

VIRTUAL BI-DISTRICT TRAINING DAY

January 16, 2021

SURVIVING THE COVID-19 SCHOOL YEAR

CONNIE GIOVANINI

Observations and suggestions to help parents and children get through the school year during the pandemic.



STAYING CONNECTED TO YOUR CONGREGATION

CONNIE BERGER, REV. KYUNGSUK CHO, REV. JASON DULEY, REV. LYNNE ALLEY GRANT, REV. EMILY MOORE-DIAMOND, REV. JOHN OBENG, REV. RANDY ORNDORFF, REV. KATIE PHILLIPS, REV. MATTHEW SMITH AND REV. DR. JASON SNOW

Pastors from around the Arlington and Alexandria Districts offer ideas and ways to stay connected with congregants during Covid disconnection.



CREATIVE CONTACT-FREE CONNECTIONS: WHAT'S STILL POSSIBLE IN WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

REV. DREW COLBY

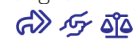
Sharing creative ideas and what has "worked" helping congregations remain connected and make new connections in 2020, 2021, and beyond.



LIFE CHANGING MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE

MOHAMED "NABS" NABIEU

This is an overview of the Helping Children Worldwide Ministry through the Child Reintegration Centre, a child welfare organization, and Mercy Hospital, a healthcare institution. Twenty years ago, a group of faith-based and life-changing churches like yours worked to create this vibrant ministry to vulnerable children and families. The CRC works to prevent child labor and trafficking in Sierra Leone, Africa. The Mercy Hospital works to reducing the high infant and maternal mortality rates. The CRC and Mercy Hospital are focused on education, family stability, maternal health, infant survival, childhood nutrition, case management, spiritual mentoring and more. I know of their situation because I was once a vulnerable child. I was rescued from the streets by the Child Reintegration Centre, and I know personally how a life can transform when a church like yours is willing to get involved.



CONNECTING WITH NEW PEOPLE IN A PANDEMIC

REV. BRIAN JOHNSON, REV. KATIE PHILLIPS AND REV. TIM WARD

This panel discussion explores ways to connect with new people during this very strange season of ministry. When in-person gatherings have been severely limited, what can we do to meet new people, strengthen existing relationships, and build connections? And, how might these alternative avenues for connection teach us new practices that might bear fruit even after the pandemic is over? The discussion will cover opportunities for connection through worship and non-worship offerings.



NEGOTIATING A LIMINAL SEASON (KEYNOTE ADDRESS) 9:00 AM

SUSAN BEAUMONT

(60 minutes) Liminality is the ambiguity or disorientation that occurs in transitory situations and spaces when a person or group of people is betwixt and between something that has ended, and a new situation not yet begun.

Plenary participants will explore the:

- Conditions that give rise to liminality in an organization
- Behavioral patterns associated with liminality
- Leadership challenges and opportunities inherent in liminal seasons.



MOVING FROM DECISION MAKING TO DISCERNMENT 10:00 AM

SUSAN BEAUMONT

Most faith-based organizations rely on rational decision making to guide their leadership choices. Liminal seasons invite us to shift out of rational decision-making mode and into a discerning mindset. Discernment is an attentiveness to God that, over time, develops into a shared sense of God's intention for us and our community now. During this session, we will explore the challenge of working with discernment in communal settings during times of high anxiety and uncertainty.



COAXING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS 12:30 PM

SUSAN BEAUMONT

Eventually, the disorientation we are experiencing will find resolution. The process by which this happens is known as emergence. Reorientation will occur; it is the natural order of things for coherence to emerge out of chaos. Emergence is naturally leaderless activity. Leaders cannot manage the process on behalf of the organization, but leaders can nurture a climate of disruption, innovation, learning and risk-taking, supporting the emergence of new order as it appears.



Those who attend all three live sessions with Susan Beaumont (Keynote at 9 and then workshops at 10 and 12:30) AND read her book: "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season" will qualify for .5 CEU credit.

