GROWING TOGETHER

A Christian education event for church members, educators & clergy

Sponsored by
The Presbytery of New Hope

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1704 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27608

September 29, 2012 9 am - 3:30 pm
Christian Education

DISPATCHES TO GOD'S HOUSEHOLD: THE GENERAL EPISTLES (Same course, offered twice) – Nancy Benson-Nicol (AM1 and PM1)
Preview the 2012-2013 Presbyterian Women’s HORIZON’S Bible Study, led by the author.

BODY AND SOUL: SEXUALITY AND CHRISTIAN YOUTH – Gair McCullough (AM2)
Learn about faith-based sexuality education. Identify ways to start or improve the sex education your church offers, and share ideas and resources for use with high school youth.

ENGAGING YOUNG ADULTS – Christi O. Brown (AM4)
Discover various ways to actively engage an often underserved population (young adults, approx. ages 22 – 35) in the overall life of the church.

BIBLE STUDY FOR HERETICS – Nolan Huizenga (PM5)
If you love the Bible but wonder if you are a heretic, or if you are hesitant to open the Bible because of what you might find, join this engaging discussion to discover freeing and hopeful ways to read the Bible.

EMBRACE LIFELONG LEARNING: TEACHING ADULTS – Sung Hee Chang (PM7)
Get a snapshot of what occupies the hearts and minds of adults in your church, and learn how to reach them.

BREATHING LIFE IN INTO YOUTH MINISTRY – Joe Ward (PM11)
Discover how the models and aims of youth ministry in New Hope Presbytery can assist congregations in their ministry.

Church in the World

INVISIBLE NEIGHBORS: IF YOU DON’T SEE THEM, YOU'RE NOT LOOKING – Karen Hoffman (PM2)
Discuss Jesus’ answer to the familiar question, “Who is my neighbor?” Invisible Neighbors is designed to motivate believers to engage with the poor and homeless in ways that will impact their communities, their churches, and their own individual lives.

PROMOTING TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE IN HAITI, ONE CHILD AT A TIME – Geoffrey Hamlyn (AM7)
Join a panel discussion led by the executive director of Hearts with Haiti. Discussion will focus on promoting transformative change through targeted, accountable mission work in Haiti.

CREATING AND NURTURING INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS – Karla Ann Koll and Chris Roseland (AM12)
Learn about PC(USA) resources that can help match your congregation’s vision for mission and service with another church a world away.

Worship and Spirituality

LIVE FREELY AND LIGHTLY – Cynthia Williams (PM6)
If you are you tired, worn out, or feeling burned out on religion, come find out what might it look like to learn the unforced rhythms of grace and walk the way of Jesus.

LIVING INTO A GOOD DEATH: THE CHURCH’S ROLE IN PREPARATION AND CARE – Betsy Cameron Eder (AM9)
Discover ways congregations can lean on our faith resources, our relationships as a church family, and our church life to prepare for our own deaths, and to guide our care for those who are dying and grieving.

SPIRITUALITY AND YOUTH – M. J. Junkin (AM10)
In a hands-on, self-paced workshop, participants will experience time in prayer as well as take-away ideas to use in their youth ministries back home.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE FAMILY – M. J. Junkin (PM9)
Learn how to make your home a spiritual oasis where family members of all ages grow in faith.

THE PRACTICE OF PASSIONATE WORSHIP – Karl Zinsmeister (PM3)
In the search for authentic worship, look at how worship and education go together to form us spiritually.
Church Life

HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CHURCH – Matt Ferraguto (AM3)
Discuss how to use social media to connect with active and prospective church members and raise awareness and support for your ministries. Learn how to safeguard the privacy and security of children online.

DEALING WITH DILEMMAS – Christi O. Brown (PM4)
Learn, as church leaders, how to work on problems that have no answers by helping leaders to adapt to change.

GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN: INCLUDING ALL GOD’S FAMILY IN DISABILITY MINISTRY – Nella Uitvlugt (AM5)
Learn how to work with our church members with disabilities by thinking inclusively, making worship and liturgy accessible, and exploring appropriate curriculum.

MILESTONES MINISTRY – Medora Hix (AM6)
Learn how the church can recognize and celebrate life’s significant events (e.g., receiving a Bible, starting school, getting a driver’s license), in relation to God’s story.

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS FIGHT FAIRLY – David and Sallie Verner (AM8)
Explore and practice listening, speaking, and seeking truth in community, with particular attention to the issues that have closed the doors to dialogue and discouraged attempts to build community within the church family.

STRENGTHEN IN FAITH, GROW IN NUMBERS – Moffett Churn (PM8)
Listen and learn from a forum of leaders who have engaged in the Acts 16:5 Initiative, moving congregations from a traditional view of church to a more spiritual, nurturing, and welcoming model.

