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leadership summit

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

Washington Region

March 7, 2020

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

River Hill High School

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Clarksville, MD 21029

Daniel Im, Author of No Silver Bullet

Keynote Speaker



Daniel Im, the senior associate pastor of Beulah Alliance Church in Edmonton, Canada, is the author of several books, including, “No Silver Bullets,” which explores how micro-shifts in your church’s vision, values and model can lead to macro-changes in mission and ministry. Read more on his website at www.danielim.com.

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Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

When you arrive, follow signs to the appropriate check-in table to pick up Leadership Day materials.

8:00 a.m.	Check-In, Continental Breakfast and Resource Fair
9:00 a.m.	Opening Experience in the Auditorium
9:30 a.m.	Keynote Discussion with Daniel Im
11:30 a.m.	Wrap-up and Instructions
12:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch and Resource Fair
1:00 p.m.	Select one track or two workshops
	⇒ 1:00 – 3:45 p.m. ~ Track
	⇒ 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. ~ Workshop 1
	⇒ 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. ~ Workshop 2

Cost

- ◆ \$40 per person - includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch.
- ◆ All registrations must be paid in full by February 29.
- ◆ There will be no refunds after February 29 unless the event is cancelled due to weather.

Registration Required

- ◆ Easy online registration.
- ◆ Closes Saturday, February 29.
- ◆ No Walk-ins.

Confirmation

- ◆ 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 lay person and require CEU credits, please contact your District Administrator.

Inclement Weather Closing

- ◆ Please follow the Howard County Public School System and refer to “Community Use” regarding closings due to inclement weather.
- ◆ If cancellation is necessary, it will be posted at <http://www.hcpss.org/schools/emergency-closings> by 7 a.m.
- ◆ 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 410-313-6827.
- ◆ In the event of inclement weather, refunds will be made available no later than 30 days after the date of the event.

Building Temperature

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

TRACKS & WORKSHOPS

Participants can dive deeply into one area of ministry by taking a track, which consists of two workshops. Or, they can explore ministry areas of particular interest to them in two workshops, chosen specifically for local church leaders in each region. Review the track and workshop descriptions below to choose options that will help you navigate your leadership this year!

The tracks to choose from include:

- ◆ Abundant Health
- ◆ Deepening Discipleship
- ◆ Generosity Generators
- ◆ New Faith Expressions
- ◆ Next Level Leaders
- ◆ Youth Leadership

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 to support the implementation of concepts in your context. Cohorts will be formed and announced after we have received information from all four events.

TRK: ABUNDANT HEALTH : HEALTH MINISTRY 911

Presenters: **Dr. Janet Fujikawa**, Occupational Medicine Specialist (Gaithersburg, MD). **Dr. Tom Pruski** directs the work of the Heal the Sick program which is part of the Wesley Seminary's Community Engagement Institute.

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 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.

TRK: DEEPENING DISCIPLESHIP: CREATING A DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

Presenter: **Ken Willard**, Author, coach, consultant, trainer and curriculum developer who will be teaching on the essentials of one of the books he collaborated on: *Stride: Creating a Discipleship Pathway for Your Church*

Churches of all types around the country are struggling. The more programs they try the more evident it becomes that there is no quick fix or secret formula to help them out of their rut. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, once said, "The way to keep a Methodist alive is to keep him moving."

It is time to recapture this simple yet profound truth and get back to the basics of making fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Learn from someone who has developed and launched a highly successful pathway to discipleship in their church (Morning Star UMC, in St. Louis) about how to create a successful discipleship pathway for your own particular contexts, based on the principles developed at Morning Star.

Willard shares the process of developing a discipleship pathway that meets individual people where they are. You will see examples of each element and practical instruction on how to plan, implement and sustain the discipleship pathway.

