



## **Central Conference Ministerial Association Workshops, April 21, 2022**

**Workshop #1 – 1:30 – 3:15 pm**

**Workshop #2 – 3:30 – 5:15 pm**

### **Workshop #1 – Trauma & Burnout: Caring for Yourself is Not OPTIONAL!**

Elizabeth O. Pierre, PhD, L.P.C, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling,  
North Park Theological Seminary

**1:30 – 3:15 pm**

As pastors and lay leaders, it's challenging to care for yourself in a "normal" year. But given all that has transpired in our world in the last couple of years and currently, it is especially challenging to tend to your mind, body, and soul when so many need your support and attention. You are most likely burned out and/or experiencing vicarious trauma even as you deal with your own personal and family concerns. Our time together will remind you that God cares about YOUR well-being and not just the well being of those you shepherd.

### **Workshop #2 – The End of Suffering: How God Ends Evil and Redirects Suffering toward a Redemptive End**

Max Lee, Ph.D., Professor of New Testament, North Park Theological Seminary

**3:30 – 5:15 pm**

This workshop examines the exorcism of the Gerasene demoniac in Mark 5:1-20, and the throne room scene of Revelation 5:1-14, to shed light on the problem of suffering in a fallen world created by a good God. The origin of suffering is ultimately human sin and the systems of injustice it generates. God's answer to the problem of suffering is the cross of Jesus: God sometimes allows suffering to run its course but providentially uses suffering and sin as unwitting agents of His own redemptive plan. God's people participate in the work of God to end suffering by engaging the systems of sin which produce it. But in another sense of the word "end," though God does not produce suffering, God can nevertheless redirect it and form us through it. The church is called in the face of suffering to respond to Jesus with worship, prayer and a witness to His grace.