

TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP 2015

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ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS FOR THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS

"Sacred Journeys: Interfaith Individual-Centered Care" with **Caitlin Werth** Ministering in an interfaith setting can be a challenge but it is also an opportunity to meet people in the midst of their sacred journey. You may want to take off your shoes – we are about to walk on holy ground.

"Intergenerational Ministry" with **Sharon M. Stewart** Children, youth, and adults of all ages are a gift and remind us that God is faithful! In this workshop we will brainstorm about ways to include all ages in our weekly ministry.

"Basics of Teaching" and **"Beyond the Basics of Teaching"** with **Barbara Gunn** These two fundamental sessions are taught as a morning and afternoon combination. For new teachers, the Basics class is most appropriate and provides foundational guidelines for teaching in a Christian Education setting; for those teachers with some previous experience, the Beyond the Basics class is a great refresher of teaching principles.

"From Salvation to Transformation – Equipping New Believers for Discipleship" with **Sharon Dennard** When people come to faith, how can we help them know what it means to be part of a faith community? How can we help them be disciples? This workshop will focus on three movements, often misunderstood, crucial to that formation: fruit-bearing, cross-carrying, and other-caring. Participants will learn tools and techniques to spur self-evaluation, discussion, insight, and change in their Sunday School / Christian Ed classrooms.

"EARS for Jesus" with **Josh Botts** EARS for Jesus is a four-session process designed to cultivate the minimum beliefs, attitudes, habits, and skills for listening to what God is up to in relationships with other people. Utilizing texts from Luke 10:1-12, we will explore the meaning of the four letters in the acronym: E-engage, A-accept, R-respond, and S-serve. The hope is that by developing EARS for Jesus, we might see ourselves as "detectives of divinity"; more effectively partnering with God in God's mission in the world.

Registration: Click [HERE](#).

Fee: \$25

0.4 CEUs will be available upon request. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345 or [Click to view e-mail](#) with questions.

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