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LEAD 2015: Saturday, March 7

NOTE: NEW SCHEDULE!!

8:00 - 8:45 AM Registration at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Continental Breakfast, Cokesbury Bookstore, Fellowship) 8:45 - 9:45 AM WORSHIP 9:45 – 10:15 AM Plenary (with John Bell) 10:30 AM – 12:00 Workshop Period 1 12:15 - 1:15 PM Lunch and Bookstore 1:30 - 3:00 PM Workshop Period 2

REGISTRATION

Please try to register by February 25 – and by February 20 if you're using the U.S. Postal Service.
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Note your morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) workshop choices here: Morning AM # _______  Afternoon PM # _______

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We want to make LEAD available for everyone. Please let us know your special needs! Fourth Presbyterian Church is fully accessible. But if you have DIETARY needs or if you need CHILDCARE, please notify us as soon as possible – no later than February 25th – at 630.471.4643.

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FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is intentionally a public space in the heart of the city, open to all every day. Guests are encouraged to keep their valuables with them. You may secure your coats in the staffed Page-Smith Room.
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
Are deacons just junior elders? Or do deacons hold an equal and separate office to elders with a completely different job description? If so, what is that job description? What type of person should aspire to become a deacon? These questions will be addressed as we explore the office of deacon throughout the history of Christianity, giving particular attention to the New Testament data on deacons and the role of deacons in Calvin’s Geneva. In the process, we will see that deacons uniquely enable the church to transform society by directly involving the church in matters of social justice. If you are a deacon or have ever thought about becoming a deacon, or if you are passionate about social justice or church history, this workshop is for you! Sponsored by Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church. Led by Dr. Kirk R. MacGregor; Adjunct Professor of Theology, Carthage College and College of DuPage Director, Chicago Chapter of Reasonable Faith.

AM 3 – New Elder Training
This workshop is specifically for ruling elders serving for the first time on their session, but all ruling elders are welcome. The workshop is interactive and will include an informational discussion of Presbyterian polity and the roles and responsibilities of ruling elders, Q & A, small group sharing of expectations and concerns, and a takeaway of tips. Led by Ms. Sonia Bodi, Ruling elder and past Clerk of Session, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, and 2015 Moderator of the Presbytery of Chicago.

AM 4 – Is the Church Dying? Worship & Preaching Resources for Death and Resurrection
We are all hearing about the death of the church and how we are passing . . . . In this workshop we will talk about fears and strategies to die and to resurrect and create sources for worship and preaching that brings both death and life to our congregations. “In life and death we belong to God.” Led by Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes, Professor of Preaching and Worship, McCormick Theological Seminary.

AM 5 – Top 10 Financial Mistakes Churches Make and How to Avoid Them
Does your church struggle to make ends meet? Are your expenses growing faster than your income? This practical and interactive workshop will provide church leaders with best practices in fund raising, financial management, and expense control. This presentation is an updated and expanded version of the TAG talk given at the September 16, 2014 assembly meeting. Led by the Rev. Eric Heinekamp, Director of Business Affairs for the Presbytery of Chicago.

AM 6 – Instigators and Collaborators: Midwifing New Ministries
How do we move ANY new ministry from idea to reality? What faithful, practical steps will help us work with the Spirit to birth new outreach in our communities? Hear the birth stories (the joys and the labor pains!) of three outreach ministries currently addressing hunger and homelessness in the Chicago area. Out of those stories – we’ll identify key steps to getting new ministries started and keeping them going! Feel free to bring ideas you might have for new ministries! Together we’ll do some reflecting and planning and we’ll leave better prepared to move forward with midwifing ministry! Sponsored by the End Hunger and Homelessness Mission Team. Presented by the Rev. Linda Wygant, Board President, Grace Seeds Ministry; Mr. Carmelo LoGalbo, Veterans Outreach/A Just Harvest; and Ms. Tracy L. McKeithen, Network Director, Family Promise Chicago North Shore.

AM 7 – ISIS and the Radicalization of American Youth: How Real is the threat?
Anyone interested in interfaith dialogue and the contemporary security environment will benefit from this workshop. Attendees will learn about the origins, nature and future prospects of ISIS. They will also learn about the terrorist group’s efforts to recruit American youth and how this threat can be countered. Thomas R. Mockaitis, Ph.D., is Professor of History at DePaul University, a frequent media commentator and an internationally recognized expert on terrorism, insurgency and unconventional conflict.

