



*Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters . . .*

—Isaiah 55:1a



2019 APCE Annual Event
February 6-9, 2019

Consider a piece of sea glass or driftwood. Each time the item is washed out to sea and washed back in to shore it is changed: the rough edges are refined, and the grain is softened. Each has the potential to become something new. Just as objects are changed by the ebb and flow of the tides, so our ministry is reshaped by the changes in the world around us.

Change is all around us: in the church, in our communities, and in the world. New understandings of how disciples are formed lead us to examine and try new models of ministry, involving education, mission, and worship.

This **2019 APCE Annual Event** is for your entire team. Pastors, educators, musicians, mission advocates, youth workers, lay leaders, and volunteers of every kind: **“Come Now to the Waters”** to be enriched, empowered, connected, and sustained!

Meet our Plenary and Worship Leaders!



Dr. Lisa Kimball will lead us in a discussion of the changing language of Christian Education and Faith Formation.



Dr. Tom Long's two plenary presentations will explore the role worship plays in faith formation and show how participating in mission and service shapes faith.



Dr. Kimberly Bracken Long will design and lead worship services.



Hugh Donnelly will be our event music leader and will offer an opportunity to experience a different “style” of worship each day.



Karen DeBoer, Dr. Tori Smit, and the **Rev. Tony McNeill** will share their experiences and insights about the strengths that intergenerational ministry offers the church.



Pre-events—3 Reasons to Come Early!



Silent Retreat at Villa de Matel

Spend four hours in silence (numerous prayer spaces within the center, a labyrinth on the grounds, and trails for walking)

and debrief the experience led by a spiritual director. Lunch will be provided and eaten in silence.



Visit to Space Center Houston

Encounter the exciting future and remarkable past of America's space program. This experience is designed to engage adults and children alike.



Hotel Registration is open NOW!

This year there are three hotels to choose from: Hilton Hotel, San Luis Hotel, and Holiday Inn Resort. All are within walking distance to the Galveston Island Convention Center, where worship, plenaries, marketplace, and most workshops will be held.

Over 70 Workshops will be featured—for the brand-new educator as well as seasoned educator. Special tracts will be offered for church musicians and youth workers.

Bonus Workshops will be offered on Wednesday morning at no additional cost!

Welcome to the 2020s: Envisioning the Future of Faith Formation

The arrival of a new decade is a good time to create an “agenda” for the future of faith formation. Presenter John Roberto will explore seven areas for the future development of faith formation in congregations.



Opening night will
kick off with a
Mardi Gras celebration.

A taste of Texas • Mardi Gras beads •
Michael Deacon and Texas Heat Band •
photo booths • Texas displays • and more

Certification Class will be a hybrid model of Worship and Sacraments led by Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski.

Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) partners with APCE in 2019. Many new enriching options will be offered, such as a hymn festival, conference choir, reading sessions, and an operetta.

Presbyterian Youth Workers Association (PYWA) continues Partnership with APCE for 2019.

Registration will open in mid-September. Watch for the announcement! You'll want to sign up early for best selections.