



Saturday- March 24, 2012  
9 AM - 3:15 PM



## March in the Son

Equipping Church Leaders for a New Decade

**\* Strategies \* Ideas \* Tools \*  
For**

- *Pastors*
- *Church Leaders and Officers*
- *Educators, Superintendents and CAUCE members*
- *Committee Members*

## 16 Great Workshops

**Worship**

**Lunch**

\$20.00 before 3/1 \$25.00 after 3/1

Register at: [regonline.com/marchintheson2012](http://regonline.com/marchintheson2012)

Co-Sponsored by - CAUCE and the CT Conference UCC

*To be held at the  
First Congregational Church  
111 Church Drive  
Cheshire, CT 06410*



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## 2012 March in the Son –Equipping Leaders Workshops

Each workshop will be offered at one session time and will be 2 hours long. Register for one AM (1-8) and one PM (9-16) choice. It is important to make your workshop choice in advance. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Karen Ziel at the Conference office at: [karenz@ctucc.org](mailto:karenz@ctucc.org) or 860.761.7104

### AM SESSION WORKSHOPS 10 AM-NOON

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>All Things in Moderation—A Panel Discussion on the Ministry of Church Moderators</u></b>  Moderators: Julie Altmann, First Church of Christ, Woodbridge, Bill Barney, East Haddam Congregational Church, Bob Hale, First Congregational Church, Madison.  Panel Moderator, Michael Ciba, Valley Northwest Regional Minister</p> <p>A look at the role of the church moderator in facilitating and directing church meetings. Some time will be set aside for a look at Robert's Rules of Order.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>The Caring and Sharing Ministry of the Deacons</u></b>  Peter Meier, Senior Deacon, North Madison Congregational Church</p> <p>This will be a conversational workshop with time allotted for each of three or four topics. By sharing our experiences and our opinions, Deacons will learn and grow. Suggested topics for discussion include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Deacon programs</li> <li>• Conflict management</li> <li>• Ministry to the “spiritual” but not “religious” in our communities</li> <li>• Behavioral covenants (Deacons and Congregations)</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Creating a SEASON of Generosity – A New Approach to Annual Stewardship</u></b>  Patricia Bjorling, Associate Conference Minister for Generosity Ministries</p> <p>For many church members, the word stewardship does not always evoke a lot of pleasurable associations. In fact it's probably fair to say that the annual stewardship campaign isn't an especially joyful experience either for stewardship committee members or for most congregation members. But what if our annual stewardship time was understood to be a <b>season</b>, not unlike our seasons of Advent or Lent—a special time of year when we thought about generosity and giving in relation to our lives as Christians? What if we had a Stewardship Season each year with special worship that our members could look forward to joyfully, just as they look forward to worship during other special liturgical seasons? How might this transform our outlook about giving <i>and</i> improve the results of our annual stewardship efforts?</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Using Your Church as a Community Asset: Building Community, Raising Money, and Living out Your Mission</u></b>  Tuomi Forrest, Executive Vice president, Partners for Sacred Places</p> <p>Learn how to see and use your congregation and facilities as assets for enhancing community. This workshop is an overview of how to share space, raise funds, and connect to other assets— institutions, individuals, and associations-- in your area. It is applicable for small, medium and large congregations in rural, urban or suburban settings.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Raising a Child of God: Growing Their Faith at Home</u></b>  Rev. Susan J. Murtha, Interim Senior Minister, First Congregational Church of Branford, Ct</p> <p>We want, more than anything, for our children to know and experience the presence of God. We know that church life is essential to that, but how can we make faith come alive at home, in the everyday life of our family? In this workshop, we will talk about home-life rituals and traditions that are deeply nurturing to children’s faith. We will touch on the ordinary routines of daily life, the special transitions in the lives of children and the major seasons of the church year.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Bringing Generations Together for Worship</u></b>  Rev. Jane Rowe, Transitional Minister of Faith Formation, South Church, New Britain, CT., and Lynn Lenhart, Director of Children and Family Ministries. First Congregational Church, Fairfield, CT.</p> <p>Recognizing that children learn to worship not by going to Sunday school but by worshipping side by side with their parents and other adults in the congregation, leading experts in Faith Formation are calling us to find meaningful ways to bring together the generations for worship and learning. This workshop will provide a foundational understanding of the importance of intergenerational worship, identify some of the roadblocks, and suggest some strategies for overcoming resistance in the congregation. You will leave with creative ideas and inspiration to shape worship experiences that will speak to all generations.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Cutting Through the Static – Holding Meetings People Will Want to Attend</u></b>  Rev. Ineke K. Mitchell, North Central Regional Minister and Rev. Bridget Fidler, Pastor, First Church of Christ, Congregation, Suffield, Ct</p> <p>This will be a workshop for congregational leaders interested in exploring different ways to get the “work” of the church done. We live in an age of finding fewer and fewer people available and/or willing to do that work. We will explore creative ways of engaging people to do the work of governance, assessment of effectiveness, and most of all gain clarity of purpose. We will use models developed by Dan Hotchkiss and Sarah Drummond.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>Giv<sup>2</sup>: Creative Collaboration To Strengthen Youth Ministry</u></b>  Ms. Debby Kirk, Giv<sup>2</sup> Coordinator</p> <p>This workshop will introduce the Giv2, (Give Squared), one of the signature programs of the CT Conference. Learn how to revitalize youth ministry with this model that brings youth and adults together to explore faith and fellowship through local service work. Find out how to partner with other congregations to engage youth in meaningful outreach and reflection.</p>

