

Workshop 1: Saturday 1:30pm-2:30pm

Forming Faith: The Power of Teaching, Learning and Practicing

Pastor Kelly Chatman, Director for Center for Leadership and Neighborhood Engagement & Pastor Ann Helmke, Faith Liaison for City of San Antonio

Embracing Evangelism: Claiming our Call to Go with the Good News

Edwin Ortiz, Mission Developer; Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt, Bishop's Associate & Pastor Chris Steubing, DEM

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Stewardship & Generosity

Pastor Lisa Hoelscher, Coordinator for Ministry Assessment and Resourcing

This workshop explores how biblical principles of stewardship and generosity inform our lives as disciples and shape how we give of our resources - ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Participants will be introduced to a variety of tools available to lay and rostered leaders who are interested in strengthening their congregation's approach to stewardship and generosity.

The Church's Role in a Divided Society: Modeling Deliberative Dialogue for Crucial Conversations

Pastor Carolyn Albert Donovan, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity team member

This session is an experiential learning opportunity where you will be invited to join in a conversation about different approaches to how the church might respond to our current social landscape. Using the public deliberation model developed by the Kettering Foundation, National Issues Forums, and the Baylor Public Deliberation Initiative, we hope you will leave feeling hopeful and better-resourced to approach this conversation and others like it in your local community of faith.

Workshop 2: Saturday 2:45pm-3:45pm

Transforming Faith: The Power of Story, Co-Creation, and Action

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Migration Ministries Workshop

Brenda Piñero, Synod Council Member & Director of programs and lawyer for ProBAR; Lisa Diana, Migration Ministries Team Chair; Alicia Vasquez-Crede, Associate Director for Asylum Services at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Where are these neighbors of ours coming from and why? How are we part of a broad network of care that provides the long welcome to our neighbors as part of our Christian call? How can you get involved in this lifegiving and transformational work?

Prayerful Arts Workshop: Creating with Creator

Pastor Anna Gordy, Mission Developer & Jackie Vasquez, Lay Mission Developer

Join Pastor Anna Gordy and Lay Mission Developer Jackie Vasquez for a time of prayerful creation. We'll hear about the joy of prayer arts, see examples from Pláticas de Santa Sofia, and practice some of our very own in a low-risk/high-reward experiential setting.

*** Resources will be made available on the assembly voting member webpage. ***