

Workshops Offered

Finance in the Local Church, led by Heidi Harding, Associate Director of Financial Services, INUMC

Ensure you are on solid ground with your financial policies. This workshop will provide best practices as well as practical and comprehensive information for today's church, and help you recognize patterns and where weaknesses may occur. Good financial management for treasurers, financial secretaries, and finance chairs.

Worship Tool Box Essentials, led by Elizabeth Gilbert (Associate Pastor of Plainfield UMC)

Add tools to your tool box with this session to help you plan, create, and lead engaging, creative, accessible, guest-friendly worship in 2017. Topics in this workshop will include: 12-month worship planning cycle, adding creative elements to worship, how to make your worship guest-friendly and still be uniquely 'you', and more.

Reclaiming the Power of Prayer, led by Karen Devaisher (Associate District Superintendent)

Prayer is foundational in building a faith relationship with God. If you want to experience a sense of renewal in your church and grow as a disciple, learn effective prayer practices that can help individuals and congregations develop and sustain this discipline.

New Board Model, led by Mark Fisher (Senior Pastor at Southport UMC) and Jason Young (Southport Staff Member and Central District Co-Lay Leader)

Are you transitioning to a single board structure? Is your single board struggling with how to handle issues as they arise? Have you transitioned to a single board, but nothing seems to have changed? If so, bring your questions about how a single board facilitates the mission of making disciples, selects board members, addresses personnel/facility/financial topics, etc. The session will begin by capturing questions from those in attendance and working through those questions.

"Love Your Neighbor", led by Allison Curts (Associate Director of Discipleship Development - Transformational Ministry) and Lisa Morris (Executive Director of Metro Ministries)

This workshop is about Missions: When it comes to living out the mission of Christ, partnerships are vital - partnerships with mission organizations, partnerships with the community, and most importantly partnerships with the individuals you serve.

Family Ministry, led by Stephanie Riebe (Director of Family Ministries and Discipleship at Taylor University)

This workshop provides basic steps of encouragement for ways you can help educate your congregation about what family ministry is and how it affects EVERY age and phase of your church family.

HR Basics for S/PPR Committees, led by Ann Handschu (Associate Director of Discipleship Development - Local Church Ministry)

Do you know what the most important responsibility of the Staff Parish Relations team is? If you are unsure, this workshop will provide the answer. This training is to equip the team so that your pastor(s) and staff can be successful; become fully aware of your team's responsibilities; set expectations and conduct fair evaluations; and to understand the value that your work brings to the health of your congregation.

Camp as a Discipleship Tool, led by Nick Yarde (Associate Director of Discipleship Development - Camping and Retreat Ministry, INUMC)

Discipleship: Back to Basics, Instructor TBD