**PM SESSION WORKSHOPS 1-3 PM**

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Making Sense of Church Financial Matters</u></b>          Charlie Kuchenbrod, Associate Conference Minister for Endowment Ministries</p> <p>Have you ever thought, “I wish I knew then what I know now”? This workshop for treasurers, trustees, and other church leaders will focus on practical advice often gleaned from people who learned the hard way. Find out how to avoid common pitfalls. Learn about some good resources. Bring questions!</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Appreciative Inquiry for Personal and Congregational Vision and Planning</u></b>          Rev. Cheryl P Anderson, Pastor First Congregational Church, UCC, Washington, CT</p> <p>A congregation’s history is not just a collection of things that went wrong, but rather contains the resources that can be used to create a new future. Appreciative inquiry is the art of discovering and valuing those factors that give life to an individual, a group, an organization, or a community. This workshop will give participants an introductory experience of the Appreciative Inquiry process; which can be used for personal or institutional vision and planning. “We aren’t trying to explain yesterday’s world: what we want to do is articulate tomorrow’s possibilities.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Part- Time Ministry in the Local Church: Examining the Realities</u></b>          Rev. Dr Robert R. LaRochelle, Pastor, Congregational Church of Union, CT</p> <p>A growing number of churches are examining the possibility of calling a part time pastor. This workshop will provide a realistic assessment of the obstacles, pitfalls and possibilities involved in this pastoral arrangement. These will be examined in light of their impact upon both the local church and the pastor her/himself. Specific suggestions for a successful relationship will be explored in detail</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Out of the Classroom and Into the World: Faith Formation in the Postmodern Age</u></b>          Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Minister for Christian Faith Formation Research, Local Church Ministries, UCC</p> <p>Participants will learn about the cultural and generational shifts that have affected the ministry of Christian Education/Faith Formation in congregations in recent years. This session will also provide individuals with “best practices” for re-envisioning formation and education in the local church setting, as well as opportunities for small group dialogue with other practitioners.</p>
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Message and Multi-Media: Telling One Story Many Ways</u></b>          Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Minister of Communications and Technology, Connecticut Conference UCC</p> <p>You have a message, and there are many who should hear it: but they’re listening in different ways. Some prefer print, and others the web; some want to listen, and others to watch. How can you adapt your message to a newsletter/email/website/Facebook/Twitter/podcast/YouTube world?</p>
<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Turning Visitors into Members—Hospitality 101</u></b>          Rev. Dr. Michael Penn-Strah, South Central Regional Minister</p> <p>Church growth consultants report that most people make up their minds whether they will return to a church within the first four to eight minutes of their initial visit—long before the pastor enters the pulpit or the choir sings one note! Ironically, although all our churches want to grow, and many</p>

	<p>congregations believe that one of their greatest strengths is that they are friendly, most churches do not actually do the things that will make visitors feel welcome and eager to return. This workshop will teach participants simple and effective ways to welcome guests and turn visitors into new members.</p>
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Church's Witness In The Midst Of Challenging Financial And Economic Times</u></b>  Patricia Bjorling, Associate Conference Minister for Generosity Ministries</p> <p>Our country's economy is struggling; our finances, as individuals and congregations, may be stretched. How do we witness to God's love in the midst of such stress? How do we talk about the issues so those around us: our children and youth, the communities we serve, are not anxious but anticipatory, are not fretful but faithful? Everyone is talking about the economy. By attending this workshop, you will find the words to witness even in the midst of it.</p>
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Growing a Vibrant Youth Ministry: 5 Things YOU Should Know</u></b>  Rev. Day McCallister, Associate Conference Minister Youth and Young Adults</p> <p>Are you tired of struggling to find a date where ALL of the youth from your church can meet; Are you frustrated with the lack of participation in Sunday morning worship; Are you working up a sweat to find the tools to build a NEW youth ministry in your church. Then this workshop is for YOU! Put down your hammer and nail. We have seeds and 5 lessons on how to <u>grow</u> a vibrant youth ministry.</p>