Peacemakers All: Generosity of Spirit in a Time of Fear

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Saturday March 1, 2014 • 8am - 3pm

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LEAD 2014: Saturday, March 1

SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:45 AM: Registration at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church. Come early and enjoy a Continental Breakfast, the Bookstore and Ten Thousand Villages

8:45 - 9:45 AM: Worship

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: AM Workshops

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: PM Workshops

REGISTRATION

Please try to register by February 25 – and by February 20 if you’re using the U.S. Postal Service. Note: Secure online registration using PayPal or a credit card is easy, fast and SAFE! To register online, go to http://mccormick.edu/LEAD Questions? 630.471.4643.

Name __________________________________________

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Street                      Apt                     City                      State                      Zip

Phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Name/City of Your Church (ex. First Pres., Chicago) __________________________

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?  CHILDCARE?  ACCESSIBILITY?

We want to make LEAD available for everyone. Please let us know your special needs! Although most of Elmhurst Presbyterian Church is fully accessible, a few workshops will be held on the 2nd floor. There is no elevator between floors. However, we will work diligently to balance your needs and room availability. Please notify us of your needs as soon as possible.

If you have special DIETARY or ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS, or if you need CHILDCARE, please contact Grayson Van Camp as soon as possible – no later than February 25th – at 630.471.4643.

REGISTRATION - $15

By check / mail: Make your check payable to “McCormick Seminary.”

Send this form and your check to: Stephanie Moore – LEAD, McCormick Seminary • 5460 S. University Ave, Chicago, IL 60615. Questions? Call 630.471.4643

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SOUTHSIDERS – FREE TRANSPORTATION from McCormick Seminary.

Vans will leave from McCormick Seminary (Leave at 6:45 am - Return by 4:15 pm). For details and to guarantee a seat, you must register with the LEAD TEAM at 630.471.4643 by Feb. 25th.
MORNING WORKSHOPS (AM)

AM 1 – New Clerks of Session Training
An introduction to the role and responsibilities of Clerks of Session in the PC (USA). Led by the Rev. Barbara Bundick, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Chicago.

AM 2 – New Deacon Training: Separating Fact from Fiction
Explore the office of deacon throughout the history of Christianity, giving particular attention to the New Testament data on deacons and their role in Calvin’s Geneva. Are deacons just junior elders? Or do they hold an equal and separate office with a completely different job description? What type of person should aspire to become a deacon? Discover how deacons uniquely enable the church to transform society by directly involving it in matters of social justice. Dr. Kirk R. MacGregor; Adjunct Professor of Theology, Trinity Christian College and Carthage College.

AM 3 – New Elder Training
A brief overview of Presbyterian polity and the vital roles and responsibilities of Ruling Elders. Led by the Rev. Jan Edmiston, Chicago Presbytery’s Associate Executive Presbyter for Mission.

AM 4 – Global Debt “Skit”
The best way to learn is by doing! This is an interactive workshop designed to teach participants about the impact of global debt and free trade agreements on issues of security, peacemaking and immigration – led by our keynote preacher/teacher, Ruling Elder Rick Ufford-Chase. Rick is co-director of the PCUSA’s Stony Point Center, home to a residential, multifaith community committed to extending hospitality to guests and working on peace and social justice projects. Rick served a two year term as Moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the PCUSA and is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. He’s committed to the development of a vibrant denomination that is a witness of peace in a troubled world.

AM 5 – Assessing Your Congregation for Growth
As our culture becomes more secular, growing congregations larger and deeper is ever more challenging. Come join us to learn how to face and manage some of the challenges, including: reviving your vision and re-energizing your congregation; assembling a team of leaders; facing potential conflict of organizational change; and better knowing who is your neighbor so that you can reach out to them more effectively. Join us and take a “health check” on your congregation and assess its potential for growing larger and deeper. Led by the Rev. David Boumgarden and the Rev. Henry Kim. David is Organizing Pastor, River Glen Presbyterian Church, Naperville and the Presbytery’s Develop Congregations Consultant. Henry is Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove and serves as the Presbytery’s Mission Insite specialist.

