

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

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No.	Workshop Name	Description	Workshop Facilitator/Sponsor	Ssn	Room
1	Connected by how we communicate	This is for those who want to improve how they communicate with others from their spiritual core; but is especially for those who don't!	Bret Myers	1	STL011
2	Connecting w/the welcoming community	Learn the basics of the Open and Affirming process. What is ONA? Why become ONA? How? This workshop will highlight the impact of becoming a welcoming and connected community of faith.	Tina Bowers Paris (ONA)	1	STL105
3	Connected in life and death - FCA of PA	Review of Funeral Practices and options that may or may not be well known. The Funeral Consumer Alliance provides guidance for current regulations, available options such as green or traditional burials, and educational information to help you become an informed consumer of end of life services.	Patrick Walker (FCA of PA)	1	STL106
4	Trending Risk Management Concerns for churches	The top risk management issues will be discussed, including high hazards and ways to reduce the potential for a loss.	Mary Lammermeier (UCC Insurance Board)	1	STL211
5	Does our church need a policy for ____?	Overview and recommendations regarding adopting, implementing and periodically reviewing policies to guide the life of a local church.	Sterling Fritz	1	BGR08
6	Connecting the Generations: Messy Church	Discussion of Messy Church in a small, rural setting; teaching how it is set up, what is needed, ending with a hands-on messy church experience.	Julie Holm, Susan Rudy	1	BGR018
7	Increase worship attendance	This workshop will walk you through how to reach new people.	Laurene Bowers (PCC Staff)	1	STL008
8	Clergy Communities of Practice	A community of practice is a small, covenanted group of people who share a concern or passion for the ministry of clergy. They gather regularly with a focus on engaging ministry more effectively while offering support to one another through prayer, listening and practice-based knowledge. Come to learn more about these communities and the start-up plan in Penn Central Conference.	Nora Foust (PCC Staff)	1	BGR102
9	Connected by committee: The Ministry of COM	Committees on Ministry embody our UCC Covenantal connections as they support local ministers and congregations in coordination with Associations and Conferences, using the best practices shared across our denomination. In this workshop we'll discuss the qualities of faithful and effective Committees on Ministry and overview resources available for the ministry of these committees.	R. Hackenberg, H. Millershank (MESA)	1	BGR107
10	Planned Giving: Create a Lasting Legacy	This workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about ways they can give to their local church and community to create a lasting legacy.	Stacie Pettice (United Church Funds)	1	STL219
11	We are the Body of Christ	Trinity, East Petersburg and St. Luke's, Lancaster united in 2015. This may be a model for other churches. How can we look at being the body of Christ, rather than a "dying church"?	Chris Rankin	1	STL009
12	Branching out through Hartman Center	Participants will connect to the Ministry of Hartman Center using this summer's curriculum, based on John's "I am the vine, you are the branches" scripture.	Patty Dodds, Jason Minnich (Hartman Center)	1 & 3	AH217

13	Connecting through books & reading	Join our resident book seller as he shares about why reading books can bring us together, enhance our connection, make a difference in our spiritual lives, help us learn to resolve conflict, and can help us celebrate our oneness in Christ. Byron will describe different kinds of reading and will enthusiastically tell about a large array of helpful titles.	Byron Borger (Hearts and Minds Books)	1 & 3	AH318
14	Worship Ministry Teams - Deeper connections	We will explore the work of worship ministry teams to create meaningful and memorable worship experiences for congregations. Utilizing the gifts of congregation members and their pastors, worship ministry teams infuse creativity and deeper connection to the worship experience. This workshop will include practical tips for starting this type of ministry.	Danielle Neff	1 & 3	AH319
15	Reconnecting after Trauma	Participants will learn about the trauma informed practices used at Hoffman Homes to help youth reconnect after trauma. An update and overview of Hoffman Academy will also be provided.	Walt Smith (Hoffman Homes)	1 & 3	STL007
16	Beyond ONA to DOING ONA	It is not enough to consider Being Open and Affirming. If your conversation starts and stops with the l/g/b/t community, you may <i>become</i> ONA, but will you ever <i>DO</i> Open and Affirming. We will look at communities waiting for us to reach out! How does education carry us from within the church to beyond?	Pam Rudledge & A. Masenheimer (ONA)	2	AH217
18	Bending the Arc, fighting for the living	The UCC is committed to Social Justice Programs, yet in many cases the advocacy and activism needed does not happen. The reason we fail is that we often have no clue as to how we can become an active warrior in the fight for social justice. This workshop is designed to provide the Penn Central UCC churches with some tools to make an impact in the lives of marginalized communities.	Joanne Carroll (UCC Social Justice)	2	AH318
19	Worship Live, Streaming Worship to Social Media	Do you want your worship services to be available live on your website? It can be done with an internet connection, a smartphone and a tripod. We will focus on streaming with Facebook Live, but will also briefly introduce other options like Periscope and Youtube. Topics covered will be the advantages of using social media, cost considerations, equipment recommendations, a step-by-step demonstration of the process, basics of using Facebook Live through your website, and everything you need to feel confident that your congregation can be CONNECTED.	Joel Risser	2 & 3	STL105
20	Organizational Intelligence - connecting Leadership	Participants will learn about a powerful process for helping congregations learn about their own critical success factors for greater health; will be introduced to organizational intelligence –OI – and look at one way of using OI in learning to connect leadership characteristics to the congregational system.	David Mirion (Samaritan Counseling Center)	2	AH319
21	Coloring as an Embodied, Spiritual practice	Leaders will present how they developed their <i>Coloring Lent</i> and <i>Coloring Advent</i> books, and host a discussion around coloring as a spiritual practice. Bring your crayons, markers or colored pencils!	Chris Rodkey, J. & N. Turri	2	STL007
22	Pastoral Relations Committee: Strength, Covenant	This workshop is for pastors/spouses and lay leaders, discussing formation and caretaking of the relationship between pastor and people at call and into the future of the relationship. Recognizing that the health of the congregation depends on the health of that relationship, how can a Pastoral Relations Committee contribute to that wholeness?	Betsy Bruaw (PCC Staff)	2	STL008

