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Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow
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General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Saturday 5 March 2011 • 8:00am - 3pm

First Presbyterian Church
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You can ride a FREE bus to LEAD this year!

• A bus will leave from the Presbytery office (Departing at 7:00 am - Returning by 4:30 pm)
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To guarantee a seat, you must register with Grayson at 773.947.6283 by Feb. 25th. No exceptions!
You will receive a special numbered bus pass. Please bring this pass on March 5.
AM 1 – New Clerks of Session Training
An introduction to the role and responsibilities of Clerks of Session in the PC (USA). Led by Rev. Barbara Bundick, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Chicago (POC).

AM 2 – New Deacon Training

AM 3 – New Elder Training
A brief overview of Presbyterian polity and the roles and responsibilities of Elders. Sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and led by its President, Dr. Cynthia M. Campbell.

AM 4 – Institutional Fluidity and the Nature of Church Leadership in the Future
We will look at larger cultural changes and how these impact church structures and leadership. What does it mean to be flexible and fluid, but still have a structure that does not stifle creativity? Using the backdrop of the “millennial” generation, and the driving force of cultural change, we will explore the technologies and approaches that might help our churches to thrive. Led by Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Founding Pastor of Mission Bay Community Church, San Francisco and Moderator of the 218th GA.

AM 5 – A Greener Congregation for a Greener World
Are you interested in saving money, caring for the poor, building community and making your church a healthier place for your congregation? Hear from property managers and members of a creation care group the joys and challenges of God’s call to be good stewards. Get practical ideas for your church property and your church family - ideas to strengthen your presence and outreach in the community. Sponsored by “Earthlings” of Glen Ellyn, First and the POC’s Property Ministries Team. Led by Cindy Crosby (Earthlings) and Bob Hutchins (Property Ministries Team).

AM 6 – How to Implement a Successful Church Program That Helps Job Seekers
Job seekers often need help getting started in their job searches and sustaining their efforts over time. Even in these tough economic times, a number of churches in Chicago’s Northwest Suburbs have been successful at helping job seekers. Join Bill as he provides the results of his recent survey of what these churches and other organizations have done, describes his church’s “Finding a New Job Workshop,” and shares a start-up kit written specifically for job seekers. Sponsored by Arlington Heights, First; led by their workshop coordinator, Elder Bill Ginnodo.

AM 7 – Exploring the Belhar Confession
From the very beginnings of the church, Christians have sought ways to say to the world - Because of our faith in Jesus Christ, this is who we are, what we believe, and what we intend to do. These statements of faith still guide our understanding of Scripture and of faith, and the life they call us to live. In the late 20th century the leaders of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa wrote out of their own crucible of suffering the Belhar Confession and later offered it to the world. Now, the PC (USA) is deciding whether to include Belhar in its Book of Confessions. Come explore the Belhar and what it might mean for our churches. The Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga is Assoc. Dean for Doctor of Ministry Programs at McCormick and served on the Reformed Church in America’s Belhar Implementation Team.

AM 8 – Jesus’ Teachings on Healing
For all people who are interested in discerning what Jesus did as he cured, healed or restored people who were challenged spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. It is important for church leaders to examine why Jesus used healing as a direct and visible way of demonstrating God’s gracious gift and message of salvation. Led by Rev. Dr. Eddie L. Knox, Jr., Pastor of Pullman Pres. Church, Chicago.

AM 9 – The What, Why and How of Spiritual Formation for Children
How do age, maturity and experience interface to describe children growing in their faith? How can we key our instruction to be age appropriate? Experienced Christian educators will share research and strategies, and provide a comprehensive handout and a grab bag of educational freebies. Participants will have fun and will leave with new ideas, energy and “stuff.” Led by Dr. Phyllis Green, Director of Children’s Ministries, Arlington Heights, First and Rev. Mickie O’Donnell, Director of Children and Family Ministries, Glen Ellyn, First.

