



NOVA DISTRICT TRAINING DAY Returns Jan. 20!

Recovering the "E" Word: Embracing Evangelism, Making Disciples

Northern Virginia District Training Day returns on **Saturday, January 20** in **HYBRID** format and will help us explore the "E" word. Floris UMC in Herndon will be hosting our event where our speakers will offer workshops live and in person. We are capping our in person registration at **200** this year so if you want to come to Floris, **register early!**

We will also broadcast **SOME** of our workshops live for virtual participants on January 20. Our Kids' Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Korean Language workshops are available in person only.

On Training Day in person and virtual participants will experience the Keynote Presentation at **8:30 a.m.** and then a workshop of their choice at **10:15 a.m.** and a second workshop of their choice at **1:00 p.m.**

Participants will select their location (in person or virtual) as well as their morning and afternoon workshops during the registration process.

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. -- Keynote Presentation

10:15 a.m. -- Morning Session

11:45 a.m. -- Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. -- Afternoon Session

**Participants will only be able to attend the keynote and 2 workshops on January 20, but all 13 sessions will be recorded and will be available to all ticket holders via the replay tab for six months beginning on January 21.*

TICKET TYPES AND INFORMATION

This year we have two different tickets: IN PERSON & VIRTUAL. All tickets cost \$60 and include the Keynote Presentation, 2 live workshops on January 20, and access to recordings of all 13 workshops for 6 months. In Person tickets also include lunch.

IN PERSON

In person participants will spend their training day **at Floris UMC** where they will experience being together in the room where it happens with workshop speakers and other participants. Lunch will be provided.

We have capped In Person registration at 200 and we expect to sell out so register TODAY!

*Early-Bird pricing (\$40!) is available **until December 20!***

In Person tickets will only be sold until January 10 and **will NOT** be sold at the door.

VIRTUAL

Virtual participants may select one of three 10:15 a.m. workshops and one of three 1:00 p.m. workshops to attend online January 20.

Please note: the Kids' Ministry, Youth Ministry, and Korean language tracks will not be streamed--participants desiring those tracks will need to purchase an in person ticket to attend those workshops on January 20.

Four or more virtual participants meeting together as a team may take advantage of our **Team Pricing** of \$50 each. All team members will be registered for the same workshops.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

TICKETS: \$60/PERSON

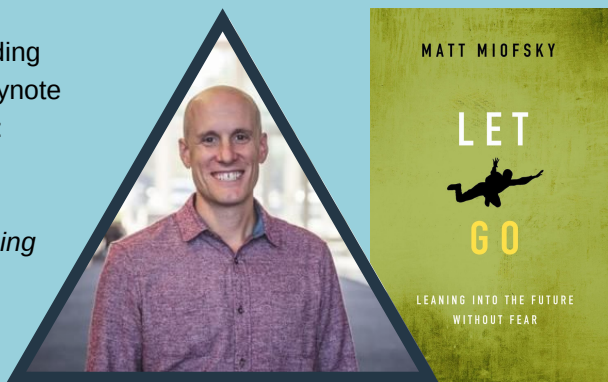
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

We are THRILLED to have **Rev. Matt Miofsky**, Lead and Founding Pastor of The Gathering in St. Louis, Missouri with us as our Keynote Speaker. He is also the author of many books including "Let Go: Leaning Into the Future Without Fear"

Together we will spend a day *Recovering the "E" Word: Embracing Evangelism, Making Disciples.*

KEYNOTE: Recovering the "E" Word
A WORKSHOP BY Matt Miofsky



Evangelism is a loaded term. From door-to-door religious salespeople to strong-arm tactics to get people to church, many pastors are rightfully skeptical of the word. Yet invitation is at the heart of our faith. Many of our churches still desire to reach new people but many of us don't know where to practically start. Evangelism is a muscle that has atrophied, and we need to rebuild the practice in a new way. Despite its misuse, evangelism is a word worth recovering. We will talk about what evangelism is, what it isn't, and most importantly, how we can recover a practice of invitation in our churches. In this talk, we will not only talk about a faithful way to think about evangelism but also learn several practical ways to teach it to our people.

10:15 A.M. WORKSHOPS

LET GO: LEANING INTO THE FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR (MANAGING TRANSITION IN YOUR CHURCH)



REV. MATT MIOFSKY

Lead and Founding Pastor of The Gathering, Author

We can't avoid change. It is happening all around us. But we can avoid dealing with, making sense of, and responding to that change. Many leaders face the challenge of trying to help a church transition into the future. Leading through transitional times requires leading congregations and institutions through overcoming fear, managing uncertainty, and embracing the risk inherent in a new future. But hope lies in seeing change not as a problem to fear but an opportunity to live into. In this workshop, we will learn core principles that can help us lead change in our congregations.

NEIGHBORING RELATIONSHIPS AS EVANGELISM



REV. DR. LYNNE CALDWELL

President, Neighborhood Seminary

Smaller membership congregations are especially adept at cultivating family-like relationships. This workshop will offer suggestions and practices for sharing the good news of God's love for all people by using existing strengths/assets for building relationships, welcoming others to the table of Grace through practical, every day neighborly interactions.

These three workshops are available to **BOTH Virtual** and **In Person** ticket holders.

PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS: SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND THE REIGN OF GOD



DR. RICK ELGENDY

Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Public Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary

Protestant understandings of the gospel have often focused either on a change in God's disposition toward sinful humanity or on the moral transformation enabled in the person by Christ's enlightening and sanctifying grace. This workshop considers what is added by another perspective on the gospel that focuses on the "principalities and powers," which recent theologians have used to understand social and political structures. In this view, humans are subjected to fallen powers that structure our world, and Christ's life, death, and resurrection expose and defeat those powers. This view reminds especially Protestants of what's political in the deepest sense about the gospel itself, and may inform a broader public witness.

