

Addressing Harm, Embracing Hope

2022 Evangelism Conference



Conference Schedule

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Virtual Schedule

4:00pm – Small Group/Affinity Space
4:50pm – Small Groups Join Together
5:15pm – Break/Dinner
6:45pm – Welcome & Instructions

In-Person Schedule

4:00pm – Registration & Check In
4:50pm – Small Group/Affinity Space
5:30pm – Break/Dinner
6:45pm – Welcome & Instructions

7:00pm – Opening Worship

8:30pm – End for the Day

8:30pm – Reception & Gathering

Monday, October 31, 2022

Virtual Schedule

12:15pm – Break/Lunch
1:30pm – Workshop Session 1
3:00pm – Break

In-Person Schedule

9:00am – *Optional* Small Group/Affinity Space

10:30am – Opening Devotion/Meditation

11:00am – Keynote Session 1

12:00pm – Break/Lunch
1:30pm – Workshop Session 1
3:00pm – Break

3:15pm – Keynote Session 2

4:30pm – Small Group/Affinity Space
5:30pm – End for the Day

4:30pm – Small Group/Affinity Space
5:30pm – Dinner
7:00pm – Evening Activity - Conversations with Conference Leaders

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Virtual Schedule

12:15pm – Break/Lunch
1:30pm – Workshop Session 2
3:00pm – Break
3:15pm – Small Group/Affinity Space

In-Person Schedule

9:00am – *Optional* Small Group/Affinity Space

10:30am – Opening Devotion/Meditation

11:00am – Keynote Session 3

12:00pm – Break/Lunch
1:30pm – Workshop Session 2
3:00pm – Break
3:15pm – Small Group/Affinity Space

4:15pm – Closing Worship

5:30pm – End of Conference

5:30pm – End of Conference / Dinner

* All times listed above are in the Eastern time zone.

Welcome!

Welcome to the 2022 Evangelism Conference:
Addressing Harm, Embracing Hope!

We are so grateful you have decided to be a part of this wonderful three-day event with us. We have been praying for you as we prepare and plan for this retreat time. Thanks be to God for bringing us together for this special event! Throughout our time together we will address the harms of the church in years past. We will confront these truths with lament and repentance, even as we embrace a new hope in 21st century Evangelism. Together with Rev. Shanea D. Leonard, and other dynamic leadership, we will embrace hope in Radical Welcome and Justice of God.

We encourage you to follow along and take notes in this Retreat Journal. We hope you will carve out time to truly engage and experience God's mystery and wonder of Radical Welcome and Justice. Together we will challenge the norms of what it means to practice evangelism in 21st century contexts and communities. We will explore the lifestyle that Christ exemplified for us all. We will worship, pray, listen, and learn as Christ calls us closer in relationship to God and one



another. This event will call us to truly re-engage in this evangelism journey throughout our lives.

We hope you walk away inspired and empowered to practice these habits in your own lives and ministry contexts. We pray that the Spirit of God will transform you with Radical Welcome and Justice. We hope it is a chance for you to practice Sabbath rest and to encounter the holy and divine wonder of God in Jesus Christ. As you journey through this retreat time, know that you have an entire planning team, leadership team, and more, who have been praying for you, and will continue to do so each day of this conference. Many blessings to each of you, on your journey of *Addressing Harm and Embracing Hope* throughout our faithful life together in Christ.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Ray G. Jones III

Director for Theology, Formation, and Evangelism

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Threadgill

Associate Director for Theology, Formation, and Evangelism



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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Conference

Artist



Rev. Rachel Hood Vogado

Rachel is a pastor and artist who has most recently served in congregational ministry settings, with an emphasis in Christian Formation and Education. Rachel received degrees in Art History and Museum Education from Florida State University and her Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. Seeking to inspire faith communities and congregations to find ways to weave their stories with God's story through the visual arts, she has a great love for woodworking, welding and metal work, and textile arts.

Rachel is married to Chris Vogado, who is also a Presbyterian minister and a musician. When Rachel is not working with the church, she enjoys playing and listening to music, adventuring and exploring nature, sending cat photos, and learning a new hobby. Rachel can almost always be found with a cup of hot tea and doing something creative.

