

**East Central District  
2020 Called to Serve  
#ECDCalledtoServe2020**

**February 22, 2020      First UMC, Oviedo**

**Session I    9:55am – 10:55am  
Session II   11:20am – 12:20pm**

**Workshops that are offered for Session I or Session II will cover the same material. Register for one.**

**Being in Ministry with Everyone - Session II**

**Kim and Melanie Lee**, Co-District Lay Leaders

Moving toward full inclusion: What does it take to be a truly welcoming church? All United Methodist churches welcome all, but that doesn't mean everyone feels welcome in those churches. Some groups of people may feel more welcome than others. This talk will explore seeing your church facilities and community through the eyes of those on the edge of society. Participants will discuss how their churches could align their intentions with their actions.

**Building and Maintaining Faith-based Ministries that Grow and Impact the Community -  
Session I**

**Denise Gilman**, First UMC, DeLand

Our workshop will help you, your group, or your church to follow God's direction in developing ministries that grow and expand beyond your wildest dreams based on God's love and salvation. We have been successful for over 15 years impacting over 3700 people through trial and error by keeping our eye on Him and His love for all. And we want to share our format with you. Join us in sharing God's love and salvation as God directs.

**Celebrate Recovery - Healing all of life's hurts, habits, & hang-ups through Jesus Christ –  
Session I or Session II**

**Rev. Dawn Carter**, First UMC Clermont **and Tommy Moore**, Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Less than 1/3 of the people who attend Celebrate Recovery struggle with substance abuse; the rest come for anger, marriage struggles, adult children of an alcoholic, overeating, grief/loss/divorce, depression/stress/anxiety, you name it! CR even has support for veterans who are struggling to return back to civilian life. Many come because someone in the family is struggling. If a family member is struggling, it is most likely affecting others in the family. CR provides a safe community of support for all issues and provides freedom through Jesus Christ!

In this workshop, learn how bringing Celebrate Recovery to your church can help the overall health of your church as well as your congregation & community. Plus, we will give you tools to help get you started in your next steps to bring Celebrate Recovery to your church.

**Child Youth Protection Training – Session II**

**LaNita Battles**, Claims/Risk Manager, Ministry Protection

The Florida Conference has made changes to the policy that has been in place since 2009. This session will review the Conference's comprehensive strategy for providing a safe, nurturing environment for our children and youth. The changes to the policy will be covered in this session. All churches must update their church policy to reflect these changes and submit a signed adoption agreement by April 30 stating that those working with children and youth have been CYPP trained.

## **Connecting with the Latino/a Population in FL – Session II**

**Rev. Roberto Chaple**, New Hope UMC - Brandon

Latinos/as are the fastest growing demographic group in all the United States, and particularly here in Florida. Many of our UM churches have noticed the growth of Latino/a population around them, but often times they wouldn't know how to connect and be relevant to them. Join us in exploring ways to address this challenge in a way that makes Kingdom impact.

## **Cuba 4 Beginners – Session I**

**Revs. Chris Akers, Rusty Belcher, & Aldo Martin**

University Carillon UMC, First UMC Winter Garden, District Methodists United in Prayer

Come learn about the Cuba/Florida Initiative called "Methodist United in Prayer". Hear the stories of revival in Cuba similar to those found in the book of Acts and see how you can experience this revival personally.

## **Cuba Advanced – Session II**

**Revs. Chris Akers, Rusty Belcher, & Aldo Martin**

University Carillon UMC, First UMC Winter Garden, District Methodists United in Prayer

Come share best practices with folks that have Sister Churches in Cuba and learn how to strengthen your connection with our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

## **Curriculum Showcase for Children's Ministry - A Clear Vision for 2020 – Session I**

**Bob McLeary, M.M., M.Ed.** - Cokesbury Conference Resource Consultant

Join other Children's Leaders in this highly interactive, hands-on workshop and showcase, getting to the nuts and bolts of preparing you and your volunteers, and engaging your students with the Word of God, helping them to become strong, grace-filled disciples. Info for all sizes of ministry, discover time-saving strategies and budget-stretching tips while learning to plan, coordinate, and best practices for using social media in positive ways. Plus, be one of the first leaders to view VBS programs for 2020, including the brand new One Room VBS programs! Thanks for investing in our children!

## **Florida United Methodist Children's Home – Session I**

**Elisabeth Gadd** - Chief Development Officer, Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Calling all LCRs and church leaders! Are you new in your LCR role? Looking to add a little spice to your acumen? This session is for you! It is an engaging session in which you will hear about all the resources the Children's Home has to equip you in spreading the message about their mission and current programming. We will make sure you leave with the LCR Handbook and packet as your "go to guide." You will be provided with detailed information about the Children's Home so you will feel empowered to serve as an effective liaison. You will learn about moving stories to convey the message. You will also have the opportunity to share your own success stories of engagement at individual churches to help others. This session is about creating and augmenting the longstanding partnership between the Children's Home and the local United Methodist Churches.

