

# **Inform to Transform 10 Workshop Descriptions**

## **Morning Workshop ONLY**

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Presenter: Deb Clyde, GVD Lay Servant Team, Chair

Title: **“Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, CLM – what you need to know”**

Description: What is the difference between a Lay Servant, a Lay Speaker and a Certified Lay Minister? This workshop will have answers for you. It will also give you the opportunity to meet people who hold these titles. You will learn what is required for each of these positions, what you can do in these positions and how to maintain your certification.

## **Afternoon Workshop ONLY**

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Presenter: Drew Griffin

Title: **“Hidden in Plain Sight”**

Description: Identifying the leaders sitting next to you. Why it’s important to have new people serve. When to start recruiting them. How to mentor and train those new leaders for success.

## **This workshop requires attendance at BOTH sessions**

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Presenter: Christine Mitchell + 3 others

Title: **Safe Sanctuaries training Part 1& Part 2 – Must complete both parts**

Description: Safe Sanctuaries Training is required of all Clergy, and Laity who work with children, youth and/or vulnerable adults. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the session.

## **Morning Workshops & Afternoon Workshops - same workshop offered two different times PLEASE pick ONE for AM and ONE for PM**

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Presenter: Rev. Aaron Bouwens, Director of Vital Congregations

Title: **“Beyond Friendly and Welcoming”**

Description: Most congregations are friendly, many are welcoming, and some offer hospitality. In an age of division and angst, congregations must move beyond friendly and welcoming to offer radical hospitality. Creating an environment of radical hospitality involves everything from online presence, to signage, to language, and most importantly a condition of heart. In this workshop participants will explore the creation of an environment of radical hospitality, and gain tools to assess their congregation’s level of hospitality.

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Presenter: Rev. Jacqueline Nelson, Minister for Outreach, Rochester: Asbury First UMC

Title: **“Outreach & Strategic Partnerships”**

Description: Last year, participants were given the opportunity to tour the on-campus outreach ministries at Asbury First UMC. This year, in an effort to continue the conversation, this workshop will focus on the importance of strategic partnerships for church outreach efforts. We invite you to join this workshop to learn more about the existing strategic partnerships Asbury First has with other churches, agencies, and organizations throughout Rochester and beyond, while also learning how to develop strategic partnerships of your own.

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Presenter: Kae Wilbert

Title: **“Laity Involvement with Imagine No Racism Initiative of UNY Conference”**

Description: The Imagine No Racism work of the UNY Conference is ongoing work. This workshop will introduce the program and work to organize new small groups to meet in the evenings that will be more convenient to include laity. Clergy are also welcome to join a new small group.

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Presenter: Mike Block, Director of Missional Engagement (Mission HUB)

Title: **“HUB on the Road”**

Description: The workshop will focus on a short description of what we as a conference would like to accomplish and be a part of. Today will focused on sharing a few ideas and building on those important to you. There will also be some sharing of success stories to show the results of what is possible.

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Presenter: Deacon Dr. Kristin Helms, Professor Old Testament, Roberts Wesleyan College

Title: **“Hope out of Darkness”**

Description: This will be an interactive lecture, appropriate for all knowledge levels of Scripture. It will be geared toward inspiring people to go to the Old Testament for spiritual growth and applying the specific books of Judges and Ruth to our lives and communities today.

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Presenter: Peter Lagueras, GVD Co-Lay Leader & Pastor Ben Lalka, Victor UMC

Title: **“Waking From a Youthful Slumber”**

Description: During this workshop we will find out how to reach the youth and how to grow in their relationship with God.

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Presenter: Pastor Matthew Finch, Pastor Hemlock UMC & of Young Adults, Geneseo UMC

Title: **“Opioid Epidemic & Drug Awareness”**

Description: We will be joined by people from CASA (Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse) of Livingston County to provide participants with NARCAN training. Anyone who would like to learn more about and/or anyone who feels they've been affected by substance abuse is encouraged to attend.