



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

For Officers and Leaders during the 2019
February Stated Meeting of the Presbytery

- You must register *in advance* for all workshops.
- **Registration is due by Thursday, February 7, 2019.**
- Submit this completed registration via scan or mail to:

Scan: office@cpresby.org
 Mail: Presbytery of Cincinnati, 1323 Myrtle Avenue,
 Cincinnati, OH 45206

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Home Congregation: _____

Workshop Selection

Please mark **one** AM Workshop (Morning) and **one** PM Workshop (Afternoon):

- AM PM Praying the Alphabet: Spirituality for Small Churches...
- AM PM Administrative Ministry: Stewarding the Significant...
- AM PM Church Property: Stewardship & Hospitality Ministries
- AM PM Deepening the Spiritual Life: Lessons for Leaders
- AM PM Engaging Youth Through Summer Youth Programs...
- AM PM Faithful Use of Endowments
- AM PM Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
- AM PM Homelessness in Cincinnati
- AM PM Making Peace Together
- AM PM One Hopeful Fund and Mission Giving
- AM PM Preaching Lent
- AM PM Training for Clerks of Session



*Workshops for Officers & Leaders During the
 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery
 Saturday • February 16, 2019*

**Westwood-First Presbyterian Church
 3011 Harrison Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45211**

▶ REGISTER BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019!

The Stated Meeting Of The Presbytery

Saturday, February 16, 2019 • 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Westwood-First Presbyterian Church • Cincinnati, OH

Schedule

Order of business subject to change

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens & PC(USA) Bookstore Opens
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order with Prayer
Preliminary Business
Report on the AC for Elmwood-Carthage
Report on the AC for Reading-Lockland
Sermon: Reverend Lisa Hickman,
WeeKirk Presenter-Author-PC(USA) Pastor
- 10:00 a.m. **AM Workshop** • Morning Opportunity
- 11:30 a.m. Committee Reports
Report of the Committee on Ministry
Report of the Presbytery Council
- 12:15 p.m. Meal & Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. **PM Workshop** • Afternoon Opportunity
- 2:30 p.m. Officers and Staff
Report of the Stated Clerk
Report of the General Presbyter
- 2:45 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion
- 3:00 p.m. Adjournment and Benediction

Training ^{FOR} Clerks of Session

The clerk of session is the communicator between the church and other councils, keeps the history of the church through the minutes of session and congregation, and provides guidance and support as the congregation works in mission and ministry. This workshop provides an opportunity to learn from other clerks and from the Stated Clerk of Presbytery about the nuts and bolts of the job and ideas to make it easier. Come share ideas, polity issues, process items and other Presbyterian things.

Presenter: *Melana Scruggs is the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery and has been a clerk for over 10 years. She enjoys sharing with clerks of session and helping congregations find ways to do what God is calling them to do.*

Preaching Lent

This workshop begins with a brief introduction to the background of Lent in the history of the church and the theological focus of the season for today. The focus will be on the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for Ash Wednesday, the Five Sundays in Lent, and Palm/Passion Sunday. The session includes an overview of the setting and purposes of the Gospel of Luke, the source of most of the Gospel readings in Lent, with discussion of some preaching themes for Ash Wednesday and the individual Sundays in Lent

Presenter: *Ron Allen is Professor of Preaching, and of Gospels and Letters, Emeritus, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. Among his recent works is the co-edited series Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary (three volumes, Westminster John Knox Press and, with O. Wesley Allen, Jr., The Sermon Without End: Preaching as Conversation (Abingdon Press).*

One Hopeful Fund ^{and} Mission Giving

This workshop answers a variety of questions: What is the mission of the Presbytery? How is the mission of the Presbytery unique? What is mission giving? How is mission giving distinct from per capita? What does it mean to be a Presbyterian connected to the mission of the whole church? What is this One Hopeful Fund? How does the One Hopeful Fund work? If you have a strong passion for mission, or have previously accessed "Local Mission Partnerships", or desire to do more collaborative ministry in the region with other Presbyterians, then this is workshop for you!

Presenters: *Rev. Tyler Pettigrew, Pastor of West Chester and Council member, and Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian, General Presbyter – both passionate about local, regional, and global Presbyterian mission.*

Homelessness in Cincinnati

Are you aware of the crisis of affordable housing in Cincinnati? Do you understand the complexity of what feeds the housing crisis? What do you know about it? Ever wish you could do something to help as a Christian? This workshop will offer stories of people feeling nudged to do something, and then provide time and space for conversations and questions about how we as a Presbytery might collaborate to help alleviate homelessness.

Presenters: : Rev. Nancy Ross-Zimmerman is the Associate Pastor at Northminster; Kevin Finn is the Executive Director of Strategies to End Homelessness, an agency in Cincinnati which partners with more than 30 nonprofit service providers and allocates federal, state, county, and city funding to their partners; and Peter Teremi is a Ruling Elder at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, whose proceeds from his latest book, The Murphy-Cam Project - The Year of the Flood are being used to help neighbors who live without a home.

Making Peace Together

What can we, as followers of Jesus, do to make peace when there has been terrible conflict? Hear stories from the front lines of the wars in Syria and Colombia as churches respond to the needs around them. 11 million Syrians and 7 million Colombians are affected, many being displaced. How do members and neighbors build bridges with those who have been enemies? How do they respond to the exhaustion, fear, the grief and loss, and find ways to live side by side? Where do forgiveness and reconciliation fit into the process? These churches have much to teach us about being the body of Christ.

