



## Pre-events

(located at the hotel unless noted; registration with fees or \*pre-requisite required as noted)

### Monday through Wednesday, February 1 – 3

#### **Certification Course: Faith and Human Development**

February 1, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; February 2, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; February 3, 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Registration Fee: \$300

Minimum is 6 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is 15.

The Faith and Human Development Certification Course explores historical and contemporary theories of human psychological, sociological and faith development necessary for relevant and dynamic teaching across the lifespan. Theories for human and faith development and their application will be organized around the significant movements of the Christian Life from Baptism to Confirmation to Resurrection as we connect theory, theology and educational practice.

*Led by **Rebecca L. Davis**, a minister of Word and Sacrament and a certified Christian educator in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Before being appointed to the faculty of Union Presbyterian Seminary on the Charlotte campus she served as associate professor of Religion and the director of the Christian education program at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.*

For more information, contact [Melissa Kirkpatrick](#), moderator, APCE Advocacy Team.

### Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 – 3

#### **Presbyterians Organized in Nurture & Teaching (POINT)**

Tuesday, February 2, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Section A breakfast); Wednesday, February 3, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Section B breakfast); Wednesday, February 3, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (POINT lunch – Sections A and B)

Minimum is 25 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is 50.

Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching (POINT) is part of Presbyterian Publishing Corp. POINT Partners are volunteers who commit to sharing Presbyterian Publishing resources with other educators and churches. POINT Partners help with questions that people have about curriculum resources for congregations and presbyteries. This annual training event is free to all POINT Partners. Please register for only one - the Tuesday, Section A, or Wednesday, Section B, breakfast - and the POINT Training Lunch scheduled for Wednesday. For more information about POINT please download the POINT brochure at [apcenet.org](#).

*Led by **Katie Snyder**, a certified Christian educator working for Presbyterian Publishing Corporation as the curriculum specialist and POINT Coordinator.*

Contact [Katie Snyder](#), associate for curriculum training and POINT coordinator, for more information.

## **Presbyterian Youth Workers Association (PYWA) - Our Truth in a Time of Transition: Telling and Hearing our Stories**

Time: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Registration Fee: PYWA/APCE Members \$125; Nonmembers \$150

Minimum is 20 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is TBD.

We were living in a time that felt very uncertain and polarized before the COVID19 pandemic. New realities of life have only added to questions about what the future looks like, how we are responding to competing narratives, and where God is in all of it. This pre-event will help youth workers engage with the stories that every youth and family bring into the church with the hope of setting the stage for greater understanding of the self, others, and the Holy. The event will focus on three areas: sexuality, mental health, and social justice.

*Led by **Christian Brooks**, MDiv, MS, the representative for domestic issues at the office of Public Witness in Washington, DC. **Shannon Guse**, a former middle and high school health teacher who has been working with youth at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL, for approximately 15 years. **Brian Kuhn**, MA, LPC, the executive director of PYWA, a 20-year youth and family ministry veteran, and a licensed professional counselor specializing in adolescences and families. **Dr. Christy Williams**, D. Ed. Min., MACE, the director of Christian education at First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, FL, for 31 years.*

For more information, contact [Brian Kuhn](#), executive director, PYWA.

### **Tuesday February 2, 2021**

#### **Introduction to Analyzing Systemic Racism Workshop at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Borwell Dining Room**

Time: 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$85.00, includes morning beverages and lunch

Minimum is 30 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is 50.

This interactive training will introduce a shared language for effective dialogue about systemic racism; analyze what racism is, how it originates, operates and its impact on the identity of individuals; and, begin to equip attendees with a framework for examining organizational culture and moving toward antiracist transformation of the organization. An anti-racism pre- and post event flier is available for download at [apcnet.org](http://apcnet.org).

\*This workshop may satisfy your presbytery's, classis', or organization's entry level continuing education requirement for anti-bias training and is a **\*pre-requisite for the Saturday, February 6, post-event.**

*Led by **Ariel Gloor** and **Rev. Deborah Paton**, co-moderators of Chicago Presbytery's Commission on Anti-racism and Equity.*

*Sponsored by the **Commission on Anti-racism and Equity of Chicago Presbytery** – Chicago Presbytery's Committee on Representation – and the **APCE Annual Event Ministry Team.***

Contact [Candace Hill](#) for more information.

#### **Presbyterian Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) Regional Conference with Adult Lutherans Organized for Action (ALOA)**

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$65 per person (register through POAMN)

Minimum is 60 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is 100.

This POAMN/ALOA pre-event will offer three plenary speakers with table discussions following presentations on topics of interest for those involved in older adult ministries and advocacy. There will a morning session and an afternoon session, with participants on their own for lunch.

