Inform to Transform 9 Workshop Descriptions

Morning Workshops (pick one)

1
Presenter: Rev. Dr. John Tyson, Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School Faculty
Title: “Born in Crisis & Shaped by Faith: Our United Methodist Faith and Practice” Part 1 (full day workshop)
Description: This 4hr seminar (two parts) will examine the religious and social crises that gave birth to the early Methodist Movement in 18th century England, as well as the faith-filled responses of the Wesley brothers, and others which led to the spiritual explosion known as “the Methodist Revival” and the formation of early Methodism.
Additional information: It is suggested, but not required, that each participant would read THE WAY OF THE WESLEYS, by John R. Tyson (Eerdmans, 2014) which can be purchased at Amazon.com or any major dealer.

2
Presenter: Rev. Vonda Fossitt, GV District Superintendent
Title: “Coffee with the D.S.” – morning only
Description: Spend a relaxed time with DS Vonda in conversation on several topics and tour of the new District Office space.

3
Presenter: Asbury First Outreach Team
Title: Hands-on Outreach (morning only)
Description: This workshop will serve as an opportunity for program participants to tour three of the campus outreach programs at Asbury First United Methodist Church (URWell Clinic, Dining & Caring Center, and Storehouse), while additionally participating in three volunteer activities which include:
1. Baking cakes and other treats for our guests at the Dining Center.
2. Work with Storehouse team to sort clothes for the upcoming week.
3. Assemble Valentine’s Day Gift bags for Dining Center guests.

4
Presenter: Jessica White, Niagara Frontier District Lay Leader, UNYUMC
Title: “The Role of Laity in the Leadership of the Church” (morning only)
Description: This workshop will review what responsibilities there are as a Lay Leader of the local church and what the role of Laity is in leadership of the church, and how to partner with clergy brothers and sisters in living the mission of the Church.
Additional information: Please read: Guidelines LayLeader/Lay Member, Publisher: Cokesbury ISBN 13:9781501829727 Date 11/2016

5
Presenter: Rev. Stephen Cady, Pastor, Asbury First UMC
Title: “Preaching that Matters: Separating that Good News from the Fake News” (morning only)
Description: In a world of division, violence, and the 24-hour news cycle, how can we, as
preachers and congregations, proclaim a truth that will set us free? This workshop, for clergy and laity alike, will explore how to preach the Gospel honestly and how to be a congregation that is prepared to embrace it when it is heard. It will wrestle with preaching through violence and political unrest as well as speaking to issues of the day with grace.

Additional information: Please watch, read, or listen to the news.

6
Presenter: Bruce and Cindy Anderson, Alpha & Omega Parable Christian Store
Title: “Vacation Bible School Workshop” (morning only)
Description: Run an effective outreach to your community and bring your congregation together by having a Vacation Bible School. We will talk about hints, successes and things to avoid. This workshop will showcase the 2018 VBS kits from multiple publishers, including Group and Cokesbury.

7
Presenter: Rev. Aaron Bouwens, Director of Vital Congregations, UNYUMC
Title: “More Than Another Church Meeting” (same workshop offered both morning and afternoon)
Description: Creating the right environment matters. Often our church meetings are not an environment people want to be a part of, and they do not help the congregation accomplish the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Join us as we explore what it means to use the pattern of loving, learning, and leading, to create an environment God can use to do even greater things that we can imagine. Help your congregations do more than have another church meeting.

8
Presenter: Rev. Wilson Jones, Pastor Wyoming First UMC and Pavilion UMC
Title: “Transforming Conflict with Style” (same workshop offered both morning and afternoon)
Description: Conflict is a part of life, even (sometimes especially) in the church. Participants will begin to understand the various styles of responding to conflict, become aware of their own preferences and how their style might change as conflict intensifies, and start the process of increasing one’s repertoire of responses.

Additional information: Participants will need to go to riverhouseepress.com to purchase and take an online inventory called Style Matters – The Kraybill Conflict Style Inventory. The cost is $7.95 per person. Please print out the report and bring to the workshop. More instructions will be provided when registered.

9
Presenter: Wendy McVeigh, Youth and Family Pastor Webster UMC
Title: “Sustainable Youth Ministry”
Description: Tips, tools and strategies for creating and developing a sustainable youth program. (same workshop offered both morning and afternoon)
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Afternoon Workshops (pick one)

1
Presenter: Rev. Dr. John Tyson, Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School Faculty
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Title: “Ordering the Church for Greater Vitality” (afternoon only)
Description: Ordering the church for greater vitality is a workshop on effective ways to develop and direct leadership in the church. Gain a richer understanding on how to order the church leadership. Especially helpful for Administrative Council chairs, lay leaders and heads of committees. The workings of the Spirit come alive when the Body of Christ is moving by the power of the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 14:40 – “but all things should be done decently and in order.”
Additional Information:
Please have participants purchase and read “Kicking Habits: Welcome Relief for Addicted Churches” by Thomas G. Bandy. Each person should also bring their Book of Discipline 2016 to the workshop and pre-read Paragraphs 243-258. Optional reading: “Five Practice of Fruitful Congregations” by Robert Schnase “Simple Church” by Thom D. Rainer and Eric Geiger

3
Presenter: Roger and Donna Cullen, UNY Volunteer in Missions Coordinators
Title: “God’s Mission: Our Journey” (afternoon only)
Description: Today is a critical time for you to demonstrate your faith by living in mission. The nature of mission lies central to Jesus’s commandment for every disciple: to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, being God's love with your neighbors in all places. The disciple’s call to God’s mission isn’t voluntary or optional. Come explore avenues of discipleship through mission with emphasis on a team approach. Receive resources for connecting your call to relevant missions, finding training opportunities, and receiving support. Discover God’s call on your life through disaster response, mission and service.
4
Presenter: Tim List, Retired Commander Rochester City Police Department
Title: “Safe Guarding Your Congregation”
Description: Keeping our sanctuaries safe and putting recent incidents into perspective.

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