## **Fresh Expressions of Church 101 – Session I**

**Rev. Caitlin White** - Director of Stetson Wesley Foundation; Cultivator Fresh Expressions FL

Ever thought heard of the priesthood of all believers? How about the democratization of church planting?! Fresh Expressions of Church opens up a world of possibilities for leadership, because its missional message is very simple: listen to the needs around you, find simple ways to love and serve people, build community with them, share the gospel when appropriate, invite them to form a Christian community where they are, and equip them to repeat the process. This laity-driven movement needs people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life - including you! We'll introduce you to all the basics and give you resources to get started today.

## **Nuevas Expresiones de la Iglesia en Su Contexto (Fresh Expressions) – Session I**

**Rev. Wilma Reyes** – Senior Pastor, First UMC St Cloud

Un Fresh Expression es una tipo de iglesia para nuestra cultura cambiante, establecida primordialmente para el beneficio de aquellas personas que aún no son miembros de una iglesia. Este taller está diseñado para quienes desean tener una mejor comprensión de los Fresh Expressions, apreciar su vínculo con la iglesia tradicional, y aprender los pasos a tomar para comenzar una en su comunidad. Descubra lo que puede hacer para propagar este movimiento, ya sea usted un pionero(a), seguidor(a), o la persona que permite estas oportunidades.

## **Fresh Expressions in Practice - Deeper Dive – Session II**

**Rev. Caitlin White** - Director of Stetson Wesley Foundation; Cultivator Fresh Expressions FL

Has your congregation already launched a Fresh Expression of Church? Do you have a team that's ready to reach new people in new places by doing church a little differently? Bring them to this practical session as we brainstorm, problem solve, and share stories together! Come learn about some new resources to help your team grow more deeply in faith while further developing your vision for your project and your impact in your context. We'll make sure you walk away with plenty of tools for putting your ideas into practice.

## **Fulfilling our Mission to Make Disciples – Session II**

**Rev. Dr. Wade Arnold** – Assistant Pastor for Discipleship, Stewardship, and Pastoral Care First UMC Oviedo

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Discipleship is the core mission of the church. Equipping and organizing every believer to make disciples who follow Jesus, are transformed by Jesus, and who join Jesus' mission is central. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of the theology and practice of making disciples.

## **Great - Another Workshop on Reaching Young Adults – Session I or Session II**

**Rev. Bobby Brooks** - Pastor, The Vessel Orlando

Young Adults – every church wants them but let's be honest: crossing the gulf between wanting them and reaching them sometimes feels insurmountable. We'd love to see more young people in our churches, but many churches find themselves unable to make that leap from desire to reality. Perhaps what we need to do is take a few steps back and rethink not only the ways we're trying to reach them, but why we're trying to reach them and what we're inviting them into. In this breakout session, the Vessel Orlando team led by Pastor Bobby Brooks will share some successes and failures they've experienced in connecting with young adults as well as some practical next steps your church might consider in their ministry to and with younger generations.

## **Hurricanes and more... - Session II**

**Pam Garrison** - Disaster Response Coordinator

Where are we and what's next? The Florida Conference has responded to 5 hurricanes in our conference in the last 3 years while also supporting other conferences across the nation impacted by disaster. The number and intensity of storms is increasing. What have we done to recover from these storms? What are we doing to prepare for the next ones?

Come and learn what United Methodists have been doing in Florida and around the nation to recover from disaster. Come and learn what you can do to prepare yourself, your family, your home and your church for the next ones. Leave inspired by all God has done and continues to do through the people called Methodist. Leave equipped with information and tools, understanding that preparation is the key to a healthy response and a resilient recovery. Because it's not if...it's when.

## **Lands of the Bible – Session II**

**Rev. Bob Brown** - Director of Travel Ministry for Educational Opportunities

For anyone who wants their church to follow in the footsteps of Moses, Jesus and Paul. Learn how you and your church can gain first-hand experience of the lands and cultures of the Bible through travel ministry. Read both the Bible and today's headlines with deeper insight. Bob has led more than 40 study tours from his own church and can help you with yours.

## **Lay Leader Boot Camp – Session I**

**Kim and Melanie Lee** - Co-District Lay Leaders

The Lay Leaders of our churches have a vital role in bringing together the laity and pastor in vision, coordination of ministry, cooperation and leadership. This session will cover topics related to the role and responsibilities of this position as defined by the Discipline. We will also use this time together to share ideas for addressing common concerns and issues faced by Lay Leaders in our local churches. Both new and seasoned Lay Leaders are encouraged to attend this important training.

