

Workshops for District Training Day

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration and morning refreshments
10:45 – 11:45	Session 1
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Session 2
2:30 – 3:45	Session 3

SESSION 1 - 10:45 – 11:45

Church Finance and More

This workshop is designed to provide needed information to the local church finance teams. It will be a place to ask questions and discuss church financial record keeping, statistical reporting, billing, filing, reporting, internal controls, processing payroll, deductions, income tax reporting, W2s and housing allowances/exclusions. Target audience is church treasurers, finance committee members, and clergy.

Presenter is Beth Dupont - Finance Manager UNY Conference and Accountant Mike Weaver

Gift Based Ministry

Gift (or Asset) based ministry shifts the focus from a traditional missional understanding that often asks "what do these (or those) people need." The emphasis in this traditional understanding is on a people or individual's need and the focus of the mission/ministry is on gathering resources to meet the identified need. In this "colonial" approach to mission and ministry we do ministry/mission to or for individuals and families in need.

Gift (or Asset) based ministry asks a very different set of questions. The question is what do we have? What are the talents, the abilities, the experiences and other resources already in place? How do we build relationships with people that call for the use of these gifts and abilities to build a ministry? Mission and ministry in this understanding is mission and ministry WITH others. The critical central component is that all mission and ministry is relationship based.

Presenters are Rev. BJ Norrix, Syracuse City Churches and Lori Wyman, Brown Memorial UMC

Our Missional Hub and UMCOR

Learn who and what the Hub is, how to use it and explain some ideas on different types of missions we as the UNY Conference support. Presenters are Mike Block, Director of Missional Engagement UNY Conference and Pastor Sue Acker, Hannibal UMC.

Mike and Sue are also Co-chairs for Disaster Relief in the Crossroads District

Trustees

This workshop is designed to meet the Book of Discipline guidelines for training the Board of Trustees for the local church and will cover current insurance property coverage issues and best practices in response to liability claims.

Target audience is members of the local church Board of Trustees.

Presenter is Scott DelConte, UNY Conference Chancellor

How to Tell Our Stories

Is there a ministry at your church that you are particularly proud of? If so, your District and the Conference should hear about it! In this workshop, you will learn best practices for sharing your story, including: 1) different types of stories and what point of view to use (first vs third), 2) specific details to include and *not* include in your story, 3) how to enhance your story and 4) different platforms where you can share your story. You do not need to be the perfect writer to share your story—that's what editors are for. Leave this workshop feeling confident to share your stories.

Presenter is Shannon Hodson, Upper New York Conference Writer/Editor

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SESSION 2 - 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Church Audits

Presenter is Mike Weaver, UNY Conference Accountant

Mike will talk about the simple requirements for your church audit and the importance of preparing and submitting an annual audit.

The 3-L Process (Loving- Learning- Living) – Conference and District Leadership plan

We all know that being a pastor or laity in the UMC means we will sit in meetings at some point in our service to God's church. Most of the time these meetings are at best brief, and decisive – but at worst, long and divisive. Regardless of their length or outcome, outside of a "nod to God" in an opening prayer, the meetings feel useless for spiritual growth individually or collectively. The L3 model can help change this. By incorporating a framework of Loving, Learning, and Leading, your church meetings can be timely, meaningful, and productive. In this session we will explore how you can use this framework in your context to begin to move your teams from boring meetings into exciting, spirit-filled interactions.

Presenter is Rev. Andrew Sperry, Saratoga Springs UMC and Saratoga Springs UMCWest

Senior Adult Ministry -- A Real Blessing

Subjects to be covered are:

- Starting a senior adult ministry from Scratch;
- Providing a senior adult center including programs and events;
- How to obtain grants and subsidies from county & state government agencies;
- Establishing, maintaining and operating a senior adult transportation (bus) service.

The presentation is intended to show church members, especially smaller rural churches, the potential churches have in answering His call and providing a crucial service to the community.

Presenters are Pastor Ken Blume, Apulia UMC and Director for Senior Adult Transportation Bus Service, Mrs. Diane Taylor, Bridgeport UMC and President of the Ecumenical Council of Churches Senior Adult Ministry for the Minoa, Bridgeport and Kirkville areas and Mrs. Diane Blume, Senior Adult Transportation Treasurer

Crossroads District Men in Mission - United Methodist Men

The UMM Crossroads District Prayer Advocate will talk about the UMM commitment to the "Upper Room Prayer Line". Also about men being "Prayer Warriors" in their church and mentoring other men to do the same. Information on the Upper Room will be shared. You will also learn how UMM's groups partners with local veterans. There will be more ideas also.

Presenters are Don Day, Sanjay Solomon and Scott Stumpf

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as your age. Come and learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise and cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Presenter is Carianne Wilson, Associate Care Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter

Safe Sanctuaries Training – Sessions 2 & 3

This is an opportunity to take the 3 hour New Upper New York Conference Safe Sanctuaries training program. There is a limit of 40 seats for this workshop; therefore registrations will be accepted as they first come in. There will be no walk-ins the day of the training.

Target audience is anyone who works with children, youth and vulnerable adults on a regular basis.

Presenter is Rev. Doug Mackey, Tully UMC and Crossroads District Trainer

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SESSION 3 - 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Clergy Taxes

At the end of this workshop, you will have a better understanding of the unique issues faced by a United Methodist Clergy Person. Topics will include: Defining the Dual-Status Tax Classification of Clergy, Defining What a Clergy Person Is, What Responsibilities the Church Has, What Responsibilities Clergy Has, Describing the Housing Allowance Exclusion, Discussing Exemptions and Deductions, Completing Your Tax Filing Forms. Presenter is Rev. Sue Ranous, Ira UMC, Chair of UNY Conference Council on Finance and Administration.

Stewardship – what it is and what it is not: United Methodist Frontier Foundation - is an innovative, much-needed session for any UNYAC District Resourcing Days. The session is both informative and actions-based. Beginning with a clear definition of “Stewardship” the session then explores both the relational aspect of Stewardship as well as its biblical foundation. Through a series of group discussions and assignments, each participant will walk away with a number of ideas and tools that will allow them to expand their Stewardship programs and help move their church toward a stronger position of financial sustainability. Presenter is Susan Fulton

S/PPRC

This workshop will cover all of the information, according to the Book of Discipline, that is required for the members of this committee to know.

Target audience is them members of the local church S/PPRC committees.

Presenter is Rev. Nola Anderson, Crossroads DS

Interactive/experiential Worship

"Worship was never meant to be a spectator sport"- Taking our lead from the Master Teacher Himself, we will share a time of Holy conversation in what Interactive/experiential Worship looks like. Looking back to how Jesus taught those around him using His surroundings to share God's Word. We will share in a mini worship service and use an open forum format to share ideas to make worship exciting and relevant. Nowhere in the bible does it say worship can't be fun.

Presenter is Pastor Brandin Greco, Lycoming UMC

Know the 10 signs: Early Detection Matters (Alzheimer's)

If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. This program will discuss the warning signs of Alzheimer's, what to do if you see the signs in yourself or someone you love, getting a diagnosis, and medication options. This is for those impacted by Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and for general knowledge.

Presenter is Carianne Wilson, Associate Care Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Central New York Chapter