

PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE
TENNESSEE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

presents

LEAD 2015

Learning, Enrichment
And Development

**Saturday,
February 28**

8:00a–2:30p

**Westminster
Presbyterian
Church**

**3900 West End Ave.
Nashville, TN
615.292.5526**

\$25 per person
if postmarked **on or
before February 9, 2015**
\$30 per person
if postmarked **after
February 9, 2015**

- ◆ Cost includes lunch.
- ◆ Childcare is provided.
- ◆ Excellent workshops for EVERY adult in your church!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell
Professor Emerita,
McCormick Theological Seminary
Adjunct Faculty, Vanderbilt Divinity School

SCHEDULE

- 8:00a-8:30a** Gathering & Registration
- 8:30a-8:45a** Morning Devotions
- 8:45a-9:15a** Keynote *Teaching Children the Bible* [Elizabeth Caldwell]
- 9:30a-10:45a** **Session A**
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- 12:30p-1:15p** Lunch
- 1:15p-2:30p** Closing Session *Hearing Jesus' Parables Anew* [Amy Jill Levine]

Leaders indicated in brackets []

TO REGISTER...

1. Review/print/share this packet.
2. Choose your workshops (descriptions on pages 3-4).
3. Complete the registration form (page 5).
4. Send completed form WITH payment to the presbytery office.

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23.**

Who is on the 2015 planning team?

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Contact any member of the planning team for more information.

What's new at LEAD 2015?

- ◆ Brand new workshops for ALL adults in the church!
- ◆ Excellent keynoter, Elizabeth Caldwell shares her vast knowledge about children's faith
- ◆ Very special closing session led by Amy Jill Levine on her newest book, *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*
- ◆ Opportunities for dialog on specific topics over lunch

How can our church get the most out of LEAD 2015?

LEAD is NOT just for staff or Christian Education leaders. It's for all adults! Post the first page of this packet around the church. Designate a contact person to answer questions and coordinator registration. Encourage people face-to-face, recommending specific workshops for them to attend. Make it a goal to have at least 1 person from your church in each workshop. After LEAD, make plans for all the participants to share their experiences with the whole church.

Where do we park at Westminster??

Two parking lots are available on Mayfair Road, just across the street from the church entrance. Additional parking is available behind the church from both Mayfair Road and Wilson Blvd. If entering from the back of the church, find the stairs and elevator on the left just inside the door. Take stairs or elevator upstairs, turn left and walk down the hallway to the Parlor to register.

Will there be walk-in registrations?

Though, for bookkeeping purposes, our preference is for everyone to register by February, 23, we will certainly not turn anyone away at the door. Walk-up registrations must complete a registration form and pay \$30 upon arrival.

How do we can cancel registrations?

When someone must cancel, our hope is that arrangements can be made for another person from the same church to use the registration. If that is not possible, requests for refunds will be handled after 2/28. Simply send an e-mail requesting a refund to either sophiemaness@nashvillewpc.org or suzielane@comcast.net.

KEYNOTE

Teaching Children the Bible So They Don't Have to Unlearn It Later

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell

Dr. Caldwell will help us explore questions like: How do we get it right the first time? How do we teach our children so that the Bible grows with them? How do we live and tell the "God-story" in ways that don't tame the text but do connect the dots. When are we transparent and honest about difficult issues in the Bible? Her message will be not only helpful in teaching children, but in helping all ages understand the powerful messages of the Bible.

ELIZABETH CALDWELL is Professor Emerita, McCormick Theological Seminary, Adjunct Faculty, Vanderbilt Divinity School, and author of Making a Home for Faith, and God's Big Table, Pilgrim Press

SESSION A

A1 Learning and Growing through Children's Books

Carolyn Harris

Using a variety of children's books, this workshop will uncover creative ways to enhance Sunday school lessons and other times with children. Bring your favorite children's books to add to the dialog. **(C)**

CAROLYN HARRIS is a Ruling Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

A2 Diving Deeper into the Keynote

Elizabeth Caldwell

This workshop will provide conversation on the Keynote topic, inviting questions and comments for conversation around the topic of helping children (and all ages!) to understand the stories of the Bible. **(C,A)**

A3 God's Extravagant Welcome

Katherine Hande Smith

Many congregations profess to want to be more welcoming of people of every race, class, ability, and age, but the real work of turning stranger into neighbor can be complicated and hard work! This workshop is intended to help congregations develop the language and tools to engage in difficult conversations with the goal of embodying a more faithful vision of God's beloved community, thus moving beyond hospitality and toward relational transformation.

