

Learning Centers and Dialogues for 2011 Annual Conference

Room assignments may change based on registrations, check assigned room first.

THURSDAY at 10:15AM

LEARNING CENTERS

Cancer Prayer and Support Ministry Center, Rm 109

Olsen Science

"A cancer diagnosis can be a frightening thing. You shouldn't have to go it alone." Learn about cancer support ministries at the community level; how a cancer prayer and support group can provide emotional, social and spiritual support during and after cancer; and how church sponsored ministries provide places to learn to cope with symptoms, discuss and share resources about dealing with side effects, share daily impact of cancer and find prayer, support and hope. Learn how to develop a support group for cancer patients and caregivers, gain an understanding of the connection between cancer support group ministry and the spiritual growth of our congregations, and get "connected" to the UMC Cancer Prayer and Support Network.

Presenters: Den Morton and Others

Combating Health Disparities Caused by Poverty (GBGM)

Phillips Music Hall

Participants will explore the denomination's "With*" campaign and discern how God calls us to be in ministry "with" versus "to" the poor in our society. Activities presented are designed to challenge traditional notions of poverty. Participants will hear how the denomination is currently engaged in ministry "With*" the poor specifically related to health disparities caused by poverty. Participants will leave the Learning Center with one practical step to engage a health related poverty issue in their community and will be challenged to actively participant in the denomination's "With" campaign. **Presenter: General Board of Global Ministries Staff**

Crafting Whole-making Liturgy from Broken Pieces Center, Rm 125

Olsen Science

Build confidence in creating worship that breathes with the lives of people in your community and in their circle of concern. This biblically grounded process is appropriate for all age settings and intergenerational groups, traditional and nontraditional worship settings. Learn how to gather the pieces people bring into worship with a process that reaches out and invites others in. Prayer, music, imagery, and movement are all potential elements. Participants will receive and practice with resources for crafting communion and other liturgies from the fragments of stories in their lives and communities. Samples and handouts of the process allow practice to continue at home. Guidelines are included for appropriate use of permissions and confidentiality.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Karen L. Munson

Imagine No Malaria House Party Student Center

Chapel Side Dining Room, Lane

Come visit with us and explore resources for the Imagine No Malaria House Party Model. Resources offer education, strengthen community and invite us to join in this campaign to end malaria deaths by the year 2015. Guests will be equipped to replicate the national House Party Model in local churches and your communities. Join in the movement as we increase awareness of the campaign and learn about a wide variety of opportunities of becoming involved in the global Imagine No Malaria initiative.

Presenters: Bishop Cliff Ives and Wanda Winnicki

Middle East Peace Center Rm 126

Olsen Science

How good it is for brothers to live together in peace! Come and hear from Presenter Peter Miano about the possibilities for peaceful living in the Middle East. Peter lives and works in the Middle East four months of the year. Come and hear his unique perspective. **Rev. Peter Miano, Executive Director, Society of Biblical Studies**

**Nicaragua Covenant: Amanecer Mobile Health Clinic
Student Center**

Chester's Place, Lane

Take an in-depth look at the Amanecer Mobile Health Clinic, the work accomplished within the program, the number of people benefiting, two years of statistical data, stories by recipients, and how to support these ministries. The Nicaragua Covenant's longstanding relationship invites and encourages all of the churches within the New England Annual Conference to become actively involved in the Covenant, thereby growing program support, enabling their churches to understand all that we can learn from one another, to witness the miracles, and to bless and be blessed through the work and relationships of the Nicaragua Covenant. All partnerships will be briefly explained.

Presenters: Pastor William Taylor, Amanecer Mobile Health Clinic (AMHC), NPC Sub-Committee

Richard Rinker, AMHC/NPC Sub-Committee, Plymouth UMC, Plymouth, MA

**Reconciliation in Rwanda
Center Rm 124**

Olsen Science

Discover Rwanda and the extraordinary hope and reconciliation in a country once devastated by division and war. Following the 1994 genocide, reconciliation is enabling eyes that witnessed the death of nearly a million people to see signs of hope. Even as the mourning continues, morning begins again in Rwanda. Less than two decades later, children have access to education, universal health care, a shared future of progress, and hope in a country, unique in the world, where women are the majority in government. We will explore the question central to Rwanda's future, and perhaps the question central to the future of all humans emerging from the twentieth century, the enormous question of reconciliation. **Presenters: Peg and Joe Moser**

**Stephen Ministry: Christ Caring for People Through People
Center Rm 127**

Olsen Science

Stephen Ministry's mission is to help congregations equip God's people for spiritual growth and Christ-centered practical ministry in today's world. Experience a witness to the effectiveness of Stephen ministry, selected videos, and Stephen ministry resources for specific life situations which produce grief and/or pain. Learn what NOT to say to a grieving person through a small group exercise, gain an understanding of how laity can build a Christ-centered Stephen ministry that benefits the pastor, the congregation, and the community. Reading resources for Stephen Minister's continuing education and free literature to begin a Stephen Ministry will be available.

