

TITLE	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
<b>Prayer Practice for a Whole Life</b>	Julia McCray-Goldsmith	<p>How can we be honest to God— and with God— through the ebb and flow of our spiritual lives as adults? This workshop will introduce an array of simple and sustainable daily prayer practices that work for various personalities and patterns of life; we'll try some out and also take some time to share best experiences with each other.</p> <p>Led by Julia McCray-Goldsmith, who is a too-busy working wife and parent, priest in the Episcopal Diocese of California, and graduate of the Master of Christian Spirituality program at Creighton, a Jesuit university.</p>
<b>Beyond Purpling</b>	Logan Rimel	<p>That old 'no purple' rule has been for many years a way to quickly address safe church standards for youth events. However, 'purple' assumes a gender binary that isn't the reality for all young people, and assumes a hetero norm that does not reflect the full spectrum of the Christian community. Furthermore, the purple habit may inhibit healthy dialogue about human sexuality and Christian practice. This workshop will examine the basics of gender identity and provide resources for youth ministers who wish to become more competent the on-the-ground details of creating supportive and thoughtful spaces for all youth - transgender, non-binary, and others.</p> <p>Led by Logan Rimel, Intern for the Discipleship Ministries Working Group at the Episcopal Diocese of California. A founding member of the St. Chrysostom House, a residential intentional community for young adults, and an alum of both the Diocese of California Interns and St. Hilda's House programs of the Episcopal Service Corps. Beginning in August, Logan will be pursuing a Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change as a Changemaker Fellow at Pacific School of Religion. Transgender and genderqueer, Logan seeks to leverage lived experience of Christian faith and institutional church to help ministers examine and expand the way they speak and teach about gender.</p>
<b>Art that Creates Community</b>	Matthew Woodward	<p>Come along and find out how art projects can be lifted from the craft table in Sunday School onto the walls of the sanctuary as a statement of your communities identity. How do you see you community? How does it see itself? Art that creates community is a great new lens through which to see your church. Some simple tips will help to make your art projects delightful, spectacular and filled with theological insight. Matthew will share some of his experiences from art projects past, and gather wisdom from the group on what you have done.</p>

		<p>Matthew Woodward has found a way to take some of his favorite ways to play and call them work! He hails from the UK originally, but is now an Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of California. Five years ago he was the senior Priest at a Church of England parish in London and decided to follow a dream and a call to the west coast. He also hoped that he would find ways to integrate his love of creativity into every day ministry. The community at Transfiguration San Mateo, and wider members of the Diocese of California have become used to him pulling out torn pieces of fabric, sharpies, crayons and wire and telling them to start creating. For a while he was trying to escape the name he earned at the 2012 Diocesan Convention: “Puppet Guy” - but now he is thinking of embracing it.</p>
<p><b>Using the Enneagram for Self Discovery and Staff Growth</b></p>	<p>Deborah Voss</p>	<p>“The Enneagram (ANY-a-gram) is a geometric figure that maps out the nine fundamental personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships. One of the great strengths of the Enneagram is that it steps aside from all doctrinal differences. Most of us would like a little (or a lot of) insight into what makes us tick, what motivates us and why some things (and people) just push our buttons. This is a beginners’ introduction to this personality and relationship model.</p> <p>Deborah, an ordained Interfaith Minister, is the Director of Christian Education at First Congregational Church UCC, Boulder, Colorado, a position she has held for eighteen years. Always excited to learn new approaches and test their applications, Deborah has implemented, adapted and written a variety of curricula, and tried some out-of-the box ideas in addressing both opportunities and challenges in the faith formation of all age groups.</p>
<p><b>Racial Justice</b></p>	<p>Eric Law</p>	<p>Explore the ways in which Christian communities can grow into being catalysts for racial justice. (More details still to come).</p> <p>Eric Law is the founder and executive director of the Kaleidoscope Institute, which provides leadership resource and training for building inclusive community, intercultural competency, community transformation, congregation vitality and stewardship.</p>
<p><b>Youth 101</b></p>	<p>Hayes Noble</p>	<p>The workshop called Youth Ministry 101 is for those just beginning in Youth Ministry. In our time together, we will discuss several YM models and approaches. I want to empower our church leaders to do God’s good work of “equipping the saints for the work of ministry!” –Ephesians 4:12 We’ll look at Scriptures that direct, inform,</p>