## **Making Disciples in your Local Church Community Public School – Session II**

**Martha Smith and Brenda Whitwam** - Child Evangelism Fellowship

In recent years, an after-school club introducing elementary students to evangelical Christianity through prayer, song and Bible study has seen significant growth here in Florida. The purpose of Child Evangelism Fellowship® is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and establish (disciple) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living. If you're interested in reaching children with the good news about Jesus Christ outside of the church walls, join us and learn about a whole new mission opportunity in your local public school.

## **Ministry Protection Focus for Trustees – Session I**

**LaNita Battles** - Claims/Risk Manager, Ministry Protection

Trustees: As servant leaders and the "Keepers of God's House" trustees are charged with a wide variety of responsibilities in managing church property. Join us for an interactive discussion about the top issues and responsibilities faced as you fulfill your call of leadership and provide support to the vision and mission of your church: Managing Local Church Property.

## **Missional Engagement – Session I or Session II**

**Rev. Patina Ripkey** - Pastor of Missional Engagement and Contemporary Worship, First UMC Oviedo

Many of us desire to have a thriving missions program. In this workshop we will learn how to design a successful missional engagement program at the local church level. Practical ideas will be shared and lessons learned. We will cover topics such as:

1. Mission verses Missions
2. Identification of leaders
3. Engaging people in missions and keeping them coming back for more
4. Minimum processes for a successful missional engagement program

## **Social Media – Session I or Session II**

**Rev. Dan Wunderlich** - Senior Pastor, Lakeside UMC

The world of social media is changing quickly, and it can be hard to keep up. What works on a platform like Facebook is drastically different from 3 years ago. And what if you are looking to expand beyond Facebook - or even leave it behind! - Where should you go? This session will cover the overall strategy of reaching your community and discipling your congregation through social media, making it accessible to those who are new to social media and those looking to take what they're doing to the next level.

## **Sound Financial Practices 101 – Session I**

**Ron Beyer** - Auditor

This class will cover tax related regulations including issues such as W2, 941, 1099, Payroll and other accounting and finance issues relevant to those first-timers or for those wanting a refresher course.

## **Sound Financial Practices 102 – Session II**

**Ron Beyer** - Auditor

This class will cover the following topics: Accounting Best Practices, Controls, Auditing Requirements, Apportionment Calculations and a time for Questions and Answers.

## **Staff Parish Relations Training – Session I**

**Dr. Bob Bushong** - East Central District Superintendent

Are you new to the Staff Parish Relations Committee? Have you been on it, but have questions? Dr. Bob will lead this workshop which will give you effective tools to help you in this very important committee. This workshop is for all members of SPRC.

## **Understanding And Engaging This Current Generation – Session I**

**Brian Lawson** - Director of Student Development for YMI

Every generation is different with unique habits, values, and shared experiences. In this session, we will explore the current generation, Generation Z, and how our youth ministries can engage with them.

Brian holds a Master of Ministry with a focus in organizational culture, team-based leadership, change, conflict, and peacemaking from Warner University. In addition to his degrees from Warner, he studied Christian Education at Asbury Theological Seminary.

## **Youth Ministry Foundations - Session II**

**Brian Lawson**, Director of Student Development for YMI

Successful youth ministries have several elements in common. In this session, we will spend time exploring these essential foundations.

Brian holds a Master of Ministry with a focus in organizational culture, team-based leadership, change, conflict, and peacemaking from Warner University. In addition to his degrees from Warner, he studied Christian Education at Asbury Theological Seminary.

**To register, go to [www.flumc/ecdcalledtoserve](http://www.flumc/ecdcalledtoserve)**



### **Spring Lay Servant Ministries Training; March 20 & 21; Community UMC, Casselberry**

Registration forms are in gym and on the East Central District website.

Questions? Contact ECD LSM Co-Directors: Lynn Campbell [lzdcamp1951@gmail.com](mailto:lzdcamp1951@gmail.com) or Jim Boesch [jimboesch68@gmail.com](mailto:jimboesch68@gmail.com)

### **Pre-Annual Conference Orientation for Clergy and Lay Members to Annual Conference**

**May 26 7:00pm; Asbury UMC, Maitland**

There is no registration. Everyone is welcome.

### **Florida Annual Conference 2020; June 4-6; Florida Southern College**

If you would like to serve as a District At-Large Member, please submit your name online at [www.flumc.org/eastcentral](http://www.flumc.org/eastcentral).