



## 2024 WORKSHOP OPTIONS

### **A – MORNING WORKSHOPS, 11 a.m. – 12 noon**

#### **A-1 Christian Understandings of Evil**

How are we to make sense of the reality of evil and our faith in a loving God? This workshop provides a framework of how different Christian communities have addressed this question, and an opportunity to wrestle with it today.

*Shannon Craigo-Snell, Professor of Theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Shannon grew up in the Teays Valley Presbyterian Church.*

#### **A-2 Help, Our Minister is Leaving; Now What Do We Do? Church Leadership Connection (CLC) Help from PC(USA)** (While connected to B-2, this workshop stands alone)

This workshop is for all to learn about the newly revised PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) and how it is used to support a church in its search for new pastoral leadership. Expert staff from the CLC will be available by Zoom making the presentation and for Q&A.

*George Lilley, Chair, Committee on Ministry, and ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown; and Eva Rebozo, CLC System Administrator, PCUSA*

#### **A-3 Season of Rebuilding/ Benefits Plan Initiative Update**

Changes are coming to the Board of Pensions Benefits Plan. This will be an opportunity to hear an update on the Board's Season of Rebuilding/Benefits Plan Initiative. You'll hear information on the new models for church leader benefits packages, the enhancements to the income protection programs, and what you can be doing now to get ready for open enrollment this fall. This workshop will be helpful for pastors, CPs working 20+ hours/week, elders currently on Session, personnel committee members/staff benefits decision makers. This will be repeated in the B workshop time.

*Emily Chudy, Board of Pension's Church Consultant*

#### **A-4 Grants Are Out There. How Do We Find ‘Em?**

The funding pot is in front of the rainbow, not at the end of it! Grab it!

Let’s think outside the box sanctuary and find support within your community. You don’t have to go to the end of the rainbow to start finding financial support for your ministries, just to the end of your block! Let’s think outside the walls together!

*Elizabeth Connelly, Connections Coordinator, Synod of the Trinity*

#### **A-5 Social Justice Through Children’s Books**

Explore the wealth of children’s books published in recent years that celebrate diversity, inclusion, and social activism. These books correlate to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Matthew 25 initiative.

*Terri McDougal, Head of Children’s Services, Kanawha County Public Library and ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar.*

#### **A-6 Presbyterians and Palestine/Israel**

The PC(USA) has a long history of partnerships with the people of Israel and Palestine. Especially with the events of the last year, it’s more important than ever to lean into our tradition of education so we can be better global neighbors to our siblings of all faiths and none. This workshop seeks to educate, support, and equip leaders to continue these challenging conversations in their own congregations and communities. Speaking from her experience, Rev. Macy will offer context to recent events and upcoming business of the General Assembly.

*Marietta Macy, former Co-Moderator of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the PCUSA and minister member of the Presbytery of WV.*

### **B WORKSHOPS - 1:15-2:15 p.m.**

#### **B-1 Finances 101: Understanding Budgets and Reporting**

This workshop will highlight best practices for finance committees & treasurers. A useful list of resources will be included.

*Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation and member, Presbytery of Lake Erie*

#### **B-2 Help, Our Minister is Leaving. Now What Do We Do? A Presbytery and Church Partnership.** (While connected to A-2, this workshop stands alone.)

This workshop is a primer for any Presbyterian wishing to know what happens in the time between the departure of a church’s pastoral leader and the arrival of a new church pastoral leader. Information will include what happens in the life of the church and how the Presbytery of West Virginia supports the church during that time.

*Maureen Wright, Transitional General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WV; and George Lilley, chair of the presbytery’s Committee on Ministry*

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### **B-4 Church Mission Without a Budget!**

Imagine the ministry you could do if you had the funds. Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church started with a shower program that has grown to a 100-person-a-day ministry without a budget. Come, hear, and learn how they've done this, and how your congregation might expand its mission, even when you don't think you have the money and people to do so.