ALPHA AS A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

REV. PAMELA KIPPS

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the Christian faith. Foundational to Alpha is meals and table talks. Hear how one church successfully made the leap from in-person to online.



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HOW A ONE BOARD MODEL REALLY WORKS!

CHIP CARSON, MARCIA PAYNE AND REV. TIM TATE

The workshop will explore how our church structured the One Board Model (we call our Leadership Team) and discuss the pros and cons of the model over a more traditional Administrative Board/Church Council.



WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE AFTER 2021 GENERAL CONFERENCE

PAUL H. (HAK-SOON) CHANG

THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE PRESENTED IN KOREAN

Interpreting what is happening regarding the proposed denominational separation plan and understanding how to prepare for it as a Korean-American clergy person. This workshop will be presented in Korean. It will not be translated to English.



THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND HOW TO SERVE IN THE UMC WAY

REV. SEONYOUNG KIM

THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE PRESENTED IN KOREAN

Korean immigration churches are composed of people of various denominational backgrounds. That is why most Korean United Methodist Churches don't function in accord with The UMC disciplines and traditions. Participants will be introduced to unique UMC doctrines and principles. This workshop will be presented in Korean. It will not be translated to English.



WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT ? (A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF FOSTER CARE)

JILL GAYNOR

Learn more about the foster care system and how you can help children in foster care in Northern Virginia. This session features a firsthand account from a UMFS foster care alumna.



SHIFT (STAYING HEALTHY IN FLUCTUATING TIMES) STRESS

MOLLY RIEDEL

This workshop will discuss the topic of stress, review some causes and explore some strategies on how best to cope with anxiety in these fluctuating times.



JUST NEIGHBORS - WHAT 2021 BRINGS FOR IMMIGRATION AND JUST NEIGHBORS

ERIN MCKENNEY

A brief overview of the work of Just Neighbors and a discussion of what to expect from the new administration with respect to changes in immigration rules. The workshop will also address how congregations and individuals can help.



AND GOD SAID, "GO" LESSONS FROM ABRAHAM & SARAH & THEIR ANGEL ENCOUNTER

REV. KIM BARKER-BRUGMAN

I invite you on a journey to find the gifts of a new unexpected future and the joy of laughter through Lectio Divina and guided meditation. We will focus our attention on the story of Abraham & Sarah through Genesis 12:1-3 and Genesis 18:1-15. God has something wonderful and totally unexpected awaiting us (as individuals and as a church). Perhaps together we can discover a hint of what that is.



DISASTER READY CHURCHES: FIRST STEPS

REV. JOHN CONWAY

We've learned a lot from the pandemic. One of which is that at any moment, disaster is right around the corner. This workshop will provide clergy and laity the basics of the local church's role in responding to community disasters.



EASY GRAPHIC DESIGN

KIM JOHNSON

Are you looking to improve the look of your communication pieces--without clipart? Has the pandemic called for an improvement in what you provide visually online? Do you need a fresh look and feel to help with your communications? There are tons of resources out there (many that are FREE!) that can help you communicate in print, online, and via social media in a clean, clear, concise, and professional manner.



RESTORATION YOGA: LIFE GROUP SESSION

LARA PANKOWSKI

Experience this Christian Yoga Class! Restore your resilience with this beginner-level class, grounded in scripture, led by Lara Pankowski, RYT-200. Designed to quiet busy minds and open hearts by connecting breath to movement in an uplifting and welcoming format. ALSO, consider how you might connect people in your church and reach new people in your community by connecting faith and yoga!



DIGITAL WORSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND: INSPIRATION FOR CONNECTION AND EVANGELISM

REV. BILLY KLUTTZ

Digital worship through Zoom and social media platforms is here to stay. We'll discuss best practices for digital worship and equip you with ideas for better connecting across the screen through worship online that is engaging, participatory, and outreach-oriented.



UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL PRINCIPLES FOR A GLOBAL CHURCH

REV. DR. ROB VAUGHN

What are the proposed Social Principle revisions and how did they come into being is topic for this brief presentation. The role of our United Methodists in Christian life will also be briefly discussed.



FOR THE LOVE OF POD: MAKE PODCASTS WORK FOR YOUR CHURCH

REV. BILLY KLUTTZ AND ELIZABETH PRUCHNICKI

In a socially distanced era, podcasts make great (free) content for Bible studies, small groups, and classes for all ages. Elizabeth Pruchnicki and Rev. Billy Kluttz, co-hosts of the TL;DR Bible Show podcast, will explain how to adapt podcasts for use in your congregation and offer podcast suggestions to nurture the faith of your church.



DISCERNMENT: ONE STEP AT A TIME

REV. JANET SALBERT

Rather than building on a list of pros and cons for decision making, discernment is a prayerful process to recognize and acknowledge where and how God's spirit is leading. Come hear how you make discernment part of your spiritual journey.



HOW DO I MAKE A VIDEO?

KIM JOHNSON

In 2020 we all became video producers and content creators. In this session Kim Johnson will go over some basics of video editing. We will discuss different programs and platforms available at different pricepoints and will talk through some of the basics of video editing and production.



STARTING HOUSE CHURCH NETWORKS AND COMMUNITIES

REV. JIM CHANDLER AND REV. BENSON MCGLONE

The WHY and WHAT of House Church. In this workshop we will cover what a house church is, the basics of house church and micro churches, and why creating house church networks can have a huge impact on discipleship, your church, and reaching new people.



OUR ROLE AS CHRISTIANS IN THIS CHANGING WORLD

REV. NEAL CHRISTIE, REV. DREW COLBY AND KIMBERLY YOUNG

Social Justice, justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society, is something Jesus had a lot to say about. Neal Christie, UMC Justice, facilitates a frank conversation about why Christians should care about issues of social justice.



PANDEMIC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADERS NOVA

Children's Ministry Leaders from churches around Arlington and Alexandria offer insights, tips, tricks, lessons learned, and conversation around how to do ministry with children during a global pandemic. Speakers are part of the 'Children's Ministry Leaders NOVA' Facebook Group--a group that meets online monthly to support one another and share ideas. Learn more about the group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChildrensMinistryLeaders>



SURVIVING THE COVID CURVEBALL: CARING FOR YOUR CONGREGATION'S FINANCIAL HEALTH DURING THE PANDEMIC

ANNE MURADAZ

The pandemic threw the local church a big financial curve ball in 2020. Budgets had to be shuffled, income collected in new ways and expenses appeared that were never anticipated! In this workshop you will hear how one church met the challenges the pandemic threw at them and how they plan to face 2021 and beyond.



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: THE BISHOP'S RACE INITIATIVE

REV. JAMES PAGE

Rev. James Page, convener of the Bishop's Call to Action Work Group, will talk about how we, as members of the Virginia Annual Conference and United Methodists, can begin to address racial injustice.



MAPPING OUR WAY TO CIVIL ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

REV. NEAL CHRISTIE

What can one or may do to engage in civic engagement and join movements for social change? How do you begin? This workshop will provide a way of thinking outwardly as we expand the walls of the Church into justice movements for social change. We will use the UMC Social Principles as a framework to help guide us, and then spend time looking at the power of telling our stories, discovering common values and interests across our differences, and end with discussion of specific kinds of actions you can take in your community. The workshop leader is available after the workshop is offered to work with you and a team in your congregation on how best to engage in a specific social justice issues in your community.



WHAT DOES ENGAGEMENT LOOK LIKE DURING A PANDEMIC?

CYNTHIA LOPYNSKI

The pandemic has turned the world upside down! It has done the same for those who work tirelessly to engage people in the ministry of the local church. What can you do to increase engagement during this upside down time? Come hear thoughts on how to connect people to the life and ministry of the local church when in-person meetings are limited.



