



DISCIPLE MAKING

DAY OF LEARNING

February 16, 2019

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

First UMC - Mesa

15 E. First Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210

“Go, make disciples!” These are words we find in the gospel of Matthew, but how do we make disciples in this day and age? You are invited to an exciting journey as we engage in learning about what it might look like to make disciples today, beginning with our own journey of transformation.



BRIAN McLAREN - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING

The title comes from one of Brian's heroes, Brazilian educator/activist Paulo Freire. He used this title for a published dialogue between Freire and another seminal educator/activist, Myles Horton, who was an important figure in the Civil Rights Movement in the US. Freire may have derived the quote from the great Spanish poet Antonio Machado:

“Caminante, son tus huellas el camino, y nada más; caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar. Al andar se hace camino, y al volver la vista atrás se ve la senda que nunca se ha de volver a pisar. Caminante, no hay camino, sino estelas en la mar.”

“Wanderer, your footsteps are the road, and nothing more; wanderer, there is no road, the road is made by walking. By walking one makes the road, and upon glancing behind one sees the path that never will be trod again. Wanderer, there is no road— Only wakes upon the sea.” — Antonio Machado, Campos de Castilla

The title suggests that Christian faith is still “in the making” (as Dr. John Cobb has put it). It continues to grow, evolve, learn, change, emerge, and mature ... in and through us. What we will be as Christians in the 21st century, for better or worse, will surely change what Christian faith will be in the 22nd century and beyond.

Author of *We Make the Road by Walking*, Brian D. McLaren is a speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher, he is a passionate advocate for “a new kind of Christianity” – just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good.

Brian McLaren will be joining the Day of Learning via live-stream for the keynote address and a Q&R Workshop.



WORKSHOPS (SELECT TWO)

We Make the Road by Walking - Brian McLaren

Continue the conversation with a Q&R session with Brian McLaren. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in conversations with the keynote speaker via live-stream.

Meeting Your Neighbors Next Door and In the Community – Rev. Dan Morley

A workshop to give purpose and pointers of meeting others and making relational connections beyond your church friends. Basic ways anyone can influence their neighborhood and wider community, making a network of care and well-being for all. This is evangelism based on relationship building which gives great enjoyment and fulfillment for you and those you meet. A workshop helping us answer the call (Matthew 28) to build relationships person-to-person and with communities within your community -- school, library, fitness center, and community center.

Creating and Maintaining Communities of Faith for the 21st Century: Learnings from The Orontes Project – Rev. Rob Rynders & Rev. Dave Wasson

People today are asking how is it that we make real connections with those who no longer do church the way we have traditionally done it? If we are called to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, what do we need to change in order to fulfill that call? This workshop gives you insight into a generation of explorers who long for a spiritual connection beyond what has been the way we have always done it. Some might even call it “subversive.”

Discipling Systems - Rev. Dave McPherson

If the purpose of The UMC is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” then we first need to know what a disciple is. And once a church knows, then how does a church “make” disciples? This workshop will deal with discipling systems. It will look at “membership” and “discipleship”. The workshop will also explore the processes Jesus and John Wesley used, and how to create a process for your church today.

Courageous Conversations – Rev. Beth Rambikur

Conflict is an inevitable part of life and growth. Learning to engage conflict in creative ways that open possibilities and lead to growth is a crucial part of building an authentic, collaborative, relational, trusting, bold, and compassionate church that is living courageously. Learn about engaging conflict in healthy and positive ways both in the church and in life. This seminar will include: • A free professional assessment of your own conflict management style. • An overview on the processes of conflict, conflict management and transformation and how to shift the momentum of destructive conflict towards healing and forgiveness. • Practical tools for use in your church and life.

Not My War - Rev. Tina Marie Rees

Have you ever found yourself in an unending conflict that you swore you would do anything to end ... but just couldn't find the way? The Anatomy of Peace offers us a sure path out of the wars we find ourselves caught in, but first we must learn to see how we feed the spirit of war so that it remains alive. Learn how it can truly be 'not your war' anymore.

REGISTER

\$15.00 on/before February 1

\$20.00 after February 1

Lunch will be provided to all in attendance and is included in your registration fee. You must register for this event.

Register online at:

<https://dscumc.org/event/east-district-day-of-learning/>

SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Check In
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Keynote
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – Noon	Workshop 1
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch & Mission Fair
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Workshop 2



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