

Church Day Saturday, March 21, 2009

Orinda Community UCC 10 Irwin Way, Orinda CA 94563

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

In the "Focus Tracks" offered at Church Day, participants will have an opportunity to learn about models and successful programs in the areas of Church Leadership – Moderator Training, Young Adult Ministries Programs, Youth Ministries, Summer Children's programs, or developing Stewardship Vitality. Each topic leader will present their material in the context of participant interests and needs (Session I). Participants will be encouraged to apply the information to their church situation (Session II), and then the groups will reconvene by Church or Association (Session III) to create a step-by-step plan to implement the applications in their home church.

Also offered on Church Day are Professional Boundary Training, required of all NCNC Authorized Ministers, and UCC Identity Seminar II: History. See Page 3 of this document for more information on these two opportunities.

Focus Tracks:

Church Leadership – Moderator Training:

Facilitator: *Rev. Susan Hamilton, Pastor, Parkside UCC, Sacramento*

Participants will apply theology (study of the divine) and polity (the study of governance) to the way we make decisions and run meetings. This is a practical workshop in how to lead discussions to achieve consensus or majority rule in a way that is consistent with our spiritual goals. Your practical application will come in leading your group through the third session of this workshop. If you have come alone, you will observe and give feedback to a partner who will lead a group.

A "Spiritual Stimulus Plan" - Stewardship in Tough Economic Times

Facilitators: *David Bergman-Hill Associate Conference Minister Stewardship & Finance*
Tony Lewis, President, NCNC Conference Council

Tired of doing just one more fund raiser to help balance the budget? Worn out, burned out or stressed out because there never seems to be enough time, talent or treasure? Are you looking for practical solutions for your money woes? Are you yearning for theological relief from feelings of scarcity? If so, this workshop is for you.

Session I will explore some real situations where churches have faced tough economic times and have come out the other side feeling stronger both financially and spiritually. Session II will give you the opportunity to consider these and other approaches to deal with your tough economic times and to begin to create a "Spiritual Stimulus Plan" for your church

For schedule and registration information, go to
<http://ncncucc.org/ChurchDay/ChurchDayEvents.html>

Creating Enticing Summer Children's Programs

Facilitator: Betsy Woodward, Minister of Education, Congregational UCC of San Mateo

Jesus said, "Let the Children Come." How do we create programs that are welcoming to children? Session 1 will offer Christian Education presentations on several UCC Vacation Bible School and Summer Church School models in addition to other fun summer kids programs. During Session II, participants will brainstorm on what goals these programs accomplish and how each church can design similar programs to meet the goals of their church and CE program.

"Yes We Can Thrive and Survive in Youth Ministries"

Facilitator: Pastor Noni Gordon, Associate Pastor, City of Refuge UCC, San Francisco

Our Youth are not just the future generation in our churches, they are vital to the life of our churches right now.

If you are a youth between the age of 13-18 interested in learning how to utilize your God-given gifts and talents more frequently in your church or a Youth Leader/Pastor interested in getting the tools and knowledge on how you can integrate the youth in your church into Sunday morning worship settings, or if you need help with beginning a Youth Ministry, then this focus track is for you. Our discussions will be motivating, interactive, and integrative.

Young Adult Ministries Programs:

Facilitator: Rev. Michelle Webber, Associate Pastor, Foothills UCC, Los Altos

The Young Adult Ministry Focus Track will connect the leadership of young adult ministries in NCNC churches for mutual support and the spreading of successful program ideas.

In Session I we will learn about the current Young Adult Ministry programs and support opportunities at both the conference and national settings, as well as raise our big questions and areas of support needed at the congregational setting. We will leave this session with a clear understanding of the current state of young adult ministry in the NCNC and in our local churches.

In Session II we will share our best practices from previous experiences and brainstorm how we can best leverage our local and conference resources to strengthen young adult ministry programs at the conference and local settings. We will spend time looking at each of the big questions and areas of needed support that come up in the first session. Please bring examples to share of Young Adult programs or events that have worked well in your setting. We will leave this session with a good idea of how we can best work together in the future.

This workshop will be most applicable for clergy and lay leaders of local young adult and college ministry programs, young adults active in local programs and representatives from churches who hope to attract young adults in the future.

UCC Identity Seminars: History

The UCC History Seminar of Church Day will include presentations on:

- 1) foundational texts, resources and themes of our history: who were we, who are we;
- 2) the formative 20th century and how progressive theology, ecumenical engagement and new church models inspired the creation of the UCC in 1957 and continue to inspire us today;
- 3) ideas on how to teach/preach UCC history in a local church setting: preaching UCC history (with sermon examples), using UCC history in a church school curriculum, how to lead pilgrimages to UCC historical spots, and placing yourself and your church on the UCC world map.

The History Seminar will be led by Revs. Frank Baldwin and Deborah Streeter.

Frank has taught UCC History and Theology at Pacific School of Religion and led a Reformation pilgrimage to Germany, Holland, and Switzerland. He is senior pastor at Orinda Community UCC.

Deborah teaches UCC Faith, Polity and Practice at Pacific School of Religion and at the national setting at General Synod. She is associate Conference minister for the Santa Clara Association, and edits the Pacific, the Conference newspaper.

Clergy from other denominations who are seeking UCC ministerial standing through privilege of call or dual standing are urged to take part in the whole day of history study. There are additional requirements to achieve UCC ministerial standing. Lay people and UCC authorized ministers are also invited to take part in this seminar. The only cost for the seminar is \$8 for lunch. Please see the registration form at <http://www.ncnccucc.org/ChurchDay/AdditionalChurchDayOfferings.pdf>.

For preview readings on UCC history, go to www.ucc.org/education/polity.

Professional Boundary Training

All NCNC Authorized Ministers are required to take 6 hours of Professional Boundary Training every three years. At Church Day on March 21, an opportunity to complete this requirement will be offered. Rev. Dr. Kibbie Ruth of Kyros Ministries will facilitate the training.

The cost for this course is \$50 plus \$8 for lunch. See the Registration Form at <http://ncnccucc.org/ChurchDay/ChurchDayEvents.html> to register for Professional Boundary Training.