AM 6 – Grace Abroad
Everyone engaged in mission in cultures other than their own receives far more than they give. This workshop is for all those interested in mission and every session member responsible for the mission budget. We will offer evidence of grace received in mission from Africa in the 80s and the Pacific in the 90s to the just-concluded World Council of Churches Assembly in Korea. If your report on your recent mission trip consisted mainly of the really great food plus how much you had to offer rather than on how your life was changed, you may want to rethink your understanding of mission. Presented by Rev. Jane Esterline, Pastor, Park Presbyterian Church, Streator, IL and Rev. Dr. David Esterline Director of the Institute for Cross-Cultural Theological Education and Assoc. Professor of Cross-Cultural Education and Ministry, McCormick Seminary.

AM 7 – How a “Faith and Action Team” Works in the Church and Community
This workshop is for teaching elders, ruling elders, deacon leaders and anyone who wants to be involved in working in local mission efforts with the community through your church. We will discuss how to work toward developing mutual relationships with people in your community through one on one conversations and working together for justice and vital changes needed. Learn:

- How to create a faith and action team within your congregation.
- To discover the differences between Justice and Charity.
- How to find a local community organization or group within your community who your team and congregation can work with to help make changes to recognized issues. Led by two former Chicago Presbytery moderators – the Rev. Dr. Eddie L. Knox, Jr., Pastor, Chicago, Pullman and Commissioned Ruling Elder Julio C. Pena. Eddie also served as moderator of the Synod of Lincoln Trails. A social worker for 29 years, Julio is also a professional trainer and speaker.

AM 8 – Difficult Conversations: From Pounding Heart to Open Mind
Tough conversations, dealing with critical issues – at work, home, church, or socially – will always be a part of life. We can learn to make them easier and more productive; not by changing the other person, but by changing the way we approach the conversation. Participants will learn:

- What makes these conversations “difficult?”
- How to avoid the two biggest traps during these conversations
- What is happening “in our head” that can get in our way
- Tips and techniques to manage these conversations. Jerilyn Willin is an organizational consultant by profession and a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Itasca.
AM 9 – Purposeful Education Ministry  
Do your educational objectives drive your curriculum or does your curriculum define your objectives by default? Discover how planning and evaluation tools such as a mission statement and a Scope and Sequence can be used to create an intentional education ministry. These tools, once developed for your particular needs, will communicate what your church believes are important learning objectives to teachers and parents. The mission defines what your ministry is trying to accomplish. The Scope and Sequence clearly states learning objectives and the order in which they are presented. Faith formation can be more purposefully guided by defining these underlying principles and planning the experiences which invite growth. Led by Kathy Gillmore, Assoc. Certified Christian Educator, Director of Christian Education, Wildwood Presbyterian Church and Presbytery educators, this workshop will present ways in which these tools can be developed. Participants will leave with a proposal that they can present to their Christian Education Committees for consideration.

AM 10 – Relevant Youth Ministry  
Interested in a proven model for youth/young adult education? The Christian Life Studies program is designed to connect biblical truths with the real lives of our young adults. It allows them to explore, question and respond to great theological themes in a way that is relevant to them and true to God’s concern for them. Jr. High through High School is a critical period when mature thought replaces adolescent reaction, an excellent opportunity for Christian Life Studies. Developed by Greg Brill, this four-year curriculum involves the themes of Decisions, Relationships, Christian Identity and Core Beliefs. Learn how to use this approach to youth ministry in your own church. Led by Elder Greg Brill, long-time CE Committee member, High School Youth Group Advisor, and teacher of Wildwood Presbyterian Church’s Christian Life Studies class and the Rev. Matt Parker Wrezszz, Chicago Presbytery’s Youth Ministry Consultant and Assoc. Pastor, Yorkfield Presbyterian Church.

