



# Connect

## leadership summit

**Inspiring & Equipping Churches  
to Connect More People to Jesus**

**Western Region**

**March 14, 2020**

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Otterbein United Methodist Church

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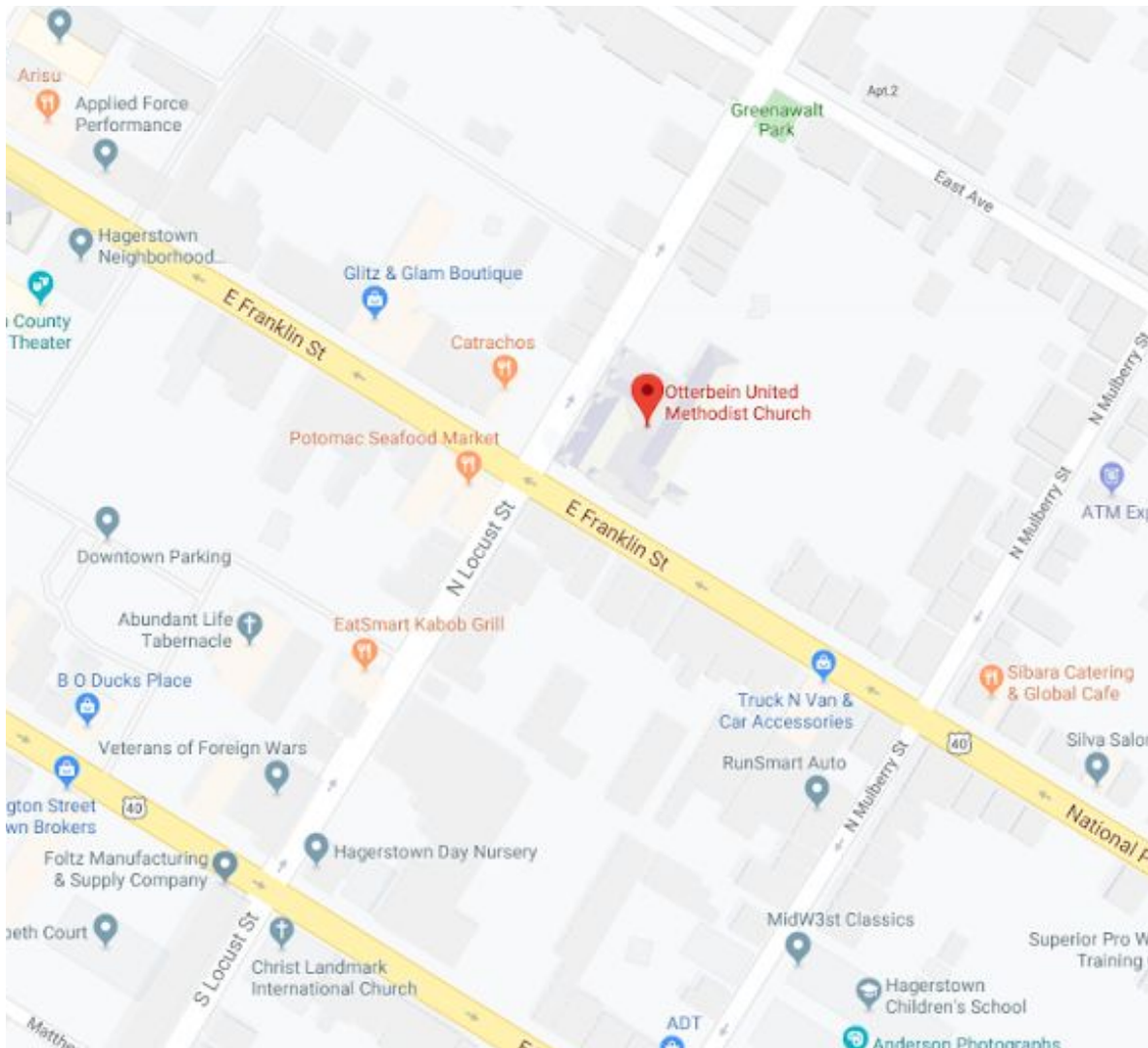
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## Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Check-In
9:00 a.m.	Opening Experience
9:30 a.m.	Keynote with Discussion - Daniel Im
11:30a.m.	Wrap up and Instruction
12:00p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Select one track or two workshops
1:00-2:15 p.m.	Workshop 1
2:30-3:45 p.m.	Workshop 2
3:45 p.m.	Closing Exercise

# DIRECTIONS



From points west:

From I-70, take exit 26 to merge onto I-81 N toward Harrisburg. Travel 3.7 miles then take exit 6A to merge onto US-40 E/National Pike toward Hagerstown. Continue on US-40 E/National Pike to N Cannon Avenue. Turn left onto N Cannon Avenue and then turn left onto E Franklin/National Pike.

