

Church Officers as Spiritual Leaders

*Spiritual Leadership:
The Gift the Church Needs Today*

Presbyterian Leadership Enrichment 2018

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena | 4647 Preston Rd. | Pasadena, TX



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Joan S. Gray

*Join us for this annual leadership training event.
Whether you're newly ordained or have years of experience
you are invited to attend.*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Pre-register online or by mail until Monday, February 5

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/presbyterian-leadership-enrichment-tickets-39786063186>

*Sponsored by the Congregational Resourcing Team of the Presbytery of New Covenant
Equipping Christians for life in Jesus Christ*

Schedule for the Day

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, coffee and fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome, Morning Prayer and Keynote address featuring Rev. Dr. Joan S. Gray
- 10:45 a.m. Workshop A options begins
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Workshop B options begin
- 2:30 p.m. Conference ends
- Return to your congregation refreshed, equipped, inspired and renewed

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION by Rev. Dr. Joan S. Gray

Being an Effective Spiritual Leader

Elders and deacons are made spiritual leaders when they are elected by the congregation. Due to the nature of our polity, no Presbyterian church will ever rise above the level of its elected officers. Joan's keynote presentation will explore what it means to be a spiritual leader, some characteristics of effective spiritual leaders, and how we can access God's power to do God's will in the church and to the ends of the earth.

Morning Workshop Descriptions

Workshop time 10:45 a.m. to Noon

A1 Listening for the Still Small Voice: Godly Decision-making

The personal decisions we make each day shape our lives in profound ways. The decisions church leaders make shape the future of the church for years to come. God has promised to lead us in making decisions if we are willing to be led. This workshop will help participants understand what we mean by "God's will," know how to make space to allow God to shape our decision-making, and how to access spiritual resources to carry out Godly decisions.

Rev. Dr. Joan Gray is our Keynote Speaker

A2 Compassion Fatigue and Resilience: Burn Bright, Don't Burn Out

After the turbulent season of initial hurricane recovery work following Harvey it will come as no surprise that burnout can be a problem! Faith leaders who invest spiritual and physical energy in following the teachings of Jesus to serve and support their neighbors face a world of need and diminishing resources and sometimes keeping in that commitment is hard, and exhausting. Learn why we suffer symptoms of "compassion fatigue" and learn the five simple practices that can refuel us and restore our joy and energy for doing God's good work and our own.

Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus serves the PC(USA) as a Coordinator for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

A3 The Empowered Church Leadership Team

Church Officers are called to be a leadership team – not to simply manage programs. Come to this fast paced workshop and be empowered to bring confidence and trust to your leadership role as you learn about best practices for ways high performance teams work together, as well as tips for effective communication and for effective listening. Gain skill in a simple and effective way to have difficult conversations.

Elder Dave Coles is a member of Pines Presbyterian Church and has provided leadership consultation in both church and corporate settings.

Workshop Descriptions

A4 Lord, Can We Talk?

Prayer is conversation with God – both talking and listening. This workshop provides you with techniques and resources that will help enrich and empower your private, silent prayers, as well as your spoken prayers in front of others. You'll also get some exciting ideas on how to energize the prayer life of your church. Gain confidence in your ability to pray with and for others as well as for yourself.

Elder Dianne Herrington is a member of Pines Presbyterian Church and is a leader of the church Prayer Team which intentionally bathes in prayer the ministry and members of the church.

A5 In the Power of the Spirit: Polity and Spirituality in the PC(USA)

To be ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) means, at the very beginning, that one responds to “the movement of the Holy Spirit in the individual conscience” (G-2.0103). But what is a “spirituality” appropriate to a life lived within our polity? What are the ideas and commitments that shape that spirituality? This seminar will look at the connections between our notions of what it means to be church as expressed in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and the way those notions come to life in the Form of Government. Bring your 2017-2019 *Book of Order* to class.

Rev. Paul K. Hooker serves as Associate Dean for Ministerial Formation and Advanced Studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Afternoon Workshop Descriptions

Workshop time 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

B1 Listening for the Still Small Voice: Godly Decision-making

Repeat of A1

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B2 Light in the Valley of the Shadow, a Spirituality for Hard Times

It's easy to believe and sense God's blessing when times are good... but what about when times are hard? In seasons of suffering, fear or loss, our core beliefs are challenged and sometimes God seems absent. But walking “through the valley of the shadow” can be a powerful spiritual journey that deepens our faith and leads us into a life of wisdom. This workshop takes on additional meaning for those who experienced or observed loss in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

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B3 The Empowered Church Leadership Team

Repeat of A3

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B4 Lord, Can We Talk?

Repeat of A4

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B5 The Art of the Ask

As spiritual leaders, we are frequently charged with finding others to help with the work of the church. All too often, we dread asking already overworked and weary members to “do one more thing.” In our time together, we will explore fresh ways to approach our call... to invite others to grow as followers of Jesus, not as ‘warm bodies’ to fill a need, not as someone “doing a favor for us”, but as full participants and partners in Christ's service.”

Elder JoAnn Currie is a member and Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation at First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena.

Registration Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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CHURCH NAME AND CITY _____

Please select one morning and one afternoon workshop.

MORNING WORKSHOP SELECTION

- A1 - Listening for the Still Small Voice: Godly Decision-making
- A2 - Compassion Fatigue and Resilience: Burn Bright, Don't Burn Out
- A3 - The Empowered Church Leadership Team
- A4 - Lord, Can We Talk?
- A5 - In the Power of the Spirit: Polity and Spirituality in the PC(USA)

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SELECTION

- B1 - **REPEAT OF A1** - *Listening for the Still Small Voice: Godly Decision-making*
- B2 - Light in the Valley of the Shadow, a Spirituality for Hard Times
- B3 - **REPEAT OF A3** - *The Empowered Church Leadership Team*
- B4 - **REPEAT OF A4** - *Lord, Can We Talk?*
- B5 - The Art of the Ask

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- Cost** - \$16.00 per person (*includes continental breakfast and lunch*)
until February 5, after February 5, Meal cost is \$20

Please list any food allergy or vegetarian



Mail-in registrations,

Send form and payment to:

Carrie Walker
Presbytery of New Covenant
1110 Lovett Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006

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