

PNEUMA 2016 WORKSHOPS

We plan our conference so that if a guest desires to focus on one area of ministry, they may do so by following the track of their choice. However, each guest is welcome to choose the workshops best meet their needs. Lastly, because this is as the world is, all things are subject to change. We cannot wait to have you experience the spirit at #pneuma2016 !

C= Children's Ministry

MD= Ministry Development

Y= Youth Ministry

D= Digitally (Tech, Social Media) Focused

A= Adult Formation

OD= Organizational Development

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS A (1:30- 3:00 PM)

The Sacred with the Spectrum (C/Y)

Give me \$5: Digital fundraising for beginners (OD) +D

Making All Things New: Experiences of Church Planting (OD)

Nurturing the Spiritual Child (C)

Let's Talk Camp: Best Practices around Running a Camp! (C/Y)

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS B (1:30 – 3:00 PM)

Sing Praises: Music and Worship Workshop (OD)

Race, Reconciliation, and Pilgrimage (MD)

Read Me a New One (C)

Peace Village: Faith Formation in a Multi-Faith World (C/Y/A)

These Are Our Bodies: Talking Faith and Sexuality at Church & Home (Y)

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS C (7:30 – 9:00 PM)

Don't be an A—Hat! Parenting and Church Today (MD)

Using the Enneagram for Self-Discovery and Growth (MD)

Spirituality Center (OD)

Schedule your Church School "Check up" (C)

Mind The Gap: Navigating the Cultural Commute with Youth in Church (Y)

The Ministry of Formation in a Digital World (C/Y/A) +D



USING THE ENNEAGRAM FOR SELF-DISCOVERY AND GROWTH (*DEBORAH VOSS*) WEDNESDAY C

The Enneagram 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.

Deborah Voss, 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.

SCHEDULE YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL "CHECK UP" (*WHITNEY WILSON*) WEDNESDAY C

What does a healthy Church School program look like? How do you give your program a check-up? Whether you are creating a new church school program for your church or need some help to make sure you have not drifted off the mark with your existing program, come and spend some time with Whitney Wilson learning how to give your Sunday school program a check-up and make sure you are providing all you can for the children in their spiritual formation. This workshop is excellent for seasoned Christian educators, and for folks who want to start right.

Whitney Wilson has been involved in Christian Formation for the better part of the last twelve years. After her graduation from Church Divinity School of the Pacific with a M.T.S. degree and an emphasis on Christian Formation, she has been serving as the Children, Youth, and Family Minister at Church of the Resurrection in Pleasant Hill. 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).

READ ME A NEW ONE (*KATHERINE DOAR*) WEDNESDAY C

Good children's literature is an invaluable part of our formation ministry tool kit. If your children's bookshelf is feeling a little dated or you are getting tired of reading *A Very Hungry Caterpillar* for Good Friday then join us for a walk through some of the best new children's books of 2016. Books will be available for purchase.

Katherine Doar is an Episcopal priest who has over 15 years of experience in parish ministry with children and youth at St. Francis Episcopal Church, San Jose. She also coordinates author visits to schools for Hicklebees, an independent children's book store in the heart of Silicon Valley.

LET'S TALK CAMP: BEST PRACTICES AROUND RUNNING A CAMP! (*PATRICK KANE*) TUESDAY A

We know one week of camp transforms the faith of a youth. Let's spend some time together experiencing and talking about how we can invite friends into an abundant church camp experience. This workshop will include discussions regarding faith and fellowship program, marketing church camp in a post-Christendom culture, maintain and creating camp cultures where boundaries and human dignity are respected without diminishing the fun, and even more exploration of the benefits of church based camp experiences for contemporary discipleship.

Patrick Kane is the Director of Youth Ministries at the Congregational Church of San Mateo, UCC. His passion is CAMP. He has been a camper, counselor, director and now he is the Chair of the Outdoor Ministries Committee for the UCC Northern California Nevada Conference.

MIND THE GAP: NAVIGATING THE CULTURAL COMMUTE WITH YOUTH IN CHURCH (ETHAN LOWERY) WEDNESDAY C

“Dress up, sit still, be quiet... and put away that phone!” The Church can expect a lot from our young people — behaviors and lexicon and disposition that is totally alien to their everyday lives, and that may sideline their authentic identities, gifts, and passions. Come and discuss the “Cultural Commute” — the gap between the way youth live their lives and the expectations we have of how they’ll fit into church life. Learn models and tools to assess and address if/how your church’s culture is being as hospitable and affirming of youth identity as it is of their parents’ identities and where ‘the Gap’ is appropriate and holy and formational. This workshop is applicable also to ministry with young adults and seniors, and is appropriate for youth ministers, youth volunteers, parents, and all who feel called to carve out space for young people in our churches.