Conference

Musician



Phillip Morgan

Phillip Morgan has served as Director of Music at Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY since 2012. He is also the Artistic Director of the Louisville Gay Men's Chorus. Phillip has had the privilege of leading the choir at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, being a member of the Montreat Worship and Music Conference planning team, and looks forward to beginning his service on the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' executive board. Both a conductor and a singer, Phillip currently sings with the Louisville Chamber Choir and has been a featured soloist with the Louisville Orchestra, the Choral Arts Society, and a studio artist with the Kentucky Opera.

Conference

Chaplains



Rev. Carlton Johnson

Carlton David Johnson is a native of Atlanta, GA. He received his undergraduate degree from Emory University in English with a concentration in literature from the African diaspora. Following a 25-year career in Project, Operation and Client Services Management, Carlton returned to the academy to receive the Master of Divinity at Johnson C. Smith Theological

Seminary and, more recently, the Master of Theology (Homiletics) from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. His area of research is the impact of African American preaching on grief and mourning.

Throughout his life, he has maintained an intimate concern for the disenfranchised, especially young African American males. He has worked diligently in the outreach ministries of the church and given himself to mentorship with the United States National Guard Youth Challenge Academy and his beloved Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Carlton serves as the Coordinator for the Office of Vital Congregations for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He previously

served as Chief Operations Officer for Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Carlton recently completed a two-year residency in Chaplaincy with Grady Health Systems where he developed a specialty in Emergency and Trauma Initiated Palliative Pastoral Care.

Carlton is an associate minister at the First Afrikan Presbyterian Church in Lithonia, GA where he leads the Ujima Men's Fellowship, Kijana Boys Rites of Passage, Fawohodie Ministry to the Incarcerated and their families, and serves in music ministry. He is a board member of the First Afrikan Presbyterian Church Community Development Corporation, the Presbyterian Pastoral Care Network and NEXT Church (Strategic Planning Team). He is a regular contributor to the Presbyterian Outlook monthly magazine.

Carlton and his wife, Cara, split their time between Atlanta, GA and Louisville, KY.



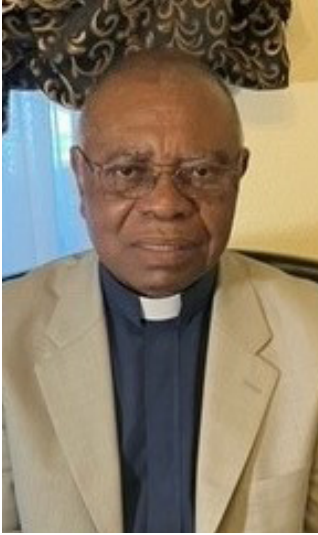
Rev. Alexandra Zareth

Alexandra Zareth (She|Her) is a child of God committed to helping reconcile people to themselves. As a mestiza female deeply rooted in indigenous spirituality, Alexandra is a Board-Certified Chaplain focused on bringing wellness through an intentionally holistic lens.

In addition to serving in various PC(USA) leadership positions since 2005 at the local, mid council, and national levels, Alexandra served as a trauma chaplain for Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA, directed National Programs for

Hispanic Clergy with Esperanza, Inc., has incorporated multiple 501(c)3s, is trained in community-based asset mapping, community organizing, various violence prevention & intervention best practices, and systemic therapeutic approaches.

Alexandra Zareth is finishing her PhD in Marriage and Family Therapy at Eastern University, and is an alumna of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ (Master of Divinity) and St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX (BA in Psychology).



Rev. Julius Edah

Julius Edah is originally from Afikpo town, Ebonyi state in the South Eastern part of Nigeria. He is currently honorably retired from parish ministry under PC(USA) and seeking God's redirection as regards to what is next. He is also currently coordinating the ministry of Scripture Union Nigeria all over North America.

Julius has over 40 years of ministry experience. He is a Pastor and Priest by calling, training and ordination, a professional Chaplain (Board Certified), and a member of the International

Coaching Federation (ICF). He graduated in Chemical Engineering from the Institute of Management and Technology in Enugu, Nigeria (1981), earned a Diploma in Mission Studies from All Nations Christian College in England (1990), Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary (1997), and Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary (2015).

Julius is married to Bernice Edah and has a son (Chike Edah) who lives and works in Maryland.