AM 8 – Together Outdoors: An Exploration of the Future Outdoor, Camping and Creation-interaction of our Presbytery
There is no doubt that outdoor ministry provides precious opportunities to commune with God. This interactive workshop will help to shape how and where the Together Outdoors Work Group can serve Chicago Presbytery. We’ll consider the new ways in which God is leading us to celebrate and worship through outdoor ministry. Be prepared to share your ideas! With Together Outdoors Work Group members; Ms. Brooke Alexander and Rev. Adam Malak. Brooke worked as a camp counselor for the Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, MI, and is a youth group leader and mission team member at the Presbyterian Church of Orland Park. Adam is the pastor of Faith United Presbyterian Church, Tinley Park. Both Brooke and Adam served on the 2014 Camping Task Force.
**AM 9 – Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is one of the most celebrated Christian figures of the 20th Century, recognized as a prophetic voice of resistance to Nazi race hatred when most other Christians in Germany did not recognize the Nazis as a problem. His insight was not home grown, but was nurtured by time spent outside of Germany. During his Sloane Fellowship year at New York’s Union Theological Seminary, 1930–31, Bonhoeffer was a student of the Harlem Renaissance where he was put in contact with an African American Christian tradition that recognized Jesus as active and present in the daily lives of marginalized people, identifying with suffering and shame, as a redemptive presence in oppression. That tradition put Bonhoeffer in contact with his own Lutheran tradition, helping him to see racist oppression as a problem Christians must address, and to advocate solidarity with Jesus in suffering and shame of African Americans in a white supremacist world, and with Jews in Nazi Germany. Dr. Reggie L. Williams is a member of the International Bonhoeffer Society, the Society for the Study of Black Religion, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at McCormick Seminary and the author of Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus.

**AM 10 – The Book of Order Says WHAT About Those Policies That We’re Supposed to Have??????**

The 221st General Assembly (2014) has recommended that G-3.0106 be amended in the Book of Order to include that “all councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy AND a child protection policy”. This workshop is for church officers to learn how these policies can be written, why they are important and how can the policies be communicated to the congregation. Led by Rev. Lara MacGregor and Rev. Fred Neuschel, members of Chicago Presbytery’s True North Response Team.

**AM 11 – Walking the Labyrinth: A Spiritual Practice**

The labyrinth workshop is for anyone who believes, as did St. Augustine that “it is solved by walking.” The labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool and those who choose to walk its winding path are practicing body prayer, and both physical and spiritual meditation. Bring socks or soft soled shoes. Sponsored by the Claret Center. Led by the Rev. Dr. Christine Vogel, Former Dean of Students and adjunct faculty at McCormick Theological Seminary. Christine is a spiritual director/companion at the Claret Center in Hyde Park.

**AM 12 – Children in Worship: The Why and the How**

Why have children in worship? Because Jesus welcomed children. ‘Nuff said! But what does it mean and what does it look like to worship as the whole people of God? Walk through an Order of Worship with us and imagine the possibilities.

**AM 13 – Are We Seeking Warm Bodies or Disciples?**

This workshop is designed to help congregations develop disciples for Christian service. Often we have wonderful membership rolls and great Sunday worship services, but the question becomes, are we identifying and developing faithful disciples who build the Church? Let us come together to discuss and share some of the ways our churches are building the Kingdom of God. Presented by the Rev. Dr. Eddie L. Knox, Jr., pastor, Pullman Presbyterian Church. Pastor Knox has led the Pullman Congregation for 28 years and has served as a LEAD workshop leader in areas of church growth and development for more than a decade.

**AM 14 – 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.

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**ARE THERE SHOES AND BOOTS IN YOUR CLOSET THAT YOU DON’T USE?**
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 – Interchurch Families: Resources for Ecumenical Hope
Most American Christians have at least one friend or family member who is married to a member of a different church. This workshop will reflect on the challenges and gifts found in these interchurch families, as well as explore ways to best minister to them at the congregational level. Using an interview of a Catholic/Presbyterian couple, we will also celebrate the unique gift of Christian unity that they offer to the whole Church. Sponsored by Ecumenism Metro Chicago. The Presbytery of Chicago is a founding member of EMC. Presented by Daniel Olsen, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Archdiocese of Chicago, and Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, St. Xavier University.

AM 15 – Building an Exoskeleton for the Mind
Please Note: This is now a morning session. Are you looking for ways to increase your productivity? Have a tough time just getting started and fighting procrastination? Here are some simple ideas and practices that could up your productivity and simply get things done. Presented by the Rev. Henry Kim, pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Downers Grove, and Gallop-Certified Strengths Coach.

PM 4 – Songs from the Iona Community with John Bell
John L. Bell, our music leader for this year’s event, is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland, a liturgical composer, preacher, teacher, broadcaster and a member of the Iona Community – an ecumenical community of men and women founded in 1938 on the island of Iona in Scotland. Peace, social justice, rebuilding of community and renewal of worship are at the heart of Iona. Like the community of Taize, France, pilgrims flock to Iona each year for spiritual growth and renewal. Dr. Bell has produced many collections of original hymns and songs published by the Iona Community in Scotland and G.I.A. here in America. He works in the areas of music and worship with the Wild Goose Resource Group.

PM 5 – Building Your Stewardship Toolbox for 2015 and Beyond
Is your church trying the same old stewardship campaign each year hoping to get more money from fewer givers? Come learn new tips, tools, and tactics to energize year-round giving in your congregation. Hear about trends in fundraising and case studies of what works and what does not. This workshop will build off of the annual Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference and the hottest topics and resources in church stewardship. Rev. Eric Heinekamp, Director of Business Affairs for the Presbytery of Chicago.