TRK: GENEROSITY GENERATORS: CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

Presenter: **Rev. Dr. Daryl Williams**, Senior Pastor, St Paul UMC (Oxon Hill, MD)

Ministry keeps becoming more expensive and funding ministry continues to become more challenging. These challenges can cause a constant low level of anxiety for ministry leaders as they seek to make their ministry visions into a reality and faithfully serve their community. This presentation will give you the tools to curb your anxiety, create a culture of generosity, and have a ministry funding plan so that you can faithfully live into the vision you have for ministry. Join Dr. Williams for a fun and exciting time of learning and growth.

TRK: NEXT LEVEL LEADERS: MULTI-GENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE 22ND CENTURY

Presenter: **Dr. Rodney Smothers**, Author, Coach and Director of Leadership and Congregational Development for the Baltimore-Washington Conference

Our future will require collaborative communities that are multi-generational, multicultural, and theologically diverse. Our new tribes will gather in new ways and be led by Next Level Leaders who intentionally invest in learning and leading others through innovation, influence, and spiritual impact. Traditions will be incorporated into new expressions through shared cultural and contextual values. This blended leadership context will include multi-generational teams, new rules of Millennials and Generation Z., Communication in a digital world, Communities vs. Institutions, Storytelling and Vision, Coaching for Transformation, Healthy Habits, and learning from innovative organizations beyond the church. Participants will create new ministry models for the 22nd Century Church Movement.

TRK: NEW FAITH EXPRESSIONS: BEING A SENT PEOPLE INSTEAD OF AN ATTRACTIVE 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...

TRK: 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 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.

WKS: A PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH TO SENIOR CITIZEN MINISTRY

Presenter: **Rev. Malcolm Frazier** responds to the Holy Spirit’s promptings to vigorously pursue his authentic callings to different ministry contexts.

During this workshop participants will look at some statistics for seniors, and the social impact of these numbers. Participants will learn some of the psychosocial theories of aging and explore their challenges and solutions. An overview of dementia will be presented – its causes and how the church can respond.

WKS: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Presenter: **Rev. Alice Ford**, has served 18 years in pastoral ministry in various local church settings where she uses her gifts as a certified conflict mediation specialist, professional coach and healthy congregations specialist and facilitator to help churches and people be all that God has in store for them.

As much as we would like to believe that we can all get along in the Body of Christ, we know the realities of churches dividing and the cause of Christ being marred. What do you do when conflict surfaces? Attend this session and come away with biblical methods to conflict management. You will learn how to

- Be proactive (Matt. 5:23-24)
- Be a peace-maker (Rom. 12:16-21; Eph. 4:3)
- Be process-oriented (Matt. 18:15-17)
- Be a paraclete (Phil. 4:2-3)

WKS: DEMANDS AND BENEFITS OF THE BI-VOCATIONAL PASTOR

Presenter: **Rev. Lucinda (Cindy) Kent** serves as the pastor of Van Buren United Methodist Church, Washington, DC.; and, as the Executive Director of Operations for National United Methodist Church, Washington, DC (a multi-campus site).

Bi-Vocational pastors experience the same needs as do all other pastors. From self-care to tackling challenges and meeting work demands. How does one attempt to balance call, family, employment, education, and self-care? Come, let us explore this topic together.

WKS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

Presenter: **Akeda Pearson** (Seeds of Security BWC DV/IPV Ministry) is an instructor, mentor, marketing consultant/assimilation coach, public speaker and community outreach worker who has devoted her career to the betterment of life for youth and adults

This course will offer a basic understanding of what DV/IPV is, its prevalent signs, symptoms, responses, and how faith communities can access and/or provide resources that can promote health and healing for survivors. If you have and or are looking to begin a DV/IPV ministry in your church, this training is for you.

WKS: HEALTHY BOUNDARIES FOR MINISTRY

Presenter: **Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan** serves as the pastor of a multicultural, ecumenical union church, Saint John United in Columbia, MD. She has served in lay leadership and pastoral leadership within the Baltimore-Washington Conference for 23 years and is passionate about helping the church live its missional call to make disciples of Jesus who transform the world. Her experience with ecumenical and interfaith ministry gives her a broad view of both the joys and challenges facing clergy and laity in the BWCUMC.

