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#1M: FRESH IDEAS FOR INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRIES *Rev. Lyda Eddington, LaTijera; Ms. Izora Gamble, St. Mark UMC; Ms. Liz Hinz, Los Altos UMC*

Intergenerational Ministries enable people of all ages to talk, learn, and grow in faith together. The workshop leaders will describe three creative ministries that are transforming lives – Messy Church, Reading is Fun, and Groundlings Summer Day Camp. Learn about the planning process, helpful resources, and what these leaders have learned along the way. There will be time for Q&A and sharing your creative ministry program ideas.

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#2A: PRAYER & SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Rev. Barbara Troxell, Pilgrim Place

Come and rest in God's presence as you discover and experience several forms of prayer. This workshop will provide refreshment for your spirit and offer guidance as you discern God's direction in your life. You will also learn ways to share these prayer experiences with others in your congregation. Barbara Troxell is a retired UM clergywoman who has served parishes, seminaries, campus ministry, and in church administration. She continues to serve as Spiritual Director and Resource Leader.

AFTERNOON SESSION ONLY

#3M: MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE - THE UNIQUE STRUGGLES OF THIS GENERATION

Mr. Eric Ferguson, Kardia UMC

For young people the American narrative of "going to college, getting a job, and buying what you want" has been upset by the challenges of our times. Life in post-recession America has challenged how young people view work, education, marriage, religion, and themselves. This workshop will visit prevalent themes in the lives of young people while also exploring how knowing Jesus and His Kingdom builds courage, security, and peace in this challenging life stage.

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#4A: MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE – THE CHURCH'S NEW GENERATION (Open to Young Adults only) *Mr. Eric Ferguson, Kardia UMC*

Young adults have many things to figure out during this challenging life stage. As young people build the foundation for their lives, how do they remain faithful to Jesus? In this workshop, we will hear about the challenges relevant to young people regarding training, education, money, jobs, family, dating, community, and religion. We will also address how through Jesus the church is a place where young people find self-understanding, communal belonging, and social action.

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#5M&A: PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT

Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth, Cal-Pac Annual Conference

Participants will explore the necessity of having a personal mission statement so that every effort exhausted and every gift employed will assist with alignment of gifts with fulfillment of purpose in life and ministry.

#6M&A: OLDER ADULT (SENIORS) MINISTRY – AGING IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN *Ms. Joanne Sato,*

Pastor Ki Tae Choi, Faith UMC, Torrance

Older adults play a vital role in our churches. The chronologically-gifted serve as mentors, teachers, and leaders. They bless the church with their presence, gifts, and service. They share their wisdom, faith, and experience. Senior ministry provides opportunities for older adults' spiritual growth, recreation, outreach, service, and care. Inter-generational programs and activities bring the young and old together in fellowship, where they can learn and share with each other. Let us bless our seniors!

#7M&A: THE GREAT COMMISSION AMID GREAT TRANSITION

Rev. Kelvin Sauls, Holman UMC

We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ! Join us as we explore innovative strategies for effective evangelism from the inside out!

#8M&A: GROWING NEW LEADERS AND LEADING CHANGE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Nicole Reilley, Cal-Pac Annual Conference

How do we do the work of growing new leaders and bring in a new day to our churches? Come and discover how out of the life of Jesus we can learn a model for growth and change.

#9M&A: THE SCRIPTURES

Pastor Sione Tu'ipulotu, United With Hope UMC

Have you ever opened your Bible and asked: *What does this passage really mean? How does it apply to my life? Why does some of the Bible seem irrelevant? What do these ancient cultures have to do with today? I love the Lord; why can't I understand what is being said to me through His Word?* The Lord urges us to apply His Word but too often we stop at accumulating Bible knowledge, rather than putting into practice what we have learned from the Bible. Applying Scripture is a vital part of our relationship with God and we will explore how to "... not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves;" but to do what it teaches (*James 1:22*).

