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ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
**Training & Workshops**

There's still time to register for several workshops offered Wednesday May 29

FEATURED **SPEAKERS**



JOE DANIELS



EMMA ESCOBAR



GINGER GAINES-CIRELLI



PAUL GOMEZ



STEPHANIE HIXON



TOM LANK



CHRISTIE LATONA



MARCIA MCFEE



MOOROSI MOKUENA



PAUL NIXON



JASMINE ROSE SMOTHERS



STACEY COLE WILSON

WORKSHOP **SCHEDULE**

9:30-NOON  
\$40

Growing "Multi" Churches with Paul Nixon

Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages with Marcia McFee

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 For more information, contact Amelia Duroska at [ADuroska@bwcumc.org](mailto:ADuroska@bwcumc.org)

9:30-10:40  
\$20

Forward Together: How to Have Needed, Difficult and Productive Conversations in Your Congregation with Stephanie Hixon

Missional Innovation and Grants: What You and Your Church Need to Know with Christie Latona and friends

Blank Slate: Write Your Own Rules for a Twenty-Second Century Church Movement with Jasmine Rose Smothers

Sacred Resistance with Ginger Gaines Cirelli

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Vital Conversations: Call to Action on Racial Justice Workshop with Moorosi Mokuena and Stacey Cole Wilson

Communication Strategy for Local Churches with Paul Gomez (UMCom)

### **Growing “Multi” Churches with Paul Nixon**

Learn practical steps one can take to lead diverse people to bond together as ministry teams. We will consider diversity of ethnic identity, generation, worldview and neighborhood. Building capacity to be a “multi” church in a “multi” world is essential for thriving. Learn from a pastor, coach, ministry strategist and student of culture. Paul has been coach to the fastest growing mainline Protestant churches and some of the most creative and wildly diverse new ministries in the US. He helps churches measure and cultivate their capacity for multiplying ministry in a wide variety of contexts.

### **Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design for Unforgettable Messages with Marcia McFee**

What can we learn from filmmakers that can inform our work in offering the greatest Story ever told in sensory-rich ways? Why do we need sensory-rich worship and how can we do it in large or small churches with small budgets and volunteers? You will love discovering the answers to these questions and more with Marcia McFee, the creator and visionary of the Worship Design Studio, an online experience of coaching, education, inspiration and a design application that currently serves over 900 congregations.

### **Forward Together: How to Have Needed, Difficult and Productive Conversations in Your Congregation with Stephanie Hixon**

In the midst of this deeply conflicted relational world, we are called to be reconcilers, to be a mediating presence, to be co-creators of safe and bold spaces inside and outside the church. This call is, indeed, a challenge and a great adventure. In this workshop, you will learn basic skills and a framework to facilitate productive conversations about difficult topics in your congregation.

### **Missional Innovation and Grants: What You and Your Church Need to Know with Christie Latona and friends**

Change is happening at such a fast pace, best practices are almost a thing of the past. All leaders and churches need to innovate and test new ways of being the church in the world in ways that develop and multiply world-changing disciples. The Baltimore-Washington Conference is committed to supporting leaders and faith communities to develop lean start up skills, some seed funding, and environments to get ministry ideas pitch-ready for grant applications and major donors.

### **Blank Slate: Write Your Own Rules for a Twenty-Second Century Church Movement with Jasmine Rose Smothers**

By placing millennials, generation Z, and generation Alpha at the center of our thinking we can envision and create ministries and faith communities with and for these current and upcoming generations. Old rules of engagement are contrasted with the new rules of engagement.

### **Sacred Resistance with Ginger Gaines Cirelli**

In the midst of polarized communities and nations, religious leaders across the theological spectrum are seeking help with how to respond and lead in troubled times. This workshop explores the following: When Christians see that something is wrong in our nation or community, how and when should we respond? When we see multiple instances of ‘wrong’, how do we choose which ones to address? How can pastors and other leaders faithfully take risks without violating relationships with the congregation or denomination?

### **Engaging multiple generations of Hispanic/Latinos in Your Community with Emma Escobar and the Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries**

If your church is near a public school where more than 20% of its student body is Hispanic/Latino, this workshop is for you! There are many different cultures and generations of Hispanic-Latinos in the BWC. Learn the realities and myths of working with these communities and discuss the seven guidelines of doing ministries with second-generation young Hispanic-Latinos.

### **Forming and Multiplying Disciples through Compassionate Service with Tom Lank (NEJ VIM Coordinator) with the Abundant Health Board**

Are you passionate about your Christian calling to share the love of Jesus Christ through wellness and service? Are you seeking new and innovative ways to effectively engage your members and those throughout the community in these areas, or pursuing strategies to strengthen existing initiatives, programs, and ministries rooted in these essential spiritual disciplines? Learn to foster and encourage the reimagining of health and mission ministry in your context, and make a difference alongside and on behalf of those seeking wholeness and hope in the midst of personal and/or wide-spread disaster.

### **Moving from Paying Bills to Funding Ministries with the MidAtlantic Foundation**

Explore how your church can more effectively fund your ministries. So many of churches are just trying to just get by. Come and learn how to move from just surviving and “paying the bills” to thriving and funding your God-given vision for ministry!

### **Connecting for a Change: How to Engage, People, Churches and Partners to Inspire Hope in Your Community with Joe Daniels**

Every day, people in churches and communities are confronted by the enemies of disconnection, division, distrust, and disbelief that threaten their ability to live life and live it to the full. As a result, many churches and judicatories are struggling for survival and relevancy, and many communities are searching for hope. The good news is that God has a plan for revival and revitalization through the multipliers of mission strategy: building relationships, organizing people, utilizing assets and liberating congregations.

### **Vital Conversations: Call to Action on Racial Justice Workshop with Moorosi Mokuena, CCORR, and Stacey Cole Wilson**

Vital conversations are essential for every Christian community that strives to deepen individual and corporate faith and worship, bring new people into relationship with God, and to make a credible witness to the power of Christ and His church to transform the world for the better. Join this class to gain tools and resources that encourage authentic, vital and brave conversations about the things that divide and damage the Body of Christ and the things that bind us together and strengthen us as related to racial justice.

### **Communication Strategy for Local Churches with Paul Gomez (UMCom)**

People are so bombarded with messages that it can be difficult for a church to get its message through. Utilizing strategy and storytelling is key for congregations to effectively share their unique mission with members and visitors alike. Join United Methodist Communications as we discuss the wide variety of tools and techniques needed to create a holistic communication plan, develop consistent messaging, and maximize interactions with your community.