

Laity Roundtable

March 25, Central UMC (Concord)

(30 Union Street, North, Concord, NC 28025)

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2017

FIRST SESSION: 9:00AM - 10:15AM

BREAK: 10:15AM – 10:45AM

SECOND SESSION: 10:45AM - NOON



Please choose a different class for each session you plan to attend. Select the class or classes and the session for each on the registration link below. Below is a listing of classes being offered (with facilitators):

Staff Parish Relations Committee (Rev. Mark Andrews, District Superintendent) - **Watching Over One Another in Love: A Wesleyan Model for Ministry Assessment.** Intended for Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committees, this workshop will present the model of covenant-making in establishing a plan of ministry for pastor and congregation. We will consider how support and accountability derive from the covenant-making process, using the covenant as a foundation for annual assessments.

Lay Leader (Jatana Royster, District Lay Leader) - This Focus Group is intended for the lay leader in each local church. We will focus on responsibilities of the lay leader and have time for sharing ideas and concerns. Think about any areas in which your church could use assistance and also ways you feel your church could assist others in our district and missional networks. The session is intended for new and continuing local church lay leaders.

Spiritual Gifts (Rev. Judi Hunt, Assistant Pastor Matthews / Wesley UMC) - Learn how your church can increase volunteers and strengthen leadership by intentionally considering individual spiritual gifts. You can permanently dispel that pesky 80-20 rule by raising the expectation for everyone to serve and finding ways to value and celebrate even the 'smallest' contribution of service.

Finance (Rev. Mark King, Conference Treasurer / Director of Administrative Services) - "Do's and Don't's of Exemplary Finance Committees" - what are the best practices of local church committees on finance to advance the mission of the church most effectively. And what are pitfalls to avoid? Topics will include audits, membership of committee, committee responsibilities, budget forecasting and preparation and understanding apportionments.

Communications / Social Media (Michael Rich, WNCC Web and Communications Manager) - Websites have become the new front porch for the local church, and social media is a major form of conversing with the congregation and community. We will discuss various social media platforms and their possibilities, and focus on Facebook and Twitter which are most used by the churches in our conference.

Missions (Mission Committee Leaders from Matthews UMC) - Learn ways your church can be in mission with your community. Hear about what has worked at Matthews UMC and learn how you can use this model for your own church, no matter the size or number of members.

Church Historian (Rev. Jim Pyatt, WNCC Archivist / Historian) - This Focus Group is open to local church historians, church secretaries, anyone who is interested in the history of their church, or anyone interested in their church's records and historic documents. We will focus on which records to keep and which records can be discarded (and why), how best to keep these records for posterity, and where to look to find records from the past. Those attending are encouraged to share their questions regarding the preserving and recording of their church's history and its records.

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