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## Enid District

**Re-ignite Workshop**  
 (Local Church Leaders Workshop)

Sunday, January 29, 2012

**Enid First UMC**  
**401 W. Randolph**  
**Enid, OK**

❖ All church members, who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and grow in the faith journey, are encouraged to attend. This event provides a forum to share your ideas with other individuals from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders.



## Class Opportunities

Session 1 4-5 p.m.

### 1-1 How to Share Your Faith in Our Contemporary Society

Bob Pierson

This class gives clear understanding for sharing the faith in a very secular world, how Christians can be effective in reaching new people. It is based upon the new book, "TELL" by Dr. Pierson

### 1-2 It Worked for Us: VBS

Brittany Sky Stanley

We will have an open forum where we will discuss the most successful VBS strategies, curriculum, and resources we have had in our children's ministry summer programs. I will bring my favorite ideas, and I hope you will bring yours to share as well! This class is for anyone who works with or supervises those who work with children, and are interested in bringing back new ideas for their congregations summer programming for children and families.

### 1-3 Re-Igniting, Re-engaging and Re-Connecting Women's Ministry

Jennifer Dodson and Bea Paul

Women today are very familiar with the term "commitment." In fact, their lives are filled with commitments to: work, family, community, etc. Where does commitment to God and what God wants for their lives fit into this mix? How might the church help women find a way to "be still and know" God as the Living Presence at the center of their lives and not just one more commitment? Join the discussion on this topic with Jennifer Dodson who works with "Breathe" - a women's ministry at her church.

### 1-4 Wesleyan Spirituality In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Susan Southall

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Wesley's strong beliefs that for the church to be the church out in the world, the people also needed a strong spiritual foundation based on the disciplines of prayer, scripture study, worship, and sacraments. In our effort to "be the church" in a fast-pasted, "never enough time" culture, how can we call people back to our Wesleyan roots of works AND piety? In this class we will pursue how to help people find a way to be connected with God on a daily basis so as to strengthen them for the work of discipleship. Designed for small group leaders, clergy, or anyone who wants to "Stay In Love With God" (from Bishop Job's "Three Simple Rules")

### 1-5 Credo

Conference Youth Team

Introduction to the new confirmation curriculum

### 1-6 The Doctor Says It's Cancer

Judy Connor

A cancer diagnosis is a frightening experience. The individual may feel fear, uncertainty, anxiety, depression, anger, isolation and hopelessness-sometimes all at once! Family and friends, too, go through a wide range of feelings, including helplessness: we want to help, but we just don't know how. Having a cancer care ministry in your congregation can help bridge that abyss of despair and suffering. As Christians, we are called to minister to the sick. At the same time, however, we need to be very careful in how we interact with people who are experiencing a serious diagnosis.

### 1-7 Making a Difference: Starting a New Ministry

Judy Benson

Is God calling your church to expand your ministries? All laity who see a need or feel the

heart tug for making a difference and desire methods for success in beginning new ministries are welcomed.

### 1-8 My Church is Great: Building Congregational Esteem

Jim Hollifield

We will investigate this foundation on which all other congregational success is build. Methods to build will be discussed and destructive practices will identified.

### 1-9 Effective Financial Leadership

Brian Bakeman

Are finances running your church or is your church running the finances? This class is designed for the chairs of Finance Committees, new and old, to discuss the leadership role of the chair.

### 1-10 Generations and the Church:

Understanding How Each Connects Differently to the Body of Christ

Becky Pierson

Becky will lead the group through an interactive study of the five primary generations within our churches and the influence of Postmodernism on these generations, ending with a discussion of how the American church is and should be reacting to this current culture.

### 1-11 \*EFFECTIVE\* Dialogue on Social Principles in Local Churches

Adam Shahan

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### Schedule

1:45-2:30 p.m..... Registration  
 Fellowship Hall- enter East end of building  
 2:30 p.m..... District Conference (Fellowship Hall)  
 3-3:45 p.m.....Worship (Sanctuary)  
 Lead by Devon Krause and You  
 4-5 p.m.....Session 1  
 5:15-6:15 p.m..... Session 2

### Other Information

All classes will leave time for discussion and sharing, bring your ideas!

**Youth**, you are invited to be involved today as treasured members of our Oklahoma Annual Conference. Every class is open to you. If you would like to attend the class specifically for youth, Devon Krause and Adam Brinson will be offering one class per session.

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**1-12 SPRC**

Donna Dodson

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is the administrative unit in a local church where staff

**Session 2 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

**2-1 How to Share Your Faith in Our Contemporary Society**

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**2-2 It Worked for Us: Successful Children’s Programming**

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**2-3 Mapping the Past**

Jerry Gill

Church historians and other laity interested in their church’s history and church staff involved in maintaining official records and historical documents will benefit from this session. Information and materials about traditional programs and guidelines for preserving local church history will be provided. New this year will be a video presentation and discussion of oral interviews as a simple and yet compelling way to capture the history and heritage of your church and the “stories” of individuals who lived and helped shape its history.

