



Leadership Training School 2018 Class List

CLASS NAME/ TEACHER	DESCRIPTION	TIME	ROOM #
<i>Armed Intruder: Thinking About the Unthinkable</i> Rev. Mary Hughes Gaudreau	This workshop explores resources and “next steps” for local congregations to find practical, reasonable, vetted, and balanced resources to prepare for a potentially violent armed intruder on church property.	9:30am	
<i>Ask a Youth About Reconciliation</i> Regional Youth Council	Six members of the Regional Youth Council attended International Affairs Seminar, March 16-24, and they will take questions about their experience and learnings about the difficulty of reconciling. This session is open to adults and youth.	9:30am and 2:30pm	
<i>Children Worship & Wonder</i> Rev. Darlene Martinez & Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett	Used in a traditional model, Children Worship & Wonder provides a solid faith foundation for our children. However, the stories can be used in a variety of settings! Come explore how these beautiful, basic Bible stories can infuse your entire congregation with wonder.	9:30am	
<i>Conflict Resolution in the Church</i> Rev. Larry Metzger	Conflict is present in every church at one time or another by virtue of the fact that members are in conflict. Often the conflict at work, in the home or school is brought into the church in disguise.	9:30am	
<i>Crisis Preparedness & Response: 10 Things to Know</i> Rev. Mary Hughes Gaudreau	Churches are uniquely gifted in providing hope and practical assistance following disasters and other crisis events. This workshop introduces basic information as well as practical tips for personal and church preparedness and response.	2:30pm	
<i>Critical Interpretation of the Bible as Spiritual Discipline: A Disciple Thing</i> Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison	This workshop will look at the strong history of Disciple’s biblical interpretation (exegesis), beginning with Alexander Campbell, in order to gain a better appreciation for this important piece of Disciple identity.	2:30pm	
<i>Dialogue with Virzola Law</i> Rev. Virzola Law	Join our Keynote Speaker for an engaging dialogue about ministry.	9:30am	
<i>Disciples Generosity in Life and in Death</i> Eric Gray	The program will focus on following Christ through generous living and giving both on a current basis as well as through planned gifts.	2:30pm	
<i>Engaging ALL Voices at the Table</i> Minister Milton Bowens Jr.	Engaging ALL voices at the table of the 21st century church addresses the most significant societal trends that impact the church, and offers insight to what the 21st century church is forming into, with practical ways the church can respond by engaging all voices (ie, age, gender, race, etc.).	9:30am and 2:30pm	

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<i>Exploring Strategies and Realities Pertaining to Inclusion and the LGBTQ Community</i> Rev. Brandon Johnson	Churches are facing the long overdue need to clarify understandings of inclusion and sexuality. How do leaders create spaces honoring human dignity and honest conversation leading to transformation? This class will explore strategies and realities pertaining to inclusion and the LGBTQ community.	2:30pm	
<i>Help! I'm an Elder! Training for New Elders</i> Rev. Joshua Bell	This class is designed for people that are new serving as an elder or those that have been serving 100 years. We will briefly look at the history of eldership in Christianity and journey together all the way to the way Alexander Campbell would have viewed elders, to what does an elder do now?	9:30am and 2:30pm	
<i>Helping Individuals and Congregations Establish a Lasting Legacy – New Streams of Funding for Ministry</i> Rev. Bobby Hawley	This workshop will provide an overview of how to increase the likelihood of receiving estate gifts and growing an endowment fund.	9:30am and 2:30pm	
<i>Interfaith Dialogue</i> Rabbi Abby Jacobson	Please join us as we discuss how we can work together as people from many faith traditions. There is so much more that we can do to bring us together than divide us.	2:30pm	
<i>Labyrinths Today</i> Rev. Darlene Martinez	Join me as we look at a brief history of labyrinths and the variety of ways they are used today. Participants will have access to a variety of finger labyrinths and a large canvas labyrinth to walk in prayer as we consider our spiritual gifts and how we may use them.	2:30pm	
<i>Ministry Training Program at Phillips Theological Seminary</i> Leslie Lesieur	Do you desire to learn more about the Bible or stewardship? Could a short class on leadership benefit you and your church? You are invited to explore the new Ministry Training Program at Phillips Theological Seminary. These courses are an effective way for laity and clergy to enhance their gifts and ways they serve their congregation.	9:30am and 2:30pm	
<i>Regional Youth Council Escape Room</i> Travis Carlson & the Regional Youth Council	Come participate in the Regional Youth Council Escape Room. Have you ever wondered how someone came to reconcile the situations that have happened to them in life? Discover a story of a teen who is trying to show his faith in different ways. Each discovery will lead you to a clue that will eventually get you out the door.	9:30am and 2:30pm	
<i>Tent or Temple?</i> Rev. Dr. Craig Walls	Are our buildings more Tent or Temple? And should we renovate, re-envision, remodel, or relocate?" Learn from Disciples Church Extension.	9:30am	
<i>Understanding Sexuality in the Bible</i> Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison	The bible is too often used to condemn those who identify as LGBTQ. Dr. Lisa Davison will help us think carefully and critically about how we read the Bible, understandings of sexuality in the Bible, and what the Bible does/does not say about homosexuality.	9:30am	
<i>When Musicians & Ministers Are Friends: Planning Quality Worship Together</i> Patty Jennings & Rev. Arnold Nelson	Come learn how to plan quality worship together. We will explore worship planning, discuss what defines quality worship, and how we can work together to enable the most powerful worship in this place.	9:30am and 2:30pm	