



### **Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kathy Dawson**

Dr. Dawson's interests revolve around spiritual development, creative teaching methodologies, curriculum theory, and children's ministry. Her current research explores how parents and the church can have faithful conversations around fantasy literature for children and youth. Dr. Dawson was chosen 2015 Educator of the Year by the Association

### **Worship Leader: Rev. Karen Chamis**

Karen currently serves as Acting Head of Staff and Director, Congregational Development and Mission for National Capital Presbytery. She began work at NCP in July of 2015, after pastoring congregations in NY and NJ for the last 20 years. She grew up in Buffalo, NY and received her MDiv from Union Theological Seminary in NYC. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Organizational Leadership from Eastern University and is in the dissertation stage.

### **Music: Arthur Thompson**

A lifelong member of First Presbyterian Carlisle, PA, has served as organist since 2013. "Art" is a graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory of Music, Winchester, VA. Art has served as musical director/accompanist for over 60 mid-state theater productions, and has been accompanist for Cantate Carlisle since the group was formed in 1990.

### **Morning: 10:30 to 12:00 Noon**

#### **#1. *Big God Big Questions:* The Covenant of Confirmation**

Confirmation has too often been relegated to the periphery of congregational life; it needs to be front and center, as the church fulfills its call to make, baptize, and teach disciples. In this workshop, explore the covenant of Confirmation found in the four questions asked of confirmands and how *Big God Big Questions* can play a crucial role in your Confirmation program.

#### **#2. Grandparenting in Faith Formation.**

Led by Laurie Juarez

"We had two new families join our church a few years back and we asked them - what attracted you here? They answered - we love how every generation is represented. All generations play an important role in the faith of our children." They were correct, having all generations represented in a church is a huge bonus. Learn how you can connect your youngest generation with your oldest generation!

#### **#3. Walking With Children Through Disaster**

Led by Barbara Chalfant

In a disaster we rush to make sure everybody is safe. But what about the children? We care for their bodies but what about their spirits? Come learn and leave with a plan.

### **#4. Liturgy Inclusive Of Children**

Led by Keith Sundberg

Liturgy that is written with children in mind creates an inclusive celebration. They are listening and we need to help them understand as much as possible. This workshop will focus on language, movement, symbols, and opportunities to help children participate as fully as adults.

### **Afternoon: 1:00-2:30 PM**

#### **#5. Welcoming LGBTQ**

Led by Jenna Newman and Jenny Bigley

Authentic engagement with the communities that our congregations serve means not shying away from the issues of the community. The reality is that, for many, the church has not been very welcoming to LGBTQ+ individuals. We don't always "speak the language" which can impose a barrier to a genuine, warm welcome. If you aren't sure how to properly welcome, accept, and engage members of the LGBTQ+ community, everyone is at a disadvantage. Come learn respectful, Christ-filled ways to welcome, converse with and minister to members of the LGBTQ+ community and their families.

#### **#6 Curriculum Conversations**

Come enjoy a conversation with one of our GA staff with time to hear about what is new and what is in the works for resources and support for educational ministry in the PCUSA.

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### **#8. Reclaiming Sabbath for Families**

Led by Susan Wisseman

In an era where "busier is better" seems to be the way many of us live our lives, how do we buck the trend and make sabbath time a part of our weekly routine? We'll talk about, and practice, what kind of changes -- small to large -- we can make within our families to take some time to rest, be refreshed, make our lives be more sane, and honor the Sabbath.

### **Children & Youth Spirituality Center**

The 2019 EAPCE Event Spirituality Center will be constructed as an example where children and youth can learn, appreciate, and enjoy some of the Spiritual Disciplines of the church.

Stations and activities will be created highlighting a specific Bible story, each one concerning a child or youth. Instructions and handouts will be available to enable each participant to create as they need.

## EAPCE SPRING EVENT 2019

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name (as desired on your nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
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APCE Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

First time attendee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary or special needs? \_\_\_\_\_  
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WORKSHOP CHOICES: List Workshop #s, Pick 2

AM # \_\_\_\_\_ PM # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Conference Fees:

(Includes Conference, Keynotes, Workshops,  
2 nights lodging and 5 meals and snacks):

Double Room .....(\$380.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Single Room .....(\$470) \_\_\_\_\_

Commuter .....(\$150 3 day pass) \_\_\_\_\_

.....(\$115 1 day pass) \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$40 for non-APCE members \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Fee Total \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarships Available for Spring 2019 Event

EAPCE will provide full scholarships to first time conference participants or partial assistance to repeat attendees. Share the good news with your church friends! Email Sherri Adler, Treasurer, [avashe@aol.com](mailto:avashe@aol.com) or call 732-904-7273 to receive a Scholarship Application Form.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations can be honored only if made ten days or more before the event. **Please complete and mail registration with check payable to APCE Eastern Region to:**  
**Sherri Adler, 804 Abby Road**  
**Middletown, New Jersey 07748**

**Deadline to Register:** 4-15-2019

**Questions:** Contact Mary Beckhusen at 732-372-8572 or [mary@pcum.org](mailto:mary@pcum.org) or Colleen Duffy at 973-383-4420 or [colleen.duffy@fpcnewtonnj.org](mailto:colleen.duffy@fpcnewtonnj.org)

#### Hearts and Minds Bookstore

Byron will be back with the newest resources edited with his experienced and trustworthy eye. Remember to save luggage space for your purchases.

#### Book Exchange

If you need to make space for new books and want to share your resources, there will be a book exchange. Bring some, take some, and make sure you take back what is not snapped up by other conference goers.



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#### Event Schedule

Monday, May 6

1:00 Registration and Check-In  
1:30 Spirituality Center Open  
3:00 Welcome & Community Building  
4:00 Opening Worship  
5:00 Dinner  
6:30 Plenary #1  
8:15 Honoring our Retired Saints  
8:45 Vespers  
9:00 Hospitality

Tuesday, May 7

7:30 Morning Prayer  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Plenary #2  
10:30 Morning Workshops  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Afternoon Workshops  
2:30 Free Time  
4:00 Hearts and Minds Book Talk  
5:00 Dinner  
6:30 Plenary #3  
8:15 Worship  
8:45 Educator of the Year Celebration

Wednesday, May 8

Reminder – Check out is at 11:00  
7:30 Morning Prayer  
8:00 Breakfast  
8:45 EAPCE Meeting  
9:30 Plenary #4  
11:15 Worship and Communion

## EAPCE EVENT

Eastern Association of Presbyterian Church Educators



## May 6-8, 2019

Rhodes Grove Conference Center  
Chambersburg, PA

## Parenting: Teaching Children About Faith

Keynote Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Kathy Dawson

Worship Leader:  
Rev. Karen Chamis  
Music: Art Thompson