Ethan Lowery is the Youth Minister at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Orinda, California. A native of Richmond, Virginia, Ethan radically departed from his undergraduate degree in physics and moved to California in 2013 to serve for two years in the Episcopal Service Corps. He loves youth ministry because it means getting to do some of the coolest and most vulnerable faith formation work in the church, and also getting to play Capture the Flag. He lives in Berkeley, and identifies as an ENFP, an enneagram 2w3, a Slytherin and #TeamInstinct. In his free time, he likes to wander around IKEA, run up and down hills, and carbo-load.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW: EXPERIENCES OF CHURCH PLANTING (BRUCE REYES CHOW & EMILY SCOTT) TUESDAY A

Are you interested in church planting? Join our keynote speaker Bruce Reyes Chow and worship leader Emily Scott to discuss their experiences as church planters. In 2000 Bruce helped to found Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco and remained the pastor there until 2012, and continues to work as a consultant for church plants. Conference worship leader Emily Scott is the founding pastor of St. Lydia’s in Brooklyn, NY, where she imagines ministry as “creating space for moments of transcendence through ritual.” At St. Lydia’s, these moments take place around a common table where God comes and finds us.

Bruce Reyes Chow has been a congregational pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA). From 2000 to 2012 he served as founding pastor of Mission Bay Community Church in San Francisco, and now works as blogger, author, event speaker, church consultant and leadership coach. Bruce says of himself, “I am committed to expressing a Christian faith that is beautifully complex, unimaginably just and excruciatingly gracious. Society and the church are strengthened by talking about such issues as denominationalism and the future church; faith and technology; race and politics, parenting, and urban living.”

SING PRAISES: MUSIC AND WORSHIP WORKSHOP (EMILY SCOTT AND JOSEPH PETERS-MATHEWS) WEDNESDAY B

Faith traditions from around the world understand the importance of breathing together as a practice for drawing bodies to unity. In order to sing together, people have to breathe together — and become one. Leading and teaching music without paper is an excellent practice for drawing attention and centering groups, as well as making sung music accessible for people who can’t read music. In this workshop the Revs. Emily Scott, song leader and Music That Makes Community presenter and Joseph Peters-Matthews and they will encourage formation leaders of all kinds, teach teaching songs, and invite sacred questions and wonderings about singing together — all without paper.

Emily Scott, founding pastor of St. Lydia’s in Brooklyn, imagines her ministry as “creating space for moments of transcendence through ritual.” At St. Lydia’s, these moments take place around a common table where God comes and finds us. Trained as a liturgist and musician at Yale Divinity School and the Institute of Sacred Music, Emily has followed a particular interest in the intersection of worship and the arts.

THE SACRED WITH THE SPECTRUM: EXPERIENCING THE HOLY WITH PEOPLE ON THE AUTISTIC SPECTRUM (SARAH QUINNEY) TUESDAY A

Interested in discovering ways to help individuals with nonverbal autism connect with our liturgies and engage in our communities of faith? Join, the Rev. Sarah Quinney along with parents of children and adolescents on the Autistic Spectrum. We will explore a new form of worship, designed to be a safe and sacred space that enables all people to participate. This workshop is helpful for people who seek to implement new worship and formation programs for people on the Autistic Spectrum as well as helpful for people who seek further knowledge about the Autistic Spectrum.

Sarah Quinney is a music therapist, who has spent the past decade working with and for people on the Autistic Spectrum and people with other developmental disorders is an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Northern California as well as a Board Certified Music Therapist. Upon exploring her call to the priesthood, Sarah grew determined to seek ways in which people who are differently abled and who have varying ways of communicating can be engaged and connected in the liturgies and life of the Episcopal Church. Sarah is the Assistant Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Roseville, CA.

THE MINISTRY OF FORMATION IN A DIGITAL WORLD (CHARLOTTE HAND GREASON) WEDNESDAY C

Join us for a discussion of digital ministry: what makes it "digital" and what makes it "ministry"? The digital world has much to offer formation leaders, from ways to engage and spread God's love to treasure troves of ideas for sermons, lessons, and programs. As we all know, it can also connect us instantaneously! We'll share tools for accessing digital media and using it in our particular ministries. We'll talk research, platforms, and networks...all in the name of forming disciples!

Charlotte Hand Greason works at the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary, where she is the co-editor of Building Faith, a website for practical faith formation. A lifelong Episcopalian, she has served the church in a variety of ways, from chorister to stewardship chair. Her deep passion is to assist others articulate and understand their faith, so that they can more fully follow Jesus.

