

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,

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