Led by **Pat Baker**, 2021 POAMN president and the director of older adult and caregiver ministries at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucker, GA.

For more information, contact [Michele Hendrix](#).

### **Illinois Center Pedway Tour at the Chicago Architecture Center (CAC)**

(Tour group will meet at the Marriott for a .4 mi/7 min walk or take local transportation.)

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$25.00, includes entrance to Chicago Architecture Center exhibits

Minimum is 11 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is 80.

Take a warm walk and see the cool architecture of the Illinois Center Pedway. Learn how an abandoned railway freight yard was transformed into an important urban development. You'll see some pretty and some gritty portions of the Pedway as we travel the one and a quarter mile passageway through "the futuristic city within a city" design.

Led by **Jenny Hubbard**, the 2021 APCE Annual Event local co-chair and pastor of AuSable Grove Presbyterian Church, Yorkville, IL.

For complete tour information: <https://www.architecture.org/tours/detail/chicago-pedway/> or contact [Jenny Hubbard](#), your tour contact.

### **Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

#### **Drawing Our Circle Wider at Fourth Presbytery Church, Borwell Dining Room**

Time: 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$35.00, includes authors' book God's Big Plan and morning snack 3

Minimum is 30 by early bird deadline (December 4). Maximum is 50.

This workshop will explore Genesis 1:1-2:25 ; 11:1-9 (bring your Bibles) and interpretations of these familiar texts; discuss the importance of biblical interpretation with children and youth and how we help them get it right the first time so they don't have to unlearn things later; show how we make connections between contemporary biblical interpretations of text and writing stories for children; and, hear new stories for children from Genesis 1 and 2 that the leaders are working on.

Led by **Lib Caldwell**, retired Harold Blake Walker Professor of Pastoral Theology, McCormick Theological Seminary, and **Ted Hiebert**, the Francis A. McGaw Professor of Old Testament and dean of the faculty emeritus, McCormick Theological Seminary.

Sponsored by **McCormick Theological Seminary** and the **APCE Annual Event Ministry Team**.

Contact [Candace Hill](#) for more information.

#### **Pre-event Conversation Circles (register for only one)**

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### **APCE Diversity Task Force Update**

Join members of APCE's Diversity Task Force to hear about the parameters, definitions, and principles upon which our work is based. We will also share preliminary assessments and potential recommendations. Ample time will be reserved for questions and responses and most especially for your input on how well APCE is living into its goal of being more just and equitable.

Led by **members of the APCE Diversity Task Force** – women and men, persons of color and persons of white, of many ages, geographies, and denominations.

Contact [Susan Thornton](#) for more information.

### **Educator Certification Advisor Update, PC(USA)**

This will be an opportunity for those who are Educator Certification Advisors for their presbytery to learn more about the revised, endorsed Christian Education Associate process and to share concerns and questions with each other and the Educator Certification Committee of the PC(U.S.A).

Led by **Cindy Kissel-Ito**, associate professor of Christian education and director of the Master of Arts in Christian education program at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and a member of the ECC, and **Susan Sharp Campbell**, associate for educational ministries for the Presbytery of West Virginia, and former ECC member.

### **Educator Certification Conversation**

Are you interested in educator certification or currently in the process? Learn more about the process for both certification and the unveiling of the recently revamped endorsement level of Christian Education Associate.

Led by **Jenna Campbell**, the director of Children and Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, OK, and **Cheryl Carson**, the associate executive presbyter for Central Florida Presbytery. Both are certified Christian educators currently serving on the Educator Certification Committee for the PC(USA).

### **First Timers' Welcome**

Join us for our annual First Timer's Welcome. We will share tips for navigating your first APCE Annual Event, connect you with your regional APCE Connector, and answer your question about APCE. All this and door prizes too! Come and join us!

Hosted by the **APCE Advocacy Ministry Team**.

For more information, contact [Jenna Campbell](#).

### **Retired Educators' Gathering**

Can you believe it has been 50 years since our predecessor organizations voted on a merger that we celebrate this year, the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators? This momentous occasion is time to gather the saints who nurtured faith communities, mentored other educators, and supported the mission of APCE for many years. All retired educators are invited to come for an hour of conversation, fellowship, and reminiscing – celebrating our important connections over the years!

Led by **Zeta Lamberson** is a former APCE president, the moderator of the APCE 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA.

Hosted by the **APCE 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**.

Contact [Zeta Lamberson](#) for more information.

### **Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century PC(USA)**

Join the Special Committee on the Reformed Perspective on the Future of Christian Education in the 21st Century for a conversation about round two of their work highlighting the future of certification and possibilities for preparing pastors to be educators for faith formation.

Led by **Special Committee members**.