We know there is so much going on in each of our lives and in the world. We will be discussing some heavy things throughout the conference, and for that reason, chaplains will be available both in-person and virtually.

**To connect with a Chaplain at any time
during the conference, call or text
(559) 927-3841**

Our conference chaplains have provided several resources in your retreat box/bag. These include: coloring sheets, a prayer labyrinth card, a self-care handout and worksheet, and a feelings/needs handout. There is also an emotions wheel included on page 26 in this journal to help you reflect on your well-being throughout this time.

Small Group & Affinity Space



Sunday, October 30

4:00pm (Eastern) - *Virtual*

4:50pm (Eastern) - *In-Person*

Items Needed: Bible, pen, and phone/tablet/laptop (to view "The Return of the Prodigal" fresco painting online)

1

Open with prayer below from the "8 Habits of Evangelism" on Radical Welcome (5 min)

God, who is sovereign and loving to us all, open our hearts and minds as we seek you in this lesson. Help us to see the value in welcoming the stranger, loving our neighbor and seeing people the way you do. God, help us to not center our own fear but open us up to the beauty of radical welcome. And God, even when the task at hand gets difficult, give us the strength to push past the discomfort so that we may know more fully the bountiful blessings of beloved community. Amen.

우리 모두를 사랑하시고 우리의 주권자되신 하나님, 우리의 마음을 열어주셔서, 이번 과에서 당신을 찾게 하소서. 나그네를 환대하고, 이웃을 사랑하며, 당신께서 하신 것처럼 사람들을 보는 것의 가치를 깨닫게 하소서. 하나님, 우리가 두려움을 우리 마음 중심에 두지 않게 하소서. 또 우리의 눈을 열어서 참된 환대의 아름다움을 보게 하소서. 그리고 하나님, 당면한 일에서 우리가 어려움을 겪을 때에도, 그 어려움을 이겨낼 힘을 주셔서, 사랑스러운 공동체의 차고 넘치는 축복을 더욱 온전히 알 수 있도록 하소서. 아멘.

Dios, soberano y quien nos ama, abre nuestros corazones y mentes mientras te buscamos en esta lección. Ayúdanos a ver el valor de acoger al extraño, amar a nuestro prójimo y ver a la gente como tú lo haces. Dios, ayúdanos a no centrar nuestro propio miedo, sino ábrenos a la belleza de la bienvenida radical. Y Dios, aun cuando la tarea presente se vuelva difícil, danos la fuerza para superar el malestar para que podamos conocer más plenamente las abundantes bendiciones de la comunidad amada. Amén.

Introduce yourselves (10 min)

2

Share your name, pronouns, and where you live. Then share why you are attending this conference and how you have experienced welcome, and/or tried to extend welcome to others, as we begin this conference together.

3

Scriptural study (20 min)

Read the passage three times (may choose to use different languages or versions of the Bible)

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32

Discuss these questions as a group:

- What is the core message of this scripture?
- Identify the conflict in the narrative.
- In what ways does this scripture impact you/reflect your own experiences?

4

Activity (15 min)

Looking at one of the websites below, reflect on the image of the fresco painting, “The Return of the Prodigal”.

[Montreat College — Ben Long Fine Art](https://www.benlongfineart.com/montreat-college)

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[Ben Long ‘Prodigal Son’ Fresco, Montreat NC | Blue Ridge Heritage Trail](#)

(shows larger image of the painting)

Discuss these questions as a group:

- How does this artist’s interpretation of the story strike you?
- How might it challenge you?
- How might it comfort you?
- How might this story/image help us imagine what “radical welcome” can be for us?

“The Return of the Prodigal” fresco painting is located inside the Chapel of the Prodigal on the campus of Montreat College. The Chapel is open for visitors when there is not a college class meeting inside the chapel. In-person participants are welcome to take a short walk from Assembly Inn to the Chapel of the Prodigal, to view the actual painting, before 10:30 am, or 12:30-1:00 pm on Monday or Tuesday. Even if a class is in session, you can enter the chapel lobby and look through the windows into the chapel itself, to see the large fresco (16’ x 17’) on the front wall from a distance. (12:30-1:00 pm is the time you are most likely able to enter the chapel itself and be closer to view the painting.)