**2-4 Advancing Hope Around the World: UM Missionaries and Their Ministries**

Tom Hoffman

“Missionary” is one of the oldest and most honored offices of the Christian church, with origins found in Paul’s writings in the New Testament. UM missionaries witness and serve in dramatically different locales and cultures and engage in a range of professions and activities. In this workshop, find out how your church can be actively involved in the work our missionaries do on our behalf. The class is great for anyone who wants to know more about how the UMC makes a difference around the world!

and congregational interests meet in order to focus on the mission of the church. So what are the exact tasks of the SPRC? Are job descriptions necessary? How does the appointment process work? How do we handle conflict in the church? If you are on the SPRC/PPR committee you are invited to attend this class.

**1-13 YOUTH: Spiritual Gifts for Youth**

Adam Brinson & Devon Krause

This workshop for teens will help them to discover

**2-5 Wesleyan Spirituality In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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**2-6 Social Media and the Local Church**

Conference Youth Team

Social Media is everywhere! Our neighbors, family, friends, youth, former classmates, and many companies use social media to connect with others. Facebook and Twitter are seen everywhere when it comes to staying in touch and getting the word out! What is its place in our church? How can it be used to communicate and announce our ministries and events to our members and the general public. We will cover how to set up Facebook groups for the church and how Facebook and Twitter can be used in different ways that benefit our church!

**2-7 It Worked for Us Ideas/Models**

Judy Benson

One of the beautiful things about the UMC is that we are connectional. Because we are connectional we are open to allowing the Holy Spirit to help us learn from each other. This class will provide an opportunity for the sharing of what ministries and or events worked for your church and then in turn you will receive information on what worked for other churches around our Conference. To attend this class, we ask that you bring with you at least one ministry that has worked for your church to share with others. This will be a time of constant discussion, brain storming and question and answering.

who they are and how their talents, spiritual gifts, personality, values and passions can help them decide what to do with their lives. The workshop will help teens understand themselves better and see how they are a unique part of God’s plan. A better understanding of differences in people and relationships will also help them to get along better at school, at work and in their families.

**2-8 Guiding People into Ministry**

Dianne Peters

This class will help pastors, PPR members, youth directors and other interested laity have conversations with people who are hearing God’s call for a future in lay or ordained ministry. “Did you know we have at least 17 possibilities for specific ministries in the UMC?”

**2-9 Trustees, More Than Just Buildings**

Brian Bakeman

The job of the Trustees includes managing the buildings, risk management, other legal issues, and bequests.

**2-10 \*EFFECTIVE\* Dialogue on Social Principles in Local Churches**

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**2-11 Re-Ignite the Go-Go’s, Slow-Go-s and No-Go’s**

Gayle Edmison

Discussions on how local congregations can minister to people based on mobility—rather than age—in the areas of spiritual development, health, fellowship, education, life transitions, service, intergenerational interaction, daily assistance, and National Grandparent’s Day. This is directed towards anyone interested in ministry by, for, to, and with the growing numbers of older adults in our communities.

**2-12 YOUTH: Brainstorm for the Future of the District Youth Council**

Adam Brinson & Devon Krause

This second session will be a time to discuss the future of the District Youth Council and brainstorm ideas to get it headed in the right direction

**Cost**

The registration fee is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to: Local Church Leaders Workshop.

**Cancellation**

If the weather is inclement, call the host church to find out if the workshop has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 19, or if the workshop will continue as planned. (580) 237-2041.

**Childcare**

Childcare is available. Call the host church at (580) 237-2041 to make reservations by January 13.

**For more information, contact:**

Enid-First UMC (580) 237-2041 or Aly Shahan (405) 530-2198, ashahan@okumc.org

**Re-ignite Workshop  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**Checks payable to:** Local Church Leaders Workshop  
**Mail registration and money to:** Aly Shahan- 1501 NW 24<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK, 73106-3635  
**Church** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Payment**  **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

**List Participants:**

**1) Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Age:** under 18  18-35  36-55  Over 55   
**Session 1 Choice #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Session 2 Choice #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Children needing childcare: (list name and age)**

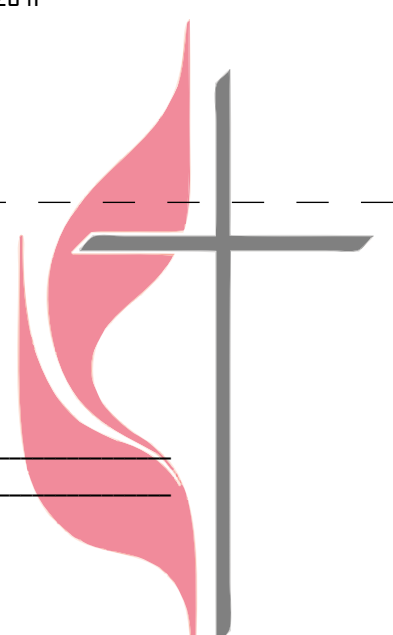
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**Registration Information**

Register by Friday, January 20. Send registrations and money to Aly Shahan- 1501 NW 24<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK, 73106, ashahan@okumc.org

**Online Registration**

The registration form can be found at: <http://www.okumc.org/LCLW>  
 Register online or use this printed form.



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