



Western North Carolina Conference

The United Methodist Church

2021 Winter Leadership Training Schedule

Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform The World

Sunday, January 10

- 2:00 p.m.

Jason Moore Keynote Webinar: Telling the Old Story in New Times

Almost overnight, we found ourselves in a new, unfamiliar world. The COVID-19 virus has changed everything about our lives, including how we worship. What is the church to do in such a time as this?

With the social distancing practices preventing our physical gatherings, how do we connect and make our message resonate with a world in chaos? Now more than ever, the church has the opportunity to lead the charge in a world looking for spiritual answers. In order to lead effectively, we have to tell the old story in a new way, for a new time and with a new medium.

In the same way a book has to be consolidated and adapted for the screen in movie form, so must the worship we offer virtually. We can't continue with a "business-as-usual" approach where Sunday morning worship is concerned.

Join author, creative worship and guest readiness coach Jason Moore for a two hour webinar for how to face these unique challenges to worship. Jason will lead your church into a deep dive through the questions and answers that must be asked and addressed as we worship today.

Over two thousand individuals from all over the United States have already participated in this webinar experience and have already begun to implement learnings gathered from it. Here's what you can

expect to take away from it:

- * A primer on shifting practices from in-person to virtual
- * How to offer worship beyond online (for the technologically challenged)
- * Best practices for creating worship that lasts beyond the moment
- * A guest readiness guide and tips for how to offer a deeper sense of community
- * Technology tips (including what to do when things fail)
- * Copyright concerns
- * Equipment options, and how to achieve a good looking (and sounding) stream
- * 20 Page PDF handbook filled with resource links and exclusive offers
- * Extensive Q&A time
- * 30 Days to re-watch the recorded stream
- * Optional follow up coaching opportunities
- * & More

- 4:00 p.m.

Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committees: Building Relationships for the Mission

Description You said “yes” to serving on P/SPRC. Now what? Experienced District Superintendents Laura Auten (Uwharrie) and Bev Copley (Northern Piedmont) invite you into a reflective conversation about the unique calling of P/SPRC members. We will begin by sharing scriptural guideposts for the work, then move on to the nuts and bolts of a good meeting, seasonal responsibilities, covenants, and how to approach differences. Kathy Odell, HR Consultant for WNCC (and Uwharrie District Lay Leader) will guide us through some legalities and best practices. Each attendee will also have an opportunity for Q/A with their own Superintendent during the last portion of the workshop.

Who Will Benefit: P/SPRC chairs and members, pastors

Led by:

Rev. Laura Auten, Uwharrie District Superintendent,
Rev. Bev Copley, Northern Piedmont District Superintendent,
Kathy Odell, WNCC HR Consultant and Uwharrie District Lay Leader,
Landa Wallace, Northern Piedmont District Administrator

Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

- **Financial Faithfulness in Uncertain Times**

Description The goal of this workshop is to share important information and resources to empower the ministry of financial administration in local churches. It will include resources for day-to-day financial management, for engaging generosity as a spiritual practice and supporting a generous culture in your local church, and the opportunity for Q&A.

Who will benefit: Pastors, Treasurers, Finance Chairs, Financial Secretaries, Members of Finance Committee, Stewardship team, other church leaders

Led by:

Rev. George Coates, Co-Pastor, Hickory Grove (Charlotte),
Lynne Gilbert, Northern Piedmont District,

Rev. David Snipes, President & Executive Director, United Methodist Foundation of WNC,

Rev. A. J. Thomas, Director of Client Relations, United Methodist Foundation of WNC

- **Welcoming, Hospitality, and Belonging**

Description: This workshop will offer ideas for congregations to engage in dismantling racism and in racial justice and equity. We will explore our Denominational commitments and Conference Commitments, including reference to Holy Listening, Holy Action; The Council of Bishops Statement on the Scourge of Racism; and the Book *To Be Faithful to Our Heritage* by Linda D. Addo and James H. McCallum. We will offer and practice models of meaningful and responsible engagement.

