

# Schedule

## Tuesday, January 31

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- 1:30 p.m. Registration/Check-in begins
- 3:00 p.m. Gathering & Opening Worship
- 4:05 p.m. TED Talks 1: The Call to Pastoral Excellence
- 4:30 p.m. Keynote 1: A Second Look at Tentmaking Ministry from the Lens of Scripture
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Workshop Session 1
- 8:25 p.m. Evening Prayers

## Wednesday, February 1

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- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayers
- 9:15 a.m. TED Talks 2: The Call to Overcome Barriers
- 9:40 a.m. Keynote 2: Points of Transition and Readiness
- 10:45 a.m. Emerging Issues for Presbytery committees
- Noon Lunch & Flex Time
- 1:30 p.m. Caring for the Whole Person
- 2:30 p.m. Workshop Session II
- 4:15 p.m. TED Talks 3: The Call to Build Caring Connections
- 4:45 Board of Pensions Matters
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Workshop Session III
- 8:30 p.m. Evening Prayers

## Thursday, February 2

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- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote #3: Valuing the Work of Bi-Vocational Pastors
- 10:15 a.m. Announcements
- 10:30 a.m. Closing Worship/Communion
- 11:45 a.m. Adjourn & pick up box lunches

## To Register

1. Determine whether you are one of three presbytery participants for whom the Synod will pay. If so, use the code SLAP when you check out. If you are not one of the three, please register as a “participant.”
2. Log on to:  
<https://www.regonline.com/leadershipsummit1>
3. Complete form and download your confirmation.

If you have questions about registration contact Deb DeMeester at the Synod office by phone (800-328-1880, ext. 207) or email [ddemeester@lakesandprairies.org](mailto:ddemeester@lakesandprairies.org)

If you would like to register by phone, please call Mary Kes at 800-328-1880, ext. 202.

**Registrations must be received by no later than January 15, 2017**

# Synod of Lakes and Prairies

## Leadership Summit

(formerly known as the COM/CPM Leadership Conference)

# The Call to Build

January 31 – February 2, 2017

Christ the King Retreat Center  
Buffalo, MN



**Synod of Lakes and Prairies  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

# Keynote Speaker

## The Rev. Dr. SanDawna Ashley

Louisville, KY



SanDawna is an Assistant Stated Clerk, the manager for Call Process Support and Teaching Elders Ministries in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In her work with the Mid Councils Ministry Unit, Office of the General Assembly, Ashley provides training, consultation,

coaching, and resources for presbyteries in support of congregations, COMs, call seekers and calling organizations. Ashley's experience includes serving as senior pastor and solo pastor of congregations in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Illinois. She is experienced in cross cultural ministry, congregational transformation, and leadership development. Ashley has degrees from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (DMin), Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Georgia State University (BSW). Ashley is the wife of Rev. Murphy Ashley, Jr. and the mother of one son Jay.

SanDawna will be discussing Bi-Vocational Ministry so that we can better identify, understand, explore, and communicate the dynamics that bi-vocational ministry presents to both candidates and congregations. In many denominations the expectation has been that would-be clergy were trained to become full-time pastors and public theologians available to serve the whole

community. Yet a "shift" has taken place for many mainline denominations, and both ministers and governing bodies that establish calls must transition to new models.

SanDawna will help us explore these issues.

## Workshop Leaders

SanDawna Ashley

*Keynote Speaker, Louisville, KY*

Tim Cargal

*Manager, Preparation for Ministry/Exams, PCUSA*

Deb DeMeester

*Director of Leadership Development, Synod*

Ken Green

*Board of Pensions Regional Representative*

Dave King & Linda Kuhn

*Sand Bur Church Consulting*

Joyce Lieberman

*Director for Constitutional Interpretation, PCUSA*

Mary Newbern-Williams

*Presbyter for Congregational Vitality, Missouri River Valley*

Melody Oltmann

*CPM Chair, East Iowa*

Ross Peterson

*Executive Director, Midwest Ministry Development Service, Chicago*

Pam Prouty – Workshop Coordinator

*Stated Clerk, Synod & Minnesota Valleys*

Bonnie Roys

*Leadership Commission, Minnesota Valleys*

Chaz Ruark

*Executive Presbyter, John Knox*

Jim Splitt

*Presbytery Pastoral Care Network, Homestead*

Mark Sundby

*Executive Director, LeaderWise, St. Paul*

# Workshops

## Session I: Tuesday 7:00-8:15 pm

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- ♦ COM Basics: What Every Member Should Know, *Joyce Lieberman*
- ♦ CPM Basics: What Every Member Should Know, *Tim Cargal*
- ♦ Tall Steeple, Tall Order! (Professional Ministry in a Denomination of Small Congregations), *Chaz Ruark, Dave King, Linda Kuhn, Ken Green, Melody Oltmann, Bonnie Roys*

## Session II: Wednesday 2:30-4:00 pm

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- ♦ Systems Theory and COM and CPM, *Mark Sundby & Ross Peterson*
- ♦ Can You Handle THAT? Next Steps in Conflict Mediation, *Mary Newbern Williams*
- ♦ Having Difficult Conversations with candidates, pastors & congregations, *Deb DeMeester, Tim Cargal, SanDawna Ashley*
- ♦ Trends and models for doing COM/CPM work under NFOG, *Pam Prouty*

## Session III: Wednesday 7:00-8:15 pm

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- ♦ Wellness in Ministry: Self Care & Support, *Jim Splitt*,
- ♦ CRE training and expectations, *Melody Oltmann*
- ♦ Trusted online tools for doing ministry for COMs and CPMs – to maintain confidentiality for critical situations as well as candidates, *Ken Green*
- ♦ Keynote Conversations, *SanDawna Ashley*