

2011 Workshop Descriptions

Our Opportunity to Offer Hope

Dr. Elijah Stansell, Treasurer Texas Annual Conference

The Body of Christ holds the keys to a transformative response of meeting human crises. The Gospel mandates and displays itself as a life giving source. Therefore, the compelling factors of teaching and preaching "Generosity" are carved in stimulating responsive "hearts of passion"

Children and Extravagant Generosity

Rev. Rita Hayes, Associate Pastor for Children, Visitation, Education & Family Ministries at Connell Memorial United Methodist Church, Goodlettsville, Tennessee

Can children practice extravagant generosity? Our workshop leader, Rev. Rita Hays, gives a resounding "yes" in answer to this question. Using her new book, *Five Practices for Children*, based upon Bishop Schnase's *Five Practices for Fruitful Congregations*, Hays will provide examples of the ways children may be taught extravagant generosity in the church and home. She will also share ideas for the ways workers with children may interact with them to teach this concept. Participants will come away with practical ideas on ways to teach children and practical examples of ways others churches are engaging children in the practice of extravagant generosity.

Creating and Growing Generosity in Your Church:

An Opportunity for New Obedience

Jennifer Tyler, President of Tyler Associates, Inc., co-author of *Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving*

Dispelling money myths and transforming the dialogue from money and fund-raising, to generosity and mission-- A "Make it Stick" workshop for creating, cultivating, sustaining, and growing more generous people.

Renovate or Die

Rev. Bob Farr, Director of Congregational Excellence

To change the world, we must first change the church. We must renovate and overhaul our churches and not merely redecorate and tinker with our church structure. Come learn 10 ways to focus you church on mission. Find inspiration and practical tips to organize your church for new life on the mission field.

Capital Projects, Loans and Long-term Debt: Guidelines for Good Decisions

David McCaskill

Presented by David McCaskill, Senior Vice-President of Loans at the Texas Methodist Foundation. David will discuss all aspects of church building projects from the early strategic planning conversations, to the development of a loan application and the analysis of project costs and long-term debt. (This workshop is sponsored by the Missouri United Methodist Foundation.)

The Politics and Theology of Addiction

Rev. Neal Christie, Assistant General Secretary for Education and Leadership Formation

This workshop will discuss public policy action and the theological foundations for the United Methodist Church's commitment to addiction prevention and outline a comprehensive approach to ministry in the local church that confronts predatory industries including, alcohol, tobacco, gambling and drugs.

The Stewardship Toolbox: Teaching & Promoting Extravagant Generosity

Rev. Kendall Waller, Director of Financial Administrative Ministries & Rev. Lynn Dyke, Chair of Finance & Administration

The Stewardship Toolbox was created to offer some help in talking and preaching about money and stewardship. There are all sorts of tools to help you consider your church's annual financial stewardship campaign – from sermon starters to children's sermons to worship resources. There are ideas if your church is considering a capital campaign. And there is more. We invite you to let us know if there is something that you or your local church have found helpful. We hope to continue to add to this living document.

The Dog That Caught The Car: Is Your Church Ready for a REALLY Big Gift?

David Atkins

Presented by David Atkins, Executive Director of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation, and Linda M. Neal, Esq., Foundation Associate Director for Planned Giving. We will discuss: 1) simple steps to ensure your church is ready to administer a large gift; 2) ways to encourage such gifts; 3) how to use your Foundation.

Making the Big Ask

Rev. Matt Miofsky

Most people dread sitting down and asking people for money. We associate direct asks with capital campaigns or as a last resort strategy to resolve an end of the year financial crisis. But the ability to ask for large gifts is central to a healthy annual stewardship strategy. In this workshop, we will discuss why making direct asks is important and answer questions about

how to do it. We will cover basic questions such as how much to ask for, who to ask, when to ask them, and whether or not direct asks hurt or help regular giving in a congregation. If you are looking for practical ways to immediately impact giving in your church, this is a workshop you will want to attend.

iExtravagant Generosity

Rev. Robyn Miller

Ever wondered how to keep ministry churning during the summer months when people are traveling? Ever wondered how to keep from experiencing the fiscal famine of a snowy Sunday? Join Pastor Robyn Miller as she discusses the different technologies that can be used in the spiritual discipline of giving to keep your ministry vital every month of the year.

Extravagant Generosity: It's All About Relationship

Jai Vaughn & Larry Fagan

How do I grow closer to Christ? How can I see and feel His presence in my everyday life more often? Ask almost anyone and they will tell you it's what they desire, yet so many of us struggle with how to deepen this most important relationship in our lives. Come explore the crucial role that Extravagant Generosity plays in discovering what pleases God.

Momentum: How to Get It; How to Keep It

Rev. Ron Watts

Winning is a good thing. Piling up wins is even better. Do that consistently and you get momentum: powerful motion that moves your church forward. In this workshop Ron Watts, pastor of La Croix Church in Cape Girardeau, takes the mystery out of momentum and explains how it can be harnessed to help your church achieve its mission.

Small Church + Big Heart = Extravagant Generosity

Rev. Royal Speidel and Rev. Margie Briggs

Join us as we tell stories and teach principles God uses to help small churches receive greater financial blessings to use for ministry. Pastors and laity are welcomed for an interactive experience creating an exciting learning environment.

The Hannah Project

The Call Culture Commission and Rev. Karen Hayden, Director of Pastoral Excellence

The Center for Pastoral Excellence of the Missouri Annual Conference challenges each church to consider becoming a Hannah Project Church. To qualify churches must complete five standards for recruitment and nurture. Congregations that complete these activities will be recognized at the 2012

Annual Conference for their helping people hear the invitation to become ministers. Come to this workshop and learn how your church can develop a culture of the call.

Self-Sustainability Projects in Mozambique:

Your Extravagant Generosity Bringing Forth Greater Fruitfulness

Hear from and question our five guests from Mozambique about: Self-Sustainability Projects, which will greatly leverage the fruitfulness in Mozambique of our financial generosity; Volunteers in Mission opportunities and the Gondola Training Center; and Progress on new vision in Mozambique and transformations of the Church Covenants with Missouri.

What's Going On? The Changes in Christian Education/Spiritual Formation

Rev. Chris Dumas, Rev. Deborah LeMoine, Rev. Rob Mehner, Rev. Mark

Statler & Rev. Sherry Habben, Director of Connectional Ministries

Have you noticed the programs that “always” worked in the past are losing their interest to parents and children? Do you find your congregation reluctant to teach and lead or talk about their faith? We are living in a “post-Christian” world where making disciples is more and more difficult and at the same time more and more critical to our future and the kingdom of God. We will discuss the cultural changes that are happening, their impact on our children and families, and some of the practical steps that help us evaluate our programs.

The Conference Budget: Where Your Giving Goes

Rev. Kendall Waller, Director of Financial Administrative Ministries

& Rev. Lynn Dyke, Chair of Finance & Administration

Have you ever wondered where your apportionment dollars go? Come see how our budget supports our ministries. If you have ever had a question about the budget, apportionments or financial policies and procedures, this is your chance to ask our treasurer.