AM 11 – Caring for God’s Creation: Earth Stewardship  
Long-time Creation Care advocate Ruth Dow, is a ruling elder and the liaison elder for Missional Outreach, River Glen Presbyterian Church, Naperville. Ruth and Charles “Chuck” Dow will explore why Creation Care matters and demonstrate practical, realistic steps to help individuals and churches become better Earth stewards. Chuck will share the global impact of gardening and solar cooking. Everyone is welcome!

AM 12 – Muslims and Presbyterians: Sharing Horizons in Chicago  
This workshop is for anyone interested in or curious about interreligious dialogue in his or her church and community. We will be focusing on education about Islam, Muslims in Chicago, and ways in which leaders can bring this information to their congregations and communities. We will be addressing the challenges facing the Muslim community in Chicago, as well as the challenges we face as Presbyterians in interreligious dialogue. Sponsored by Chicago Presbytery’s Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Work Group (EIRWG). Presented by the Rev. Dirk Ficca, Chair of EIRWG, Ms. Shelley Donaldson, McCormick Seminary Student (M.Div. 2012 & Th.M. 2014) and Member, EIRWG and Sr. Karen Danielson, Board Member, the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC)

AM 13 – Volunteers, the REAL Fishermen and Fisherwomen  
What works and what doesn’t when it comes to recruiting, training, supervising and recognizing volunteers? We’ll talk about and with volunteers. This workshop is a round table of ideas, questions and suggestions to assist all involved. Presented by Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministries, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago and Liz Armstrong, Volunteer Coordinator, First Presbyterian Church, Arlington Heights.

AM 14 – Evolution of a Church: From White to Multiracial and Multicultural  
This workshop is for congregations who want to diversify, racially and ethnically; for churches in a changing community; for churches who recognize that the American population is shifting to a place where no racial group will be the majority. Engage the members of one church where that change has already happened – to the congregation, as well as on Session, Deacons and Trustees. Gain information that will help your church. Led by the Rev. Dr. Barbara Cathey, Pastor, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, Chicago and a diverse panel of members and ruling elders from Edgewater, representing a spectrum of races and ages. Sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago’s Multicultural Church Ministry Team.

AM 15 – Sabbatical Psalms and Stories: Spiritual Journaling through Songwriting  
In 2013, Luke Hyder took a sabbatical funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment’s Clergy Renewal Program. Throughout his travels he practiced the discipline of “spiritual journaling through songwriting,” meditating on scriptures, and processing what he was reading and experiencing by composing them into song. Those who attend will be given an introduction to this musical-spiritual discipline hearing songs written from the Psalms, as well as songs that tell stories from pilgrimages to the West Coast, the Isle of Iona, and Armagh, Northern Ireland. A published songwriter and singer, the Rev. Luke P. Hyder, is Assoc. Pastor for Worship and Evangelism, First Presbyterian Church, Libertyville.
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 the Rev. Barbara Bundick, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Chicago and members of the Constitutional Procedures Committee.

PM 2 – Compassion and Witness, Service and Sharing: the Ministry of Deacon
This workshop is for deacons, new or returning, who wish to find some creative ways to respond to the needs of the congregations they serve. This will be a lively, interactive workshop with plenty of take-aways adaptable for your setting. Come prepared to dream, play and laugh, because serving can be a joy. Presented by the Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis, Pastor/Head of Staff, The Presbyterian Church of Western Springs.

PM 3 – Creating a Culture of Generosity
This workshop is recommended for congregational leaders who want to help their members discover the joy of faithful stewardship and giving. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation. Presented by Dr. Stephen Keizer, Vice President – Ministry Relations for the Foundation.

PM 4 – Sub-Prime Lending Crisis “Skit”
This interactive workshop offers glimpses into what went wrong with the economy in 2008, and seeks to consider ways in which our economy remains at risk. Understanding our economy and what makes it tick is a sound basis for good stewardship in our personal and professional lives. Led by our keynote preacher/teacher, Ruling Elder Rick Ufford-Chase (see AM 4 for Rick’s bio).

