

Minnesota Valleys Presbytery
January – May 2019 Training Events

January 22, 2019 – Willmar 9:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Hopeful Conversations About Human to Human Relationships

Moving beyond hatemongering, fear, scarcity, and miseducation



Speaker: The Rev. Samuel Son,
Manager for Diversity and
Reconciliation, the Presbyterian
Mission Agency

Religious, community, and education leaders are invited to a conversation about human to human relationships hosted by the Minnesota Valleys Presbytery and the Presbyterian Mission Agency PC(USA). Participants can expect a safe place to dialogue around issues on how we see and hear the other. The day-long event will work to equip participants to return to their communities tooled with enhanced listening attitudes and better equipped to positively enhance relationships in our diversifying communities.

Reservation Fee: \$ 15.00 lunch

Location: Willmar, MN

Registration Opens: December 3, 2018

Transformation Going Beyond Change Part II

A Presbytery-wide Transformation Initiative

March 19, 2019 – Willmar 9:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Removing Internal Barriers to Success and Implementation



Speaker: Rev. Felicia LaBoy, MA, MDIV, Ph.D.

Dr. LaBoy is known for her inspirational, practical, and common-sense approach to ministry and business. She is a popular speaker and expert in the fields of faith-based community, economic and leadership development; evangelism; and race relations.

Many clergy spend countless hours reading and in live and webinar training on how to move their congregations forward. However, movement forward is often hard or non-existent. In this highly interactive seminar, participants work on what is really holding them and their congregations back from achieving their vision for the future. Utilizing biblical and theological resources, as well as best practices from transition and change management, participants will begin to develop strategies for how to help their congregants deal with uncertainty, loss, and change.

More About the Speaker

Dr. LaBoy academic credentials include a B.S. in Marketing from Lehigh University, an MBA in Marketing and Finance from Duke University, an M.A. in Christian Ministries from Indiana Christian University, and an M.Div with a concentration in Evangelism and a Ph.D. in theology, history and ethics from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and Associate Dean in Black Church Studies, Louisville Theological Seminary. She is an Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching (iPEC) trained life transitions coach.

Her books include *Table Matters: The Sacraments, Evangelism and Social Justice*; *Unstuck: 8 Steps You Can Take Right Now To Possess Your Promise*; and *Not For Women Only: Leadership Lessons From Women in the Bible – A 40-Day Devotional* (Spring 2019).

May 2, 2019 – Willmar 9:30 – 4:00 p.m.

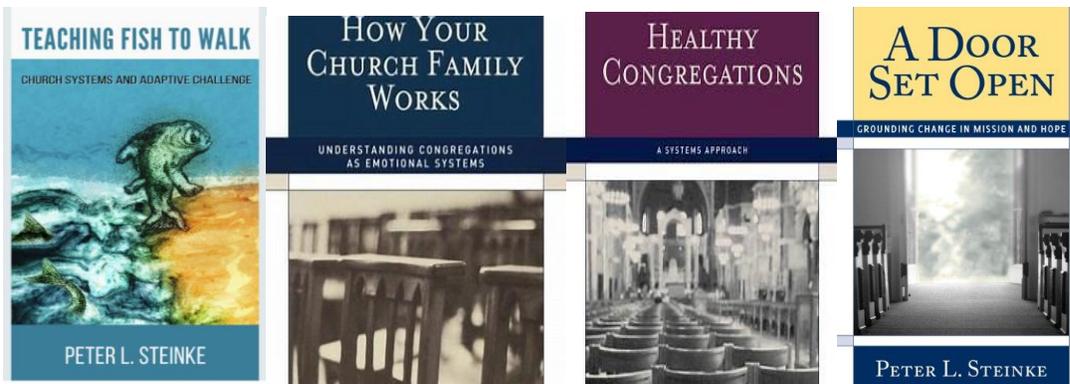
Building A Congregational Immune System



Speaker: The Reverend Peter Steinke, Ph.D.

Dr. Steinke has been a church consultant for more than twenty years. Having studied Bowen Family System Theory under the tutelage of Edwin Friedman, he has attempted to incorporate the theory in his work. He has authored four books with an eye on Bowen Theory.

He has developed the Bridgebuilder and Healthy Congregation programs and now is initiating New Visions, a system-based project for leadership in congregations. Dr. Steinke is an ordained Lutheran (ELCA) pastor. A prolific author, Steinke is the guru of church systems, congregational health and building the capacity of leaders.



TRANSFORMATION GOING BEYOND CHANGE PART II

WEBINARS

- June Resiliency, building spiritual fortitude for leading
– Dr. Laurie Ferguson
- July Preaching in Times of Transition, imaginative
preaching – speaker TBA
- September Making the “ask,” stewardship, funds
development and talking about money – speaker
TBA
- November Finding Your Why? Core Values Leadership –
speaker TBA