

Got Questions?

Get Answers!



January 25, 2009
2PM-5:45PM

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian
Rock Hill

FREE
Workshop for

- ministers
- educators
- elders
- clerks
- youth leaders
- children's ministry volunteers
- lay leaders in charge of worship, education, congregational care, mission, and evangelism

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What is E³?

E³ is an exciting training opportunity for all types of leaders in your church. From Sunday School teachers to Clerks of Session, there is something for everyone at E³. Take a look at the workshops offered and choose the ones that will help you maximize your efforts in your leadership role at church.

To help us best use the facilities and adequately prepare materials, we ask that you either 1-Register Online, 2-Email Kathryn at kmcgregor@providencepres.org, or 3. Mail the enclosed registration form to the Presbytery office.

Schedule

Registration/Bookstore/ VBS Preview	2:00 – 2:45
Opening	2:45 – 3:00
Workshop 1	3:00 – 4:15
Break/Bookstore	4:15 – 4:30
Workshop 2	4:30 – 5:45



The VBS Preview will be available throughout the event as a drop-in table staffed by presbytery educators. Stop by at your convenience to look at the kits, ask questions, and pick up a packet of evaluations on the kits written by educators in the presbytery.

The Cokesbury Bookstore will be available during the event.

Registration is requested in order to assist in room assignments and handout preparations. Walk-ins are welcome as space permits.

Childcare

Childcare will be available by reservation only. Please contact Kathryn McGregor at 803-328-6269, ext. 6 or kmcgregor@providencepres.org by **Tuesday, January 20** to reserve a childcare slot.

Introduction to New Officer Training

For new elders or any elders who would like a refresher course.

Two & a Half Hour Workshop --3:00 – 5:45

If you choose this one, you will not choose a second workshop.

Church officers guide and direct the mission and ministry of the local congregation as it seeks to be faithful to God in Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility and joy to help our congregations be congregations of Presbyterian Christians, and be that faithfully – to God, to Christ, to our heritage and tradition, to the continuing witness of the Holy Spirit. This workshop will provide a “period of study and preparation” that introduces new officers to resources to assist them in service of their higher calling to lead and direct Christian ministry. **Participants are asked to bring a current copy of the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions.**

Workshop Leader: Rev. Dr. Douglass Key, Pastor, Clover Presbyterian Church.

SESSION I: 3 - 4:15PM

(Choose one)

Developing a Caring Congregation

For deacons, pastors, and elders or lay leaders involved in congregational care

Participants will explore different levels of caregiving within congregational life, as well as learn some practical steps toward implementing each.

Workshop Leader: Rev. John Wilkerson, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster.

New Clerk Workshop

For Clerks of Session

Being the clerk of session is more than simply taking minutes and filling out statistical reports. We will look at the overall role and function of the clerk of session as it helps facilitate the ministry of your congregation. Each clerk will receive a helpful reference manual.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Mark Verdery, General Presbyter, Providence Presbytery

Overcoming Our Fears in Evangelism

For elders, pastors and lay leaders interested in learning more about evangelism

***Workshop will be repeated in Session II-choose only once.**

Evangelism is often considered a dirty word in the PC(USA). This workshop will help you to understand that everyone can do evangelism. We will explore the foundations of evangelism, the necessity of evangelism, the role of prayer in evangelism, styles of evangelism, and tools for evangelism.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Eric Hoey, Director for Evangelism and Church Growth of the General Assembly Council. Formerly a pastor for 15 years of two churches in Southern California, Eric comes to his position with a deep passion to help Presbyterians articulate their faith with the life-changing good news of the gospel.

Get a “CLUE” About the Workshop Rotation Model

For educators and lay leaders in Christian Education

The workshop rotation model is all about Biblical “Creative Learning in a Unique Environment.” You’ll have the opportunity to see some aspects of this very flexible model for Christian education, and discover how it makes the learning experience stimulating, challenging, and spiritually enriching for teachers and learners. Topics addressed will be: educational foundations, curriculum options, room design, and administrative designs.

Workshop Leader: Croskeys Royall, Director of Christian Education, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbia SC

Church Communications

For church secretaries, church web masters and lay leaders interested in church communication

Churches today have more avenues than ever before for communicating with membership. However, as people are inundated with more and more information, how can the church grab the attention of its congregants? We will discuss technological and traditional approaches to church communication. Including the importance of designing a communication plan that works with the dynamics of your church membership.