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10:15 A.M. WORKSHOPS

EVANGELISM IN KIDS MINISTRY ESTHER GRAY



Orange Specialist, Orange/The Rethink group

Most Kids and their families would show up at your church less than 50% of the time. That means, for example, you will have about 25 hours this year to actually invest in the life of a child. And after the pandemic, we might need to cut that in half one more time. That is not a lot of time to explain to the average kid everything they need to know about God, Jesus, faith, forgiveness, and life. So somewhere along the way, you will have to make some choices to prioritize what matters most. That's why we need to refine the message to create engaging, relevant, and memorable experiences, so the next generation can experience the transforming power of Jesus. Join me as we explore some tensions on this subject and find some helpful tips to refine the timeless truths of the Bible for the sake of the next generation.

INNOVATE YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY LIZ MOORE



Assistant Director, Institute For Youth Ministry (Princeton)

Reaching today's youth can feel like an impossible task—but what if the answer isn't more programs, but reconsidering the resources you already have in your communities? This workshop will ask the question: what if effective, evangelistic youth ministry is an invitation to innovate? We will look at current data about the spiritual lives of Gen Z and Gen Alpha, discuss practices of innovation, and apply design thinking to your contexts so that you can lean into creative ministries in the care of the spiritual lives of young people.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (IN KOREAN)



REV. KYUNGSUK CHO
Lead Pastor, Old Bridge UMC

The United Methodist Church has a structure of committees, which encourages local churches to live out its mission through effective administration. This workshop will explore the structure and each committee, and provide a space to discuss the ways for Korean congregations to utilize them in a healthy and effective way.

*This workshop will be presented in Korean. It will not be presented in English.

1:00 P.M. WORKSHOPS

DISCIPLESHIP IN KIDS MINISTRY ESTHER GRAY



Orange Specialist, Orange/The Rethink group

As a church, our job is to lead people to Jesus. As Kid's ministry leaders, our job is to lead kids into a relationship with Jesus; however, when the regular church attender attends two weeks out of four, we find ourselves with an average of 2 hours a month to make a lasting impact. How can we use our limited time to help kids develop a relationship with Jesus that goes beyond your Sunday morning experience? Join us as we dive into this subject and discover practical steps to make every week count.

BECOMING OURSELVES: RESTORATIVE PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY LIZ MOORE



Assistant Director, Institute For Youth Ministry (Princeton)

There are plenty of reasons to feel exhausted and burned out from working in ministry after the past few years. While folks in ministry often know (and preach!) about practices of rest and Sabbath, we are often the last to build these practices into our rhythms. This workshop will provide space for you to consider your vocation afresh, offering a framework to examine theories of change, and lay out restorative practices to help nourish your soul as you work.

IS EVANGELISM NECESSARY? 전도, 꼭 해야 하나요? (IN KOREAN)



REV. JUNGMIN BYON
Associate Pastor, Korean United Methodist Church Of Greater Washington

It is a time to think about why we should evangelize and how to do it, using biblical evidence, and to embrace a passion for saving one soul.

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1:00 P.M. WORKSHOPS

PREACHING FOR GROWTH: WORSHIP AS EVANGELISM

REV. MATT MIOFSKY

Lead and Founding Pastor of The
Gathering, Author



Every time we worship, we have an opportunity to grow by creating liturgy that welcomes new people. From the words we use to the messages we preach, worship can be an opportunity to encourage and practice invitation. In this workshop, we will learn practical ways to use worship, especially the preaching moment, to teach, practice, and cultivate evangelism and invitation. Included will be strategies for picking sermon series, structuring a preaching calendar, and writing sermons that are accessible to new people.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EVANGELISM

LAURA KIGWEBBA JAMES

Director Of Grassroots Organizing,
The General Board Of Church And
Society Of The United Methodist Church



As United Methodist we are called to live our faith, but how do we do this in our current times? In this workshop on Social Justice and Evangelism we will explore the intersection of faith and our call to social justice and equip you with tools to organize and advocate for social change as a witness of God's love and grace in the world.

These three workshops are available to **BOTH Virtual and In Person** ticket holders.

B.R.E.A.T.H DISCIPLE: A PRACTICAL PATHWAY

PIPER RAMSEY-SUMNER

Cultivator, Fresh Expressions Florida



Unlock a practical and repeatable discipleship pathway that forms people indwelt by Christ who live, love, think, and act like Jesus. Learn how to cultivate trauma-informed communities of compassion in our 21st-century context. Join us in this workshop, and let's collectively breathe new life into discipleship, transforming communities by exhaling the sending power of the Spirit into the world.

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TEAM INFORMATION

VIRTUAL

Our team discount is intended to offer **virtual participants** the chance to gather together and experience Training Day together **in a shared space** on January 20.

If you plan to gather a team of **4 or more** at your church or location to participate in Training Day **virtually**, you can use the Team Pricing option when you select your Virtual Ticket. Simply enter the number of team members and use the Add to Cart button. The discount will automatically apply making each ticket \$50. The purchaser will then select a morning and afternoon workshop on behalf of the whole team. Virtual participants do not have access to the Youth Ministry, Kids Ministry, or Korean Language workshops on January 20.

**One person registers on behalf of the entire virtual team.*

IN PERSON

We do encourage groups to **attend the event together in-person**. In-person team members will have the option to select from **all available workshops** during registration and each team member may select his or her own workshops. In Person teams are encouraged to **take advantage of the in person early-bird discounted ticket price** available until **December 20**.

In-Person team members must **each register individually in order to select and secure seats in their classrooms.*