		<p>guide, and sustain our ministries. And, we will examine concrete examples of the Congregational Approach to Youth Ministry and recruitment strategies. My hope is to provide participants with a solid foundation to build their Youth Ministry!</p> <p>By the grace of God, Hayes was adopted at the age of 2 from Seoul, Korea (the “friendly Korea,” not the “scary Korea”). He was raised in the South by 2 loving parents and a sister. He fell deeply in love with youth ministry as a camp counselor, so he got an Education degree from the University of SC (the real USC...lol)! He then served as a fulltime Youth Director for 5 years before going to Columbia Seminary, where he earned an MDiv. As a Youth Pastor, he has served churches in SC, NC, GA, and CA. In my free time, he loves to play with his dog Praise, enjoys the outdoors, and reading the Book of Order (just kidding)!</p>
<p><b>Preferring Nothing to the Love of Christ: Prayer, Quietude, and the Balanced Life—a Benedictine Perspective</b></p>	<p>Brendan E. Williams</p>	<p>As Christians engaged in active ministry, what does it mean that we, like the rest of the world around us, are often obsessively busy? How do we make prayer—and, by extension, God—the true center of our experience, and of our ministries? Benedictine tradition tells us that it is only through a staunch commitment to this endeavor that we can achieve a truly balanced, healthy, and spiritually fruitful life. In this brief workshop we will explore together some ways that St. Benedict, and the deep wellspring of monastic Tradition more broadly, suggest we might approach this ‘one needful thing’, this daunting but holy task, which may well bear the most ultimate significance.</p> <p>Br. Brendan E. Williams, O.S.B. is a Benedictine monk in the Episcopal Diocese of California, a teacher of contemplative prayer and theology, and a healthcare chaplain. He is founder and Guardian of the developing monastic order, 'The Community of Saint John Cassian, Order of Saint Benedict', and is presently completing theological studies at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA.</p>
<p><b>Lifelong Christian Formation: Learning to be a Helicopter Pilot</b></p>	<p>Susanna Singer</p>	<p>Christian educators are called to enable people to become active, engaged, committed Christian disciples at every age and every stage of faith. To do this, we need to learn to see and attend to the "big picture" of lifelong Christian formation. In this workshop we will reflect together on how to be a "helicopter pilot," able to survey the entire landscape of individual, family, congregational, and wider community life in which Christians live their faith, and able to develop practical strategies and approaches that help all Christian disciples grow and develop throughout their lives.</p>

		<p>The Reverend Susanna Singer is Associate Professor of Ministry Development at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley CA. She holds a Ph.D. from the interdisciplinary program in Theology and Education at Boston College. Susanna is a native of England and has been an Episcopal priest for twenty-five years. She previously served as Education Coordinator for the Diocese of California and Canon Liturgist at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco. Throughout her ministry, her passion has been transformative educational, formational, and pastoral work with adults, children, and youth, as well as the development of innovative models of ministry.</p>
<p><b>Children/Family 101: Fashioning a welcoming and innovative faith formation program for children and families.</b></p>	<p>Whitney Wilson, Betsy Woodward</p>	<p>If you are new to the ministry or just looking for new ideas, come join us! This workshop will guide you in understanding the basics of working with young children, choosing appropriate materials and curricula, recruiting volunteers, and finding creative ways to support families pastorally and in faith formation. We will share some of the successes in Ministry for Children and Families.</p> <p>Whitney Wilson has been involved in Christian Formation for the better part of the last ten years. She recently graduated from Church Divinity School of the Pacific with M.T.S. degree and an emphasis on Christian Formation. Betsy Woodward has recently retired from 25 years in the field of Faith Formation at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, UCC . She is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education UCC. Her particular areas of expertise are children in Worship, children involved in Outreach, and Peace Village Interfaith camp. She is now spending her time consulting churches and supporting community outreach programs that serve children. She has taught, created and designed Godly play stories for many years and more recently is working on a new curriculum for “tweens” (8-11 year olds).</p> <p>Betsy Woodward has recently retired from 25 years in the field of Faith Formation at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, UCC . She is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education UCC. Her particular areas of expertise are children in Worship, children involved in Outreach, and Peace Village Interfaith camp. She is now spending her time consulting churches and supporting community outreach programs that serve children.</p>
<p><b>Puppets with Purpose</b></p>	<p>Matthew Woodward</p>	<p>I am not an expert, I do not do ventriloquism, I cannot claim to be really good at this, but with a few simple tips I have found ways to make puppet work a part of my ministry in some interesting and extraordinary ways. Come and find out the basics, there are three simple rules! Come and hear about my puppet collection</p>