PM 5 – Social Media and Ministry: How to Get “The Word” Out
Social media can be a highly effective tool for ministry, but it can feel overwhelming for busy pastors or ministry leaders. You know you should use it, but the question is where to start. This workshop can be the first step in utilizing and navigating the waters of social media and how it can and how it can work for you. We will be addressing using Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms to improve your church’s reach and communication. Presented by Rev. Henry Kim, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove.

PM 6 – The Acts of Paul and Thecla: Women, Men, and Authority in the Early Church
The Acts of Paul and Thecla is a remarkable document from the early second century which offers a glimpse of the intense debates about the authority of Paul, debates about the roles of women in the early church, and the formation of the New Testament canon. This workshop will introduce the text, its content, its interpreters, and its significance for contemporary congregations. Everyone is welcome! Dr. Ken Sawyer, is an Assoc. Professor of Church History at McCormick Seminary.

PM 7 – Telling the Truth in Love: Utilizing Scriptural and Other Resources to Engage Difficult Issues
This roundtable workshop is for leaders and others who find themselves having to engage difficult issues and who wish to do so maintaining a faithful approach. The workshop will look at some scriptural and communication resources to guide them in this approach utilizing attendees as resources for each other and facilitated by the workshop leader. Sponsored by the Presbytery of Blackhawk and led by the Rev. Dr. John Rickard, its General Presbyter and Stated Clerk.

PM 8 – The Narrative Lectionary
This workshop is designed for pastors, and anyone responsible for planning congregational worship. Participants will learn about the background, the flow, and the liturgical possibilities of the “Narrative Lectionary,” a new lectionary designed by professors at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Led by the Rev. David Lower, Pastor, Winnetka Presbyterian, sponsored by the Chicago Presbytery’s Worship, Music and the Arts Work Group.

PM 9 – Stewards of Children: Advocate Health Care’s Childhood Trauma Treatment Program
Recommended by Chicago Presbytery’s Empower Ministry Mission Priority Leadership Team, this workshop is for any and all adults in the church and community. Attendees will learn tools and experience empowerment to recognize, react to and prevent child sexual abuse. Attendees will be provided facts, hear from survivors and consider policies for their organization and the organizations that serve the children in their lives. Participants will be provided a comprehensive workbook and a resource guide as well as the “7 Steps to Prevention booklet. Led by Ms. Samantha (Sam) Soll, M.A. and Ms. Cody Schraft, M.S., facilitators of the Stewards of Children program, with extensive experience providing treatment for survivors of abuse.

PM 10 – Parent Partnerships in Youth Ministry
What really works in parenting youth, in particular parenting Jr. High and High School youth during those critical years of development? This interactive workshop will present insights and the format with which to communicate practical knowledge to parents and teachers alike. Greg Brill’s “7 Habits of Successful High School Moms and Dads” is a program used at Wildwood Presbyterian Church. The key to successful youth ministry is a partnership between church and family. Experience this workshop and learn about to inspire and equip parents to fulfill their unique roles in the spiritual development of their children and youth. Presented by Ruling Elder Greg Brill, long-time CE Committee member, (continued . . .)
High School Youth Group Advisor, and teacher of Wildwood Presbyterian Church’s Christian Life Studies class and Kathy Gillmore, Wildwood’s Director of Christian Education.

PM 11 – Helpful and Healthy Ways to Serve our Older Adults
Supporting older adults and their families touches us all; whether personally or professionally. This session will look at the potential physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of aging. Learn to recognize when an older adult and/or their family may be in distress and ways to offer assistance appropriately. We will also offer suggestions for tending to your own self-care; a must for all caregivers. Sponsored by The Moorings of Arlington Heights-Presbyterian Homes. Presented by Susan Elster-Jones, LCSW and the Rev. Susan Peterson both of The Moorings of Arlington Heights.

PM 12 – Crafting a Book: Prayers, Thoughts, & Scriptures
God created us as creative people. In this workshop participants will make a small book with hidden pockets for prayers, thoughts, or Scriptures. This is a hands-on experience for anyone interested in crafting, enjoying the process as well as the end product. Facilitated by the Rev. Meg Rift, Director of Christian Education Ministries, Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Oak Park and Ruling Elder Cyndi Frost, Director of Children’s Ministry, Community Presbyterian Church, Clarendon Hills.