Notes:

Conference

Preacher



Rev. Gregory Bentley

Rev. Gregory J. Bentley was born in Thomasville, AL on October 30, 1969 to Juanita Bentley and William Thomas, Jr. He was raised in Pine Hill, AL in an extended family household, which included his mother, Juanita; his grandmother (“Mama”), the late Virginia Howze; his great aunt (“Nannie”), the late Estella Black; and his grandfather (“Daddy”), the late Aubry Howze.

Rev. Bentley was baptized and raised in the Saint Paul Primitive Baptist Church. He graduated from Pine Hill High School in 1986 and matriculated at Stillman College, in Tuscaloosa, AL. It is the only HBCU founded by the “Southern” Presbyterian Church (PCUS). During his time at Stillman College, he joined the Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church and answered his call to the ministry.

In addition to being raised in a Christian home, Rev. Bentley’s sense of call was heavily influenced by his college mentor, Dr. C.H. Thomas, a member of the religion faculty and an ordained Presbyterian minister. Dr. Thomas taught him that a minister must have “the learning and the burning.” Convinced of the importance of seminary training, after receiving the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Stillman College in 1990, he matriculated at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA from which he received the Master of Divinity degree in 1995. He continued his studies at Auburn University in Montgomery, AL and graduated with the Master of Education degree in 1997. He was ordained at the Northern

Heights Presbyterian Church in Selma, AL on November 30, 1997 and led a bivocational career of pastoring and teaching Biology and physical science in the public school system until he came to Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, AL, in 2001. He was called to the pastorate of the Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL on January 1, 2012.

Rev. Bentley has served in various capacities in political and civic affairs, including a term as chairman of Minority Affairs for the Tuscaloosa County Democratic Party. He is a member of Leadership Tuscaloosa, Goshen Lodge #530 (Prince Hall), and a Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Rev. Bentley contends, “The church is a hospital for sinners and not a museum for saints. It is a vanguard and repository of our noblest aspirations, traditions and values. In addition to the Black Church, the Black Family and the Black School must be mission priorities if we are to fully develop our potential as a people.”

Rev. Bentley enjoys good music...from Beethoven to Bessie Smith to BDP to Bluegrass. He also likes to read and play chess. He lives in Huntsville, AL with his wife, Diann, and his daughters, Miriam and Johari.

Workshop Leaders



Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow is an active speaker and writer on topics of faith, culture, race, and technology. He is the host of the podcast, BRC & Friends, and the author of five books. His latest is, "In Defense of Kindness" (Chalice Press, 2021) and he is currently working on his next book, "Everything I Believe about God" (2023). Bruce has been ordained in the PC(USA) since 1995 and has led churches and been active in local politics in the San Francisco Bay Area for nearly three decades. He is also a Senior Consultant and Coach with Convergence and is a Gallup-Certified CliftonStrengths Coach. Bruce, his spouse, and two pups are currently empty-nesting in San Jose, CA, and can be found at www.reyes-chow and on most socials via @breyeschow.

A Healing Gospel for a Hurting World: *Worship & Craft of Radical Welcome*

Without claiming that we have some claim upon THE ONE TRUE Gospel of Jesus Christ or THE ONE TRUE WAY for the people of God to worship together, in the face of the rise of Christian nationalism, violent extremism, and divisive tactics, might we be bolder in claiming and articulating A Gospel that tells a different story? In our time, through the lens of worship, we will explore our hesitancy, talk tactics, and encourage one another to be Christians known for living lives of compassion, love, and justice in the world.



Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove

Rev. Dr. Robyn Byrd Michalove is Associate Pastor for Mission at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, TX, where she has served since 2004.

Robyn is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio with a bachelor's in speech communication and Spanish. She earned her M.Div. from Wake Forest University School of Divinity, and her D.Min from Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth.

Intersections of Hope: *a 1001 New Worshiping Community & a Vital Congregation*

Spend time talking through her current context of serving in full-time ministry in both a 1001 New Worshiping Community and a vital, established congregation in downtown Fort Worth, TX. Share stories, hear stories, answer questions, spend time talking about "hope."