AM 10 – Hope for Declining Churches
This workshop will offer hands-on practice vital for members and leaders of a declining congregation who hope to revitalize relevant ministry and mission in their particular community. It’s designed for all who are invested in a meaningful
witness where congregations are at risk – church members, elders, pastors and all presbyters. Led by Rev. R. Michael Winters, Honorably Retired, POC clergy and Rev. Deborah Paton, Temporary Supply, Rogers Park Pres. Church.

AM 11 – Bible Storytelling and Congregational Spiritual Transformation
If you want to get people’s attention, tell them a story! Tell a story from the Bible in a worship service and 99% of the congregation will listen spellbound – and 75% will remember the story when they go home. Come away with a strategy to make Bible storytelling a reality in your life, in your congregation and in your community. Led by Rev. Dr. James A. Shiflett, and Rev. Dr. Charles G. Yopst, both Honorably Retired POC clergy.

AM 12 – Leading Across Cultures in the 21st Century
This workshop is for anyone traversing cultural differences in the communities surrounding the church and in the pews. The differences may be around nationality, race, ethnicity, gender, age, etc. We will introduce and practice tools and skills helpful in cross-cultural situations as we seek to live out our Christian leadership in the 21st century. Sponsored by the POC’s Multicultural Churches Ministry Team, led by Ms. Elina Rodriguez, founder of Bridging Worldviews Consulting, LLC.

AM 13 – “How Can I Keep From Singing?”
Come and join Luke and Pat in a hymn sing of some of the proposed hymns in the new Presbyterian Hymnal. This workshop is for church musicians, pastors, choirs, worship ministry leaders and everyone who loves to sing! Sponsored by the POC’s Worship, Music and the Arts work group and led by two of its members - Elder Pat Wiedner, Honorably Retired Director of Music/Organist; Glen Ellyn, Southminster and Rev. Luke Hyder, Assoc. Pastor, Libertyville, First.

AM 14 – Social Networking: How To Do It And What To Watch For
Social Networking has exploded onto the scene to the point where it has become a mainstream method of communicating. Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and other technologies offer revolutionary ways to “keep connected” with people. However there are potential pitfalls, especially where children are concerned. Learn how to get started with Social Networking and how to avoid trouble when you or your children use these technologies. Led by Mark Schimmelpfennig, 2009 graduate of McCormick Seminary.

AM 15 – Discernment and Discovery in Church Conflict
What if church conflict could become an opportunity for creativity and growth? What if we could transform our conflicts into experiences that draw us closer to God and become the people God created us to be? Come discover new ways of being in conflict, ways of making space for God in our disagreements, ways of discerning God’s will amidst tension, and ways to transform conflict from a source of discomfort and anxiety to creativity and discovery. Presenter Elder Nancy Dolan is an elder at the Pres. Church of Barrington and a student at McCormick Seminary.

AM 16 – A Conversation with Linda Valentine and Cliff Lyda
Join Elder Linda Bryant Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Council, PC (USA) and Rev. Cliff Lyda, Pastor of Elmhurst Pres. Church and Moderator of the Presbytery of Chicago as they discuss what’s happening in the larger church and how it will impact the Presbytery of Chicago.
PM 1 – Reading of Session Minutes
Clerks, bring your minutes for the annual reading of minutes as required by the Book of Order. *Led by Rev. Barbara Bundick, POC Stated Clerk and the Constitutional Procedures Committee.*

PM 2 – Does My Church Really Care About Me? - Deepening Ways of Soul Tending
For Elders, Deacons, Stephen Ministers and others called to provide pastoral care. Using case studies, explore ways of assessing and creatively addressing the pastoral care needs of congregants. *Led by Rev. Amy J. Snedeker, a Clinical Pastoral Educator and a member of the POC’s Pastoral Care Ministry Team and the True North Response Team.*