(S,A)

KATHERINE HANDE SMITH is a Teaching Elder in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

A4 Christian Education Basics for Volunteer Leadership

Jodi Rush

As a volunteer in the church your time is limited. This workshop will help you explore the important elements to include in the church year and begin to formulate a plan of action. **(S,A)**

JODI RUSH is the Coordinator for Children and Family Ministry for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A5 Key Markers of Vital Congregations

Deb Smith

Based on research done by Discipleship Ministries — The United Methodist Church, this workshop will introduce participants to key characteristics of disciple forming congregations. Using these characteristics, participants will assess the strengths and opportunities for growth in their own congregations. The workshop will include lecture and group discussion. **(S,A)**

DEB SMITH was the Director of Best Practices at Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

A6 Meaning What You Say and Saying What You

Proctor Chambless

This workshop will answer the mysteries of the ordination questions from our Book of Order for those who take them seriously!

(S)

PROCTOR CHAMBLESS is a Teaching Elder serving at First Presbyterian Church, Springfield.

A7 The Rite of Faith: Rites of Passage and Youth Ministry

Gina Yeager-Buckley

Participants are invited to examine the connection between celebrating important moments in a young person's life, or **rites of passage**, within the church and in the home. Conversation and lots of ideas will be shared! **(Y)**

GINA YEAGER-BUCKLEY is the Ministries with Youth associate, PC(USA).

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A: Of interest to all leaders

SESSION B

B1 Reading the Bible with Children

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell

What Bible should our church give to children? What's a good Bible or Bible storybook to use with young children and elementary age children? This workshop will review a variety of Bibles and Bible story books. It will also include an introduction to the *Deep Blue Kid's Bible*, a children's study Bible using the Common English Bible translation and *Shine*, a new Bible from the Mennonites. **(C,A)**

B2 Children IN Worship

Christian Educator Panel

A panel of Christian educators will present different models for including children more fully in corporate worship. Workshop participants will share their ideas as well as their questions and concerns for group discussion and exploration. Come ready to be inspired! **(C,S,A)**

B3 Growing in Grace and Gratitude

Presbyterian Mission Agency

God's grace and our response of gratitude are the foundation of the new PC(USA) denominational children's curriculum coming fall 2015. This workshop will explore grace and gratitude as the theological hallmark of Presbyterian tradition and showcase the importance of nurturing children through an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship—a promising theme for Presbyterian identity and the future of the PC(USA). **(C)**

A representative from the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency will lead this workshop.

B4 1001 Worshipping Communities

Keith Gunter

The 1001 movement has found its way in impacting small struggling congregations and reaching large big steeple churches. As well, many have birthed organically in communities creating authentic worship experiences. Come and listen to how this movement has already impacted our presbytery. Bring your questions and be ready to actually experience how a 1001 community might be birthed in your town. **(S,A)**

KEITH GUNTER is a Teaching Elder in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee serving at New Creation Church.

B5 Trouble with the Fourth

Warner Durnell

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is that troublesome Fourth Commandment. When there is so much work to be done and we're constantly catching up, is it legitimate to refrain from work one entire day out of seven in order to rest? This workshop will focus on practical steps for seizing snatches of "Sabbath moments" each day, so as to enhance our ability to build and maintain a "Sabbath day" on a weekly basis. **(S)**

Warner Durnell is the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

B6 The Cure for the Common Committee

Scott Danemiller

This is a practical workshop that will give you tools and techniques to ensure the focus of committee meetings, reduce wasted time, and improve planning to assure your ministry teams accomplish the things they are called to do while building team cohesion. Participant will leave with helpful tips and templates for improving meetings to make a greater impact in your worship communities. **(S,A)**

SCOTT DANEMILLER is the founder and president of LifeWork Associates and attends Bellevue Presbyterian Church.

B7 Youth, Church and Culture: Clash or Holy Invitation?

Gina Yeager-Buckley

Participants in this workshop will look at the current landscape of youth and youth ministry. Is it truly possible to deepen faith on a "diet" of church for two hours a week? Do our young people see church and faith as important? As the shape of the church changes – how goes youth ministry? We'll look at the BIG shifts in life and faith, small changes that can lead to big deep impact, and learn together how what seems like a loss might very well be an opportunity for the church and for our young people. **(Y)**

GINA YEAGER-BUCKLEY is the Ministries with Youth associate, PC(USA).

CLOSING SESSION

Hearing Jesus' Parables Anew

Amy Jill Levine

Hearing the parables through first-century Jewish ears allows us to recover their original provocation and punch, and so to understand better what they might say to twenty-first century listeners from various religious traditions. **(A)**

AMY JILL LEVINE is the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, Professor of Jewish Studies, Divinity School and College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University

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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone (with area code) _____ E-Mail _____

Church, City, State _____

WORKSHOPS Choose 1 workshop in each session.

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SPECIAL REQUESTS (Check all that apply)

- Need handicap accessibility
- Need vegetarian lunch Need gluten-free lunch
- Need childcare (parents should bring child's lunch) Ages of child(ren) _____

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Linda Griffis, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee
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Nashville, TN 37211

QUESTIONS?

Contact Suzie Lane (suzielane@comcast.net / 615.406.4915) or
Sophie Maness (smaness@nashvillewpc.org / 615.292.5526).