Rev. Pepa Paniagua

Rev. Pepa Paniagua (she/her) is the founding and organizing pastor of kin-dom community, a fully-affirming 1001 New Worshiping Community that is working to imagine what can be possible when:

- *All people in the margins are seen, heard, nurtured and empowered*
- *All people are safe to bring their whole selves*
- *All questions are celebrated as much as answers*
- *Inclusion, integration, and love are the norm*

Pepa is also an accidental camp director as the co-founder of kin-dom camp, a fully affirming camp for LBGTQIA+ youth. Pepa is a lifelong Presbyterian and lives with her wife and dogs in McKinney, TX.

Calling In: A Conversation Addressing Harm to, and Cultivating Spaces for Celebration of, the LBGTQIA+ Community

Explore ways that our denomination has been active in harming the LBGTQIA+ community and the ways that harm is still happening. You are invited to wonder what allyship could look like in your own life and the importance of prioritizing relationships from the understanding that we belong to one another as the body of Christ. Pepa will share about her work with kin-dom community and walking with people and churches as they move from places of harm, toward acceptance, welcome, and celebration of the LBGTQIA+ community.



Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje

Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje was born in Malawi and became a political refugee when she was less than a month old. Cheni is a nickname; her full name is Chenyangu which means "mother of the nation". She and her siblings grew up in Lusaka, Zambia and Hilversum, the Netherlands.

Kalibu & Ulongo: Radical Welcome & Relationship as Evangelism

We will discuss employing cultural insights from the Yao people, with sprinkles of Dutch hospitality, that enhance our effectiveness in spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

Keynote Speaker



Rev. Shanea Leonard

Rev. Shanea D. Leonard (they/them) is a pastor, teacher, consultant, community activist, and modern-day abolitionist. Shanea has been an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for over fourteen years. A native of Philadelphia, they received their B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and M.Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a focus in urban ministry. They currently carry out their justice mandate as the national Coordinator for Gender & Racial Justice for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Shanea has been serving communities and congregations in various capacities for nearly twenty years. Rev. Leonard has done extensive work within urban areas to eradicate systemic oppression in the intersections of race, gender, sexual orientation, and socio-economic despair. Shanea has worked extensively with local governments, social service agencies, universities, faith communities, and across international borders in a commitment to liberation for marginalized people. They have also spent time doing international outreach in Africa, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. Shanea believes that God has given them a burden for people whom others have disregarded, oppressed, forgotten, or simply don't even see.

A justice warrior, Shanea is the founder & former pastor of JUDAH Fellowship, which at its height, was western Pennsylvania's only predominantly Black affirming faith

community. While in Pittsburgh, Rev. Leonard was a leading revolutionary voice of systemic change in the work of jail reform, LGBTQIA inclusion, racial justice, & civic well-being. Shanea has served several other organizations including being the chair of Pittsburgh's LGBTQIA+ Advisory Council and chair of one of the nation's leading reproductive justice organizations. Pastor Leonard is an often-quoted media contributor and an active, outspoken faith voice for justice. Most recently, Rev. Leonard was the chief architect for the PC(USA) international Week of Action and author of the Radical Welcome chapter of the new PC(USA) evangelism manual, "8 Habits of Evangelism," among other publications within and outside of the denomination.

Rev. Leonard has received numerous awards for their work in reproductive justice, leadership, queer education, and racial freedom. Shanea resides in Louisville, Kentucky but travels extensively for the cause of liberation of marginalized people. They live their life by the affirmation of Assata Shakur which states, "...it is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win... we have nothing to lose but our chains!" And the scriptural passage of Micah 6:8 which states, "The Lord has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." In their spare time, Shanea prides themselves on being an amateur DJ, comedian, pretty good chef, and godparent to 5 wonderful children!

Monday, October 31

11:00am (Eastern)

Rev. Shamea Leonard

Beautiful Lies & Ugly Truths

Notes:

Keynote Session 1

Monday, October 31

3:15pm (Eastern)

Rev. Shanea Leonard

What the Hell Is Evangelism, Really?