PM 3 – Managing Church Finances in Tough Financial Times
Today’s tough financial times call for creative financial management in our churches. Hear practical, helpful advice on the four key topics in church finances today – setting realistic budgets, increasing revenue, reducing costs and managing your assets. See real life examples of what leading churches are doing today. Come away with a list of tips and actions. *Sponsored by the POC and led by its Director of Business Affairs, Rev. Eric Heinekamp.*

PM 4 – Leadership in the Church: “Just Be Kind to the Goose”
Why is it so difficult to apply leadership theories to practical use? Why does it feel like we’re chasing our tails, or herding cats, or stroking egos, or butting our heads against the wall? In this interactive workshop, learn about straightforward concepts called “The Hand of Leadership” and “Identify the Geese” and how to apply a simple formula to every situation we face as leaders in the church. *Led by Rev. Mickie O’Donnell, Director of Children and Family Ministries at Glen Ellyn, First.*

PM 5 – Stewardship is for Everyone
Clergy, ruling elders, deacons and teachers – financial discipleship is for everyone. Move from transactional giving to transformational giving that changes lives and energizes persons by focusing on the personal growth and discipleship of the giver, rather than the church’s budget. Explore ways to bring this about in your congregation and find the resources to help facilitate this change. *Led by Mr. Stephen M. Keizer, Development Officer, Presbyterian Foundation*

PM 6 – Garden of Eating
“Dig in” and share hands-on methods and strategies for creating a garden ministry that can help your church and community care for and reconnect with God’s creation; learn to grow and share healthy veggies and fruits; participate in direct action to help end hunger and poverty in your neighborhoods; and engage all generations in your community in ministry. *Sponsored by Organic Faith Garden (a project of Chicago, Ravenswood and Chicago, Lake View) and Grace Seeds Ministry. Presenters: Rev. Linda Wygant, President of Grace Seeds Ministry; Grace Gyori, a member of Lake View and the Coordinator of the Organic Faith Garden and Abby Mohaupt, a McCormick student.*

PM 7 – The Common English Bible: A New Translation for Our Day
A sneak peak at the first new translation of the Bible in 30 years! Funded by the mainline protestant denominations, this translation is the work of 177 translators, 10 editors, and 77 reading group leaders. It’s designed to be more readable and theologically balanced than the New International Version, the bestselling translation today. This workshop is important for pastors and teachers looking for a better translation of the Bible for their churches. *Led by Dr. Ted Hiebert, Professor of Old Testament at McCormick Seminary, lead translator of the book of Genesis for the CEB and one of its Old Testament editors.*

PM 8 – So You have a Child Protection Policy – Now What?!
Many churches have put a child protection policy – or covenant – in place. But what happens after the policy is approved? What about training for those in the congregations who work with children and youth? Participants will look at resources that are available to help maintain policies and covenants, and how to do background checks. *Led by the POC’s Consultant for Misconduct Prevention, Elder Loretta Gratias-Bremer.*

PM 9 – Different, Not Less – Understanding Autism
More and more churches are ministering to families touched by autism and wondering how to be supportive. Join Susan Walker, a mother of a child with autism and a leader in the Special Needs Ministry at Wildwood Pres. Church, for a viewing of the Emmy award winning movie about Temple Grandin, Ph.D. – the world famous scientist, professor, author and autism self-advocate – as she tells her story of “groping her way from the far side of dark-
ness.” After the film, stay for a brief discussion and leave with a list of resources.