*Derek Hudson, ruling elder, Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Director of Bream SHOP (Showers Healthcare Outreach Program)*

### **B-5 Generations Z and Alpha**

Who are the youngest members of our congregations and communities? This workshop will explore characteristics of Generations Z (born 1997-2012) and Alpha (born 2010-2024) and implications for our ministry with them.

*Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV, and pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church*

### **B-6 Someone Is Always Playing Job**

The Book of Job not only offers relevant lessons for our time, but a companion in our grief. In the 1958 play "J.B" by Archibald MacLeish, the story of Job is reimaged for a post-WWII audience. Opening as a play within a play, one character explains that no matter what period of history you look at across the world, "someone is always playing Job." As we continue to encounter evil, trauma, and loss in the 21<sup>st</sup> century on a scale that feels incomprehensible, Job sits waiting for us to join him on his ash heap. This workshop will discuss how using the creative outlet of theatre to inspire our liturgy and preaching can help us process current events and deepen our understanding of where God is in our most challenging times.

*Marietta Macy, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Charleston*

## **C WORKSHOPS 2:25-3:25 p.m.**

### **C-1 Christian Understandings of Evil**

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### **C-2 Musical Spice for Worship**

Has the doxology lost its dox? Is the glory missing from the *Gloria Patri*? Are the musical responses you sing every Sunday getting tired? Let me show you some alternative responses and how to add musical spice to worship using accessible music in your hymnal. This class is for anyone who has a part in planning worship for any size congregation, from 5 to 5,000. No musical experience needed.

*Pam Ferrell, ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, and Organist at Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston*

### **C-3 Transforming Congregational Stewardship: Sharing Best Practices for Nurturing a Culture of Generosity**

Learn about the importance of telling your story, if pastors should know giving patterns, how to make it easy to give, and where to get resources!

*Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer, Allegheny and Chesapeake Region, Presbyterian Foundation and member, Presbytery of Lake Erie*

### **C-4 Language Like I Never Thought Before: Ministry with and for Those on the Autism Spectrum**

How do we engage the needs of those whose primary modes of communication may not be verbal language or those for whom language and learning language is different? This workshop is for anyone who loves someone on the autism spectrum. It will emphasize the needs of young children on the spectrum. It will also include a broader conversation about sensory needs in the context of worship and the importance of caring for care-givers. Part experiential, part learning, with room for fun as we learn together!

*Elizabeth Campbell-Maleke, pastor, Williamstown & Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Churches, is the mother of a son diagnosed with Level 2 autism. Elizabeth has studied Precision Teaching through Octave's Project Blue, and she also serves as an Advisor for a Facebook community for parents of young children on the spectrum.*

### **C-5 Presbytery Town Hall**

As the presbytery is in a time of transition, you're invited to gather to reflect on the "State of the Presbytery." The workshop will include updates on *A Season of Discernment*, the work of Presbytery's committees, what to expect through the end of 2024, and more. The workshop will conclude with a time of questions and answers.  
*Maureen Wright, Transitional General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WV*

### **C-6 Intergenerational Ministry**

Most of our churches no longer have the people to support ages and stages ministry where children, youth, and adults are separated and segregated. Intergenerational ministry offers an opportunity to nurture all ages together in faith formation, mission, and worship as part of the community of faith. This workshop will explore the theology, practice, and resources for ministry with the whole family of God. Small churches have been doing intergenerational ministry for years and have much to teach us about the advantages of this model.  
*Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Presbytery of WV, and pastor, Frankford Presbyterian Church*

### **C-7 Matthew 25: What's Next?**

Now that you have your Matthew 25 ministry started, what's next? Do you want to expand it? Are you thinking about turning it into its own non-profit? What's next, including grant possibilities.  
*Elizabeth Connelly, Connections Coordinator, Synod of the Trinity*

### **C-8 Time with Emily Chudy of the Board of Pensions**

*There will also be an opportunity during this time to talk individually with Emily Chudy of the Board of Pensions. There will be four slots available; sign up early to reserve one.*

