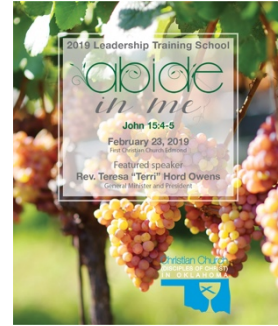


2019 Leadership Training School Workshops



Justice Lectures

We are a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world

9:30 – 10:30 am

The Ministry for Justice in a Fragmented World – Lessons from Disciples

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens

Location: Sanctuary

How do we understand the theological foundations for engaging in the work of justice? What can help us better work together advocating for the way of Jesus in our society? We'll discuss the Biblical foundations for the ministry of justice, and share stories from ministry among Disciples.

Unity and Justice (Race, Religion and Politics)

Rev. Shannon Fleck

Location: Chapel

How does Racism affect the experience of God's people in the United States in modern society? This workshop will put three hot button topics together for an important conversation about moving the faith community towards wholeness and advocacy against racism in this day and time.

Taking Care of the "Least of These": Hospitality as Justice Work in the Hebrew Bible

Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison

Location: Fellowship Hall North

Hospitality is a key theme in the Hebrew Bible, and is understood as much more than "good manners" or "greeting guests." The ancient texts depict hospitality as an act of justice commanded by the Divine. We will consider what the Hebrew Bible can teach us about taking care of the "least of these."

Learn about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict with Global Ministries

Dr. Peter Makari and Rebekah Choate

Location: Homebuilders Room

Learn about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the work of Global Ministries, partners in the area, and how Disciples are engaged. Middle East and Europe Area Executive, Dr. Peter Makari and Rebekah Choate, Associate for Global Advocacy and Education will be presenting.

International Affairs Seminar 2019: Human Trafficking

Regional Youth Council

Location: Room 114

Those members of the Regional Youth Council participating in the International Affairs Seminar in March of 2019 will present on IAS, what they hope to get out of the event, and more about the topic they will be studying during the week, human trafficking.

Commitment, Collaboration, and Community

Rev. Brandon Johnson

Location: Room 115

Over the past 4 years, First Christian Church Lawton experienced growth and a renewed commitment to ministries that impact the most vulnerable of Lawton. Join us as we tell stories and explore models for ministry with the homeless and food insecure.

Disciples Roots

As part of the one body of Christ

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Critical Interpretation of the Bible as Spiritual Discipline: A Disciple Thing

Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison

Location: Sanctuary

While many people are aware of certain Spiritual Disciplines (e.g., fasting, prayer, lectio divina, etc.), they do not think of critical interpretation of biblical texts as one of them. This workshop examines this ancient practice as a Spiritual Discipline vital to our Disciples' heritage.

Engaging ALL Voices at the Table

Pastor Milton Bowens, Jr.

Location: Chapel

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).

Diakonia, Xenia, and other Random Acts of Welcome/Deacons Training

Rev. Courtney Richards

Location: Homebuilders Room

What do deacons do, and why? Why does it matter if someone is at the door saying hello? Does the donut make the morning? How can a notecard change a life? There is no magic potion, and welcome is not one size fits all. But every church can do a little something, and it will mean more than you know.

Oikonomos vs Presbyteros: Stewards/Elders of the Church

Rev. Joshua Bell

Location: Room 116

We will discuss Elders and Deacon resources such as prayers at the table, visitation techniques and finally ways to lift the clergy in our congregations. This will be an interactive group with lots of discussion. Finally, this group will help create a website that shares resources.

Pathways to Ministry: Explore Your Call

Rev. Geoffrey Brewster

Location: Room 114

Are you called to ministry? Are you unsure what is required of you? There are a variety of paths to become credentialed as a minister within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Join Rev. Geoffrey Brewster (Phillips Theological Seminary), as we explore these various paths and help you discern which path might be right for you.

Get Involved with Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

Arthur Younger

Location: Room 115

Come learn how you can get involved with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. There are many opportunities for community involvement including volunteerism, partnerships and donations.

Inclusivity

We welcome all to the table as God has welcomed us.

3:15 – 4:15 pm

Being Church According to the 4th Gospel

Rev. Dr. Nancy Pittman

Location: Sanctuary

Although the word “church” never appears in the Gospel of John, there are instructions about how to live as a faithful community embedded in this telling of the gospel. These words can help us re-learn how to be church in the midst of a time when being church seems irrelevant and powerless.

If “Christian Unity is Our Polar Star,” Then How Did We Get Lost?

Dr. Lisa Barnett

Location: Chapel

The concept of unity has been foundational in the Stone-Campbell Movement, yet Disciples have not been as successful in achieving it. This workshop will explore the historical trajectories of the principle of unity to help find new ways of seeking solidarity in mutual ministry.

Intergenerational Ministry: The Why and How

Pastor Tara Dew

Location: Homebuilders Room

What is intergenerational ministry and why gathering multiple generations together to learn, worship, serve, and build relationships is important for the entire church. We will look at being an intergenerational church and discover best practices including how to build on what you are already doing.

Misconceptions about Islam

Imad Enchassi

Location: 116

A fun and interactive workshop that will spill the misconceptions about Islam.

Practical Reconciliation

Rev. Dwayne Rodgers and Rev. Daniel U'Ren

Location: Room 114

In 2018 efforts were started through discussion and prayer that led Western Oaks Christian Church and Wildewood Christian Church to do a pulpit exchange on Reconciliation Sunday as a way to initiate a hands-on approach to reconciliation. We will discuss practical methods of making reconciliation efforts more meaningful.

The Inner Voice of Silence: Art and Spirit

Rev. Jennifer Steil

Location: Room 115

This class will explore the art of contemplation as restorative justice. We will consider various artful languages within the biblical text, which invite a deepening awareness. We will engage a simple creative practice which awakens inner potential, stillness, insight, renewed vision and peace.

Coffee Time with the GMP

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens

Location: Fellowship Hall South

This is an informal gathering with the General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens. Bring your questions about what’s happening at the General Church!