

E4- Empowering, Education, Engaging, Energizing

an APCE Mid-Central Region Continuing Education Event

“Being a Community of Welcome”

Nov. 3-5, 2019

registration begins in August

KEYNOTER- REV. CARL HORTON

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Early Bird Registration (before 9/15)—Single \$503, Double \$369, and Triple \$325.

Registration after 9/16—Single \$568, Double \$434, and Triple \$390.

Commuter Fee—\$200 (includes Mon. and Tue. lunch).

Cost includes: lodging, all meals, free happy hour, and program fees.

Workshops:

1. **“Aging and End of Life Care”**—How can your congregations give better care to those who are experiencing end of life decisions? Come hear from an interdisciplinary team (RN, Hospice Aide, Chaplain, and Social Worker) who work together for the good of the person receiving care.—Rev. Paula Isgrig and others
2. **“Waking It Up in Worship with Visual Creativity”**—Deepening our expression of the gospel through visual crafts and techniques; building rituals using fabrics and crafts that go beyond glue sticks and felt.—Grace Cox-Johnson
3. **“Create an Upcycled Craft”**—We will be creating projects that your kids can make for themselves or their Moms. Please bring an old sweater, afghan or other knitted project that you won't mind repurposing for this activity.—Mary Riley
4. **“A Welcoming Place where Children Encounter God”**—Since 2007, First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Illinois, has had a special place where children can worship and encounter God: Children's Chapel. First United recognizes the importance of even our youngest members experiencing worship with the rest of our faith community. Come and hear how we at First United developed a program and space for the youngest members of the congregation and how you can implement some of the ideas in your own church.—Stephanie Foltz
5. **“Welcoming Youth into the Bible”**—In this workshop participants will learn a variety of creative Bible Study methods to help young people engage with the scriptures and one another.—Rev. Kris (Bubba) Adler-Brammer and Kris Adler-Brammer
6. **“Helping Youth to Understand Poverty”**—It is hard to understand what poverty is and even harder to teach youth about it. Through purposeful simulations, lessons and programming recommendations, we can help youth (or adults) to have a better understanding.—Michael Moore
7. **“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Including All of God's Children in Ministry”**—Using a person-centered approach, we will explore how youth groups can be a support for those with special needs, including the autism spectrum. The workshop will demonstrate strategies to bring youth of all abilities into the fold, and help them be an integral part of the group, as we are called to do by Scripture.—Katie Sternhagen
8. **“Worship with the Marginalized”**—What are dynamics we can consider when participating in a worship service and community that is welcoming to those on the margins? Everyone is welcome to reflect and contribute, as the experience of one worshiping community will be shared as God transformed them from a community for affluent youth, young adults, and families into a service for the marginalized of the community. By the end, we will have shared and heard effective ideas that we may have never thought of before that will better equip us to create communities and worship services that are welcoming to the marginalized.—Rev. Zac Wolfe
9. **“Recreation That Says ‘Welcome’”**— At its best, recreation is creative, life-giving, community-strengthening and all-inclusive. It invites people into deeper engagement, fuller participation and more meaningful relationships with each other. Using recreation, we'll look at some best practices and creative ways to provide welcoming, hospitable spaces and to help people feel right at home. You'll leave with plenty of ideas to make your meeting, classroom, study, youth group or worshipping community more welcoming. You're welcome!—Rev. Carl Horton