PM 6 – Engaging People Directly in Mission
This workshop is for any pastor, church officer or member who wants to engage members of the congregation directly in mission. With so many needs in the world, how does a church effectively mobilize and focus its efforts to engage members directly in mission? We will explore how to help people discern their calls, and organize them in mission groups for both direct service and education/advocacy social justice work. The organizational model is based on a model used for years by the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C. Presented by the Rev. Victoria G. Curtis, Associate Pastor for Mission, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

PM 7 – ISIS and Religious Extremism
This workshop will help church leaders understand the historical and ideological framework of religious extremism in Islam. Sponsored by Chicago Presbytery’s Ecumenical and Interreligious Work Group. Presented by Dr. Azam Nizamuddin, co-chair of Interfaith Relations for the Council of the Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.

PM 8 – Confirmation as a Catalyst for Change
Experience and research tells us that many of our youth leave church for a decade or more after high school. More and more of them are never coming back. At the same time, the church in North America is undergoing significant transformation, what some have called a fourth great awakening. Instead of thinking of youth ministry as a way to replicate the DNA of a church that is declining, what if youth ministry were the birthing ground of the new forms of church that are emerging? Confirmation is the perfect opportunity to launch young people into this unfolding future. Bring your experience, your questions, your ideas, and an open mind to this workshop on re-imagining confirmation. The Rev. Dr. John W. Vest is Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church and 2014 Moderator of the Presbytery of Chicago.

PM 9 – The Reformations of the Sixteenth Century
As we prepare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformations of the sixteenth century, we should review what was reformed and why! As women and men of the sixteenth century responded to the message of renewal and reform – they changed the world they knew! We will pursue a brief introduction to the main people, events, and ideas of the Reformations. Dr. Ken Sawyer, is an Assoc. Professor of Church History at McCormick Theological Seminary.
PM 10 – Sermon Sketchbook to Studio
Taking notes and sketching during worship improves retention and comprehension. Ms. Carrie Carlson, Art Educator & Freelance Illustrator, will share her personal “sermon journal” as well as other artists’ liturgical work. Participants will engage in a conversation about how we respond visually during (and beyond) worship and how this might lead to greater understanding and sharing of our relationship with Christ. Participants will get to practice a sketchbook page and will also have an opportunity to watercolor a linoleum block print (created by Carlson, inspired by her sermon sketchbook) to take home. All are welcome – no prior artistic training or knowledge necessary – just an open mind and willingness to try! Carrie Carlson is a Ruling Elder at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, a “passionate sketcher,” and “Arts advocate.”

Passover is a Jewish holiday Jesus celebrated. Churchgoing Christians celebrate a version of Jesus’ Passover meal (known as a seder) when they take Communion, and many Christian communities specifically recall Jesus’ Last Supper – a Passover meal – on Holy Thursday. In recent years, a growing number of Christians have been attending Passover seders at the homes of Jewish friends or relatives, or celebrating their own seders in their church communities. Some think this practice is wrong, as it appropriates a Jewish holiday. Yet, it can also be quite enriching for a Christian’s spiritual life. Rabbi Moffic will help discover the what, why and how of this central Jewish holiday, and what it can mean for Christians today. Presented by Rabbi Evan Moffic, Congregation Solel, Highland Park. He is an interfaith leader and the author of What Every Christian Needs to Know about Passover: What It Means and Why It Matters.

PM 12 – Stewards of Children: Advocate Health Care’s Childhood Trauma Treatment Program
Previously 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. Schaelyn McFadden, MA. and Ms. Erin Hagerty, doctoral clinical psychology interns and facilitators of the Stewards of Children program, with extensive experience providing treatment for survivors of abuse.

You may be wondering “What’s with all the shoes in this brochure?!” GOOD! You noticed! That’s just what we wanted! Please start thinking about shoes. This year, the LEAD Mission Planning Team will receive your “offering” of gently worn shoes and boots for Soles4Souls, a global not-for-profit organization whose mission is “fighting the devastating impact and perpetuation of poverty.” Shoes make it possible for people to go to school and work. They prevent disease and injury. They change lives! So bring your shoes – athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance, flip flops, just as long as they are new or gently worn. Please secure each pair together with a strong rubber band or two! In order to pay shipping costs, we ask you to bring one dollar for each pair of shoes/boots you donate. These will be collected at registration on March 7th. We’ll dedicate this offering during the worship service. So – look around your closets and consider sharing those shoes and boots you almost never wear: They may just be the blessing someone is praying for!! Questions? 630.471.4643.

The LEAD 2015 Mission Planning Team

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We urge you to car pool or take public transportation to LEAD if possible.

There is free transportation from McCormick Seminary for those on the Southside Vans will leave from McCormick Seminary (Leave at 7:30 am - Return by 3:45 pm). For details and to guarantee a seat, you must register with the LEAD TEAM at 630.471.4643 by Feb. 25th.

A limited number of parking vouchers for the 900 N. Michigan parking garage are also available. Contact Stephanie Moore at 773.947.6282.