

# Transforming Community



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## LEADERSHIP DAYS 2019

March 30, 2019 ◆ 9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Otterbein UMC, 108 E. Franklin St., Hagerstown, MD 21740

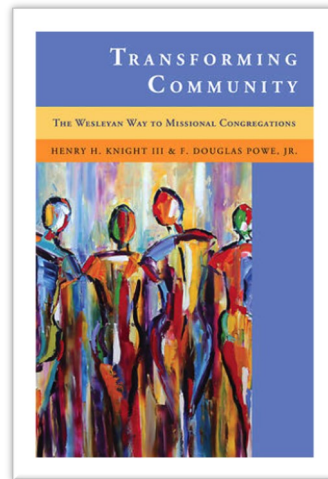
Join us to hear Rev. Douglas Powe, Jr. discuss the important parallel between John Wesley's community building skills and the entrepreneurial skills required to revitalize the 21st Century church as detailed in his new book *Transforming Community*.

Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Powe looks to the past even as he and his students contemplate the future. "When we refer to the Wesley brothers as entrepreneurs, we're referring to how they take practices that are already part of the tradition but then organize people in new ways, ways that created a movement," he said.

He notes that "Transforming Community" is not just an academic work but offers a practical approach that can be embraced by congregations. "It's easily adapted for a Sunday school or Bible study class," he said. "The goal is that people will understand and experience what the Wesleys were doing, and then make that live in the context of their churches today."

This book demonstrates how John Wesley broke new ground by organizing small groups of the faithful to become agents of change. "He gave people a sense of connecting, and growing in faith in a new way," Powe said. "It was more than just coming to hear someone speak. It involved people actually doing something about what they heard."

A FREE copy of *Transforming Community* Book will be given to the first 200 who register. Limited quantity — don't delay.



### SCHEDULE:

8:00 – 9:00 am —  
Check-in

9:00 – 9:15 am —  
Hymn Sing & Opening  
Prayer

9:15 – 10:30 am —  
Doug Powe, Keynote Speaker

10:45 - 11:30 am —  
General Conference Results

### LUNCH

(11:45 am — 12:45 pm)  
*included in registration*

### SELECT ONE CLASS FROM EACH SESSION!

Session #1 (1:00 – 2:15 pm)

Session #2 (2:30 – 3:45 pm)

*Plenary Speaker: The Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr. is a Full Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Powe is committed to helping urban congregations and congregations in transitional areas to flourish through community partnering. His research interest are church revitalization, urban theology and Methodist theology. Dr. Powe is the Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership.*

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### ***Please Check (✓) ONE from EACH Afternoon Session***

#### **Session 1 – 1:00 – 2:15 pm**

- Building a Firm Foundation - the Importance of Children's and Family Ministry
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event in the Church
- Daily Pick Up Your Story: *Biblical Storytelling*
- Finances in the Church
- How Churches can Help Heal and Understand Childhood Trauma within the Community
- Leadership Development - Leadin' Through Transition
- Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee Basics

#### **Session 2 - 2:30 – 3:45 pm**

- Arts and Evangelism
- Finance in the Church (Part 2)
- Grandparents Role Shaping their Grandchildren's Faith in the 21st Century
- Living in The Spirit; A Walk Through Acts with The Holy Spirit
- Safe Sanctuaries
- Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee Advanced
- Weapons of Our Warfare (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

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**Building a Firm Foundation - the Importance of Children's and Family Ministry** — No matter the size of your church, it is important to have a well rounded children and family ministry, in fact, experts agree that healthy and growing churches offer solid programming for this segment of their congregation. In today's workshop, we'll explore resources, models and activities that can help create and sustain this vital program. *(Rev. Konni Brantner is a Full Deacon in the UMC, serving St. Matthew Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring.)*

**Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event in the Church** — Awareness, preparation and response is the overview of this session. In the event that we are faced with any safety issue it is important for us to have a plan in place. To help prepare for such an incident, we are taking a proactive stance by inviting the MD State Police to lead this training. *(Lieutenant Brian Smith, Commander Of Maryland State Police, Western Region Criminal Enforcement Division)*

**Daily Pick Up Your Story: Biblical Storytelling** — 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 from the discipline of Biblical Storytelling in the style of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International (NBSI). Pastor Mike will teach you some tried and true methods for people of all ages to learn Jesus' story by heart. Participants will learn a Bible story in class and leave with a great Easter gift they can share with their worshiping or learning community. Class members will experience how Bible stories have changed lives around the world too! *(Pastor Mike Cantley currently serves at St Lukes, Martinsburg, WV)*

**Finances in the Church** — The goal of the ministry of finance is to fund ministries that nurture persons in their faith. The finance system in the congregation will raise, manage, and disperse the funds of the congregation that help realize the mission and vision of the church. This workshop is for anyone who serves on a finance team or interfaces with the offerings of the church. Are you counting money correctly? Do you know how long to keep your records? We will also cover some of the intricacies regarding the new tax laws and some other important issues that might impact our ministries. We aim to answer all those questions and more. Watch the Finance Basics video prior to attending Leadership Day ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=7&v=9WLFebhk4qA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=9WLFebhk4qA)), and bring any questions you may have to the workshop. *(Mr. Paul Eichelberger is a seasoned manager of financial systems. He is currently in his tenth year as the Conference Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for the BWCUMC.)*

