



**Christian Church in the Upper Midwest**

**School For Congregational Learning**

**Saturday, August 29, 2009**

**WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES**

**“Spirit: Past, Present & Future”**

<b>WORK-SHOP #</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>WORKSHOP TITLE</b>	<b>WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>AM-1</b>	Bill Mitchell, Earlin Shanno, Randy Allman	TRADING SPACES	Sharing from Keokuk, Bedford and Oakland in the journey into new meeting spaces for worship/education
<b>AM-2</b>	Dale O’Connell, Bob & Jan Pickerell	SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR CONGREGATIONS	Helpful information will be shared of the many spiritual practices that have worked well in their respective congregations. This session looks at a variety of ancient and newer prayer practices that Christians have used to draw close to God for transformation. We will explore some of these prayers through scripture, personal reflection, meditation, discernment, and music. We will be engaged in written, verbal, and silent prayers.
<b>AM-3</b>	Cluster 14 Pastors	SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR THE PASTOR	Success stories from Clergy in Cluster 14.
<b>AM-4</b>	Bill Kerns	SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL	People of all ages, especially <b>children and youth are invited</b> . This outdoor worship reaches unchurched and churched children and youth in the congregation's neighborhood by sharing stories of the Bible in fresh and fun ways.
<b>AM-5</b>	Diana Leaf	PRACTICING FAITH SHARING	Jesus said to the apostles, "You shall be my witnesses through all the earth" (Ac. 1.8). Yet, before we 21st century Disciples can accept this charge to share our faith with other people, we need to practice talking about it with each other. We will reflect upon and explore how to help ourselves and others in our congregations talk about their church--and their faith--with other people in a way that is authentic and comfortable. This is an especially important lesson for those of us involved with smaller churches with fewer resources
<b>AM-6</b>	Paul Witmer and Mary Jane Button-Harrison	ORIENTATION FOR CONGREGATIONS INTERESTED IN THE Acts of Disciples	Is your congregation being led to Action in en-Courage-ment with regard to Transformation by the Spirit? If so, then ACTS of the Disciples process may be the thing for you! Come find out about the ACTS process sponsored by the Regional Congregational Transformation Task Group. Ask questions. Get information and learn about enrolling in this process of Action, Courage, Transformation and Spiritual renewal for congregations in the Region. Be inspired to open your hearts and minds and spirits to what God may be calling you to do and be.
<b>AM-7</b>	Doug Pfeiffer	TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE LENSES OF THE BIBLE	Participants will look at the stories of the Bible. Bible wisdom will be shared through deep reflection.
<b>AM-8</b>	Tom Carpe	ANCIENT/FUTURE CHURCH	What do Disciples of Christ today have to do with ancient creeds? Is there something special the Roman Emperors knew about the church? Examine history as to how the creedal statements came about and why traditionally Disciples of Christ refuse to use them as a test of fellowship!
<b>AM-9</b>	Paul Fraser and Others	COACHING TRANSFORMTION FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS: THE NEXT STEP	Phase 2 For Congregations presently participating in the “ACTS of the Disciples” Project

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AM-10	David Digby	SAVING THE WORLD: TRANSFORMING MINDS IN A WORLD OF CHANGING CULTURE	People choosing this workshop will engage the opportunities for faithful, intelligent living in a world growing hotter, more crowded and more diverse as a great time to follow Jesus.
AM-11	Brendan Keegan	SAME CHURCH - FRESH EYES (YOUTH MINISTRY)	Come see how someone who is new to the denomination views the good, bad and everything in between of Youth Ministry in the Disciples of Christ
AM-12	Jim Wakelin	TECHNOLOGY IN YOUTH MINISTRY - OVERCOMING FEAR & MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU	Facebook, MySpace, Blogs - how to make the technology you hear about in the news enhance your ministry
AM-13	Peter Mitchell	WHAT IN THE WORLD DID I AGREE TO?	Basics for Youth Group Leaders
AM-14	Margaret Hutchens	WOMAN TO WOMAN	Reflections, experiences, and insights on the 2008 Israel-Palestine Woman to Woman trip.
AM-15	Lisa Kelsey	MASS CHOIR	No auditions! Just come with a love to sing, laugh, and be inspired! The two songs we learn in this session will be sung at the closing worship service.
AM-16	John Bolen	WHY WAS THOMAS CAMPBELL DEFROCKED?	The Declaration and Address celebrates its bicentennial year. Come and find out how this document has been the heart and soul of what it means to be a Disciple of Christ. Come and learn why this document was seen as a radical departure from the way things had always been done in the church. Come and find out why every one of our founders, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone, Raccoon John Smith and others were forced out of their denominations. Finally, come and find out why we as Disciples are not done yet!
AM-17	Dick Hamm	THE READINESS IS ALL	Recognizing and interpreting the need for change in your congregation
AM-18	Carla Briggs	SCRAPBOOKING	Want a hands-on experience at preserving your church's history? If you've never experienced scrapbooking (or even if you have and want some ideas and time to work on the church book) come join us for this session on Scrapbooking Your Church History. Bring a scrapbook album and some pictures or papers you want to preserve and we'll get you started.
AM-19	Tom Felts	AFTER THE WATERS HAVE RECEDED - RESPONDING TO A CRISIS	Participants will discuss the impact of a natural disaster on a community and the church. Rev. Tom Felts, in consultation with the pastors of Eastern Iowa churches affected by the Floods of 2008, will reflect on what they learned. Group discussion will be lead on how congregations deal with crisis.
AM-20	Mike Omundsen & Lin Yoder	ELDERS & CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION	Defining and understanding congregational transformation and the role of the elders in transformation and change.
AM-21	Shane Isaac	"JESUS LOVES US BEST: THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE CHURCH'S BEST KEPT SECRET - DEACONS	Church history is often told by referring to pastors, councils, famous documents, etc. But Christian history has been lived mostly in the pews, and more importantly, at family dinners, the bedsides of sick saints and in town halls and community gatherings. These latter venues are where Deacons (or whatever name you prefer) have shined, and it's time their story gets shouted from the mountaintops. This workshop will do that, with specific conversation about contemporary venues, public and private (like Facebook, health clubs, community organizing meetings...), where empowered Deacons of all generations can continue to lead the church in its core mission: Love God, self, and neighbor.
AM-22	John McKinstry	HI TECH, LO TECH, NO TECH	This is a basic course in the use of technology in worship, including the philosophy/theology of worship technology, and the practical aspects of equipment and costs and techniques. The use of digital projection and a congregational music CD project will be discussed and demonstrated. Participants are asked to bring examples of the technology they use in worship to share: hand drums, CD's, DVD's, candles.