		growing from a humble start in Pimlico in London to a grand menagerie today. Also come and hear the story of how one of my puppets brought the Bishop of California to tears.
<b>Following Jesus in Progressive Theological Context</b>	Deborah Voss	The usurping of Jesus based Christianity by the Fundamentalists/Ultra conservatives has had the interesting affect of turning progressive Christians away from talking about Jesus. We're very "God" friendly, but we seem to be a bit embarrassed by claiming Jesus. One of our biggest issues has been parents! We can talk and teach about Jesus, but if the parents get the idea that we're "indoctrinating" their children/youth, they're terrified! Over the course of several years, our youth minister and I put together a plan of helping parents truly understand Jesus in both a cultural and a theological context. We dispelled myths, gave current progressive theological understanding to Jesus' teachings, and tried to foster a newfound strength of bonding to an ancient heritage that we allowed to be taken from us. We went on the radical mission with the kids to "take Jesus back"!
<b>Inter-generational Formation</b>	Jane Gober	<p>Peer groups have a easy affinity; however they can trample one of the greatest blessings of a church community! Inter-generational education and formation is our most ancient method of faith formation. Long before there were programs and buildings, there were humans mentoring humans. Inter-generational formation is more than mature people mixing with young people. This ministry is a method that can foster deep and challenging Christian education through narrative, witness and concrete service. This workshop will explore theory as well as practical examples of inter-generational formation ministry.</p> <p>Jane is the Missioner for Christian Religious Education with the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane, and the Youth and Family Minister at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Walla Walla, Washington. She has served in lifelong formation for nearly 20 years across the country in local, regional and church wide settings. A member of the PNEUMA leadership team and avid baseball fan she will share her experience and passion for inter-generational ministry. You can follow her blog of reflections, ministry occasions and homilies at <a href="http://blissfulirreverence.blogspot.com">blissfulirreverence.blogspot.com</a></p>
<b>Listening Along the Path: Pastoral</b>	Mark Spaulding	Pastoral care is an important aspect of everyone's ministry and in this brief afternoon workshop we will explore this seminal ministry activity through the lens of Youth Ministry. From conversations to crisis, we will explore some of the issues that we as Youth Ministers may encounter. Through conversation, group

<p><b>Care to, by, with &amp; for Youth</b></p>		<p>exploration, and a simple simulation experience, we will consider how Luke 24.13-35 is a foundational model for doing Pastoral Care, to, by, with &amp; for Youth.</p> <p>A former military chaplain, the Reverend Mark Spaulding once founded a youth led DJ &amp; visual production team, once had a touring and recording rock band, and has been to more amusement parks than he can count! He also happens to be the Rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Castro Valley, California.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Visioning for Family Formation</b></p>	<p>Samantha Haycock</p>	<p>There's a lot more to ministry than showing up on Sundays. And there's a lot more to ministry than having fun games and interesting curriculum. A strategic visioning process for your youth ministry can open up many doors (and windows) for deeper more meaningful and more creative engagement with your youth group. When we invest time and energy with a ministry planning team to create and or document our youth ministries structure, scaffolding, and support we set our programs up to be sustainable and self-perpetuating. Samantha will share a bit about what this process has looked like in her context and will facilitate a conversation about strategic planning for youth ministry. Come discuss what a visioning process takes, what sustainable planning looks like, and make a plan for how you might work through a strategic process in your particular time and place.</p> <p>Samantha is diving into her 4th year as the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Christ Episcopal Church in Alameda. Most of the time Samantha enjoys doing ridiculous activities with teenagers, having real deep and simultaneously light hearted conversations about faith, and being Type A organized. Lately, she's been up to her eyeballs studying congregational development materials. In her call to ministry she feels most passionate about creating connections between the daily and spiritual lives of youth so that they might bring their whole authentic selves to church and to the world.</p>