

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/WORSHIP

MORNING SESSION



B. Comfort My People: Serious Mental Illness

Elder Bert Sigmon, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of WNC

Adopted as a policy statement/study guide by the PCUSA General Assembly in 2008, the resource "Comfort My People" explores how to respond to serious mental illness as Church, Presbytery and Community. Workshop participants will receive this resource and examine it in light of the realities in Western North Carolina. Presenters include Bert Sigmon (Broughton State Hospital) and Lynn Michie (Swannanoa Correctional Facility Chaplain), and representatives from other agencies.

G. Worship that Helps Grow a Church

Rev. Carol Clark, Pastor at Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver, NC

Forget the categories of traditional, contemporary, or blended and think about worship as a vehicle of the gospel's theme of grace and love. Using all means of communicating the astonishing gospel of Jesus Christ, we will think about the Word conveyed through music, media, drama, dance, poetry, color, pictures, and art. A consequence of such varied, lively, intentional and God-centered worship is growth in numbers, in discipleship and in service. Join Carol Clark, pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, NC, for a chance to reflect on worship in today's world and to share ideas that bring energy and passion to worship.



H. Christian Education in the Small Church

Mary Lou Nash, Christian Education Consultant

Even with just a few folks to work with, educational ministry can be an exciting adventure for your congregation! There are a variety of ways to approach this ministry and we will look at suggestions that you bring to share and build on ideas that have been tried in other places. Come with an open mind and heart, and a willingness to do new things!

K. Recreation for Mission Trips Here and Abroad

Glenn Bannerman, Retired Professor of Recreation and Outdoor Education and Evelyn Bannerman

Are you going on a mission trip to another country or have you been involved in any USA disaster events? If so, we will develop ways to help build community and develop lasting relationships through PLAY as well as PRAYER! We will play games, use low cost material in a way that those without the language skills can still interact with those you are serving. This class may also be helpful here at home.



AFTERNOON SESSION



P. Worship-Centered Congregational Life

Jane Rogers Vann, an elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a Certified Associate in Christian Education.

Worship-centered congregational life places the worship of God at the heart of the congregation's shared life, with other aspects of congregational life (spiritual disciplines, Christian education, fellowship, ministry, and mission) flowing from worship and leading back to worship. The first half of this workshop will explore characteristics of worship-centered congregations and explore strategies for strengthening the congregation's identity. One central strategy for developing worship-centered identity is

the practice of talking together about worship. The second half of the workshop will explore the difficulties of such conversations and offer strategies to get conversations going.