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# SCRAPCE



## 2022 Fall Gathering!

Building Sustainable Ministry Teams

September 26-28, 2022

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Education Beyond  
the Walls

Speaker: Stephanie Caro from Ministry Architects

Harnessing the strength and creativity of volunteers is made possible when ministry teams are created with clear responsibilities, defined expectations, and realistic timelines. Learn skills to steward the gifts, tend the souls and encourage the wide range of the volunteers in your congregation. Walk away with tips, tricks, and templates for:

- Volunteer Fishing Pond
- Volunteer Needs List
- Volunteer Job Descriptions
- Volunteer Recruiting and Matriculation Process
- How to Love Your Team
- Training to be R.E.A.L....and more!

This will be a hybrid event with an online option for attendance.

Learn more and register at:

<https://www.austinseminary.edu/lifelong-learning/building-sustainable-ministry-teams>



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# 2023 APCE Annual Event



Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.—Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

**Come get away with us to Birmingham, Alabama, January 25-28, for the 2023 APCE Annual Event, “Unforced Rhythms of Grace”.**

Ministry in the time of a pandemic has been exhausting.  
“Are you tired?” Yes!  
“Worn out?” Like a rug.  
“Burned out on religion?” I serve in a church, don't I?



## **Come.**

Join us for a few days as we gather (online and in person) to grieve the losses we have endured due to illness, fear, convenience, laziness, complacency, workaholicism, comparison. Jesus is calling us to rest – really rest. It is our hope that you will find rest and company during the Annual Event.

At the same time, it will be an emotionally challenging week, as our gathering takes place during the 60th Anniversary of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. Together we can lament and grieve the tragedies of our world and find comfort in a God who bears it all with us.

We are excited about the opportunities to worship, lament, explore, learn, be challenged, and grow during our time together. We are hoping to provide opportunities for some “Unforced Rhythms” like spending unscheduled time to gather with friends, exploring the Spirituality Center online or in person, or creating time in your day for holy rest.

It is our hope and prayer that the Annual Event will encourage us all to keep company with Jesus and learn how to live freely and lightly.

<https://apcenet.org/2023-annual-event/>

# Now Hear This

## SCRAPCE HAS A PODCAST!



As part of our effort to find new ways to communicate, SCRAPCE now has a podcast! Grab your headphones and tune in to hear co-hosts Jessie Kuehner and Lucas Levy Keppel as they welcome guests and have discussions on all things SCRAPCE, APCE, Christian education, and faith formation.

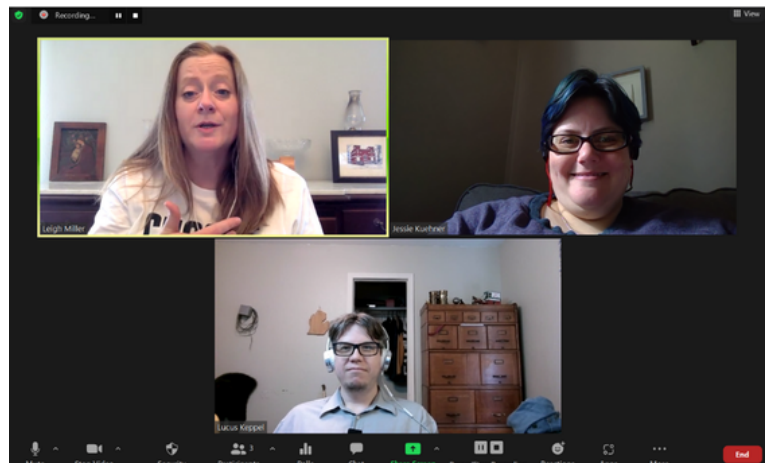
The first episode premiered in August and features recently elected President of SCRAPCE, Leigh Miller. In the episode, Leigh shares a bit about herself, answers some fun get-to-know-you questions, and explains how she got better connected with some of the wonderful people of SCRAPCE through a fortunate mistake.

Be sure to check it out wherever you get your podcasts or click the button to listen now.

[SCRAPCE Podcast Episode 1](#)



**"One of the best things about being a part of APCE and SCRAPCE is not just the resources, but the relationships. And that just feeds your soul, quite frankly."  
- Leigh Miller,  
President of SCRAPCE**



## OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

Connecting with others in the SCRAPCE universe is easy to do through the various social media platforms. Check out Facebook and Instagram to be up to date on upcoming Zoom meetings, ministry highlights, event updates, and more!



**[FACEBOOK: @SCRAPCE](#)**  
**[INSTAGRAM: SOUTH\\_CENTRAL\\_REGION\\_OF\\_APCE](#)**

# Opening Doors to Discipleship

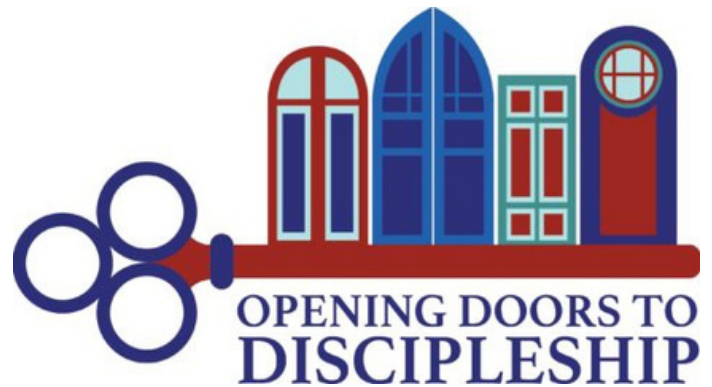
A training website for faith formation leaders in the Reformed tradition.