Notes:

Keynote Session 2

Small Group & Affinity Space



Monday, October 31

4:30pm (Eastern)

Items Needed: Bible, pen and envelope for this session from your retreat box or bag

1 *Open with the prayer below, from “8 Habits of Evangelism,” on Justice (5 min)*

God tells us to spread the good news on the mountains, over the valleys, in the “hood,” on street corners, in sanctuaries, in our homes, everywhere. We go in faith and joy to tell the good news of God’s unconditional love for all people. God calls us to be in covenant relationships and covenant ministries: To love and care, to share and clothe, to feed and nurture, to counsel and teach, to be committed to the health and well-being of our communities. We are called to be the living church in the world. The Church is the body of Christ, beyond these walls. We go in faith to minister in hospitals, prisons, schools, high rises, business centers, city centers, rural and urban spaces, in places where people are gathered or scattered we go. Amen.*

하나님께서 산 위에서, 골짜기에서, 동네에서, 길거리에 서, 성소에서, 가정에서, 모든 곳에서 복음을 전하라고 우리에게 말씀하셨습니다. 우리는 믿음과 기쁨으로 만인을 위한 주님의 무조건적인 사랑을 전하러 갑니다. 하나님은 우리와 언약을 통해 관계를 맺고 사역을 하도록 부르십니다. 사랑하고, 돌보고, 나누고, 서로 입히고, 먹을 것을 주고, 양육하고, 조언하고, 가르치고, 공동체의 건강과 웰빙에 관심을 가지도록 말입니다. 우리는 세상 속에서 살아있는 교회가 되라고 부르심을 받았습니다. 교회는 건물이 아니라 그리스도의 몸입니다. 그러므로 병원, 감옥, 학교, 고층 건물, 비즈니스 센터, 시내, 교외, 사람들이 모이고 흩어지는 곳에 가서 신실하게 전도하겠습니다. 아멘.*

Dios nos dice que difundamos las buenas nuevas en las montañas, en los valles, en el barrio, en las esquinas, en los santuarios, en nuestros hogares, en todas partes. Vamos con fe y gozo a contar las buenas nuevas del amor incondicional de Dios por todas las personas. Dios nos llama a tener relaciones y ministerios de pacto: Amar y cuidar, compartir y vestir, alimentar y nutrir, aconsejar y enseñar, estar comprometidas con la salud y el bienestar de nuestras comunidades. Estamos llamados a ser la iglesia viva en el mundo. La Iglesia es el cuerpo de Cristo, más allá de estos muros. Con fe, vamos a ministrar en hospitales, cárceles, escuelas, rascacielos, centros de negocios, centros urbanos, espacios rurales y urbanos, en los lugares donde la gente se reúne o dispersa vamos. Amén.*

* “Litany for Urban Ministry” by Rev. Dr. Delores Carpenter, adapt. from African American Heritage Hymnal (Chicago, Illinois: GIA Publications, 2001), p. 78.

2

Sharing (10 min)

What have you noticed so far in the conference that has challenged, inspired or encouraged you in working for justice as part of our discipleship and evangelism? Are there places where you wish there had been more attention given to a justice lens?

3

Scriptural study (20 min)

Read the passage three times (may choose to use different languages or versions of the Bible)

Jesus and the little children

Matthew 19:13-15

Discuss these questions as a group:

- What is the core message of this scripture?
- Identify the conflict in the narrative.
- In what ways does this scripture impact you/reflect your own experiences?

4

Activity (15 min)

Consider how we need to address our own trauma, invisibility, harm, exclusion—as individuals and as communities—in order to heal and move forward in hope. How can we address our own wounds, so we are in a better place to then provide a true and radical welcome to others? Can we settle our bodies, acknowledge our experiences of hurt or exclusion, and at some level and in some ways, give them over to God?

Hold the stone from the retreat box in your hand. Breathe into any feelings that emerge in your heart and body. In your imagination, or with the provided marker, write on the rock the experiences you'd like to no longer hold power over you, something from the past that you'd like to let go. When you're ready, take a walk and find a spot to literally leave the stone—and the represented burden. Allow this to free up space in yourself to receive God's grace and to be a vessel for God's radical welcome of self and others. (If you are attending the conference in person, you may also choose to leave your stone at the wailing wall inside Convocation Hall.)

Note: Both virtual and in-person groups will end this session once individuals are dismissed for their prayer walk/stone release.