**PM 10 – Bullying: What Should Church Leaders Do?**
At one time or another we’ve all been bullied. What’s the proper Christian response? Fight back? Turn the other cheek? Stuff our feelings down deep? How should we respond? And even more importantly, how can we minister to the broken and hurt youth who come into our churches who have suffered from bullying? *Led by Rev. Eric W. Daley, Assoc. Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation, Lake Forest, First.*

**PM 11 – Two Reforming Women You Should Know!**
When telling the story of the Reformations of the 16th century, many skip over the leadership of women as teachers, preachers, agitators and agents of change. This workshop features two reforming women of that century - Katherine Zell of Strasbourg and Argula von Grumbach. We’ll take a quick look around the 16th century, then examine the substantial contributions of these two women and conclude with resources helpful in telling the stories of these (and other) faithful women. *Led by Dr. Ken Sawyer, Assoc. Professor of Church History at McCormick Seminary.*

**PM 12 – Understanding Islam**
Today more than ever, it’s important for Christians to learn about our Muslim neighbors. We are pleased to have as our guests, Dr. Shakir Moiduddin and Dr. Habeeba Moiduddin, husband and wife. Shakir Moiduddin is the Interfaith Committee co-chair for the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. Join the Drs. Moiduddin and Rev. Dr. Jay Moses, the POC’s Muslim Relations Coordinator, and learn more about Islamic faith and practice.

**PM 13 – Deep Roots, New Wings: Contemporary Worship in a Reformed Context – all new!**
For anyone interested in the how-to’s of implementing a contemporary or alternative corporate worship experience in a Presbyterian context. We’ll discuss your specific questions, address worship order, worship service design, song repertoire and selection, use of audio/video technology, make-up of musical ensembles, and more. *Sponsored by the POC’s Worship, Music and the Arts work group. Led by Luke P. Hyder.*

**PM 14 – Embracing Technology for Ministry**
Find out how congregations are embracing new technologies to assist them in their various ministries. Social Networking offers an incredibly low-cost way for congregations to use technology for advancing mission within the church and beyond. See how a congregation can get started using these tools – from decision process to implementation, finishing with the actual construction of a Facebook page. *Led by Mark Schimmelpfennig and Bruce Reyes-Chow.*

**PM 15 – Hope in Conflict**
Any conflict is a word of hope – from God. If you have run into a conflict in your home, your work, or your church, experiment with seeing it as hope through the approach of David Sawyer in his book Hope in Conflict: Discovering Wisdom in Congregational Turmoil. It is marvelous to see conflict as a clear hope, a sign of us beginning to respond to the call of God on us for our future. *Led by Rev. Dr. Warren Wiggins, Honorably Retired, POC clergy.*

**PM 16 – Experiencing God in the Wilderness: Camping Ministry for Chicago Presbytery**
At this critical time in the life of our Presbytery, what role does camping ministry play in our shared mission? We’ll provide an opportunity for open and honest discussion about the past, present and future of camping in the POC. We will celebrate the rich heritage of Presbyterian Camps, consider other camping options in our area and explore emerging models of camping ministry for a future that may or may not involve a presbytery-owned camp. *Rev. John W. Vest, Assoc. Pastor, Chicago, Fourth.*
GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to LEAD, an annual leadership training event. This year, LEAD is sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary, the Empower Ministry Mission Priority Leadership Team of the Presbytery of Chicago and by First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn.

We expect several hundred participants, so early registrations are helpful – by Feb. 25th if possible. Late registration is possible and walk-ins are welcome. But early registration is best!

On the day of the event, please check in at the registration desk upon arrival to receive your nametag and meal tickets. A continental breakfast and a box lunch will be provided. Questions? Call 773.947.6283, 773.947.6252 or email gvan-camp@mccormick.edu

RESOURCES

Books recommended by our keynote speaker and workshop presenters will be on display and for sale at LEAD. Our bookstore coordinator is James Van Camp, Presbyterian Church of Western Springs.

Resources from the Chicago Presbytery Resource Center will be on display and available to be checked out. Ms. Adele Hensley, Coordinator for Chicago Presbytery Resource Center

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SPECIAL THANKS

The LEAD Planning Team thanks our workshop presenters who offer their services as a gift to the whole church. Thanks also to the Presbytery’s Worship, Music and the Arts work group for planning worship and to the many volunteers from McCormick Seminary and First Presbyterian Church.

DIRECTIONS

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