Clergy and laypersons depend on relationships with one another to fulfill God's call to the church. We have a mutual trust and shared responsibility as leaders to set appropriate boundaries and model professional behavior in our ministry.

In our time, we will introduce:

- Definitions and descriptions of boundaries and why they are important,
- The importance of awareness of the need for healthy boundaries in ministry, relative to power or vulnerability,
- How to create a healthy church environment with loving accountability for boundary-keeping,
- The challenges to boundaries in ministry such as gift-giving, friendships, dual relationships, dating, and social media, (and others you can think of!), as well as
- Guidelines for appropriate boundaries and self-care, including expectations of the United Methodist Church and the BWCUMC.

WKS: MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE

Presenter: **Pastor Ronald "Rony" Young** is a licensed Local Pastor at St. Luke UMC in Sykesville and a student at Lancaster Bible College and Wesley Theological Seminary.

The flow and context of worship in the local church is critical to how impactful it may be to all attendees. In this session, you will learn:

- The responsible parties for worship in a service.
- A general process for organizing/structuring a worship service.
- The importance of flexibility and diversity.

WKS: REACHING YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVANT EVANGELISM

Presenter: **Rev. T.C. Morrow**, a Provisional Deacon, is on the staff of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture and extended clergy team at Foundry UMC, and she has a passion for equipping people to put their faith into action for the sake of building up the kingdom of God.

If you or members of your church think, “There is no way I can do evangelism,” this is the workshop for you! Simple acts of kindness can open someone’s heart and let them know your church exists. Steve Sjogren coined the term “servant evangelism” to describe acts of service in the community that serve to model Christ’s love. Examples include giving out free lemonade at the mall or a community event, or hosting a community Christmas event with no-cost to attendees photos with Santa. Evangelism isn’t only about words, come explore how your church can reach your community through acts of service.

WKS: SAFE SANCTUARIES

Presenters: **Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads & Angela Fosset**

Safe Sanctuaries policy are the cornerstone to your children and youth ministry. Discover the issues you should consider and questions you need to ask when developing your policy along with systems for how to manage it all.

WKS: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Presenter: **Stacey Cole Wilson**, Executive Minister of Justice and Service, Baltimore-Washington Conference

What are the means of grace and what does it mean to be a disciple and disciple-maker of Jesus Christ in the 21st century? This class will explore principles of the undivided life, spiritual leadership, cultural sensitivity, and equity in the workplace.

WKS: THE “SMALL” CHURCH: WHO ARE WE?

Presenters: **Rev. Phil Ayers** has served small and large congregations for 38 years and the majority of his pastoral ministry has centered on congregational revitalization. **Audrey Diane Thomas Hill** is a retired 45-year educator, a Certified Lay Speaker and has been working with small churches since 2018.

This workshop will discuss the issues and concerns that impact the small church. Our goal is to create an ongoing process for congregations to address the various obstacles facing the church.

WKS: THE WITNESS OF THE LAITY IN THE BALTIMORE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Presenter: **Delores Martin** is the Conference Lay Leader and works with a very competent group of District Lay Leaders. She is very conscious of caring for and working with all Conference laity.

Recognizing the role of all laity in the church, we'll explore the participant's Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as sharing each person's own faith experiences of the gospels. Learn what is necessary to work with clergy and encourage, teach and shepherd others to become leaders.

WKS CANCELLED: TRANSFORMING YOUR CHURCH THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Presenter: **Rev. Timothy B. Warner** served for seven years as the Associate Council Director for Community and Economic Development in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, engendering ministries of mission-evangelism in local churches throughout the region. Rev. Warner currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Emory Grove UMC in Gaithersburg and Mill Creek Parish UMC in Derwood.

This session will explore the biblical mandates for engaging communities, the nuts and bolts of community engagement, and how churches can be missional transformed through this important work in the communities that surround them.

Text referenced:

1. Faith-rooted Organizing: Mobilizing the Church in Service to the World by Alexia Salvatierra and Peter Heltzel
2. Walking with Nehemiah by Joseph Daniels
3. Transforming Communities from the Inside Out by Jodi Kretzman and John McKnight

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-registration is required and must be completed online.
Unfortunately, we cannot accept walk-in registrations.
Registration closes on Saturday, February 29.