Notes:

Tuesday, November 1

11:00am (Eastern)

Rev. Shanea Leonard

*Make It Make Sense,
Putting It All Into Practice*

Notes:

Keynote Session 3

Small Group & Affinity Space



Tuesday, November 1

3:15pm (Eastern)

Items Needed: Bible, pen and envelope for this session from your retreat box or bag

1

Open with the prayer below, from “8 Habits of Evangelism,” on Generosity (5 min)

Generous God, there is nothing we have that you have not given to us. All we have and all we are flow from your abundant love. Give us generous hearts and open hands to give freely so that our habits, our lives and our attitudes reflect your love. Through our generosity, may others come to know that your lavish love is for them and for all. And then may the whole world sing in praise and joy. Amen.

자비로우신 하나님, 우리가 가진 것 중 당신이 우리에게 주시지 않은 것은 하나도 없습니다. 우리의 소유와 존 재는 모두 당신의 풍성한 사랑에서 비롯됩니다. 우리에게 관대한 마음을 주시고 거저 주는 손을 열게 하셔서 우리의 습관, 우리의 삶, 우리의 태도가 당신의 사랑을 반 영하게 하소서. 우리의 관대함을 통해, 다른 이들이 당신 의 부요한 사랑이 그들과 모든 이를 위한 것임을 알게 하 소서. 그리고 온 세상이 찬양과 기쁨 가운데 노래하게 하 소서. 아멘.

Dios generoso, no hay nada que tengamos que no nos hayas dado. Todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos fluye de tu abundante amor. Danos corazones generosos y manos abiertas para dar libremente para que nuestros hábitos, nuestras vidas y nuestras actitudes reflejen tu amor. Que a través de nuestra generosidad, otras personas lleguen a saber que tu generoso amor es para ellas y para todas. Y entonces que el mundo entero cante en alabanza y alegría. Amén.

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Sharing (10 min)

How can embracing hope and sharing your hope with the world be acts of generosity? What do you hope to take from this conference to share with others, and how will you do that with a generous heart?

3

Scriptural study (20 min)

Read the passage three times (may choose to use different languages or versions of the Bible)

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

John 4:1-30

Discuss these questions as a group:

- What is the core message of this scripture?
- Identify the conflict in the narrative.
- In what ways does this scripture impact you/reflect your own experiences?

4

Activity (15 min)

Using the watercolor paper, pencils, and water brush included in your retreat box or bag, either write, draw, or paint the HOPE you want to take with you from the conference.

*Note: You can paint with the watercolor pencils by dipping the pencil in water before drawing or by drawing with the dry pencils and then using the water brush to paint water over the drawing.

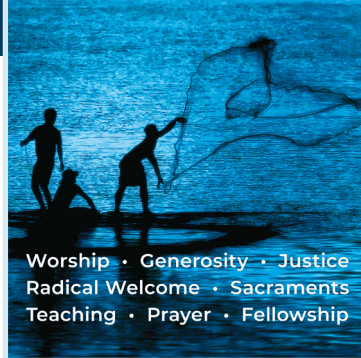
- What words or images speak to you as important to remember as you return home?
- How can you generously share what this time meant to you, and how it calls you forward in hope?
- What hope might you help others discover?

If there is time, the group can decide if they would like to disperse so that each person can do this activity on their own or if they would like to take 10 minutes to do the activity individually, but then regroup and share the paintings or journaling together for an additional 5-10 minutes.

Notes:



8 HABITS OF EVANGELISM



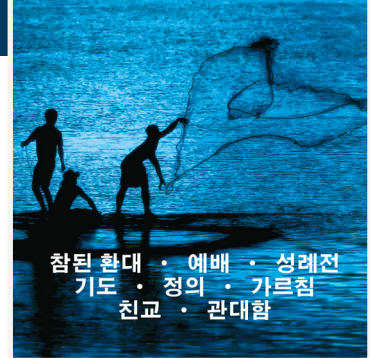
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8 전도의 가지 습관



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Why Evangelism?

