

Call to a Hybrid Meeting of The Presbytery of Carlisle
February 25, 2023 9:00 am- 12:30 pm
Central Presbyterian Church, Chambersburg AND on Zoom



“Miraculous Draught of Fishes”
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Come...put out into the deep water and let down your nets, says Jesus, to us. Into the deep water, dark and murky, teeming with life. Bring your hands and hearts along with the tools of your trade and let them down. Release the life you have known. Let down your defenses. Signal your partners. Fall on your knees. Do not be afraid.

Have you heard the call of Jesus? Then come, as we explore what it means to follow Him today. Our February presbytery meeting will include workshop break-out spaces for Pastors, Elders, and Deacons, based on the theme, leading in liminal times - in between the ways of doing and being church we have known and cherished and the emergence of a life we cannot imagine. In the ‘deep water’ where our neighbors struggle and our planet groans and our own souls cry out for mercy, for grace, for love, could it be that Jesus will give us hope and teach us trust?

The docket and other materials for reference during this meeting will be found on the [Presbytery Meetings page](#) of our website, by February 15. To optimize your experience of a presbytery meeting on Zoom, we recommend you read these [Guidelines for a Hybrid Presbytery meeting](#).

Please see the line-up of workshops described below and **use [this link](#) to pre-register by February 20th**. Upon registration you will be directed to another page that confirms your registration and gives you the Zoom link for the meeting.

Feel free to forward this email to all Session members and Boards of Deacons!

Unless otherwise indicated, workshops will be offered in hybrid format. On-line participants will join a Zoom break-out room designated to the workshop of your choice. Those present at Central will be directed to workshop spaces in the building. Workshop leaders will facilitate both in-person and on-line participants. Pre-registration is critical! We will do our best to provide ample physical space, band-width, and tech equipment to make this work, but we'll need an accurate understanding of the numbers. ***Please use the registration link found above, to register by Monday, February 20th***. Each person attending should complete the form.

Our presbytery worship will also include a sermon by out-going Moderator Neal McCulloch. We will install Moderator-Elect Scott Bowerman and Vice-Moderator Elect Roz Presby, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. If you are attending via zoom, please have communion elements at the ready for your participation in the sacrament. An offering to benefit the blessing box ministry of the Central Presbyterian Church will be received.

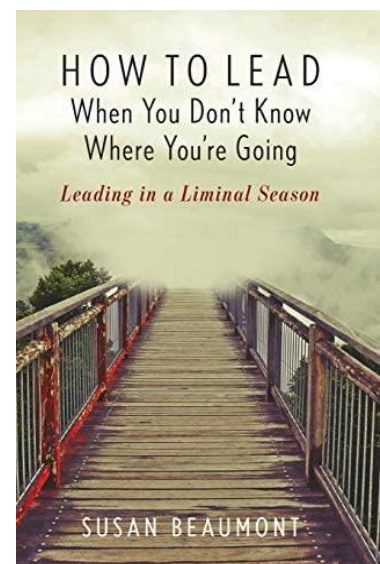
Workshop Choices

How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going

Hybrid, for Pastors, Elders and Deacons

Facilitated by The Rev. Cheryl Galan

It can be tempting to think that we must try harder, work smarter, and do more in order for our churches to thrive. But Susan Beaumont's book describes distinctive leadership qualities, practices and strategies that are especially effective for time in-between, such as we are living through. Her book describes a way of approaching leadership that may not be familiar to pastors trained in leadership for the church's 'glory days.' Pastors who attempt to make necessary leadership shifts may face resistance from congregations who are justifiably anxious about their future. We can't do this alone! This workshop will unpack some of the key features of leadership for liminal times and provide resources



for pastors who wish to study the book with Sessions or other groups.



Cheryl Galan is Interim Executive Presbyter with Carlisle Presbytery. Before her seminary graduation, Cheryl served the Derry, Faith and Market Square congregations as Christian Educator. In her 25 years of ordained ministry, Cheryl served as a pastor with congregations in New York, Kansas, and Wisconsin and as the Transitional Leader of the Presbytery of Elizabeth in New Jersey. Given the internal and external forces that impact our pastors, Sessions, and congregations, Cheryl's current focus is on soul-tending that develops capacity to learn and lead, in the midst of this dis-orienting yet potential-filled time.

Creative Spiritual Practices for Pastors

For Pastors: In-Person Participation Only

Facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey

Our congregations expect pastors to be the most spiritual person among them. Too often, however, clergy struggle to maintain a personal vibrant connection with God through regular spiritual practices. As one pastor recently commented, "It is easier to stay busy with committees, discuss budgets, and run the institution than to keep up my own spiritual life." Let's explore a variety of practices and creative ways to keep our spiritual lives fresh. Target audience: Clergy, Christian Educators, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Seminarians



Bruce Humphrey has pastored Presbyterian congregations of less than 100 and more than 2400. His book, *I'M IN LOVE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT* is recognized for its mystical and practical theology of experiencing God in ordinary activities.



A Church Guide for Choosing Your Next Adventure

Hybrid, for Proactive Sessions and COM Conversation Partners

Facilitated by the Rev. Ryan Landino, Presbytery Leader, the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

More and more churches can project how many years they have remaining before their current model of doing ministry is no longer sustainable. Not knowing how to confront these realities together can hinder our ability to adapt. Based on fruitful collaborations with presbyteries in the Midwest, this workshop models a non-anxious, conversational approach for how sessions can explore new possibilities together. Using images and a little lighthearted humor, we will present 11 options as an imagination primer, ranging from the “*all the bells and whistles*” option of a full-time pastor, to the “*yes, ruling elders can do that*” option of a commissioned ruling elder. Participants will leave with encouragement to reframe our barriers constructively, and center dignity over failure, resurrection over death.