LEADERSHIP IS TEAMWORK: BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE TEAM – Janel Dixon (AM11)
Analyze ways to overcome the "five dysfunctions of a team" in order to enhance leadership, mission, and goals, with special emphasis on building an effective leadership team.

WE LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES: LEADERSHIP PITFALLS – Janel Dixon (PM10)
Consider positive skills and attitudes that can overcome the "top ten mistakes" leaders are prone to make.

The Planning Committee

| Sarah Lien Finnerty, Moderator | Mary Todd Peters | David White |
| Rev. Betty Berghaus | Rev. Katie Ricks | Marietta Wynands |
| Brenda Brown | Nancy Rozak | Staff – Rev. Marilyn Hein |
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| Catherine Devins | Hallie Spence | |
| Rev. Diane Knauf | Janet Stark | |

The Helen Mozingo Offering

An offering will be received at the 9:30 AM worship service prior to the sermon and will be added to the principal of the Helen Mozingo Endowment Fund. The Helen Mozingo Endowment Fund was created in 2000 to honor the Christian service of Helen Mozingo, elder in the Selma Presbyterian Church, who served the presbytery for forty years. As a young public school teacher, she began her service as a camp counselor. In her later life, she chaired the Small Church Committee for many years. This endowment fund will support continuing education for small church pastors and leaders.
Christopher began ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in September of 2011. His primary responsibilities are preaching, teaching, pastoral care, membership development, staff development, and long-term planning. Christopher has moderated presbytery committees and serves on the board of the Presbyterian Outlook. He was recently recognized as a William Friday Fellow (2011-13). Christopher is a graduate of Davidson College, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Master of Divinity), and Columbia Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry). He has also served churches in Charlotte and Tarboro.

**Faculty**

**NANCY BENSON-NICOL** – Ordained Presbyterian minister; chaplain, University of the Ozarks; author; B.A., Swarthmore College; M.Div., Harvard Divinity School.

**CHRISTI O. BROWN** – Ordained Presbyterian minister; has taught Adaptive Leadership to various churches and ecumenical leaders, particularly while working for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School; has served as parish associate for Young Adult Ministry as well as campus minister; B.S. in Physics, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC; M.S. in Industrial Engineering, Clemson University; M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary.

**SUNG HEE CHANG** – Professor, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA; has served as church educator in local congregations; B.A. in Psychology, Sung Shin Women's University, Seoul, Korea; M.A. in Christian Education and Ph.D.Min., Union Presbyterian Seminary.

**MOFFETT CHURN** – Associate Pastor, West Raleigh Church; M.A. in Christian Education, Presbyterian School of Christian Education; M.Div., Union Presbyterian Seminary.

**JANEL DIXON** – Pastor, Calvary Church, Wilson, NC; co-author of *Women of Color* Bible study; B.A., Eastern University, St. Davids, PA; M.Div. and M.T.S., Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; D.Min. in Leadership Theory and Formation, Princeton Theological Seminary.

**BETSY CAMERON EDER** – Ordained Presbyterian minister; chaplain with Wake County Hospice; attends West Raleigh Church; B.S., North Carolina State University; M.Div., Duke Divinity School.

**MATT FERRAGUTO** – Social Media Director, Eckel & Vaughan Marketing Agency, Raleigh; member of First Church, Raleigh; B.A., Duke University.

**GEOFFREY HAMLYN** – Executive Director, Hearts with Haiti, Raleigh, NC; professional musician; M.A., Juilliard School of Music.

**MEDORA HIX** – Director of Christian Education, Cary Presbyterian Church; has served four churches as church educator; served on staff of Presbytery of East Iowa in continuing education; past president of Association of Presbyterian Church Educators; B.S. in Social Work, Florida State University; M.R.E., McMaster Divinity School, Ontario, Canada.
KAREN HOFFMAN – Director of Church and Community Outreach, Raleigh Rescue Mission; Twenty years of experience in ministering to at-risk youth, low-income families, and individuals with life controlling issues such as homelessness, drug abuse and alcoholism; B.S. in Business Administration, Eastern Nazarene College.

KARLA ANN KOLL – Professor of History, Religions and Mission, Latin American Biblical University, Costa Rica and Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, Guatemala; has served as a mission co-worker in Central America for 20 years; M.Div. and S.T.M., Union Theological Seminary, New York; Ph.D. in Mission, Ecumenics, and History of Religions, Princeton Theological Seminary.

NOLAN HUIZENGA – Associate Pastor for Covenant Life, White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC; M.A., Drew University; M.Div., Princeton Seminary.

M. J. JUNKIN – Christian educator; member of Faithbridge Presbyterian Church, Frisco, TX; B.A., University of South Carolina; M.A in Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Seminary.