Who will benefit from the workshop? Lay Leaders, Lay Servants, Christian Education, Staff Pastor Parish, Nominations and Leadership Development, Communications, Worship/Ushers

Led by:

Dr. Otto Harris, Senior Pastor of St. Mark's UMC in Charlotte

Dr. Carl Arrington, Appalachian District Superintendent,

Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand, District Vitality Associate in the Metro District,

Rev. Kim Ingram, Director of Ministerial Services,

Rev. Rodvegas Ingram, Pastor of Memorial UMC in High Point

Rev. Jonathan Marlowe, Co-Pastor of Mount Zion UMC in Cornelius

Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.

- **Evangelism and Disciplemaking in a Pandemic**

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Led by:

Rev. Sam Moore, Yadkin Valley Superintendent;

Rev. Lory Beth Huffman, Senior Pastor of Boone UMC,

Rev. Katie Lineberger, District Vitality Associate in the Uwharrie District

Rev. Gloria Hughes, District Vitality Associate in the Appalachian District

- **School Partnerships in a Virtual Learning World**

Description: This session will provide ideas and strategies for initiating and strengthening church and school partnerships. We will focus on the church's response to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. We will share practical steps and resources.

Who would benefit from the workshop? Outreach and mission chairs, educators, parents and anyone who is interested responding to child poverty through organized partnerships.

Led by:

Caroline Wood, Director of Missional Engagement and Connectional Ministries

Susan Pennock,

Nicole Jones, District Vitality Associate in the Smoky Mountain District

Camille Roddy, Chair of Conference Congregations 4 Children Team

Brian Mateer, Associate Director of Missional Engagement

Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

- **A Divided Nation Needs a United Church: What One Person Can Do**

Description: In this workshop, we will explore a foundation by which people can disagree without being disagreeable. How can the church offer an alternative way of living together and reflect that to their communities? Participants will engage in theological reflection and learn some helpful skills and tools.

Who would benefit from the workshop? Anyone who wants to consider how they can better interact with others and offer tools for reconciliation and healing

Led by:

Rev. Kim Ingram, Director of Ministerial Services and Conference Secretary

Cindy Thompson, Executive Director of Boundless Impact

Rev. Vincent Howell, Pastor of Centenary UMC in Clemmons,

Jennifer Davis, HR Consultant and Member of Epworth UMC in Gastonia

Rev. David Christy, Catawba Valley District Superintendent

- **Leadership during a Pandemic for Church Council Chairpersons, Lay Leaders, and Pastor**

Description: This workshop will provide simple leadership skills for personal and group development in the midst of trauma and difficult decisions. We will provide short- term/ long-term strategies and protocols to lead a group during these times of division, fear and stress. A leadership tool kit will be provided for the long term development needed through a pandemic.

Who would benefit from the workshop? Any person in a leadership role

Led by: Rev. Maria King, District Vitality Associate in the Northern Piedmont District

John Crane Conference Lay Leader

Mark Ralls Blue Ridge District Superintendent

Kim Eller District Lay Leader Northern Piedmont

District Lay Leaders

Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

- **The Work and Ministry of Local Church Trustees**

Description: Effective trustees function as Christian stewards of the property which God has entrusted to the congregation. This ministry include supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the local church are vital and effective. Join us as we look at the responsibilities of the Trustees in a local church.

Who will benefit? Local Church Trustees; Pastors

Led by: Amy Coles, Assistant the Bishop
Joel Gilland, President of Wesley Community Development a

- **Simple Accountable Structure: Give Your Committees a Makeover!**

Description: Did you know that the Book of Discipline allows churches (with superintendent approval) to adopt alternative structures of leadership in your church? The Simple Accountable Structure reduces the leadership committees of a church to a single board and creates space for highly effective and efficient meetings. This workshop explores common issues with church management structures and explores SAS as a tool to help. Even if your church doesn't adopt the SAS structure, this workshop will help you improve the way your committees work.

Who would benefit from the workshop? Pastors and any church leaders

Led by:

Rev. Fredrick Bowman, District Vitality Associate in the Catawba Valley District,

Dr. Stephanie Moore Hand, District Vitality Associate in the Metro District,

Rev. Dan Pezet, Director of Church Development