



NOVA DISTRICT TRAINING DAY Returns **Jan. 11, 2025!**

NoVa District Training Day is an annual event designed to equip, encourage, and empower clergy and laity in their ministry. This year's theme is Go! Make Disciples! Transform the World! and features keynotes from **Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson** (Richmond Episcopal Area) and **Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.** (Charlotte Episcopal Area) as well as an afternoon workshop with **Michael Beck** (Director of Fresh Expressions for The United Methodist Church).

This year we are offering **THREE** ways to engage with Training Day.

VIRTUAL Your Location

2 Keynote Presentations

Afternoon Workshop
(Michael Beck)

Video Library

\$50

IN PERSON

Recommended ✓

At Floris UMC
(Herndon VA)

2 Keynote Presentations

Lunch Provided

CHOICE of Afternoon Workshop

Video Library

Option- Lunchtime Roundtables

~~\$65~~

SATELLITE

Locations in 3 Districts
(Mountain View, Three Notch'd,
Valley Ridge)

2 Keynote Presentations

Lunch Provided

Afternoon Workshop
(Michael Beck)

Option- Video Library (+\$20)

\$45

Early Bird Pricing: **\$60** until Dec. 1

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. -- Welcome & Worship

9:00 a.m. -- Keynote 1 (Bishop Sue)

10:45 a.m. -- Keynote 2 (Bishop Carter)

12:15 p.m. -- Lunch Break

1:15 p.m. -- Afternoon Workshop

In Person attendees will have a choice of 8 afternoon workshops. In Person and Satellite attendees will have lunch provided as well as opportunities for networking and conversation.

Our video library includes replays of our Keynote Presentations as well as 25+ mini-presentations spanning multiple ministry areas.



Keynote Presentations



WELCOME AND WORSHIP

8:30 A.M.

Our event begins at 8:30 a.m. with welcome and worship. Doors at our host and Satellite sites will open at 8:00 for gathering. The livestream will begin at 8:55. Virtual participants will receive instructions on how to move through the day.



FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEAD

9:00 A.M.

BISHOP SUE HAUPERT JOHNSON

RESIDENT BISHOP, RICHMOND AREA VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Following the Holy Spirit's Lead." In this thought-provoking session, Bishop Sue will remind us of the Apostle Paul's powerful example in Acts—a life shaped by deep listening and decisive action, rooted in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

She'll call us to pause and prioritize prayer, underscoring the need for a spirit of discernment in everything we do as a church. Her message is timely and urgent: before we act, we must listen. Bishop Sue will inspire us to reconnect with the profound simplicity of prayer and discernment, highlighting how these essential practices can bring clarity, conviction, and a renewed sense of purpose to our ministries.

For anyone seeking a way forward in ministry, this talk will illuminate a path marked by patience, trust, and reliance on the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Don't miss this chance to deepen your spiritual practice and refine the vision that guides your ministry and leadership.



GO BOLDLY: RECLAIMING AN ADAPTIVE CHURCH TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

10:45 A.M.

BISHOP KEN CARTER JR.

RESIDENT BISHOP, BISHOP, CHARLOTTE EPISCOPAL AREA

Bishop Ken Carter's keynote will bring fresh energy and vision to what it means to be a United Methodist today. In a time when our faith community is called to adapt, Bishop Carter will lead us in reclaiming our identity as an adaptive church, drawing us back to the heart of grace, connection, and holiness.

Through powerful insights from the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, he'll guide us in grounding these values in Scripture, showing us how they can fuel our mission forward. And, at a time when leadership is more crucial than ever, Bishop Carter will offer a bold vision for leading with courage: connecting us to the pain and realities of our world, sparking new possibilities for ministry, and encouraging us to honor our roots while stepping confidently into innovation.

This is more than a talk; it's a call to action for every pastor, leader, and laity member. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative conversation about where we've come from, where we're going, and how we'll get there—together.



NEVER ALONE: SHARING THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY IN A LONELY WORLD

1:15 P.M.

REV. MICHAEL BECK

DIRECTOR OF FRESH EXPRESSIONS FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We have never been more connected—yet we have never felt more alone. Isolation is the great soul wound of our time. As Christians, we know that the church has a unique gift to offer a hurting world: communal life in Jesus. This gift has the power to heal our loneliness and isolation. This talk will provide the practical "how to" for cultivating communal life in Jesus in the everyday spaces and rhythms of life.