GAIR MCCULLOUGH – Minister of Youth Ministry, Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, NC; B.A., UNC- Chapel Hill; working on M.A. in Theology and M.A. in Christian Practice, Duke Divinity School.

CHRIS ROSELAND – Associate for Church Support, PC(USA), Louisville, KY; has served as Director of Church Relations, interim college chaplain, and local church pastor; B.S., Texas Christian University; M.A. in Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX; M.Div., Texas Christian University; D.Min., Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

NELLA UITVLUGT – Executive Director, Friendship Ministries; past president of the Religion and Spirituality Division of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; serves on the leadership team of the National Council of Churches in Christ on Disabilities; B.S., Calvin College.

DAVID VERNER – Pastoral Counselor, Triangle Pastoral Counseling Center, Raleigh, NC; an ordained minister in the PC(USA) for 40 years; fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors; B.A., Johns Hopkins University; M.Div., Union Presbyterian Seminary; Ph.D., Emory University.

SALLIE VERNER – Retired church educator; 40 years of work in 5 congregations; trainer for Healthy Congregations; facilitator for Bridgebuilder; B.A., Elon University; M.A. in Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Seminary.

JOE WARD – Pastor, West Raleigh Church (which hosts Hearts With Haiti, as well as other helping organizations); serves on council of Presbytery of New Hope, governing board of the North Carolina Council of Churches, and the board of directors of Raleigh Urban Ministry; B.A., Bethany College, WV; M.Div., Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN; D.Min., Princeton Theological Seminary.

CYNTHIA WILLIAMS – Pastor, consultant, retreat leader; graduate of Shalem Institute’s training in Leaders of Spiritual Formation Groups; B.A., St. Andrews University, Laurinburg, NC; M.A. in Christian Education, Union Theological Seminary; M.Div., San Francisco Theological Seminary.

KARL ZINSMEISTER – Director of Music, White Memorial Church; church musician for over 25 years; taught courses at college level; works with vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages and abilities; on national board for Presbyterian Association of Church Musicians; B.M., St. Olaf College; M.M., Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ; D.A., University of Mississippi.
**Schedule**

8:45 AM – 3:45 PM  
Childcare (First Floor, Luther Bldg)

9 – 9:30 AM  
Registration, Coffee and Pastries

9:30 – 10:30 AM  
Worship  
The Rev. Dr. Christopher Edmonston  
Preaching

10:45 AM – 12:30 PM  
**AM COURSES**  
AM1 – Dispatches to God's Household  
AM2 – Body and Soul  
AM3 – How to Use Social Media  
AM4 – Engaging Young Adults Adaptive Leadership  
AM5 – Glimpses of Heaven  
AM6 – Milestone Ministries  
AM7 – Promoting Transformational Change in Haiti  
AM8 – Healthy Congregations  
AM9 – Living Into a Good Death  
AM10 – Spirituality and Youth  
AM11 – Leadership in Teamwork  
AM12 – Creating and Nourishing Int’l Mission Partnerships

12:30 – 1:30 PM  
Lunch

1:45 – 3:30 PM  
PM COURSES  
PM1 – Dispatches to God’s Household  
PM2 – Invisible Neighbors  
PM3 – Practice of Passionate Worship  
PM4 – Dealing with Dilemmas  
PM5 – Bible Study for Heretics  
PM6 – Living Free and Lightly  
PM7 – Embracing Lifelong Learning  
PM8 – Strengthen in Faith  
PM9 – Spirituality in the Family  
PM10 – We Learn from Our Mistakes  
PM11 – Breathing Life into Youth Ministry

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### Growing Together 2012 Registration

| Name __________________________________________________ | Address ________________________________ |
| City ___________________________ Zip ___________ Telephone ________________________________ |
| Church __________________________ Your Role ________________________________ |
| **Course Preferences (List number and name; class size is limited.)** |
| **AM Course (First Choice)** _____________________________________________ |
| **AM Course (Second Choice)** _____________________________________________ |
| **PM Course (First Choice)** _____________________________________________ |
| **PM Course (Second Choice)** _____________________________________________ |
| **Request for Childcare** (6 mo. through kindergarten only.) |
| Names of Children/Ages _____________________________________________ |
| + Cost per child—$10 (Pay with registration.) Bring a bag lunch for each child. Childcare closes at 3:45 PM. |
| **Registration Fee:** $20 (Lunch provided. Vegetarian meals available. If you have special dietary needs, please plan to bring your own food.) |
| **Deadline:** September 20, 2012 |
| **Late Registration Fee:** $25 (No confirmation or refunds will be sent after deadline date.) |
| + Church is handicap accessible, with reserved parking marked. Wheelchairs available. |
| + Dress in layers; rooms may vary in temperature. |
| Mail registration and check payable to: |
| Presbytery of New Hope, 2022 McDonald Lane, Raleigh, NC 27608 |
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