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# FAQ

***Frequently Asked Questions about the  
2010 School for Congregational Learning (SCL)***  
*West Des Moines Christian Church, 4501 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, IA*

## **NEW THIS YEAR:**

- **New site: This year SCL is being held in a church!**
- **No registration lines; we start in the sanctuary with the packets on the pews!!**
- **Cost reduced to \$20 from \$30 last few years.**

## **What Workshops are Available?**

There is a complete listing of *2010 Workshop Opportunities*, arranged by Morning and Afternoon sessions, and then by Topic, including Title, Presenter, and a Brief Description of the Workshop. Please post the *2010 Workshop Opportunities* poster along with the *Registration Forms* on the congregation's bulletin board. In addition, you will be able to find a complete listing of workshops on the Region's website: [www.uppermidwestcc.org](http://www.uppermidwestcc.org)

## **What's the schedule?**

8:00 am	Doors open for fellowship, rolls & coffee together
9:00	Morning Watch opening
9:25	Fellowship & moving to morning workshop sites
9:45	Morning workshops (15 minute break mid-morning)
11:30	Lunch served family style
12:30 pm	Fellowship & moving to worship space
12:45	Worship, Keynote speaker, communion, & music
1:45	Fellowship & moving to afternoon workshop sites
2:00	Afternoon workshops (15 minute break mid-afternoon)
3:45	Have a safe trip home! (No closing service)

## **Does the registration fee cover my lunch cost?**

Yes. The lunch is included in the registration cost. Registration is not available without the lunch being included.

## **What if I have special dietary needs?**

If you are a person who has special dietary needs, you are encouraged to bring your own lunch with you.

## **If I can attend only ONE workshop, what registration fee do I pay?**

\$20 per person. This event is offered so that individuals have an opportunity to receive nearly four hours of training/continuing education in vital areas of church life. The registration is structured in such a way that there is only one fee amount.

### **What time does Registration begin?**

This year registration time is more about getting together and less about standing in registration lines! There will be no “registration” needed for those who are pre-registered. Registration packets will be in the pews. Those who have not previously registered, may do so at the door. Light refreshments will be available for everyone from 8:00-9:00.

### **Is child-care provided?**

Yes, and it’s free. Child care is provided on-site this year! You will need to pre-register for these services to assure that we have enough staff available for all of the children.

### **Will we have worship together?**

Yes,

1. Opening” Morning Watch” at 9:00-9:25 am
2. After lunch we will simply come together for a time of worship; no announcements, etc.
3. No closing service; SCL ends with your afternoon workshop.

### **Who are the workshop leaders?**

The workshop leaders represent a wide variety of leadership from across the breadth of the Church. The School for Congregational Learning has, since its inception 38 years ago, brought together outstanding congregational pastors and leaders, along with leaders from the Ecumenical, General, Regional and Congregational expressions of the Church, to offer insights and training to congregations. The names of the various workshop leaders/presenters are provided in the listing of Workshop Opportunities.

### **Is there a program for youth?**

Yes, our youth, like others are invited to attend any workshop that interests them. A specific workshop for anyone considering a call to ministry is entitled, “Can You Hear Me Now?” All workshops will help youth, as well as adults develop their leadership skills.

### **What if I need handicapped accessibility?**

West Des Moines Christian Church is handicapped accessible. Handicapped parking is available and volunteers are stationed outside and throughout the church to assist whenever and wherever needed. Please look for someone wearing a bright orange/red vest. Those persons are there to assist you.

### **What do I wear to this event?**

Participants are encouraged to dress casually. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

**What if I’m not a “leader” in the congregation?** This event is not just for elected or volunteer leaders, but for all Christians who hear the call of Jesus Christ in their lives and seek to live faithfully in service. There is something for everyone!

### **Other Questions? Contacts?**

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