Presenter: Rev. Kathy Angi, Honorably Retired and Moderator at Winton Hills. Rev. Angi is also an International Consultant for ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance in mental health and psychosocial support.



2019 Workshop Descriptions

Choose **two workshops** - one morning session and one afternoon session - that speak to you and the congregation that you serve!

Praying the Alphabet: Spirituality for Small Churches *and* Others

If we are to "pray without ceasing" as scripture encourages, then this workshop is an encouragement to new ways of spiritual formation through prayer as we learn to pray the alphabet. We will share new prompts for prayer that might be used in personal devotion, small groups, hospital rooms, letter writing or session meetings. And, we'll brainstorm ways to pray the alphabet while cutting the grass or filling your tank with gas! Come ready to pray from "A to thee."

Presenter: Lisa Nichols Hickman is a Presbyterian pastor who has served churches in Princeton, NJ; Tucson, AZ; Charlotte, NC; New Wilmington, PA and Sharon, PA. She just completed her Ph.D. in Theology from Duquesne University defending a thesis on "A Disability Theology of Limits for Responding to Moral Injury." She is the author of: Writing in the Margins: Connecting with God on the Pages of Your Bible, The Worshiping Life, 26 Ways to Pray the Alphabet and Mercy and Melons. Her husband Jason is a Presbyterian pastor as well and they have two teenage daughters Caitlyn and Leah. Lisa enjoys riding her bicycle on the back roads of Amish country.

Administrative Ministry: Stewarding the Significant Resources of People *and* Money

Administrative Ministry can be translated into boring and efficient considerations that many don't consider "ministry". However, any minister or elder with some limited experience understands the role administration and management plays in pastoral effectiveness. Come and learn about the many sides of administration, including overseeing church finances, building and groups, working through leaders, motivating disciples, and overseeing church staff. The Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, and Building and Grounds Committee may be particularly interested in this workshop.

Presenter: Ruling Elder Bill Maney, Treasurer and Trustee of the Presbytery of Cincinnati and leader of the Resource Management Team at Crestview.

Church Property: Stewardship ^{and} Hospitality Ministries

Our congregations have been entrusted with the gift of our property and our buildings, but often these things can feel more like burdens than gifts. How do we use what we have been given, and what has been stewarded and handed down to us by our predecessors, all to the glory of God? What principles should we be thinking about when extending hospitality, and how do these questions inform the week by week, month by month care of our buildings and grounds? Join us as we explore both the theology and the nuts-and-bolts practical questions of church property.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Joshua Long and Ruling Elders Deanna Jones, Erwin Hein, and Barry Fury all serve at First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, OH.

Deepening the Spiritual Life: Lessons ^{for} Leaders

The weight of "should" can be heavy for church leaders - ruling elders, ministers, deacons, and others alike. I should read the Bible more. I should pray more. I should be more patient with people. But what if there's another way? In this workshop, begin learning to let go of "should," and encounter a gentler, kinder spiritual life, where God will transform how you live, how you love, and how you lead.

Presenter: Rev. Kelsey Hawisher-Faul, Associate Pastor, Heritage, Mason, OH.

Engaging Youth through Summer Youth Programs ^{and} the Ministry of the Presbytery Youth Committee (PYC)

The Presbytery Youth Committee (PYC) is newly redesigned as a standing committee of the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Come hear about what is happening for youth in our Presbytery: the goals, accomplishments and summer plans. Learn about the Winton Hills Summer Camp Program, serving children and youth ages 5-15 in the Winton Terrace community. Each day, campers engage in different enrichment activities, with Fridays offering special field trips in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Morning Presenter: Rev. David Annett, Pastor at Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church and Director of Youth and Fresh Spirit Worship at Knox Presbyterian Church. **Afternoon Presenters:** Carla Smith, Lakeside Presbyterian Church where she has served as an elder, a deacon and a youth advisor. Also presenting is Ms. Jordan Sroufe-Kilgore, who served as the administrator of the youth summer program at Winton Hills Community Church and currently serves as Resource Coordinator at Rockdale Academy.

Faithful Use of Endowments

Endowment gifts are theological statements which demonstrate one's belief that we are never ultimately proprietors, owners, but only stewards, lifetime guardians entrusted by God to use wisely what God has placed in our hands. At this workshop, learn how to use endowments and investments to fund ministry. In a day and age when many are tempted to drain their endowment and investments to fund ministry, we discuss how to effectively manage those funds. When an individual creates an endowment gift for the church during or beyond their lifetime, it declares to the present and future generations the importance of our faith and trust in God. We have each drawn water from the wells we have not dug; we have sat under shades trees we did not plant and we each have a wonderful opportunity to provide the means for the church to have a strong and empowering ministry for generations to come.

Presenter: Lisa Longo, Ministry Relations Officer serving the Central Region, the Presbyterian Foundation.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity...today's people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by these qualities. The presence and strength of these practices demonstrate congregational health, vitality, and fruitfulness. Learn about these practices and share your congregation's success in the programs and services offered to your members, community, and the Presbytery of Cincinnati network of vital congregations. Workshop is based on the resources related to [Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations](#) by Robert Schnase, Bishop of the Rio Texas Conference of the UMC.

Presenter: Ruling Elder Bill Bogdan, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

