Adults, Adults*



### 539. Ho, EVERYONE Who Thirsts! Planning Intergenerational Worship

*Phillip Morgan, Kelly Abraham and David VanderMeer*

Designing worship that is both wide-encompassing of style and intergenerational seems to be a very daunting task. Based on our experiences and perceived notions, we can also have trepidation that prevents us from taking leaps into unfamiliar territory. A panel including educators, musicians, and artists will discuss the importance of diverse worship that offers sustenance to whomever may need it and offer ideas for how to plan worship and invite our congregations to commit to creating a place where all who are thirsty may come and drink, and together glorify God!

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Multigenerational*

### 540. Kids against Hunger Meal Packing Opportunity—Session 1

All conferees are encouraged to sign up to help pack meals for the 25 percent of the Houston population who experience food insecurity. Through the Kids against Hunger packing program, APCE hopes to package 14,000 meals. These meal packages provide a rich source of easily digestible protein, carbohydrates, and vitamins needed by a malnourished child's and adult's body and mind. Take a small part of your day to make the ultimate hands-on contribution to help feed children and families. Fifty volunteers can pack 10,000 meals/hour! Will you help us reach our goal?

### 541. Let Your Voice Be Heard: A Dialogue with APCE Presidents

*Kenneth McFayden*

Current and past presidents of APCE desire to hear as many voices as possible as we discern the direction and focus of APCE in the future. This workshop offers a vehicle for interested parties to gather for a dialogue with The President's Circle (all past presidents and the current president of APCE). President Ken McFayden will convene and moderate the discussion. Come and speak. APCE's future depends on you!

Kenneth J. McFayden serves as Academic Dean of the Richmond Campus and Professor of Ministry and Leadership Development at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He teaches in the areas of congregational leadership and administration. He has provided leadership for

international travel seminars to Brazil, Ghana, Korea, and China. He has served as Executive Director of North Central Career Development Center in New Brighton, MN, as a hospital chaplain in Louisville, KY, and as an associate pastor in Alliance, OH. Ken currently serves as President of APCE.

*Adults, Leadership*

### 542. Let's Talk about Guns: A Practical and Theological Approach to Cultivating Conversation on Gun Violence in Christian Formation

*Sarah Logemann*

Without question, the issue of gun violence is a relevant topic for conversation in our current cultural context. When it comes to Christian formation, however, we're left asking the question: How can we faithfully address the issue without retreating to polarizing positions or abstract Christian platitudes? Based on a gun violence study developed for the office of Christian Formation in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, this workshop explores the theological and practical aspects of talking about this controversial topic.

*Mission and Social Justice, Multigenerational*

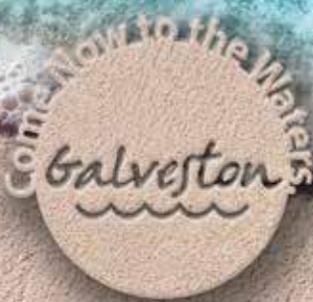
### 543. Networking: Sing-a-Long and Music Swap

*Neil McKown*

Join us for a Friday afternoon jam session where we'll care for our souls by making music together and leave with plenty of ideas that we can take back to our congregations and youth programs. In between songs, we'll explore the role that music plays in Christian formation and swap ideas for how to best engage young people in worship and music, including creative ways to handle music for youth-led worship experiences.

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Youth, Worship and Music*



#### 544. Sea Glass Wisdom—An Art Project for Reflection

*Shari LeMonnier*

Supply Fee: \$25

Once a broken, worthless, transparent shard, sea glass is created by the relentless pounding of waves and sand, becoming gems cherished for their opaque beauty. In this hands-on, creative workshop, we will explore how rough times and challenges have changed us as we create sea glass art projects and jewelry that reflect our lives and wisdom to accept our own unique beauty. No artistic experience required.