From points east:

From I-70, take exit 32B and then merge onto US-40 W/National Pike toward Hagerstown. Travel 3.3 miles to E. Franklin Street.

## Cost

- \$40 per person - includes materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.
- All registrations must be paid in full by March 7.
- There will be no refunds after March 7 unless the event is canceled due to weather.

## Registration Required

- Easy online registration.
- Closes Saturday, March 7.
- No Walk-ins.
- E-mailed to registrants after payment is confirmed.

## CEU Credits

CEU credits will be processed after the event for all clergy. If you are a layperson and require CEU credits, please contact your District Administrator.

## Inclement Weather Closing

- Please follow the **Washington County Public School System**.
- It must say all “Community Use Events” are canceled in order for Leadership Day to be canceled.
- You can also call the recorded message at **301-766-2800**.
- In the event of inclement weather, refunds will be made available no later than 30 days after the date of the event
- If cancellation is necessary, an email will be sent through Arena by 7 a.m.

## Building Temperature

Please dress in layers. Some rooms may be warmer/colder than others. We cannot adjust the temperature of the room.

# TRACKS

Tracks are an opportunity to learn more and go deeper in a single area rather than take two different workshops. Additionally, each track will have an opportunity to join a cohort (a group of people sharing a common interest) to support the implementation of concepts in your context. Cohorts will be formed and announced after we have received information from all four events.

## **Sacred Rhythms: Deepening Discipleship Through A Rule of Life**

Presenter: Rev. Kendrick Weaver and Rev. John Nupp, Executive Minister of Call & Clergy Care

Do you long for a sustainable, deep, fundamental change in your life with God? Church leaders and pastors, give yourself the gift of putting your relationship with Jesus first. Focus on who God is and how God intends us to live in a community. Discover time-tested disciplines and develop a Rule of Life to sustain and deepen your daily walk as a transformed disciple who transforms our world.

Your workshop leaders know the temptations of ministry in the local church, of “doing something for God before spending time with God,” as Samuel Logan Brengle phrased it. Sharing from their own professional and personal experiences, these teachers will help you hear God’s voice speaking through the rhythm of your daily life.

## **Generosity Generators: 13 Generosity Mistakes to Avoid (and what to do instead)**

Presenter: Frank Robert, Associate Director Mid-Atlantic Foundation

Lessons from our Churches that can help us do it better! We will discuss what mistakes to avoid and what Generosity Generators we should install in our Churches. Our goal is to begin to understand how to move the Financial Culture from “Paying the bills” to “Funding Future Mission and Ministry”.

We will culminate our time by drafting our future Generosity Team! We will discuss at least 13 things your church could be doing to generate more Resources. It is time to THRIVE not just Survive!

## **Next Level Leaders: Revitalizing God’s Vision for Your Congregation**

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan

It is said, “where there is no vision the people perish!” And yet, whose vision are we called to implement? Revitalizing or discerning God’s vision for your congregation is

best accomplished through a collaborative process in which ownership of God's vision is discerned, promoted and implemented by the congregational leadership and subsequently owned by the local congregation.

This workshop is intended to teach, equip and encourage the next level leaders to bring out the greatest potential from them and their local congregation, context, and community. **To get the best out of this workshop, several leaders (clergy and lay) from a local congregation are encouraged to participate together so that God's vision, an action plan, an implementation schedule and an evaluation tool for existing ministries can be developed.** We will exchange ideas, share experiences, develop new relationships and leave inspired for God's Vision and the next steps for your congregation. Leaders will explore resources, learning labs and next-level leader networks.

## **New Faith Expressions: Being a Sent People instead of an Attractional Church**

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Bill Brown, Director of New Faith Expressions, Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

For decades, churches have operated from the mentality of "build it and they will come". So what is "it"? Perhaps "it" is a new building or worship service, the best coffee or latest program. We have spent countless hours and resources trying to attract people to our churches and have them come to us. Instead of "come to us," what if we embraced a new approach, "go to them"? What if we embodied Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19 – "Go therefore and make disciples..." (CEB). It is time for us to discover new expressions of church that are able to communicate with a culture that is not currently a part of the church, so that they can become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

We are at a crossroads as our society and culture continue to undergo massive transitions that have affected the church. These challenges provide us with a significant opportunity to reach new people. It begins by changing our focus beyond our building and the "come to us" approach and embrace the "we will go to you" attitude, embodying the Gospel where people are, rather than embodying it where we are and in ways we prefer.

