

# Tentative Workshops

## **Building Capacity, Learning by Doing: Active Antiracism Efforts YOU Funded!**

### ***Room 400 - Session 2***

Alki UCC, Guemes Island Community Church, and Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren will participate in a panel discussion on their learnings, missteps, and renewed commitments to dismantling white supremacy mythology in their local settings. Each received a grant from the Church Development Committee to support innovative programming for community engagement in antiracist action. This session is hosted by the Dismantling Racism Task Force, a working group of your Justice and Witness Ministries.

## **Ways We Can Serve the Poor and Shelter the Unhoused (Limit of 35 each session)**

### ***Room 500 - Sessions One and Two***

Elizabeth Maupin, a Member in Discernment, will present an overview of ways that congregations are serving the poor and helping people get into shelter or housing. The focus will be on how current laws allow faith communities more freedom to use their property for hosting, encampments, shelters, tiny home villages, and safe parking sites for vehicle residences.

## **Ask Us Anything: A Q&A with your Committee on Ministry**

### ***Room 600 - Sessions One and Two***

COM is tasked with supporting and holding accountable the ministers and MIDs of the PNC. We will summarize the variety of responsibilities for doing this. Questions about the new Diversity Equality Inclusion and Belonging requirement for all Authorized Ministers? Could your congregation use help with a challenging situation? What does Exempt Standing mean? Please bring your questions!

## **Moderators and Lay Leaders**

### ***Room 300 - Session One***

Congratulations! You have been called by your nominating committee to serve your congregation with love. Now what? UCC polity states our churches are congregation led. So how do we do that? Who do we ask when there is a challenge? How do we find resources? When things are not going well, how do we find ways to celebrate the little miracles? Come join us and build relationships with others walking the same path. Through laughter and prayer, find out how we support and affirm each other. Led by local church moderators.

## **Walking the Talk of Environmental Justice**

### ***Room 200 - Session One***

What is your congregation doing to address environmental justice issues? What is the Conference doing? And the denomination? Come to share ideas and hear what is happening around the conference and throughout the UCC. We are stronger when we learn from each other and work together! Led by Rev. Meighan Pritchard and other members of the PNC Environmental Justice Team.

## **How We Will End the Sexual Abuse of Children**

### ***Room A – Sessions One and Two***

You will hear one granddaughter's story and a minister's story. (You are very welcome to share but are not expected to.) You'll get resources appropriate for different ages to help you talk about sex in your family. Rev. Henjum will share the pressures our teens and college students face, including the impact of porn. *"Heart-felt, inviting, a liberation for church congregations."* (Responses to presentation) Led by Rev Joanie Henjum.

## **Faithful Advocacy for These Times**

### ***Room C – Sessions One and Two***

Our faith-filled voices in the halls of power make a difference! This workshop equips you to advocate, with a focus on the safety net programs that are at risk in Washington through federal and state budget decisions--especially the proposed devastating cuts to Medicaid and SNAP food assistance. We will update you on these programs, share how to communicate your values effectively, and practice in real time. We will also begin to create a network of mutual support by sharing stories of what values and relationships energize you and your congregation. Presenters: Elizabeth Dickinson, Partnership Coordinator, Faith Action Network and Dr. Joyce del Rosario, Executive Director, Faith Action Network

## **Trauma-Informed Spiritual Care Practices**

### ***Room 100 - Sessions One and Two***

Rev. Dr. Christie Love, Senior Pastor at Englewood Christian Church in Yakima, is a trauma theologian specializing in studying Religious Trauma through the lens of Negative Religious Experiences. She uses this research to develop training for clergy and lay leaders on trauma-informed spiritual care practices which she teaches through the organization The Flipped Table Collective that she founded in 2024. This workshop will provide an overview of her Negative Religious Experience research and give an introduction to trauma-informed spiritual care practices.

## **"Taste" of Community of Practice**

### ***Extended Session 1:30 – 3:00***

#### ***In person - Room B Also offered online***

Have you ever wondered what a Community of Practice group is like? Have you wanted to try it without making a yearlong commitment? You're in luck! Revs Amy Hitchens and Jennifer Butner are offering a "taste" during our workshop time. Come experience a Community of Practice session, welcome the Spirit, come into a sacred space. Choose from in person with Rev Amy Hitchens or online with Rev Jennifer Butner (priority for online space will be given to those participating remotely).