

**East Central District
2016 Leadership Training Event - Workshop Descriptions
February 6, 2016 First UMC, Oviedo**

Session I Learning Opportunities 9:50am - 11:10am

**Exploring Being in Ministry with persons in the LGBTQ Community – Session I or Session II
Leader: Rev. Jad Denmark**

In this session we will explore how our local churches can be in ministry with LGBTQ persons and how to communicate/express, promote, and live in an affirming, welcoming ministry toward LGBTQ persons. There will be brainstorming on the use of language both - spoken and written - as well as a panel discussion from laypeople in local United Methodist Churches to give perspective on the Kingdom impact of an approach to ministry with this in mind.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home – Session I only

Leader: Trista Calvin

Representative Training - Children's Home Representatives, come learn to tell the story! Hear about individuals who have received help directly through the FUMCH. The difference it has made in their lives will help you to share with your congregation why the church is involved in the ministry of the Children's Home. We'll explore the ways your church and the FUMCH can partner together. The Local Church Representative Handbook and LCR Packet will be distributed.

Fresh Expressions – The New Mission Field - Session I only

Leader: Janet Earls

- What are fresh expressions?
- What Fx is NOT!
- Fx is not going to save the inherited church
- How the anchor church can support Fx

Guess Who's Comin' to Church: The Cross Racial, Cross Cultural Experience - Session I or Session II

Leaders: Rev. Dr. Kevin James, Rev. Jaime Faberlle, Rev. Leeann Inman

These three pastoral leaders will share out of their own experiences in multicultural settings and offer some beginning steps for congregations desiring to engage in this journey.

Lay Leadership in the Local Church - Session I or Session II

Leader: Alice Williams

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Lead Like Jesus Training Overview - Session I or Session II

Leader: Jim Boesch

This Lead Like Jesus Overview workshop will introduce you to "Jesus, the servant leader". Through this leadership development model, you will find new fulfillment and effectiveness in creating long-term value and transformational change in both your personal and professional relationships. You will experience both the barriers to effective leadership as well as the power of the Heart, Head, Hands and Habits of Leading Like Jesus.

Life Long Disciples in a 140 Character World - Session I only

Leader: Rev. Dan Jackson

In a short attention span world, how can disciples develop disciples? Using lessons learned from the Fresh Expressions movement in England we'll explore how to connect with those who have never met Jesus and explore strategies from which local churches can create their own disciple making outreach processes. This session is designed for those involved with Discipleship, Christian Education and Evangelism.

Ministry Protection Focus for Trustees - Session I only

Leader: LaNita Battles

Trustees: As servant leaders and the "Keepers of God's House" trustees are charged with a wide variety of responsibilities in managing church property. Join us for an interactive discussion about the top issues and responsibilities faced as you fulfill your call of leadership and provide support to the vision and mission of your church: Managing Local Church Property.

MISSIONS IN CUBA – Session I or Session II

Leaders: Rev. Rusty Belcher, Rev. Aldo Martin, Rev. Chris Akers

Our East Central District Mission Leaders to Cuba will be giving information on our Conference "Methodists United in Prayer" with our churches in Florida and Cuba. We invite anyone considering traveling to Cuba in 2015-2016 or has an interest in missions to attend this session. We are building District Mission Teams. Rev. Aldo Martin is a native of Eastern Cuba (La Oriente), a Pastor in Cuba and Florida and leader in supporting our Methodist brothers and sisters in Cuba. Pastor Aldo lives in Orlando. Rev. Chris Akers led two local church teams to Cuba last year and coordinated a Sports Camp. Pastor Chris lives in Oviedo. Rev. Rusty Belcher has led local church and district mission teams to Cuba and serves with Rev. Aldo Martin as EC District Cuba Coordinators. Pastor Rusty lives in Winter Garden. Cuba Si!

Sound Financial Practices 101 – Session I only

Leader: Tony Prestipino

This class will cover tax related regulations including issues such as W2, 941, 1099, Payroll and other accounting and finances issues relevant to those first-timers or for those wanting a refresher course.

Spiritual Communities Today: Leadership & Belonging in this Millennium – Session I or Session II

Leader: Rev. Michele Van Son

- Why don't people under 50 want to go to church?
- What we expect vs. What they get
- Tiny shifts that make a huge difference

Wesley's Way of Making Disciples - Session I only

Leader: Rev. Dr. Jim Harnish

If the mission of the church is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," how might a local congregation actually do it in a distinctively Wesleyan way? The workshop will share the process Hyde Park United Methodist Church developed to enable people to take their next step as growing disciples of Jesus Christ based on "A Disciple's Path" and "A Disciple's Heart."

Youth Ministry: Leading a Group - Session I only

Leader: Tony Sorrell

How to effectively lead a group without losing your mind.

Session II Learning Opportunities 11:40am - 1:00pm

Child Youth Protection Training – Session II only

Leader: LaNita Battles

Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to our precious children. The Social Principles of the United Methodist church state that "...children must be protected from economic, physical and sexual exploitation and abuse." This session will review the Conference's comprehensive strategy for providing a safe, nurturing environment for our children and youth.

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Get Out of Your Rocking Chairs: Becoming an Invitational Congregation – Session II only

Leader: Rev. Dr. Jim Harnish

It's one thing to say we want to reach new people for Christ, but it is something else to actually do it! What changes do we need to make in ourselves so that we can become God's agent of change in the lives of others and in our community? The workshop will explore practical steps in building an invitational culture in which reaching out to people who do not yet know Christ becomes a basic part of our mission and identity.

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Ideas to be a Serving Church - Session II only

Leader: Janet Earls

- With an aging congregation, how we can still be the hands and feet of Jesus
- Understanding your neighborhood
- Serving with excellence, evaluating and reducing where we serve
- From a serving event to a serving culture

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This class will cover the following topics: Accounting Best Practices, Controls, Auditing Requirements, Apportionment Calculations and a time for Questions and Answers.

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Wesleyaning Methodism as We Know It – Session II only

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Since the 1920's the local United Methodist Church has been on a gradual slide from spirituality to "structurality." What if you could use the committee structure you have as the springboard into reinvigoration. It's possible, and it's been done. During your time in this session you'll learn how you can do this at your church with a simple change of attitude. You'll leave with tools and strategies to implement immediately. This session is designed for pastors, Lay Leadership Committees and Leadership Teams.

Youth Ministry: Self Care - Session II only

Leader: Tony Sorrell

Avoiding Burnout: How to be a healthy leader in your youth ministry.