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As a Fire is Meant for Burning—James McPhee, Dir of Connectional Ministries
Starting from Ruth Duck's poem, this workshop will recall that Christianity and Methodism are deeply rooted in building "a bridge of care". How do we understand our role as "missionaries" even in our own communities? How would our Church be transformed by re-capturing the motivating and enlivening power of witness, work, and solidarity with others near to us and far away?

Youth and Young Adults in Mission—Lorraine Macpherson, Director, United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth - Northeast
Youth and Young Adults are natural missionaries. Developmentally they may be unsure of their role in the church but they find connection with God through serving others. Let's explore together why mission work is vital for this age group. How can churches reach young people through mission work and how can we help them grow as Christian leaders through the mission experience?

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