

FAQ... Frequently Asked Questions

2011 School for Congregational Learning (SCL)

West Des Moines Christian Church, 4501 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, IA

GREAT AWAKENING 2011!



- **SCL is being held in a church!**
- **No registration lines; we start in the sanctuary with the packets handed out!!**
- **Cost remains \$20**
- **New programming for ages 5-18!! Only \$5 each!**

What Workshops are Available?

There is a complete listing of *2011 Workshop Opportunities*, arranged by Morning and Afternoon sessions, including Title, Presenter, and a Brief Description of the Workshop. Please post the *2011 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

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, call West Des Moines Christian Church **by August 15 with your special dietary needs: 515-223-1639**

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 handed to you as you are welcomed at the door. 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 must **pre-register for these services by August 15** 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 come together for a special 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 39 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 children and youth ages 5-18???

Yes! Yes! Yes! We are excited to offer **special programming for ages 5-18 this year**, led by Bert Burns, Regional Minister for Camps and Conference Center. Registration fee: \$5 per person. This year, Great Awakening 2011 will provide an opportunity for our young Disciples to stop at Bethany Village (Located in large outdoor tent) for a hands on experience in learning about our history as Disciples Together! This will be offered during both workshop times.

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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