**How Churches can Help Heal and Understand Childhood Trauma within the Community** — Important information will be shared from the "ACE Study," a landmark CDC study that shows many major health and social issues have their roots in **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** [including substance abuse, mental illness, suicide, and diabetes] and that childhood trauma can have neurological and biological effects that last a lifetime. ACEs are common, powerful, and interrelated and include multiple forms of abuse and neglect and household dysfunction (including parental separation and divorce, incarcerated household member, and witnessing violence in the home). Learn more about the effects of ACEs on individuals and a community, and how your church can easily help with prevention, healing, and building resilience. Prepare for a shift in thinking and gain some helpful tools and resources to make a difference that will last for generations. *(Kathy Powderly, Executive Director, Hagerstown Area Religious Council and ACE Interface Master Trainer; Steven Youngblood, Child Welfare Supervisor, Wash. County Depart. of Social Services and ACE Interface Master Trainer; Ligia Teodorovici, Kinship Navigator/After Care Case Manager, Wash. County Depart. of Social Services and ACE Interface Master Presenter)*

**Leadership Development - Leadin' Through Transition** — Why does transition happen? How do faith communities lead through it? Your pastor is changing; society is changing; your life is changing; our United Methodist Church is changing! Yet, God has plans for PEACE and WELL-BEING and not for disaster to give a FUTURE and a HOPE (Jeremiah 29:11 Amplified). Participants will leave with basic methods, means and modes to lead through transition. *(Dr. Rodney Smothers is the Director of Leadership and Congregational Development for the Baltimore-Washington Conference. He is a nationally known author, consultant and leadership coach.)*

**Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee Basics** — If you are new to the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) or if you are a veteran SPRC member wondering if the committee is functioning as it should, this workshop is for you! Watch the SPRC Basics video prior to attending Leadership Day (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbd3dQVHTk0>), and bring any questions you may have to the workshop. Topics will include the SPRC calendar, the role and responsibilities of the SPRC, an overview of the appointive system, and a discussion on Safe Sanctuaries as it relates to SPRC purview. When you take this class you will receive a copy of the Guidelines booklet designed to help implement and guide the work of the ministry area. *(Rev. Steve Larsen is currently pastor at Calvary UMC, Frederick)*



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**Arts and Evangelism** — Pastor Jenkins studied the performing arts and, when God called him to ministry, he brought his creative spirit along, recognizing that God give him “Dreams too big to be ignored.” He will provide practical advice about utilizing an arts ministry in your church. Topics include the absolute importance of thorough rehearsals, the need for all participants to be available and faithful, and have a reliance on the Holy Spirit.” *(Pastor Bresean Jenkins currently serves at Ebenezer UMC, Washington DC)*

**Finance in the Church (Part 2)** — This class is a follow up to Finance 101 but attending the previous class is NOT mandatory. This is an opportunity for local church finance committee members, treasurers, and financial secretaries to ask questions of the BWC Conference Treasurer. Make sure to bring questions along to this workshop. *(Mr. Paul Eichelberger is a seasoned manager of financial systems. He is currently in his tenth year as the Conference Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer for the BWCUMC.)*

**Grandparents Role Shaping their Grandchildren's Faith in the 21st Century** — Being a grandparent in the 21<sup>st</sup> century can be a very challenging task. Whether you are the primary caregiver or a grandparent across the miles, you have a vital role in the faith development of your grandchildren. During this workshop, we'll look at the evolving role of grandparents and the delicate balance of lovingly guiding our grandchildren through the difficult maze of choices and decisions while also respecting the role of the parents, whether absentee or present. We will discuss ways the church can be a positive influence for both the grandchildren and the grandparent. *(Rev. Konni Brantner is a Full Deacon in the UMC, serving St. Matthew Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring.)*

**Living in The Spirit; A Walk Through Acts with The Holy Spirit** is an exciting strategy designed to acquaint the believers with the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity), using scripture and personal testimony every effort is made to see that the content is balanced both in scripture and Wesleyan in nature. Discover the potential and power of the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and direct lives into the fullness of Christ Jesus that God offers to every believer. *(Ms. Sherry J. Crockett, is a Certified Lay Minister with the Baltimore Washington Conference and Coordinator, with the Aldersgate Renewal Fellowship)*

**Safe Sanctuaries** — God calls us to make our churches safe places. This class will provide samples and resources to assist in updating your current or create a new Safe Sanctuaries Policy for those working with children, youth, or those with special needs. Additional resources, including where to obtain the BWC Clergy & Lay Sexual Misconduct Policy, 2016 UMC Resolutions for Church Participation by a Registered Child Sex Offender and how to access the 3-hour online training course. *(Ms. Angela Fossett, Frederick District Safe Sanctuaries Trainer and Youth Coordinator )*

**Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee Advanced** — SPRC members are invited to attend this workshop to learn more about their part in the appointment process including the pastoral transition process, performing meaningful and purposeful evaluations, and effectively handling conflict resolution as a collaborative body. *(Rev. Steve Larsen is currently pastor at Calvary UMC, Frederick)*

**Weapons of Our Warfare (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)** — The Great Seal of the United States bears an eagle grasping an olive branch in its right talon and a bundle of 13 arrows in its left. The eagle's head faces the olive branch which identifies the US as a nation that seeks peace and unity but will also fight if absolutely necessary. This concept is Biblical but Christians are not being taught how God intends we fight when needed. It is therefore no mystery that hatred, bigotry, substance abuse, exploitation, sex trafficking, mass shootings, murder, suicide, and all sorts of evil increasingly plague our families and communities. Moreover, the denominations and local churches are not immune to escalating arguments, backbiting, gossiping, bigotry, hypocrisy and divisiveness. This workshop will reveal and help believers develop the arsenal of weapons available for 'such a time as this' based on 2 Corinthians 10:3-6, where we learn, "Our weapons are not carnal, but have divine power to demolish strongholds, arguments, and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God." *(Pastor Amb Blango Ross, Jr currently serves Strawbridge UMC in New Windsor, MD)*

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