



Workshop Choices

1. Candace Hill - Imperfect Children's Ministry

The soon-to-be born, the irregular attendees, the faithful few, the overbooked, the neglected, the hungry - these are the children you are looking for! Come prepared to help one another equip, empower, and engage children in ministry!

Candace is the former coordinator of educational ministries, PC(USA)

2. Jon Brown - Mission with Children and Youth

One of the challenges of discipleship with children and youth is finding opportunities to engage them in mission. Dr. Rick Osmer has written, "An important part of the dissatisfaction of today's young people with the mainline churches stems from the absence of a spiritually challenging and world-shaping vision that meets their hunger for the chance to participate in what Stanley Hauerwas has termed "a worthy adventure." How do we create "worthy adventures" for our young people? How do we plan, evaluate, and integrate such experiences into an educative process that connects with their faith? Come learn from proven models and share your own experiences as we help shape mission that matters for children and youth.

Jon is a pastor, educator, writer, friend and father in Jersey City, NJ. He serves an historical congregation chartered in 1660 which is now home to a diverse multicultural community of faith. Prior to accepting his current call he served as director for mission interpretation in the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

3. Colleen Duffy - Shaping Our World

Shaping Our World – This workshop will explore ways to incorporate "playing with clay" into the ways in which we share our faith. Colleen will share some of the ways she has used clay in worship and faith nurturing. Participants will have an opportunity to create a hand-built pottery project and time permitting, try to throw a piece on the wheel. The class is limited to 10 participants.

Colleen has served as the Christian Educator at the First Presbyterian Church of Newton, New Jersey for over 20 years and is an amateur potter who enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for clay with others.

4. Carrie Avery and Govan Martin - QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, Refer- 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to the help they need. QPR, from the QPR Institute (www.qprinstitute.com) has been researched and proven to be effective. It is listed on the National Registry of Evidence-Based Practices and Policies (NREPP). QPR trainings are 1.5 hours to 2 hours in length and are offered by the CCSP Task Force members who are certified QPR instructors at no cost to participants. This workshop will focus on those working with youth.

Carrie has eleven years' experience at The Chester County Youth Center as a Detention Officer, Shelter Officer, and Program Administrator. She is a Certified QPR Suicide Prevention Trainer, a member of Chester County Suicide Prevention Taskforce, and a Certified Red Cross Instructor.

Govan retired as a 29-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). Govan has been a keynote speaker for Suicide Prevention/Awareness, Employee Assistance/Peer Support Programs, CISM conferences across the country (e.g. International Employee Assistance Program Association (EAPA), the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), etc). Currently, Govan is the Chair of the Board of Directors for *Prevent Suicide PA*.

5. David LaMotte - Worldchanging 101

Like any good first year (101) college course, David's workshops and keynotes do not pretend to offer answers, but rather suggest different, and perhaps more productive, questions. In this case, the questions are how we are called to engage the world around us and how to practically approach that work. Through story, historical and cultural analysis, and discussion, he examines our deeply embedded narratives of how large scale change occurs, and questions their accuracy and utility, then offers a fresh framework to examine our capacity for significant impact on the world, and practical steps to discern our callings and pursue them.

See David's bio in the event brochure.

6. Stephanie Borger - Racism As Seen Through the Belhar Confession

The Belhar Confession is the latest Confession to be added to our Book of Confessions. While rooted in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, the Confession addresses three issues that are vital to all churches: unity among all people; reconciliation within church and society; and God's justice. Stephanie will lead us in discussing the Confession and how it addresses Racism in our country and around the world.

Stephanie is a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church in York, PA. She has led workshops throughout the area, and works with her parents at their family's bookstore, Hearts and Minds.