REGISTRATION is **OPEN!**
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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:15 P.M.

Participants with **In Person** tickets will select from the following afternoon workshops for their 1:15 session. Those persons with Virtual or Satellite tickets will experience the 4 keynote sessions noted on the previous page.



NEVER ALONE: SHARING THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY IN A LONELY WORLD

Rev. Michael Beck

Director of Fresh Expressions
for The United Methodist Church

See description on previous page.



LISTENING FOR THE PULSE

Rev. Kameron Wilds

Pastor, Rising Hope Mission Church

"Listening for the Pulse" equips clergy and laity with tools to actively listen to their community and engage in meaningful action towards the identified needs of their neighbors. Through practical strategies and guided reflection, participants will learn how to create responsive, impactful outreach that leverages their congregation's and community's strengths. This course empowers participants to become more attuned to the heart of their neighborhoods while fostering deeper connections throughout their community.



PETER AND JUDAS: THE PITFALLS AND POSSIBILITIES OF MAKING DISCIPLES

Laura Holmes

Professor of New Testament,
Wesley Theological Seminary

Peter and Judas are often understood to be the polar opposites of discipleship: Peter temporarily fails but ultimately succeeds, while Judas just fails. Yet, the details of their stories show that these disciples have a lot more to say than this. Considering Jesus's foremost denier and betrayer together, we can better see the pitfalls, but also the possibilities and joys inherent in making disciples.



[KOREAN LANGUAGE] HEALTHY CLERGY, HEALTHY MINISTRY: BALANCING PHYSICAL WELLNESS AND SELF-CARE

Rev. Taehwan Roh

Associate Pastor, Trinity UMC (AR)

This workshop will be presented in Korean

This workshop emphasizes the importance of physical wellness, diet, and self-care for clergy, offering practical guidance on managing health amidst the demands of ministry. We will explore simple tips for balanced nutrition, exercise, and stress management.

이 워크숍은 목회자를 위한 신체적 웰빙, 식단, 그리고 자기 관리의 중요성을 강조하며, 사역의 요구 속에서 건강을 관리하는 실용적인 지침을 제공합니다. 우리는 균형 잡힌 영양, 운동, 그리고 스트레스 관리를 위한 간단한 팁을 탐구할 것입니다.



DEVELOPING FAITH IN AN ANXIOUS WORLD

Andy Jung

Senior Director of Church Engagement,
Fuller Youth Institute

We don't need to look far to see that our children and teenagers are hurting. Anxiety and depression are on the rise, dominating the ways young people talk about their generation. While adults in children's and teenagers' lives are becoming more aware of these problems, we often aren't sure how to respond. Developing Faith in an Anxious World will provide practical, accessible, and trusted resources that bring greater freedom and health to the young people entrusted to our care.

This session is intended for those in Youth and Children's ministry, though anyone is welcome to attend.



CREATING A BETTER BULLETIN

Rev. Billy Kluttz

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church (Arlington)

Bring your church's Sunday bulletin and let's do a deep dive into how the words we print each week can welcome, include, and uplift worshipers! We'll look at examples from a variety of churches, talk about strategies for reviewing and updating your bulletin template, and review each other's existing worship leaflets. You'll leave the class with new ideas that you can use next Sunday and well into the year ahead. Please bring a few bulletins from recent worship services in your church to share.



WORK SMARTER NOT HARDER WITH AI

Kim Johnson

Director of Communications, NoVa UMC

AI is everywhere and the multitude of chat bots and options and sources can be overwhelming. In this 90-Minute workshop we will talk through some practical ways to work smarter not harder by using AI tools to help with ministry.

This workshop is designed for Pastors, Administrators, Communications Directors, and anyone who is interested in harnessing the power of AI to help make work life a little easier.



MISSIONAL BUDGETING FOR FINANCIALLY VITAL CONGREGATIONS

Anne Muradaz

Director of Finance, Centreville UMC

Within a church, a budget is far more than a set of numbers; it reveals the true mission and purpose of the congregation. This workshop will cover what makes a congregation "financially vital", what are the steps in preparing a missional budget and real-world examples of documents and reports used in a missional budget process.