23	Pastoral Care for Suicidal Persons & their families	An understanding of prevalence of suicide, appreciation of identifying those at risk, providing an assessment and referral for on-going care. Care for families will also be addressed. Material will also be made available to aid in this process.	Jeffrey Hamilton	2	STL009
24	Connecting at the Table: Grace & Community	For lay leaders and pastors involved in planning and leading worship. The purpose will be to engage participants in thinking how the Lord's Supper is all about grace and community.	Peter Schmiechen	3	BGR08
25	Marks of a healthy congregation	Marks are something we can see. This workshop will discuss ways you can "see" how your church is connected to God, to each other, and to the world as assessment tools for measuring the health of your community of faith.	Nora Foust (PCC Staff)	3	BGR018
26	Natural Gas Pipelines: how we are all connected	Pipelines connect us all! Learn about the basics of natural gas pipelines, compression stations and fracking. See how this heavily expanding infrastructure impacts communities and ecosystems, what the long term implications may be, and how communities are rising up to protect themselves from this dangerous industry.	Deirdre Lally (Green Justice)	3	STL008
27	Becoming Allies: Stepping In (anti-bullying)	What can you do to stop hate? Presenting scenarios that demonstrate how to effectively and sensitively intervene when someone is being verbally or physically harassed. Guidance provided on how churches can "step in" and play an ally role.	AnnVanDyke, Shirley Keith Knox (ONA Ministry Team)	3	BGR102
28	Connected with Germany: Kirchentag Report	Report on the Kirchentag Experience which happened late May.	Julie Holm (UEK Partnership)	3	BGR107
29	Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee & Immigration	This will include an overview of the current refugee crises and how CWS helps refugees resettle in the US legally. How churches can continue to support the welcome of refugees and stand together and connected in face of the new social and political attitudes regarding immigrants.	Patrick Walker (CWS)	3	STL219
30	Engaging the UCC Local Church Profile	This workshop is primarily for congregations and clergy engaged in transitional ministry (Interim or designated) as well as congregational leaders looking for discernment processes to engage. We will explore the new Local Church Profile as a whole, and look in particular at the "Discovery Document" sections that are an "anytime" process for reflection and planning.	Betsy Bruaw (PCC Staff)	3	STL009
31	Planning a hometown mission trip	Would members of your church like to have a "mission trip experience without having to spend a lot of money and travel to a faraway place? Learn how Bethany UCC planned their own "Ephrata Work Camp," demonstrating the love of Christ in their hometown of Ephrata. Learn how you can organize a "hometown mission trip" for your church.	Bill LaSalle, Bonnie Fry	3	STL011
32	Connect with new Convergence Music Project	An introduction to the Convergence Music Project (CMP) which was begun by UCC Pastor/singer/composer Bryan Sirchio with support from the Center for Progressive Renewal. CMP is beginning to bring together music writers and congregations to create music "for a just and generous Christianity." We will sing CMP songs, explore the website, and learn about participation.	Dwight Hein	3	STL106
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39	Connecting with Community through Healing Services	Through a service of healing, people are connected to the community (Church Settings, Small Group Settings, Bible Studies, etc.) in a very intimate manner. Both the persons desiring healing prayer and the community can be brought closer together. This is a time to learn and discuss a variety of healing services to use anywhere.	Bonnie Whittier	3	STL211
40	Clergy Self Care	A consideration of spiritual, physical, and emotional components contributing to a healthy ministry and family life.	Richard Luciotti (PCC Staff)	3	BGR108
SPECIAL SESSIONS 1:15 - 2:45					
41	Special Session: Manual on Ministry - the book that binds us	The Manual on Ministry is a practical resource that also shapes our collective UCC identity and tells a story about the ways in which we "do church" together. In every generation, the UCC reexamines the Manual on Ministry to clarify and reimagine its practices for authorizing ministers, and so throughout 2017 the UCC is engaged in a conversation around a drafted new vision for the Manual on Ministry. Join the conversation!	R. Hackenberg, H. Millershank (MESA)	SPC	BGR103
42	Special Session: PCC Association 'Think tank' - Best Practices sharing	Sharing best practices and ideas that have worked well! (Presidents, VPs, Outreach and COM chairs attend this session.) Agenda items include - Presentation about Association structures across the UCC (Holly Millershank), COM structure, Increasing attendance at Association events, Effective Outreach Efforts & Effective recruitment for Committees	Monica Dawkins-Smith (PCC Staff)	SPC	FSH Faylor

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