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AM-23	Tim Diebel	A FUTURE HISTORY	Roots should do more than stay underground. In the case of our faith tradition, roots should continue to live and issue recognizable fruit in the ministries of today and beyond. This workshop will focus on those enduring themes and how they find expression in our present ministries.
AM-24	Don Hiscox	PROPER CARE AND FEEDING OF THE PASTOR (LAITY)	FOR LAITY ONLY - Proper Care and Feeding of the Pastor – How can we best treat our pastor and let him/her know she/he is appreciated? How do we keep our pastor healthy...physically, mentally, & emotionally???
AM-25	Frosty VanVoorst	KIDS AGAINST HUNGER	Learn about and become involved in a Mission Project that's exploding across Iowa and beyond! Informational workshop.
<b>AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS</b>			
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PM-3	Pasha Buck	SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR THE PASTOR	This class, for pastors only, will explore a variety of spiritual practices to nourish your soul. Come to explore what might fit best in your life.
PM-4	Bill Kerns	SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL	People of all ages, especially <b>children and youth are invited</b> . This outdoor worship reaches unchurched and churched children and youth in the congregation's neighborhood by sharing stories of the Bible in fresh and fun ways.
PM-5	Craig Robertson	THE FOUR "R'S" THAT HOLD THE CONGREGATION BACK	How do you know when it is time to reverse course in your congregation?
PM-6	Doug Pfeiffer	GOD IS TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS!!!	Come and hear how God's Spirit and Power are transforming actual Disciples of Christ congregations.
PM-7	Tom Carpe	LAMENT – WHY IS THERE SO MUCH PAIN?	What are "Laments"? How does the suffering of Israel described in Isaiah relate to the book of Lamentations? Is it more than a "woe is me and my community"? How to turn a protest or complaint into a quest for understanding of Violence, Loneliness, Abandonment, and Helplessness. How did Israel search through Isaiah and Lamentations for the presence of God? How do you search for that same presence?
PM-8	Karen Moore	THE PASTOR'S MVP	Creating a Prayer Partner Ministry in your congregation. When lay people commit to praying for the pastor, their congregational leaders, and the ministries of their congregation, God's Blessings are unleashed. Prayer is a bridge which allows pastors and lay people to partner together effectively to bring God's Blessing upon any size congregation.
PM-9	Sue Thompson	WHAT IN THE WORLD DID I AGREE TO?	Basics for Christian Education Chairs
PM-10	Dan Mayes	YOUTH MINISTRY & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITHOUT A YOUTH MINISTER	How to make it work!

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PM-11	Melanie Van Weelden	YOUTH MINISTRY & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COFFEEHOUSE	Ask questions. Share stories. Get ideas. Receive support.
PM-12	Leora Walton	HUMAN TRAFFICKING	Explore human trafficking; a form of modern day slavery in which mostly women and young girls are forced to labor for someone against their wishes. Learn more about this!
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PM-14	Lisa Kelsey	MUSIC READING SESSION	In combination with JW Pepper Music, Lisa will present some current along with some tried and true standards) that can be used in any choir! Approximately 20 songs will be distributed to each participant, which can then be taken home!
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PM-19	JoAnn Thomas	BUILDING A CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE	The workshop will demonstrate how to build a free and simple web site on the ForMinistry.com host site. This workshop will use templates provided by ForMinistry.com. This is for beginners, we will not be doing advanced web building.
PM-20	Sondra Eddings	CHURCH BEYOND OUR DOORS	An adventure into the world of possibility when one is mission-minded and recognizes the possibility of God's call. Explore the relationship between the talents and gifts of your church community and the needs of the world beyond your walls.
PM-21	Tammy Rottschaeffer Janet Lott	PLANNING SPIRIT FILLED WORSHIP	Spirited Worship: Inviting Openings for the Spirit. Can you spare the time for and risk the possibilities of Spirit-led worship? This is an experienced based worship planning workshop with the intention of moving us from filling slots in a bulletin to being Spirit-filled as we plan and worship together.
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PM-23	Sharon E. Strohmaier & Fred Gee	DISCOVER THE SPIRIT. TELL THE STORY. FEED THE SPIRIT. RESOURCES FOR THE JOURNEY.	IRMS and Media Resources you can use to explore Disciples history and heritage and to vision for the future.