

2019 ANNUAL MEETING - PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS – FRIDAY June 7 & SATURDAY June 8

1. Lectio Divina Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Scott Watts, PCC Staff

Sponsor: PCC Staff

Lectio Divina means “divine reading.” It is a 4-stage process of prayerful reading of scripture first introduced by St. Gregory of Nyssa in the 4th Century

2. Education Apartheid in Pennsylvania Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Greg Carey

Sponsor: LTS

An introduction to public education funding disparities in Pennsylvania. The #1 predictor of funding disparity is the racial composition of our school districts.

3. BE-ing a friend to Newcomers Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Christine Baer

Sponsor: Church World Service

Join Church World Service Lancaster to hear of new ways that congregations and small groups can get involved in the welcome of immigrants and refugees. Receive an update on current events around the world which are causing displacement and hear about who has been arriving to our communities in the past year.

4. Rethinking Confirmation Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Rev. Danielle Neff & Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

This workshop will explore the primary goals of confirmation and examine how traditional models of confirmation could change to foster greater participation, learning, and a deeper faith for our young people.

5. Being Today’s church: ONA Conversations Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Shirley Keith Knox

Sponsor: ONA Ministry Team

Join the ONA Ministry Team to explore new ideas for the ONA Movement.

6. Cybersecurity Policies for Churches Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Gerald Sink, Insurance Board

Sponsor: Insurance Board

This workshop will provide church leaders with strategic insight on cybersecurity threats and how to develop cybersecurity policies and procedures to reduce the threat of an event. There will also be discussion on IB resources, including their website www.InsuranceBoard.org

7. BE-ing the church in partnership with Human Service Ministries Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: George Graham (CHHSM) Alicia Stanley (Hoffman Homes), Victoria Velez (UCC Homes)

Looking for new ways to expand your congregation's ministries? Hoffman Homes and UCC Homes, two CHHSM members, will provide ideas about how you can partner with them in their ministries and expand your congregation's ministries at the same time.

8. Repurposing Your Church for Ministry in Today's World Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Jill White

Sponsor: UCC Church Building & Loan Fund

What's your congregation's mission? What are your congregation's distinctive gifts for ministry? What needs does your community have? In today's world churches must understand their purpose and their "why" in order to be most faithfully effective. A "Repurposing" process can help your church make sure that your mission (your "why"), your assets (people, gifts, and property), and your community's needs are in alignment. This workshop will describe and provide tools for an intentional process that your church can use to help ensure that alignment. Examples will also be shared of how a few UCC congregations transformed their lives, mission and community presence through the use of their buildings and campus.

9. Our Story – God's Story – Paper & Pen Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Rev. Jim Haun

The shape of our lives and the shape of God's plan may seem hard to discern, but a few moments with pen and paper can show us a great deal. Through a series of reflective exercises we will be discerning God's call, claim and direction for our lives.

10. Theological Commission Visions and Dreams Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Rev. Chris D. Rodkey

Sponsor: Theological Comm.

The Theological Commission would like to connect with clergy and delegates to plan for the coming year.

11. Sustaining Creation – Bible Study Overview & Demo Friday 1:30 – 3:00

BY: Tom Hocking

Sponsor: Creation Justice Min. Team

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13. Introduction to the Enneagram Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Scott Watts

Sponsor: PCC Staff

An introduction to the 9 personality styles of Enneagram model from the Sufi Tradition.

14. The Civil Rights of LGBT Identities at the intersection of “Religious Freedom” Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Joanne Carroll

Sponsor: Trans Advocacy PA; ONA Team

Today, many on the far right of the political spectrum as well as many within the “Evangelical” Christian community are claiming that the actions to end discrimination against marginalized communities violate their religious freedom. This seminar will provide the attendee with an introduction to the following:

1. What the founders really thought about the formation of our democracy
2. What is the Constitutional background for LGBT equality
3. What laws exist that provide discrimination protections

15. Passing the Plate: Generational Changes in Generosity Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Stephanie Rader-Titzel

Giving patterns in the church are changing and giving is on the decline. Come explore the financial habits of each age group and look for ways to better engage each.

16. The Role of the Church in the Opioid Epidemic Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Rev. Dr. Donna Hale, Rev. Gloria McPherson

This workshop opens with a discussion of the role of the church by identifying ways it can connect to the community to address the opioid epidemic. We will also use small groups to learn possible resources and involving the church leaders and community.

17. Resting in God: Rediscovering the Christian Contemplative Tradition Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Allyssa Boyer

Modern technology promises instant connection, with hundreds of “friends” at our fingertips. But the substance of those connections is often shallow, leaving many of us feeling isolated from others and alienated from God. The spiritual gift of contemplative prayer has been a part of Christian practice in every age, and we may find renewal and reconnection for our time by embracing this type of prayer. Participants will learn a brief historical overview of contemplative Christian prayer, and will learn and participate in three prayer practices: centering prayer, Lectio Divina, and the Daily Examen.

18. Helping Children In Need Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Lori Weir, Snyder County Children & Youth Services

Ideas for helping children with food insecurities and other needs. How to reach out to your local agencies and to find out how to help.

19. Congregations Sharing Personnel

Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Bruce Conrad, Bruce Bouchard, Mike Gibbs, David Jones, Fred Marsh

This workshop will be of interest to churches who are now or are contemplating sharing staff members with one or more congregations. The specific issues associated with churches sharing staff – pastor, organist, youth leader, secretary, etc. – will be addressed via a panel discussion. The panel will be comprised of folks, both clergy and laypeople, with staff sharing experience. A question and answer session will follow the panel presentation.

20. Supporting the Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated

Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Cathy Kenlin

What can congregations do to balance justice with mercy? How can we support the incarcerated, the formerly incarcerated and their families?

21. BE-ing the church to ALL

Sat. 1:00 – 2:30

BY: Paul Fogle, Christina Fidanza

Come and learn how you can make your worship space and programming Accessible 2 All.