NURTURING THE SPIRITUAL CHILD (BONNIE RAMBOB) TUESDAY A

As Christian Educators and ministers of faith formation, we have a unique opportunity to, both, nurture the spiritual development of children and inform parents about this new research on the spiritual child. This interactive workshop is based on a growing body of scientific research which illuminates the spirituality of childhood and adolescence as an untapped resource in our understanding of how humans develop, navigate life's challenges, as well as find health and healing. Like all other aspects of human development, our spiritual natures thrive when nurtured along the process of growing up. Come learn and be inspired to nurture the spiritual selves of parents and the little ones in your congregation.

Bonnie Rambob is a UCC minister who began her working life as a credentialed elementary, middle school, high school teacher and school principal in various school settings. Bonnie co-founded Peace Village San Mateo, an interfaith peace education day camp for kids ages 7-13 as well as an interfaith leadership program for high school youth and college students. She has written spiritual curriculum for children, teens and families as well as presented workshops on topics such as: the Spirituality of Parenting, Race and Young Children and Media Literacy for Families. Bonnie relishes the opportunity to provide support to families and educators who are cultivating spirituality.

THESE ARE OUR BODIES: TALKING FAITH AND SEXUALITY AT CHURCH & HOME (CAREN MILES) WEDNESDAY B

In the past few years the church has been racing to keep up with the social and legal changes in the area of sexuality, gender, and teenagers. The new curriculum *These Are our Bodies* was created in response to the need of

The Episcopal Church for program resources to help young people explore sexuality in the context of a faith community. Come hear more about how to minister to people of all ages as they learn how to live faithful lives as sexual beings.

***Caren Miles** is the Associate for Discipleship Ministries for the Episcopal Diocese of California. She's also served in the Diocese of Dallas, the Diocese of New York, and ran the Children's Program at General Convention in 2012 and 2015. Caren has a BA in Political Science from the University of North Texas and over 15 years of life lessons learned in ministry helping children and youth find their identities as beloved children of God. Caren also enjoys spending time in the kitchen, but prefers if someone else does the dishes.*

GIVE ME \$5: DIGITAL FUNDRAISING FOR BEGINNERS (JOSEPH PETERS MATHEWS) TUESDAY A

In this workshop he will walk through basics of a digital fundraising campaign as well as share his experiences of raising funds electronically and offer guideposts for starting, running, and completing a campaign. Joseph has raised over \$14,000 in the last two years for different organizations about which he feels passionate about (or at least interested in). He's working on another \$10k by the end of the year.

***Joseph Peters-Mathews** serves with the Diocese of California where he has extensive experience with pragmatic liturgical creativity, and with social media. A graduate of Graduate Theological Seminary in New York, He invites us into spaces where the divine, ancient and contemporary dance together for the reconciliation of the world.*

RACE, RECONCILIATION, AND PILGRIMAGE (ANNE CLARKE) WEDNESDAY B

Conversations about race and reconciliation are often deepened by learning about history, especially local histories that are hidden. Come and hear one story of a group of young people who led a pilgrimage to several sites of oppression, resistance, and healing in Northern California, and worked together to grow in their capacity to be ministers of reconciliation in the places that they're from. We'll take time to discuss together how the things we learned from this event might be useful to you in your context.

***Anne Clarke** is the Lifelong Christian Formation Coordinator in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (based in Sacramento). Anne recently graduated from Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP) in Berkeley, CA with a Master of Divinity and a MA focusing on Faith Formation in the area of Religion and Society.*

DON'T BE AN A—HAT! PARENTING AND CHURCH TODAY (BRUCE REYES CHOW AND ROBIN PUGH) WEDNESDAY C

With his wife Robin Pugh, our keynote speaker Bruce Reyes Chow has recently published *Rule #2: Don't Be an Asshat: An Official Handbook for Raising Parents and Children*. What role do churches have to play in parenting and raising children, and how might parenting be a useful lens for other interactions in the church? Explore these questions, and their intersections with Bruce's other areas of expertise, in a conversational workshop.

PEACE VILLAGE: FAITH FORMATION IN A MULTI-FAITH WORLD (BONNIE RAMBOB) WEDNESDAY B

Peace Village is an intergenerational, transformational model of ministry for children, youth, families, and whole congregations. Peace Village brings together people of different faiths in a camp-like setting to learn about being peacemakers. At this workshop, participants will get an overview of the content of Peace Village and some tools for building this successful model of contextual, collaborative, experiential faith formation in their own communities. Peace Village at the Congregational Church of San Mateo was chosen as a Center of Excellence for Faith Formation in 2013 by the national United Church of Christ.