In this track you will discover innovative ways to embrace the "micro-church movement" including:

- The definition and theology of the "micro-church movement"
- How to discover and engage people where they are
- Models and methods for launching a "micro-church movement" in your context
- Much more...

## **Young People's Ministry: Growing Youth Leadership through Boosting Communication Skills**

Presenters: BWC's Young People's Ministry Training Team in all four regions

Whether you care about leading a team to serve the homeless, a small group, organize people to change oppressive practices or simply leading worship, communication is key. Strong communication is fundamental to growing as a leader and achieving a positive impact. This high-energy track provides basic lessons in interpersonal interaction including storytelling, listening, self-awareness and empathy. Discover your intrapersonal and interpersonal skills and practice new habits that help build relationships and leadership effectiveness. We will also discuss the role of storytelling across multiple mediums. This track is designed for youth in middle and high school.

## **Abundant Health: Health Ministry 911**

Presenters: Dr. Janet Fujikawa, DMin, D.O., M.B.A., FAOCOPM and Dr. Tom Pruski, RN, MAPS, DMin

The health message is a vital part of God's last day message to the world. When done effectively, it opens the way for people of all backgrounds to accept the gospel truths. This session will look at the keys to planning for and implementing a power-filled Health Ministry at your church. This session will cover the following areas: Introduction to faith and health, health ministry models, communication and organizing for the health ministry.

Participants in this course will have the opportunity to participate with a cohort to take a deeper dive into understanding what it takes to prepare your congregation and community for a Health Ministry and the steps necessary to be an asset to the Kingdom of God. In attending this workshop, individuals will be introduced on how to start and begin to sustain a Health Ministry in their local church or community.



# REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

## **Biblical Storytelling**

Presenters: Rev. Mike Cantley

This Lent and Easter, take up another means of grace as you learn to tell the old, old story by heart! Come learn some tips for the discipline of Biblical Storytelling in the style of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International (NBSI).

Participants will learn a Bible story in class and leave with a great Easter gift they can share with their worshiping or learning community.

## **Mental Health and the Church**

Presenters: Rev. Patricia Watson

1 in 5 American adults experience a mental illness each year; 75% of mental illnesses develop before age 25. As churches, we can do a better job of providing care and connections for those struggling with a mental health crisis. Join us as we talk about the things to look out for, and ways your church can be a part of the movement to lessen the stigma around mental health issues.

## **Building a VIM Team**

Presenters: VIM Coordinator

Have you been on a mission journey and would like to take others to a destination to serve? Have you led teams before and would be interested in sharing your experiences in other local churches to help them engage in mission opportunities both home and abroad by training team leaders? This training is designed for all who are interested in learning more about leadership and opportunities in missions.

## **Hospitality Matters - What Does Your Church Look Like Through the Eyes of a First-Time Guest?**

Presenters: Rev. Bill Warehime

Hospitality is a Biblical tradition of welcoming the stranger. It is the simplest form of evangelism that a congregation needs to adopt and implement. In this class, church leaders will learn principles and tools key to becoming an outwardly focused church.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-registration is required and must be completed online.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept walk-in registrations.

**Registration closes on Saturday, March 7.**

**STEP 1:** Review the workshop descriptions on pages 5 - 8 of this guide and choose 2 workshops or 1 track you would like to attend. You will not be able to switch your track or workshops on site. Please be sure to make your selections accordingly.

1:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Track (choose only 1): \_\_\_\_\_

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Workshop 1: \_\_\_\_\_

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Workshop 2: \_\_\_\_\_

***You must register online for the track/ workshops you've chosen. See "Step 2"***

**STEP 2:** To register, visit

<https://arenaweb.bwcumc.org/default.aspx?page=3452&event=5686>

**STEP 3:** Log in with your Arena account information. Complete all fields on the online registration form. During the final step of registration, you will be prompted to enter your credit card information to pay the \$40.00 registration fee. Registration is not complete until payment is received.

**STEP 4:** Within a few minutes of submitting your registration and payment for this event, you will receive a confirmation.

## **RESOURCE FAIR**

Visit our Resource Fair during check-in, breaks and lunch!

Pick up tips and network with others who can help enhance your leadership.

To reserve a Resource or Vendor Table, submit a form to Penny Gaver (pgaver@bwcumc.org) by Saturday, March 7.

## **EVENT ORGANIZERS**

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