

JUNE 11, 2021

DAY 1 - EDUCATION SEMINAR COUSE OPTIONS

**Foundations for a Culture of Generosity**

**Full Day**

The Rev. Mike Ward, author of *Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity* (Fortress Press) will provide us actionable steps to move away from scarcity thinking. This workshop will focus on:

- An effective congregation council,
- The building blocks of a strong stewardship culture, and
- A strategic ministry vision.

The cornerstone of all of this is the ability to know and tell the story of what God is doing in your midst.

**Renewing the Church: A Personal Communal Journey**

**Full Day**

The Rev. Dave Daubert, *Day 8 Strategies*: Over the past several decades, the decline of congregational life has become a major concern. A new study now shows that for the first time in over a century, less than half of Americans even belong to a congregation! And those who do belong participate in declining rates as well. But renewal is not complicated - just hard work. This workshop will look at how renewing the church will start with renewing its people and their faith life in ways that change how we function together as the church, deepening our own faith and sharing it in meaningful ways with others.

**Reimagining Youth Ministry Beyond the Pandemic**

**Full Day**

Melissa Rau, Lead Consultant with Ministry Architects, will unpack the challenges and opportunities for faith formation leaders as a result of the pandemic. Engaging and interactive, these workshops will focus on the role of the church, the youth leader, volunteers, parents, and youth, and how all constituents can be better together in a new paradigm. Furthermore, change management isn't easy, so participants will gain new tools for implementing new systems and structure. By the end of the day, participants will have new insight, lots of takeaways, and new language for engaging others in conversation about the importance of faith at home, rule of life, community, youth leadership, and service.

**Christ Centered Prayer I**

**½ Day, morning**

The Rev. Dr. Paul Barbins, an Ignatian Spiritual Director, will lead this stand alone, ½ day seminar where participants will be (re)introduced to 2 prayer methods: "Praying your desires" that will help focus their own prayers on Christ. Prayer techniques will be discussed that encourage the pray-er to make Christ the central part of their prayer experience. Participants will have the opportunity to try the prayer methods, reflect on their personal prayer and share from their prayer experience.

**Christ Centered Prayer II**

**½ Day, afternoon**

Also led by Rev. Paul Barbins, this standalone ½ day seminar will (re)introduce two prayer methods: Imaginative Prayer and *Examen* prayer. Prayer techniques will be discussed that encourage the pray-er to make Christ the central part of their prayer experience. Participants will have the opportunity to try the prayer methods, reflect on their personal prayer and share from their prayer experience. The morning session is not necessary to participate in this seminar.

**Transformative Listening for Daily Life**

**½ Day**

Barbara Schwery, Executive Director for the BeFriender Ministry National Office will lead this fun and interactive seminar. You will learn attitudes and skills to enhance your ability to listen with understanding and compassion. Leave with practical tools to transform your listening and improve your relationships. This presenter will not be in person at the Knight Center. The ½ day is offered both in the morning and in the afternoon.

**Dependable Strengths**

**Full Day**

Sara Fortin, certified through the Center for Dependable Strengths, brings this seminar for those in or on the cusp of retirement. In the process itself, you will have the opportunity to look at your whole life and identify those experiences you have most enjoyed doing. The time together will be spent sharing your story with the others, receiving their feedback and insight, individual reflection, and group conversation. In the end you will use your own words to describe your gifts/strengths and be able to write clearly about those things you do well, giving evidence of your effectiveness and set some personal goals with any new insight. Knowing your own *dependable strengths* gives you internal criteria to make good choices for your future. This seminar is only in person, will follow a different schedule than the rest of the gathering, and is limited to 20 people.