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# INTENTIONAL MINISTRY FOR CHANGING TIMES

NEW TOOLS AND PRACTICAL  
IDEAS FOR YOUR TOOLBOX

JANUARY 29, 2022 9AM TO 11:15AM

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS ONE-DAY  
ZOOM TRAINING EVENT!

BONUS IN-PERSON TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SESSION AVAILABLE!

## Pre-meeting:

All participants will receive an introduction video, a prayer video, and a teaching video on Adaptable Leadership to view before the Training Event.

**Session 1:** 9AM to 10AM

**Break:** 10AM to 10:15AM

**Session 2:** 10:15AM to 11:15AM

**Closing Prayer:** 11:15AM

## Choose from a variety of topics



### **Collaborative Ministry: Creating Critical Mass and Bringing New Energy to Ministry Today**

Led by the clergy of Baker Memorial UMC, UMC Geneva, and Batavia UMC [via Zoom](#)

Three neighboring churches came together for support, outreach, and Confirmation and we will share the lessons we have learned to open the door for collaboration in your context.



### **Adapt, Pivot, Shift: The Post-Quarantine Dance of Christian Education**

Led by Rev. Kathy Wellman and Rev. Sherry Steele [via Zoom](#)

Every church has had to wrestle with their Christian Education ministry during the pandemic. There are old challenges, new challenges, a lot of unknowns, and some real opportunities. In this workshop, we invite anyone in Christian education leadership to examine what anchors us, what adaptations are showing some promise, and offer down-to-earth tools you can take back to your congregation. The workshop co-leaders come from different sized congregations and have used several models/adaptations for CE. They are excited to hear what challenges you are facing and what you are doing to adapt, pivot, and shift in your ministry!



### **The Three R's of SPRC**

Led by Rev. Lisa Kruse-Safford [via Zoom](#)

This hour-long workshop reviews the three relationships each local church's Staff Parish Relations Committee is responsible for. Learn new ways to relate to your staff, your congregation, and the connection.



### Church Growth in Number

Led by Rev. Hyujae Lee [via Zoom](#)

For the last five years, Woodstock FUMC has welcomed a total of 36 new members. During the training, the ideas of how Woodstock FUMC has successfully grown in number will be shared.



### Racial Justice: From Information to Transformation

Led by Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson [via Zoom](#)

This workshop will examine how we can move from learning more information about racism, to building beloved communities so that we might deepen our individual and faith community commitments to racial justice. The workshop will explore:

- + The importance of having a working definition of "racism."
- + The role institutions have played in perpetuating racism.
- + Challenges we face in building authentic relationships and some ways to overcome them.
- + The importance of individual and communal commitments toward racial justice.



### Church Leadership Structure

Led by Rev. Joe Johnson [via Zoom](#) (Need to attend both sessions)

*Session 1: United Methodist Foundations*

This session will explore the fundamentals of local church leadership structure.

*Session 2: Exploring the One Board Model*

Building on the foundation, this session will introduce the One Board Model and explore if this model could be a fit for your local church.



### Deepen your Worship Experience: We do these things so "...they may believe" Exodus 4:9

Led by Rev. Melissa Hood et. al. [In person and Facebook live only](#) (Minimum of 10 participants required)

*Session 1: Rev. Melissa Hood and Jay Hemphill: Coordinator of Worship Arts*

How can you deepen the worship experience for those who are in-person and online? Find out how to build sensory rich worship to deepen spirituality and encourage discipleship. Discover how to foster a meaningful worship experience to build relationships. Discuss turning online viewers into engaged disciples. Bring your questions and best practices!

*Session 2: Beth Firsching of Beth Firsching Design*

Are you getting the most out of your online presence? Find out which platforms and resources are worth your time and fit your budget. Learn best practices for website management and how to structure maintenance responsibilities. Get tips on delivering relevant content to your target audience—build community on a budget. Discover where to find quality stock images and videos. Bring your questions!

*Optional Session 3: Workshop in person only at 11:15AM to Noon led by Eric Hutchcroft*

Spend some time in the tech room to see how technology is used at Cornerstone UMC.

Cost is \$10 per person or \$50 max per church. All proceeds (minus expenses) will go to the North Central College fund to help students in need. We encourage all churches to gather for a watch party at their local church and share what they learned in each session.

**[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION](#)**

Deadline for registration is **Friday, January 21, 2022**. You will receive Zoom connection information and any supporting documents the week before the event.