Presenters: Rev. Elizabeth Kubota, Lisa Shufflebarger, RN, & Tanya Bowman

DIALOGUE SESSION

**Introduction to United Methodist Social Principles
Center Auditorium**

Olsen Science

Attendees will hear a brief history of the Social Principles, and an overview of the current version of the Social Principles. Techniques for local church study of the Social Principles will be highlighted. As time permits, participants will engage in United Methodist stands on specific issues. Copies of the Social Principles will be available. Following this session, groups may break out to consider specific issues through Noon and at 4:45pm.

Presenter: Willard A. Robinson, New England Conference Committee on Church and Society

THURSDAY at 11:15AM

LEARNING CENTERS

**Elder Abuse and Faith: How the Church Can Respond
Center Rm 127**

Olsen Science

Acquire an understanding of the dynamics and widespread incidence of elder abuse which affects our congregations and communities every day. Explore the need for faith-based responses from individuals and congregations; review protocols for safe and effective responses; and learn about services available in the community and how to make referrals. Participants will receive Safe Havens' new Elder Abuse resources, information to better understand the elder abuse church

members may experience, and protocols to help guide faith-based responses to elder abuse. This is also an opportunity to hear from one another about experiences with elder abuse in the parish setting and become better acquainted with community-based services.

Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter, Director, Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence

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**Living Side by Side: The Broken and the Whole in Haiti
Center Rm 109**

Olsen Science

In January, 2011, University of Maine/Augusta Biology students traveled to Cazale, Haiti, a required component of a course in global health perspectives lead by Professor Susan Baker. Hosted by the Catholic Church, they volunteered at faith-based "Real Hope for Haiti". Team members worked at a clinic for malnourished children, ran an educational program for children in the village, experienced global health issues, and saw how the church is responding. Learn how an academic service trip can be structured to incorporate Christian mission and how witnessing Christian love in action motivated students to explore incorporating service in their chosen careers.

Presenters: Susan Baker (Associate Professor of Science, UMA), Lay Leader Readfield UMC, Readfield, ME

Amanda Kelly (Biology student at UMA), member Pleasant Street UMC, Waterville, ME

**Local Church Health Ministry
Center Rm 126**

Olsen Science

Considering in The Book of Resolutions, the Discipline and many biblical references, one might conclude that every United Methodist congregation should be offering Health Ministries. Learn how to setup a Health Ministries in your church, including developing a mission statement, forming a committee, setting goals, determining the congregation's needs, and developing a comprehensive list of programs for living a "Wholistic" Lifestyle including physical, mental/emotional, and spiritual fitness. Don is the author of "Happiness the Road to Well-being", an experienced in church health ministries and President of the Vermont Senior Games Association.

Presenter: Donald Kjelleren, Chair, Shelburne UMC Health and Spirituality Ministries Committee

**Loans and Church Stewardship, UMFNE
Center Rm 125**

Olsen Science

Participants will learn why the UMFNE spells Banker with a "small b" – The Story. Quickly understand how to use the loan tools available in the Loan Program to effectively keep your church home in good repair. The "small b" can help make a happy church family. You will learn about construction lending for new churches and expansions, major renovations, loans for parsonages, and refinancing loans. The new Church Deferred Maintenance Line of Credit will be introduced. **Presenter: Gary Melville, ChFC, CAP, Director of Development**

**Nicaragua Covenant: Clean Water Programs
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Presenter: Richard Rinker, Clean Water Community Program, NPC Sub-Committee, Plymouth UMC, MA

**Nurturing and Healing Families
Center Rm 124**

Olsen Science

Local churches can cultivate both discipleship and healthier communities by nurturing healthy families and helping restore to health and wholeness those dealing with both predictable and unexpected challenges. Participants in this workshop will explore issues related to relationship education for children, youth, and single adults; marriage preparation, education, and enrichment; and support for families facing transitions and/or crisis. Discover the abundant array of effective resources and programs available for use with your congregation and for outreach to your community and learn how to access and utilize them effectively.

Presenter: Jane P. Ives, Marriage and Family Ministries Consultant, Hope Gateway UMC, Portland, ME

**United Methodist Missionaries in the 21st Century
Phillips Music Hall**

Areas that will be explored in this presentation include: Who are they? Where do they serve? What are their lives like in this day and age? How can your life make a difference in mission service? What do all the acronyms (GBGM, US-2, CCW, HM, Deac.) in UM mission service mean? We will explore your questions with a panel of active UM missionaries serving in the US and abroad.

Presenter: Dan Randall, Mission Interpreter in Residence for the Northeastern Jurisdiction

DIALOGUE SESSIONS THURSDAY at 4:45PM

**"What Do United Methodist Women Do, Anyway?"
Center, Rm 109**

Olsen Science

Participants will learn about mission projects supported by United Methodist Women - local, national, and international. Local unit representatives will share mission project and program ideas. Participants will also meet other United Methodist Women and what they do to further missions among women, children, and youth. Have you wanted to know "where the money goes" and "what do those women talk about," now is the time to find out!!

Presenters: Arlene Mackie, President and Leeda Marsh, Vice President

**Conference Budget Dialogue
Auditorium
Justice For Our Neighbors Dialogue
General Conference Proposals Dialogues
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