STEP 1: Review the track and workshop descriptions on pages 4–9 of this guide and choose one track or two workshops. You will not be able to switch options on site. Please be sure to make your selections accordingly.

1:00 – 3:45 p.m. ~ Track: _____

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. ~ Workshop 1: _____

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. ~ Workshop 2: _____

You must register online for the track or workshops you've chosen.

STEP 2: To register, go to bwcumc.org/WashCLS

STEP 3: Login with your personal Arena account information. Complete all fields on the online 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, you should 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 Olivia Gross (ogross@bwcumc.org) by **Saturday, February 29**. See page 11.

EVENT ORGANIZERS

Central Maryland:

Sophie Amer | samer@bwcumc.org | 410-309-3493

Greater Washington:

Olivia Gross | ogross@bwcumc.org | 410-309-3443

For consideration to exhibit at the Resource Fair, complete and email a Resource Table/Vendor Request Form to Olivia Gross at ogross@bwcumc.org by February 29.



Resource Table / Vendor Request Form

Approved vendors should arrive at River Hill High School at 7:00 AM to set up.

Company/Vendor Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

On-Site Staff: _____
(Name of the person attending to your table, if different from above)

Cell Phone: _____
(if different from above)

Please describe the resources/merchandise you want to showcase at this event:

Number of tables needed: _____
We can only guarantee 1 table per approved vendor, but will make every effort to supply you with the # you request.

Will you need access to an electrical outlet for your table? Yes No
We cannot guarantee access to electricity, but will make all efforts to make it available if requested.

Other information that will be helpful for the event organizers:

Lunch is available for you and your on-site staff for \$15.00 per lunch. Please indicate the number of lunches you'd like to order in the spaces below. An event coordinator will call you for payment information.

____Turkey ____Veggie ____Gluten-Free

____Ham ____Vegan \$_____ Total Due

Thank you for your interest in participating in our resource fair for this event. We will contact you after reviewing your request to confirm and finalize details.

For Event Organizer Use Only:

Reviewed By: _____

Approved Not Approved

Contacted Vendor to confirm

By: _____

Date: _____

of Tables: _____

Electricity? _____

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Location: BWC Mission Center

Advanced Course

June 12-13, 2020

Location: First Church of Hyattsville

Basic Course

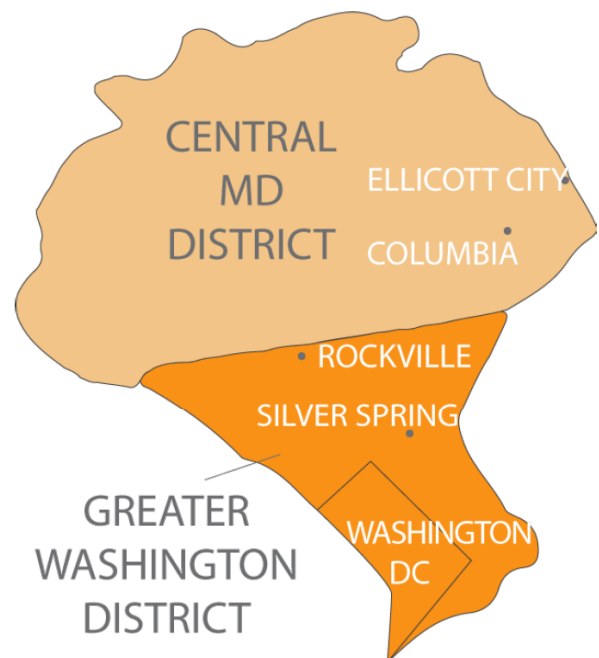
June 27-28, 2020

Location: Goshen UMC

Fees: \$35—registration
(includes breakfast and snacks)

\$10—boxed lunch
(optional)

Those registering for a credit-based course must attend for the full 10-hours to receive credit for certification or recertification.



SAVE THE DATES, REGISTRATION & MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!