Facilitator: Rev. Ryan Landino (he) is the Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. He previously served as Lead Presbyter for Transformation of Great Rivers Presbytery in Illinois, with ten years of small church ministry experience, including intercultural contexts in New Jersey as pastor of a Slovak immigrant church and as director of an English-speaking Taiwanese-American ministry. He lives in St. Louis with his fellow Pennsylvania-born spouse, and also their one-year-old puppy Yuna. All three are Philadelphia sports phans.

For all levels, particularly for those navigating conversations about change as a participant (congregations) or facilitator (Commission on Ministry liaisons).

Basic Workshop for New Ruling Elders

Hybrid, Facilitated by the Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber

You said “yes” to God’s call; now what? *This interactive workshop will guide new ruling elders through fundamental Session responsibilities relating to worship, education, mission, and administration.* We’ll explore duties that are mandated, strongly recommended, suitable, and permissible. Bring your copy of Part II of the PC(USA) Constitution, our *Book of Order (BOO)*. The 2019-2023 edition of the *BOO* is available for \$10 from the PC(USA) on-line store; the electronic version can be downloaded for free, (purple cover with 9 squares on the front). Ruling elders returning to Session for another term who’d like a refresher class are welcome to participate. Whether we were born into – or adopted into – the Presbyterian tradition, it’s usually not until God calls us to ordained ministry as Church Officers that we realize the importance of leadership that is faithful to our Reformed heritage. Good news: we don’t have to re-create the wheel!



The Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber is the Recording Clerk of Carlisle Presbytery. A member-at-large, Pastor Katy enjoys partnering with people from congregations across the presbytery, working together through the Commission on Ministry (COM). A “utility player,” she serves where needed as Pulpit Supply, Moderator, Discernment Consultant, Retreat Leader and Coach.

Trauma-Informed Congregational/Pastoral Care
Deacons and Pastors
Facilitated by The Rev. Rachel Schwab

Hybrid, for

As our churches experience shifts due to social-economic struggles, substance abuse issues, mental-health concerns, we see more folks in our neighborhood and surrounding communities as well as existing members reaching out to the church for assistance. Are we prepared for these changes and the folks who seek hospitality in addition to resources? How do deacons and pastors provide spiritual care in such multi-layered interactions? In this practical workshop, we will gain tools and self-awareness for our spiritual toolbox.



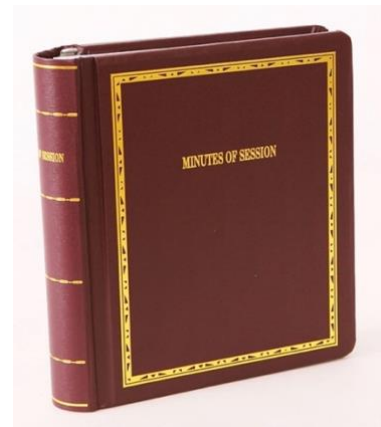


Rachel Schwab is a teaching elder who has served congregations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Hawaii, Michigan and currently, Carlisle PA for a total of 23 years. She received her MDIV from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 1998 and was ordained at her home church, Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, in 1999. She and her pastor husband, Chris, serve together at First United Church of Christ, Carlisle. Rachel received her Certificate of Trauma and Spiritual Care from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 2022 and specializes in Trauma-informed care and elder care. She is a Reiki practitioner and teacher, proud deacon since 1985, and the proud mom of a 16-year-old son.

Basic Workshop for Clerks of Session

Hybrid, for New and Continuing Clerks
Facilitated by The Rev. Kristal Smith

The work Clerks of Sessions do, such as keeping the records, telling the story of what happens in meetings (through minutes), and communicating about policies and procedures all contribute toward the healthy functioning of the Session, in fulfillment of the church's purpose and values. In this space, we'll handle some of the nuts and bolts of how Clerks of Session maintain orderly records and correspondence in faithful witness to the local congregation's participation in Christ's ministry to the world. This is a good place for new clerks to stop by, but all are welcome. There will be time for the questions you bring as well as general conversation.



Kristal Smith currently serves as the Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership, something which brings together her vision for orderliness, desire for meeting people where they are, and passion for uncovering and co-creating life-giving ways of fulfilling God's purposes together.

#ProChurchGrower: Using digital tools for growth

Hybrid, for Church Communication Staff and Volunteers

Facilitated by John Fong

Now that you've begun to use digital tools for worship, for learning, for promotion of your church's ministries, are you ready to use these tools to build relationships that grow your connections within and beyond the congregation? This workshop highlights three church case studies from a Synod of the Northeast Innovation Grant and the



#ProChurchGrower program. The case studies will share stories and proven strategies that will help:

- Grow your church...
- Overcome online digital clutter...
- Reach your target audience...
- Improve your overall communications and exposure...
- Improve hybrid authenticity...
- Offer you help with following through...



John Fong is a Hybrid Church Growth Communications Consultant, currently working with presbyteries and churches in three Synods. John focuses on creating result/data proven programs that help churches increase reach, engagement, enhance overall communication, hybrid authenticity, and help churches grow.