

Workshops

Workshops are offered after each plenary session. These learning experiences give detail and insight into the plenary topic, will provide practical approaches for annual conference leaders to address the plenary topic in their area of responsibility, and will offer opportunities for annual conferences to partner with program general agencies and/or other annual conferences.

Sunday, February 1, 2009

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

S1 Networking Group for Christian Education, Nurture, Discipleship, and Small Group Ministries

MaryJane Pierce Norton and Carol Krau

Leaders will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in this area through exploration of specific programs with information provided by both the leaders and participants

Audience: Leaders in Christian Education, Nurture, Small Groups, and Discipleship

S2 Networking for Conference Lay Leaders

Sandy Jackson

This will be a time of networking and sharing what's working in various annual conferences, what is challenging, and what resources are available.

Audience: Conference Lay Leaders

S3 Network Group for Stewardship Ministry Leaders

Don Joiner

This time will explore together the key outcomes for vital ministries in stewardship through consideration of existing programs with and information exchange among the leaders and the participants.

Audience: Leaders in Stewardship Ministries

S4 Network Group for Evangelism Ministry

Kwasi Kena

Leaders in this network group will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in evangelism through exploration of specific programs and resources, including idea sharing between leaders and the participants.

Audience: Leaders in Congregational Development and Evangelism

S5 Networking for Developing a Congregational Plan for Discipleship

Vance Ross and Susan Ruach

Participants will explore key components in a congregation's plan for discipleship and consider strategies for helping congregational leaders align the ministries of their local church to fulfill the mission of discipling.

Audience: DCMs, Annual Conference Leaders who help congregations with planning and visioning

S6 Network Group for Family and Age Level Ministry Leaders

Melanie Gordon and Richard Gentzler

Leaders will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in age level and family ministries through exploration of specific programs with information provided by both the leaders and the participants.

Audience: Leaders of Family and Age Level Ministries

S7 Planning Worship in Your Congregation

Safiyah Fosua and Taylor Burton-Edwards

Using the 2009-2012 Guidelines for Worship as a primary resource, this workshop will help participants understand and practice planning worship with vitality and excellence in their particular missional setting.

Audience: Pastors, Worship Leaders, Annual Conference Leaders for Worship Resourcing

S8 Network Group for Spiritual Formation

Stephen Bryant, Tom Albin, and Jerry Haas

Leaders will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in spiritual formation through

exploration of specific programs with information provided by both the leaders and the participants.

Audience: Leaders in Spiritual Formation

S9 Network Group for Leaders of Youth and Young Adults

Mike Ratliff, Julie O'Neal and Bill Lazor

Participants in this network group will explore together the key outcomes for vital ministries with youth and young people by looking at specific ministries and resources and through and information exchange among the leaders and the participants.

Audience: Leaders of Youth and Young Adults

S10 Conference Secretaries of Global Ministries

David Malloy

Members of this networking group will gain a greater understanding of the role and responsibilities of the CSGM.

Audience: CSGMs in each annual conference

S11 Conference Committees on Mission Personnel

Fred Price

This networking group will help participants to be more effective supporters and recruiters of

mission personnel.

Audience: Chairpersons and members of CCMPs and persons interested in missionary and mission personnel issues.

S12 Volunteer in Mission Coordinators and Leaders

Clinton Rabb

Participants in this networking group will learn better how to advance the VIM movement and be most effective in mission.

Audience: Leaders involved/interested in Volunteers in Mission

S13 Conference Board of Global Ministries or Equivalent Structures

John Nuessle

In this group, participants will receive and exchange information about and encouragement for the diverse ministry areas that are included in global ministries.

Audience: Conference leaders involved/interested in global ministries issues

S14 Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries

Enoch Hendry

This networking group is for those who are interested in learning more about how ACBHECMs can be

more effective. Participants will share what is happening in various annual conferences, see new resources, and discuss best practices.

Audience: Conference leaders interested/involved in ACBHECMs

S15 College or Seminary Bound?

Jim Harding and Allyson Collinsworth

This networking group will provide and exchange information regarding the application processes and eligibility criteria for the various loans and scholarship programs administered by the GBHEM Office of Loans and Scholarships.

Audience: Leaders in Higher Education

S16 Four Areas of Ministry: Legitimate Children of the Methodist Past

Robert Williams

This networking group will consider a general historical overview of Methodist work in each of the four foci.

Audience: Anyone interested in the historical roots in these 4 areas

S17 How UMM is Partnering with the Boards and Agencies to Integrate the Four Areas of Focus

David Adams

This networking group will help inform the participant on how the UMM as an agency of the UMC is addressing and implementing these foci and how we are partnering with all of the boards and agencies to effectively carry out the mission throughout the church.

Audience: UMM Leaders

S18 Church and Society

Clayton Childers and Neal Christie

Join in a time of dialogue for Church and Society leaders throughout the Connection to learn about how Church and Society ministries have proven to be effective in Annual Conferences. Learn how staff from GBCS can support you and your conference in your Church and Society ministry.

Audience: Chairpersons of Church and Society

S19 Peace with Justice

Mark Harrison

Join in a time of dialogue and learning about the current issues being faced by Peace with Justice Coordinators. How have Peace with Justice teams from conferences responded to promote peace in their areas? What's working? Where do we go from here? How can we support each other?

Audience: Peace with Justice Coordinators

S20 Network Group for New Church Development Leaders

Tom Butcher

During this time we will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in new church development through specific programs including Path One with information provided by both the leaders and the participants.

Audience: Leaders in new church development

S21 Beyond the Headcount: Connectors Toward Shared Commitments of Inclusivity

Garlinda Burton, Kim Coffing

This networking group will provide an overview of the challenging advocacy and woman-affirming ministries faced by the annual conference's Status and Role of Women Committees. Participants will construct an organizational "year in the life" for CSRW committees with suggestions for annual conferences where Status and Role of Women ministries have been joined with the ministries of Religion and Race

Audience: CSRW leaders

S22 The Native American Connection

Anita Phillips

This networking group will acquaint participants with the work of the Native American

Comprehensive Plan of the Church, especially as it relates to the four areas of focus, and will introduce information about other UM Native American entities. We will focus on developing and enhancing the work of each annual conference with Native Americans.

Audience: Persons interested in Native American ministry

S23 GCCUIC Networking

Wendy Whiteside

This networking group is for conference staff related to Christian unity and inter-religious connections.

S24 Rethink Church

Ken Sloane

Igniting Ministry and the Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors brand promise will be taken to the next level as we invite the UMC and the world to "Rethink Church" as not just where we go, but what we do. Come and share in a forum around these exciting plans for the global church.