

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### **Mediation Skills and Training**

August 6-9, 2019

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

The institute includes lectures, discussion, and guided practice in role-plays. Active and practical in focus, the sessions emphasize hands-on skills training and real-life role-plays based on the kinds of conflicts faced by participants.

### **Chicago Commons Project**

2017-2019

University of Chicago Divinity School; Chicago, IL

Meets throughout the year with Chicagoland clergy and connects them with leaders within the arts, media, and the political sectors within the city of Chicago. Discussions often center around leadership, race, poverty, and equity within our city. Developed by UChicago Divinity School and other leaders within Chicago, including American Baptist clergy Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque and Rev. Dr. Alan Ragland.

From website: Healthy congregations are those that are engaged in meaningful and authentic ways in their communities; healthy communities are those whose resources include the sustained care and attentive service of people of faith; and healthy pastoral leaders are those whose leadership at once generate and are re-generated by this mutual, reciprocal exchange between congregations and their wider communities.

### **Executive Certificate of Religious Fundraising**

July 23-26, 2018

Lake Institute on Faith and Giving and IUPUI

22 CRRE

A four-day intensive course with a practical application project. It provides the research, tools, and customized training to meet the growing needs of leaders in religious communities and fundraisers of faith-based organizations. The focus of the ECRF is on the cultural, organizational, and philanthropic practices unique to religious institutions. These practices in turn enable donors motivated by spiritual and religious values to experience the joy of generous giving.

### **The Practice Retreat**

January 22-24, 2017

Willow Creek Church and Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House 1.5 CEU

A two day retreat with Jesuit priest Fr. Michael Sparough, Willow Creek's alternative worship team from The Practice, and an ecumenical group of women and men who

lead spiritual formation in their congregations. Retreat included guided spiritual practices, worship, liturgy, and spaces for learning, sharing, connecting, and exploring practical ways to invite our churches into these unforced rhythms of grace.

**Financial Stress Pilot Program**  
MMBB

October 17-18, 2016

Workshop and coaching process that addressed issues surrounding personal financial management for pastoral leaders and spouses.

**New Strategies for New Struggles**

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary; Evanston, IL

October 5, 2016

0.5 CEU

A workshop facilitated and lead by Garrett's Old Testament professor Rev. Dr. Cheryl Anderson, Styberg Professor of Preaching Rev. Dr. Gennifer Brooks, and local Chicagoland activists as we looked through scriptures and studied how to preach around issues of gender, race, immigration, poverty, and systemic violence in ways that truly honor the challenges of different groups within our city.

**New Strategies for New Struggles**

**Joe Engle Institute of Preaching**

Princeton Theological Seminary; Princeton, NJ

June 12-17, 2016

2.5 CEU

A weeklong event designed to nurture and strengthen the craft of those who preach in city or suburb, small town, rural community, or other specialized ministries.

**Preaching Circles**

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary; Evanston, IL

January 2, 2016

3.0 CEU

A multi-cultural and multi-ethnic group of clergy that meet monthly for a year to offer feedback on sermons from group participants.

**Lewis Fellowship Program**

Wesley Theological Seminary; Washington, D.C.

2012-2014

Each gathering is built around a learning agenda facilitated by the staff of the Lewis Center at Wesley Seminary. Group activities include presentations on leadership themes, group discussion, the use of leadership assessment instruments, and worship. A central feature of each meeting is a series of visits to local congregations. These site visits serve as "experiential case studies" allowing participants to observe ministry in a variety of cultural contexts and converse candidly with outstanding ministry practitioners about their personal leadership. Fellows prepare in advance of each

meeting through assigned reading and occasionally through the completion of additional pre-work.

**Stephen Ministry Leadership Training**  
Orlando, FL

January 13-19, 2013  
4.2 CEU

A training for pastors, church staff, and lay leaders who want to train and lead a Stephen Ministry program and to bring Christ's one and care to hurting people. The training is an engaging week of learning, discovery, worship, relationship people, and catching a vision for all that Stephen Ministry can be within a congregation.

**The Work of Rob Bell**

June 11-14, 2012

A two day small group retreat with Rob Bell in teaching, interacting, Q&A, discussion around the process of creativity, writing, and self-care.

**Leonard Sweet Lectures**  
American Baptist Ministers Council

June 25-26, 2009  
1.2 CEU

Leonard Sweet presenting on changes within the broader culture and how it impacts the culture of the Church during the Ministers Council continuing education events at the 2009 Pasadena Biennial.

**Fanning the Flame**  
Green Lake, WI

April 22-25, 2008  
0.6 CEU

An equipping and training event for pastors and lay leaders organized by twelve ABCUSA regions.

**Preaching the Social Gospel to a New Generation**  
The Cathedral College of Preachers; National Cathedral

November 26-30, 2007  
4.0 CEU

Preaching workshop focusing on themes around justice for preachers under 40, facilitated by Paul Raushenbush and held at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

**Dialogue Circle on Racism**  
The Bridge Center for Racial Harmony; Saginaw, MI

October 2007

The Dialogue Circles involved six two hour sessions over four weeks as a safe and structured way to explore the issues of racism with a diverse group from the community. The circles were developed with a partnership between the local Methodist and AME congregations, as well as the local college. Participants were trained to go out and lead additional groups within the community.

**Introduction to ABC Life**

American Baptist Churches, USA

October 19 2006

1.5 CEU

Orientation to the American Baptist processes and structures, including organizations, individuals, and resources.

**Clergy Ethics**

American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware

September 29-30, 2006

2.4 CEU

A clergy ethics designed to assist ministerial leaders in understanding the issues of potential misconduct and equip them to better minister in these times. This course focused on the ethics around money, sex, and power.