WHEN WORDS FAIL US: AN EXPLORATION INTO ICONOGRAPHY

ANNA KENDALL

Feeling like your spiritual practices are becoming mundane? Not sure how to rejuvenate them? Come join this session on Christian iconography where we will learn how this ancient practice can revitalize our spiritual life.



BREAKING BREAD, BREAKING WALLS

REV. KEARY KINCANNON

The Breaking Bread, Breaking Walls idea came out of a raid outside Rising Hope UMC by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers who detained and apprehended suspected undocumented residents. The purpose of the BBBW dinners is to help break down walls, by breaking bread together. The dinners featured conversation on relevant topics and opportunity for participants to learn more about their tablemates and discuss their faith and background. The dinners are a collaboration of Rising Hope UMC, Woodlawn-Faith UMC, Ventures in Community and other faith communities along the Richmond Highway corridor. The project is being funded by the United Methodist Church Commission on Religion and Race and the Alexandria District of the United Methodist Church.



A NEW ONLINE WORSHIP PLATFORM: REMO

REV. JAKE MCGLOTHIN

Remo is a new online conferencing platform that can be used for churches in some surprisingly great ways. In this workshop, you'll receive a basic overview of Remo and how our church has used it the last few months.



DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

REV. DR. MICHELLE CHANEY, KIM JOHNSON AND CYNTHIA LOPYNSKI

The Bi-District Staff has had the unique opportunity to visit churches across the Alexandria and Arlington Districts. What did they discover as they mystery worshipped local churches? What are some best practices your church might implement?



DIGITAL MINISTRY

KIM JOHNSON AND CYNTHIA LOPYNSKI

Church communicators have a ministry that is 24/7. Your job of communicating the church's message and vision to the congregation and community goes beyond the Sunday morning worship service, yet often you live in the weeds of creating bulletins and newsletters. Learn how to better use the digital space for ministry--especially ministry during a pandemic!



GENERAL CONFERENCE 2021

REV. TOM BERLIN

Rev. Tom Berlin will provide an update on the status of the upcoming General Conference scheduled for August 29-September 7, 2021, in Minneapolis.



BUILDING UP LIVES THROUGH AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE RESIDENT SERVICES DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

SHELLEY MURPHY

2020 was a year like none we have ever experienced. Safe, quality, affordable housing became more critical than ever. The coronavirus swept across the region, shedding light on the inequities in our community, and was a great reminder of how much having a

safe and stable home affects our lives.

Learn more about Wesley Housing, a leading nonprofit developer in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia that has been working to provide affordable rental housing for families for more than 45 years. President/CEO Shelley Murphy discusses Wesley Housing's mission, the residents they serve, how they've adjusted programming during the pandemic, new affordable developments they will bring to the region, and more.



WORSHIP: IMPROVING AUDIO/VISUALS

NORM AND JOANNA DIETZ

Looking for ways to incorporate more lay people into virtual worship? Come learn how to use some free or less expensive software to create worship that utilizes laity to lead liturgy, prayers and even announcements.



CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS DURING A PANDEMIC--WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

NOVAUMC CHURCH COMMUNICATORS

Listen in on a conversation with the NoVaUMC Church Communicators Group as they discuss what they've learned and how they've adapted during the pandemic. This session gives ideas and tips for how to navigate church communications during this difficult time.



AUTHENTIC MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

REV. DR. MICHELLE CHANEY

Engaging best practices in building holy relationships that lead to authentic and effective multicultural ministry. If you are ready to see the beloved community at work within your congregation, this workshop will share best practices in multicultural ministry.



PANDEMIC YOUTH MINISTRY

NOVA UMC YOUTH MINISTRY COHORT

One of Northern Virginia's Youth Ministry Cohorts offers insight and wisdom they've gleaned while leading youth groups during this pandemic. Pandemic Youth Ministry is SO HARD. We hope this conversation will help give you ideas and support in your ministry.



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