



Central Conference Annual Meeting Workshops, April 22, 2022

Workshop (Session #1) – 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Workshop (Session #2) – 3:15 – 4:45 pm, repeat of Session 1

Workshop A. Sexual Violence Uncovered in the Bible

Join us for a Bible study presentation from the newly launched four-week Bible study series, Sexual Violence Uncovered. We will consider the theological, communal, and intersectional implications of pastoring a people who have experienced trauma from the injustice of sexual abuse and intimate partner *violence*. How do we steward healing and safe sanctuaries that see the silent pain of the people in our pews?

Led by Rev. Ramelia Williams and Chris Lee

Workshop B. Engaging Your Community

Often our greatest ministry opportunities are just yards away from us. They exist among our neighbors living next door or across the street, the children playing outdoors, the homeless in need of a meal, the teens looking for guidance, or the struggling marriage that needs support.

Ministry is about more than a place we go to or a 90 minute service on Sundays. Ministry is where God has established us to be salt and light. God has placed you exactly where you are so that others might find Him!

This session will explore approaches to reaching unchurched people in your community. It will provide you with theological and practical support for making and maturing disciples outside the walls of the church.

Led by Rev. David A. Washington

Workshop C. Being the Church in Anxious Times

The perception that our country is growing more divisive is becoming more and more commonplace. In this session, we will share and discuss discipleship practices that promote "unity within diversity" to equip the Church to embody Jesus in these potentially anxious and challenging times.

Led by Reverends Won Kim and Jill Lind

Workshop D. The Middle East & North Africa: Less Scary & More Loved Than Purported & Reported

Most of the church knows John 3:16 but when it comes to the MENA Region the application seems to evade us. Between action movies that often show people from the region as the villain and new reports that focus on death or conflict our view is stilted. The goal will be to give a broader picture of this region, how the Body of Christ is living faithfully and how we can partner with Kingdom work that is happening.

Led by Jeff, Regional Coordinator (Serve Globally MENA Region)