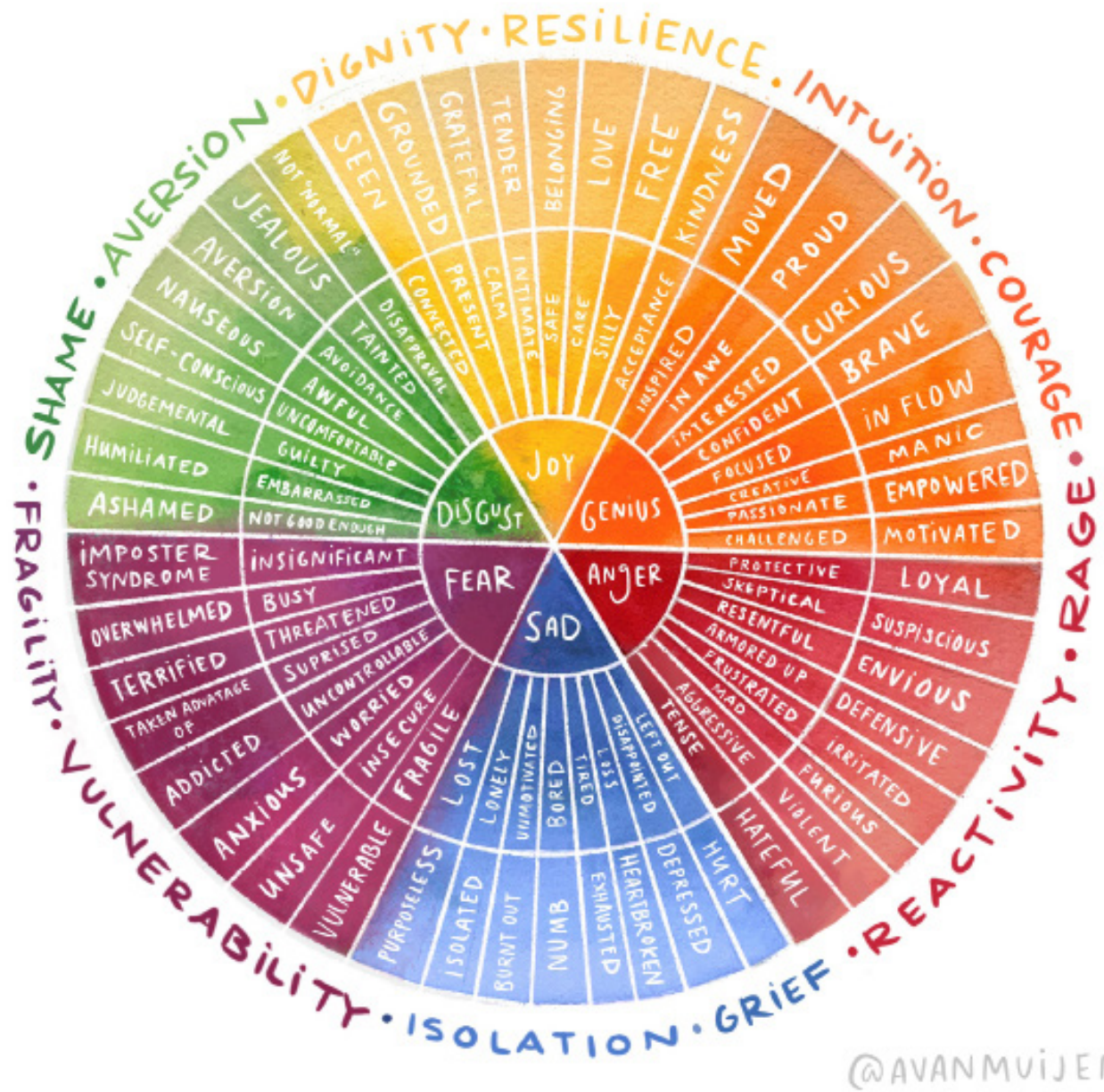
Evangelism is not a tool to gain new members for our churches. This ministry is not an instrument to help people gain access into heaven. The work of evangelism is much more expansive in its scope and meaning. Evangelism is a way of life that is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit, moving through common practices in the community of faith, enabling and empowering the body of Christ to live more deeply into the love of God and the lives of others.

This resource identifies and explores eight habits of faith, which invite the reader on a journey into the love of God, the lives of our neighbors, and the transformation of creation. As we become more like Christ, we are a people of radical inclusion, generosity, and justice. Through our worship, sacraments, community, prayer, and teaching, lives are being formed and transformed in ways that are the visible and audible signs of the reign of God. The community of faith is designed to be the seen, heard, and experienced as a representation of God's reign and peace.

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Emotions Wheel



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