Do you remember those "Choose Your Own Adventure" books where you would have the power to choose which way you wanted the story to go and could find yourself in multiple scenarios? Yeah? If so, you can have a similar experience with the **Opening Doors to Discipleship** resource! This very user-friendly website welcomes anyone serving as a leader or a learner in the Christian community to "open a door" to learn about best practices in leadership, Reformed theology, educational practices, and more. And as a bonus, the website will be continuously updated so you can check back often to find new information. (Please note, the "Educational Practices" content is coming soon.) Each "door" leads to a list of questions you might have and invites you to explore more.

The "Leadership" door allows you to discern the calling of educational leadership in congregational life by: Exploring Your Call, Calling Others, Equipping Others, and Your Faith Formation Ministries Path.

Open the "Reformed Theology" door to find answers to the questions of what does it mean to be Reformed and why does it matter? From there you can explore some of the major threads of Reformed Theology: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Bible, and Covenant Community. Be sure to check out the videos to catch a glimpse of John Calvin himself to help navigate the various topics.

The "Explore More" door reminds us of how Faith Formation and Christian Education are constantly growing and changing. The first key leads to APCE's wonderful resource: *Becoming Tomorrow's Church Today*. The *Connect... Enrich... Empower... Sustain* videos are there to be used as resources for staff or officer training, special events, and more. This resource is a celebration of what has been accomplished in the 50 plus years as an organization and a guide for the future.



Click on the second key in the "Explore More" to find resources on Faith Formation with Older Adults. This 2021 APCE Annual Event workshop presented by Joyce MacKichan Walker is a wonderful resource of understanding more about the older generation of disciples. She outlines the different religious-spiritual backgrounds and how important it is to provide a diversity of opportunities for them as there are multiple different situations and circumstances they could be experiencing. There is also a link to the Presbyterian Association of Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) resource library.

Go check it all out at [www.odtd.net](http://www.odtd.net).



# New Book Study

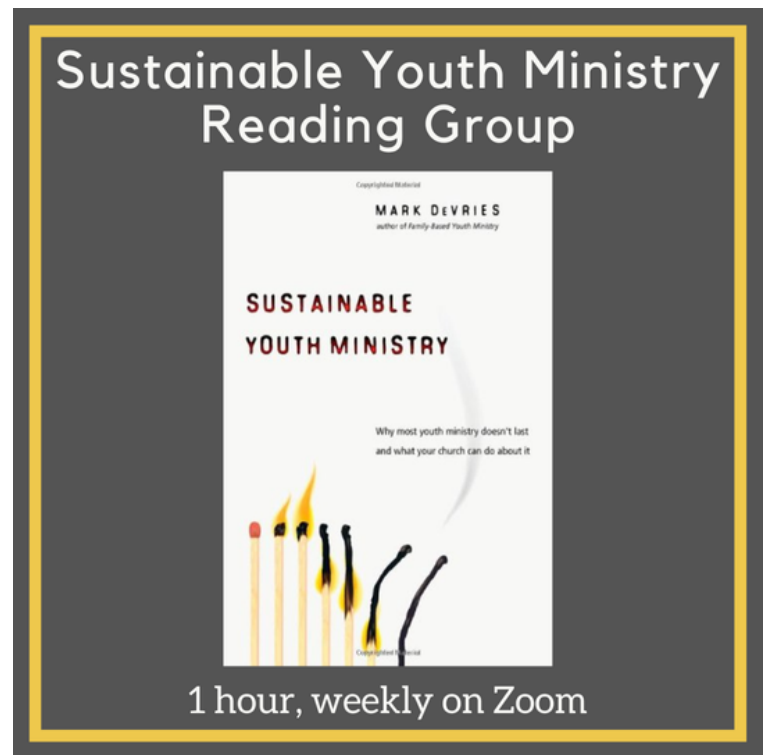
## "SUSTAINABLE YOUTH MINISTRY"



Join this online reading group (on Zoom) to provide space for intentional conversation and accountability around the text of ***Sustainable Youth Ministry*** by Mark DeVries. The group will be facilitated by Jenna Campbell (Director of Children and Youth Ministry, First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater). Contact Jenna with any questions at [jenna.campbell@stillwaterfpc.org](mailto:jenna.campbell@stillwaterfpc.org).

Note: we will pull in wisdom from the book "Sustainable Children's Ministry" as well, so please consider this for anyone (pastors, volunteers, youth ministry or children's ministry staff) who are interested in building sustainable children's or youth ministry. Indicate your interest in joining the group here by August 28th: <https://stillwaterfpc.breezechms.com/form/31ea80>

Once we know who is interested, we'll send out a Doodle Poll to find a time that works for everyone.



**BEING**

**MATTHEW 25**

**Engaging Youth in Matthew 25**

Thursday, August 18 at 1pm (ET)

PC(USA) Facebook Page or YouTube Channel

[pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25) | #BeingMatthew25

## ONE OF OUR OWN!

Did you see the article highlighting Jenna Campbell and her work at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, OK? Be sure to check it out!

"This PC(USA) church in Stillwater runs deep"

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## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Ways in which you can join the fun!

- Join the Communications Team and contribute to this newsletter.
- Join the Equipping Team and help to plan and facilitate Freshly Brewed! Or bring us your ideas for new ways SCRAPCE can support educators.
- Join the SCRAPCE Fall Conference Team and help us to make the Fall Conference even better!

