

CHANGE OF COURSE

NAVIGATING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY - CANCELED

Date: Sat., Sept. 24, 2016, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - **CANCELED**

Location: PTS, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA **Directions**

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11:30 a.m. Progressive Lunch

12:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall

1:30 p.m. Afternoon Session (selection of various workshops to choose from)

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AFTERNOON SESSIONS

A. TEACHING WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE ~ BARBARA GUNN, PASTOR, MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

This session will focus on the Bible's response to a diverse, constantly changing, and often violent culture. Join the group to learn how the teacher can serve as an agent of instruction and inspiration in troubled times.

B. O TASTE AND SEE: MULTI-SENSORY EXPERIENCE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ GAIL RANSOM, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Enhance your students' faith through lived experiences of the God's creativity among us. This session will explore how students can embody the gospel more deeply through touch, taste, sight, sound, smell, and movement. Experience is the best teacher!

C. BULLYING: NO LONGER JUST ON THE PLAYGROUND ~ PAUL HUMPHREYS, DISCIPLEMAKING PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR OUTREACH, CRESTFIELD CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Bullying receives considerable attention today - most of it negative. However, the school playground now takes second place to the social media playground and often with devastating consequences. While not offering a magical solution there are numerous practices that we in faith communities can provide to victims for whom bullying does not end when they get home from school.

D. THE KNOWING MAT: INTERGENERATIONAL TIME WITH GOD ~ CAROLYN LEAH, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, BEULAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Knowing Mat is a new tool with learning modules that help multi-generational groups, families, peer groups, Sunday School classes, retreat groups, and others know God, themselves, and others better through a multi-sensory Bible study and spiritual discipline approach. Hands-on and relational learning at its best!

E. THE TEACHER, THE TEXT, AND THE TIMES ~ NICHELLE NELSON, ASSOCIATE MINISTER, MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH AND D.MIN, CANDIDATE, DREW UNIVERSITY

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F. FINDING GOD IN THE DIGITAL SPACE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR E-FORMATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY ~ LISA BROWN, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Almost every aspect of our lives today has an online component, whether learning, working, shopping, flirting, or playing. How can we meet people where they are and help them to meet God in the digital space? This hands-on session will help you learn how to extend and enrich your existing ministries through the use of social media and other digital platforms.

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