Workshop leader: Jill Wilson, Communications Coordinator, Providence Presbytery

Accompanying Youth on their Journeys of Faith

For youth directors and volunteer youth advisors

Youth need leaders who do more than plan Sunday evening youth meetings. They need reminders of their place in the

covenant community of Christ, support and sustenance during acute experiences, tools for navigating the various parts of the adolescent passage, and to be reminded of God's presence and longing for relationship. This workshop will explore with youth leaders how to think of youth ministry outside the youth room.

Workshop Leaders: Carrie Good, Director of Christian Education, Tirzah Presbyterian Church; Kat Ward, Program Director, Bethelwoods; Kathryn McGregor, Associate for Education & Resourcing, Providence Presbytery

A Look at the Proposed Amendments to our Constitution

For lay people and pastors - anyone interested in participating the discussion.

***Workshop also offered in Session 2--choose only once.**

In March our presbytery will vote on proposed amendments to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA. These amendments deal with a wide variety of subjects including ordination standards for church officers, the role of Christian Educators in the work of the presbytery, and ecumenical relationships with other denominations. This class will be led by one of our commissioners to the most recent General Assembly and will provide an overview of the issues coming before us in these proposed amendments. A time will be provided from responses and questions for clarification from those present.

Workshop leader: Rev. Dan Holloway, Pastor, Unity Presbyterian Church & Commissioner to the 218th General Assembly.

Session II : 4:30 - 5:45 PM

(Choose one)

Practices of Faith: Silence, Prayer and Holy Reading

For lay people and pastors - anyone interested in spiritual practices

This workshop traces the development of spiritual disciplines from the early church, through medieval Benedictine and monastic settings and to Calvin's adaptation of these practices in the Reformed Church. Works by Norvene Vest, *No Moment Too Small: Rhythms of Silence, Prayer & Holy Reading* (Cistercian Publications, 1994) and Marjorie Thompson, *Soul Feast* (Westminster John Knox, 1995), inform contemporary applications of these ancient, yet time-honored, practices.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Janet Alford, Member At Large, Providence Presbytery

Young Adult Ministries: Gifts to Discover

For educators, elders, pastors and lay leaders working in educational ministry, especially with young adults

Explore a model for ministry that fosters spiritual growth, companionship and Christian commitment in adults under the age of 40. Learn how to tap into the gifts of young adult members of your congregation by shaping asset-based programs and connectional learning opportunities, enabling young adults to discover the God-given gifts they bring to your church and to the wider community.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley, a member of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, most recently worked with the young adult ministries pastoral staff of Central Presbyterian-Atlanta.

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Are You Covered: Creating A Personnel Manual

For personnel committee members, pastors, and business administrators

Writing a complete personnel manual from scratch can be overwhelming! Having a personnel manual which states your policies is a necessity. Protect yourself and your employees by having clearly-written policies. If your church does not have a personnel manual or has an outdated one, come to this workshop. You will be given samples of manuals and policies that your church can adapt to your needs. CD's containing Providence Presbytery's Personnel Manual will be made available for you to use as a starting point for your own church's personnel manual.

Workshop Leader: Rose Lemmons-Berry, Business Administrator, Providence Presbytery

Mission (NEVER) Impossible

For elders and lay leaders and pastors interested in mission opportunities for their congregations

Jesus really does say to each of us: "Your Mission, should you choose to accept it..." (though I rather doubt that the message will self destruct,) Yet "Mission" doesn't mean that everyone has to (or even can) run off to the jungles of South America. There are really rich, rewarding ways to be in mission, mission perhaps only YOU can do, right here at home. Come let us fill you with ideas and exciting possibilities.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Fred Powell, Temporary Supply Pastor, Uriel Presbyterian Church & Interim Consultant for Mission for Providence Presbytery

In the Groove: Choosing Music that Works for Worship

For church musicians, choir members, pastors, and elders or lay leaders involved in worship planning

We will discuss ways to use music to help our worship flow, inspire, and draw us deeper into the presence of God. We will share techniques and resources that help create a meaningful worship experience which honors our tradition and at the same time explores new styles of music.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Robert Alexander, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Union.

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