PM 13 – Get Buzzed! Lifting up Cool Ministries
Exciting things are happening within and among our congregations. Discover what God is doing in our Presbytery! Come hear and share stories of life, learn what is trending, and see where the Connectional Mission Design Task Force is headed. Sponsored and presented by the Connectional Mission Design Task Force – Elder Nancy Dolan, Moderator; Rev. Shawna Bowman; Elder Greg Boyer; Elder Arrie Jones; Rev. Lisa Lopez; Rev. Michael Miller; Elder Nick Shargo; Rev. Joy Douglas Strome; Rev. John Vest and Rev. Bob Reynolds, Staff.

PM 14 – Praying with Icons: Symbolism, Scripture and Prayer
Explore and discover the historic meanings and Biblical references within the ancient tradition of Orthodox iconography. The ancient compositions of Iconography, rooted in the ancient Church, bring the people, stories and teachings of Christianity into contemporary consciousness. How their unique artistic methods, design principles and scriptural foundations serve as a path to prayer will be discussed. For many Christians of all denominations, praying with icons serves as a deep and rich spiritual discipline. Sponsored by Ecumenism Metro Chicago (EMC). The Presbytery of Chicago is a founding member of EMC. Presenter Aphrodite Peponis, 2014 EMC Co-Moderator, lectures and writes on Orthodox Icons for local and national church, art and community groups.

PM 15 – A House of Prayers for All Peoples
This workshop will provide practical tools for your congregation’s journey to multicultural worship, expanding your congregation’s welcome and connecting the “outside” with the “inside.” We will also explore how to effect change without violence. Jorge Lockward is our Guest Worship Leader today. Jorge was born in the Dominican Republic and now lives in New York City where he serves as Director of the Global Praise Program for the United Methodist Church. Sponsored by Worship Alive through a covenant grant from Chicago Presbytery’s Empower Ministry Mission Priority Leadership Team.
Welcome to LEAD, our annual church leadership training event. LEAD 2014 is co-sponsored by the Empower Ministry Mission Priority Leadership Team of the Presbytery of Chicago, McCormick Theological Seminary and our host church, Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, Elmhurst, Illinois. L.E.A.D. stands for Leadership, Education and Development – and it’s designed for the whole church, so feel free to bring friends from other denominations. We believe there’s something for everyone at LEAD. We will be joined by participants from Blackhawk Presbytery again this year. We expect several hundred participants, so early registration is advised – by Feb. 25th if possible. Late registration is possible and walk-ins are welcome, but early registration is best! If you are able, please register online at http://mccormick.edu/LEAD

On the day of the event, please check in at the registration desk upon arrival to receive your nametag, map and materials. A continental breakfast and a box lunch will be provided. Questions? Call 630.471.4643 or email vancamps@earthlink.net

Books recommended by our keynote speaker and workshop presenters will be sold at LEAD. Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade organization, will have unique, hand-made items for sale. The following organizations will host display tables: The Connectional Mission Design Task Force, Stewards of Children, Ecumenism Metro Chicago and Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center.

The LEAD Planning Team gives special thanks to 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; to Mark Bowman of Worship Alive who sponsors our guest worship leader and to the many volunteers from Elmhurst, Berkley-Hillside, Yorkfield and McCormick Seminary. “It takes a village” to present LEAD. Thanks to all!

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From Chicago and East: I-290, take St Charles Road WEST exit to Elmhurst Presbyterian, approximately 1.5 miles from the interchange.

From North or South: I-294 to the exit at North Ave/Route 64. WEST on North Ave., LEFT on Route 83, 1 mile, then LEFT on St Charles Road, 0.5 miles to Elmhurst Presbyterian Church.

From West: St Charles Road is a through road from the western suburbs. East to the church at the intersection with Spring Road.

Note: Additional parking is available at First Baptist Church of Elmhurst, 343 S. York Road (Corner of York and St. Charles Road). Vans will take passengers to and from First Baptist and Elmhurst Presbyterian.