*Creative Arts, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational, Special Needs*

#### 545. Setting the Stage for Learning with Intentional Recreation

*Michael Harper*

Before young people can begin the process of discovering and learning, they have to feel comfortable and safe. This means that intentional teambuilding needs to happen before you can take a deep dive into biblical and theological conversations with young people. This workshop will balance between exploring the theology of recreation and engaging in lots of fun, meaningful games that you can take back home with you!

**Sponsored by PYWA**

*Youth*

#### 546. Singing Our Faith

*Meg Flannagan*

The songs we sing in worship become the theological building blocks of most worshipers. These are the words we use to describe who God is and how God interacts with creation. "What a friend we have in Jesus!" Many teachers, however, overlook their hymnals as a resource in lesson planning. This workshop is designed to help church leaders use congregational song in weekly classes and Bible studies. Whether singing or reading lyrics, use the beloved and well-known theological treasure trove to your advantage!

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*General Education, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults, Multigenerational, Worship and Music*

#### 547. The Pastor's Role in Shaping Followers of Jesus

*Zeta Lamberson*

Our greatest task as leaders in the church is to walk with and aid those who want to follow Jesus. This is a sacred task. What is the pastor's role? How can a pastor intentionally craft worship and preaching; structure education, community life, and mission within a congregation; and open the eyes of parishioners to the challenges involved so that the pastor and the congregation grow as they follow Jesus daily? Join a pastor/educator who has been walking that journey to hear specific things that have worked and to learn from challenges.

*Leadership, Adults*

#### 548. The Suffering Emcee

*Whitney Fauntleroy*

This workshop will explore the intersections of brown and black people of color in the United States, the biblical narrative of suffering (with particular attention to the Exodus narrative and Servant Songs of Isaiah) and hip hop as a cultural movement. Participants will gain introductory knowledge of hip hop culture and learn how hip hop music can be used as an educational tool to engage in lament, redemption, and hope for all generations.

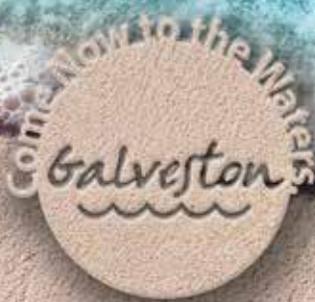
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#### 549. Transparent Welcome: Let Your "Yes" Be "Yes!"

*Kathleen Davies*

A Community of the Servant Savior Presbyterian Church was recently rated "Verified Clear" by [www.churchclarity.org](http://www.churchclarity.org). Come and learn and discuss what transparent welcome can mean to your own church. We'll delve into topics of language, training, volunteerism, theology, humor, and Jesus' mandate to welcome. We'll brainstorm welcome statements and leave with tools and the courage to implement them. This is a fun and funny workshop to boost your social justice ministry and help you "make the circle bigger."

*Mission and Social Justice, Adults*



### 550. We're on a Mission—Summer VBS for Tweens



*Katy Allen, Michele Holifield, and Judy Hockenberry*

"Do I have to go?" "It's so boring!" "VBS is for babies!"

If you've ever heard any of these complaints, this workshop is for you! After attending, you will have a framework for implementing a hands-on, engaging, and fun mission-oriented VBS experience for the tweens in your church and community. Developed at First Presbyterian Church (Arlington Heights, IL) three years ago, *Mission Factory* has become *the* summer program for fifth and sixth graders. Learn what motivated the staff and volunteers at First Pres. to develop this program and leave with a blueprint for creating one at your church.

*Children, Youth, VBS*

### 551. Worship 101: How Well Are You Doing Worship Education?



*Joshua Taylor, Miatta Wilson, and Susi Grissom*

Worship education is so important to the success of our congregation. From early childhood to adulthood, bringing people into the worship community, with its traditions and form, takes intentional effort. Taylor, Wilson, and Grissom will explore strategies for teaching worship to all ages and discuss the comprehensive plan used at First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, Texas.

**Sponsored by PAM**

*Worship and Music, Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Older Adults*

5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

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