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#10M: ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

Ms. Jan Hanson, Cal-Pac Annual Conference

This workshop will provide an overview of some of the most common employment-related issues, and offer tools to help churches decide whether the person doing the work is an employee, a contractor, or a volunteer. There will also be a discussion of items and issues relating to the payment of wages, including the question of classification as either exempt or non-exempt. **MORNING SESSION ONLY**

#11A: DEVELOPING PERSONNEL POLICIES

Ms. Jan Hanson, Cal-Pac Annual Conference

This workshop will focus on practical information that may be used in the development of policies for non-appointed staff of the church. A sample personnel policy document will be distributed to each attendee, with a review of the document forming the basis of the discussion. Each church in attendance will receive a CD containing the sample policy that can be adapted by the SPRC to the unique circumstances at each church.

AFTERNOON SESSION ONLY

#12 SPANS M&A: TRUSTEES

Mr. Phil Freeman, Wilshire UMC

Come and explore the role of the Board of Trustees in the local church. Information will include, but not be limited to: selection process, tenure, oversight responsibilities and legal status. This session will include small group discussion and problem solving.

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#13M&A: A GUIDE TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE LAY LEADER

Rev. Andre Aldridge, Crenshaw UMC, Ms. Mercy Herstadt, Los Altos UMC

This workshop will discuss the requirements and role of a Lay Leader in the United Methodist Church. It will review the Lay Leader Guidelines outlined in the General Board of Discipleship and discuss some "real life" experiences of some effective Lay Leaders in our churches.

#14 SPANS M&A: BASIC FINANCIAL PRINCIPALS FOR CHURCHES

Mr. Mark Stephenson, Hollywood UMC

Church leaders have a special fiduciary obligation to make sure all church finances and assets are protected and used properly. Led by Mark Stephenson, Business Administrator at Hollywood UMC, this workshop will focus on finances and assets, internal control objectives, policies, standards, accountability, and potential issues. Mark will incorporate a lecture with group dialogue, as well as a time for questions and answers.

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#15A: COMPUTER/INTERNET SECURITY

Mr. Brian Ham, Kardia UMC

This workshop will cover what churches need to be aware of in setting up and maintaining online giving, contact info on websites, records, etc.

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#16M: GOOD STEWARDSHIP – ESTATE

PLANNING: *Rev. Greg Batson, Cal-Pac UM Foundation*

This workshop will provide an overview of why it is important to create a will or trust as part of your estate planning, including important factors to consider.

AFTERNOON SESSION ONLY

#17M: THE COMPLEXITIES OF OUR HISPANIC/LATINO REALITY AND HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE HISPANIC/LATINO PEOPLE LIVING IN THE U.S.

Rev. Joel Hortiales, Cal-Pac Annual Conference

Walk with the Latino/Hispanic Ministries in the United States.

This training is helpful and encouraging to know the sociology of religion and the actual issues related to assimilation and adaptation of Hispanic/Latino people living in the U.S.

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#18A: STRUCTURE, POLITY AND MISSION OF THE UMC/ESTRUCTURA, POLÍTICA Y MISIÓN DE LA IMU:

Ms. Maria Cruz, CHREM

Discover how the organizational structure, polity and mission of the UMC are working to making disciples for the transformation of the world. Descubra como la estructura organizacional, la politica y la mision de la Iglesia Metodista Unida trabajan juntas para hacer discipulos para la transformacion del mundo. This workshop is for Spanish speaking people but our goal is to have simultaneous translation available.

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MISSION IS POSSIBLE INFORMATION FAIR

Ms. Carole Kuruma, Centenary UMC, Coordinator

As Christians, we are called to serve others as an expression of our faith. Walk through this year's Mission Fair in the Social Hall to discover ways that your congregation can respond to needs within the West District and beyond. Information tables will be hosted by Loaves and Fishes, La Oportunidad, Museum of Social Justice, Wesley Foundation, Kid City, Children Youth and Family Collaborative, Save our Sons prison ministry, Sierra Service Project, Imagine No Malaria and more! Also review five VBS curriculums for this summer!