

This event has been cancelled until further notice. If you have any questions, please contact our office at vitalcongregations@pcusa.org.



Presbyterian Mission
**Theology, Formation
& Evangelism**

2020 Vital Congregations Gathering

Austin, Texas | Mon., April 27 – Thurs., April 30

Please join the PC(USA) Office of Vital Congregations in relationship with Mission Presbytery and Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Pilot presbyteries, first wave and second wave presbyteries and anyone interested in learning more about Vital Congregations is invited to attend the 2020 VC Gathering in Austin, Texas. This is for pastors, presbytery leaders, officers of the church and lay leaders.

WHERE

The gathering will take place at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church
5226 W. William Cannon Drive, Austin, TX 78749

SPEAKERS



Keynote speaker:
Dr. Tod Bolsinger



Bible study:
Dr. William P. Brown

WORKSHOPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

With PC(USA) national staff; preaching and testimony from three pilot presbyteries; a local panel from Mission Presbytery; musicians from Shepherd of the Hills; Vital Congregations coaches; Office of Vital Congregations staff and more

LODGING

Hampton Inn Austin/Oak Hill
6401 U.S. Hwy. 290 West, Austin, TX 78735

REGISTRATION COSTS

The Gathering registration fee of \$275 includes all conference programming, but does NOT include lodging.

For second wave facilitators: If you are attending both the Facilitators Training and the Gathering, your combined registration fee will be \$350.

TO REGISTER

events.pcusa.org/register/vci-austin-gathering

CONTACT

VitalCongregations@pcusa.org with any questions or more information. We look forward to seeing you in Austin for the Vital Congregations Gathering!

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Tod Bolsinger is Vice President for Vocation and Formation and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Bolsinger was ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1993. For 17 years he was the senior pastor of San Clemente Presbyterian Church in San Clemente, California after serving 10 years at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. He earned a Master of Divinity and a Ph.D in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is the author of two books and a *Christianity Today* Award of Merit recipient for *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian: How the Community of God Transforms Lives*. He blogs at bolsinger.blogs.com, and speaks, consults, and is an executive coach for corporate, non-profit, educational and church organizations in transformational leadership.

Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- NOON** Leadership Team Meeting
- 4 PM** Registration at Shepherd of the Hills
- 6 PM** Dinner catered at Shepherd of the Hills
- 7 PM** Introductions
- 7:30 PM** Opening Worship: San Jose Presbytery
- 9 PM** Hospitality Event (Optional)



TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- 9 AM** Morning Devotion/Reflection at Shepherd of the Hills: Dr. William P. Brown
- 10 AM** Plenary: Dr. Tod Bolsinger
- 11:45 AM** Break
- NOON** Lunch catered, on site
- 1:30 PM** **Breakout Sessions No. 1**
 - A. Pilots and Wave 1: Seven Marks PC(USA) VC Staff Team Workshops
 - B. Wave 2 and Prospective: Seven Marks and VCI Introduction at Shepherd of the Hills
- 3 PM** Break
- 3:30 PM** **Breakout Sessions No. 2**
 - Pilots and Wave 1: Pilot and Local Presbytery Panel at Shepherd of the Hills
 - Wave 2 and Prospective: Individual Presbyteries — Teaching the Seven Marks
- 5 PM** Free Time
- 6:30 PM** Dinner catered at Shepherd of the Hills
- 7:30 PM** Evening Worship: Service of Lament/Confession (All): Newark Presbytery
- 9 PM** Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 9 AM** Morning Devotion/Reflection: Dr. William P. Brown
- 10 AM** Plenary: Dr. Tod Bolsinger
- 11:45 AM** Break
- NOON** Lunch catered, on site
- 1:30 PM** **Breakout Sessions No. 3**
 - A. Pilots and Wave 1: Seven Marks PC(USA) VC Staff Team Workshops at Shepherd of the Hills
 - B. Wave 2 and Prospective: Vital Congregations Initiative Guidelines and Appreciative Inquiry at Shepherd of the Hills (Sanctuary)
- 3 PM** Break (Resource Hall Open)
- 3:30 PM** **Breakout Sessions No. 4**
 - Pilots and Wave 1: Presbytery check-in and large group check-in at Shepherd of the Hills (Sanctuary)
 - Wave 2 and Prospective: Presbytery planning and large group discussion: "Next Steps — How We Take This Back With Us"
- 4:30 PM** Break
- 5 PM** Worship: Service of Commitment/Celebration at Shepherd of the Hills: Trinity Presbytery
- 6:30 PM** Free Time (Dinner on your own) Enjoy Austin!

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Safe travels home!