

Tools for Ministry, Mar. 10, 2018 East District Course Listing

Lansdale First United Methodist Church
300 N Broad Street, Lansdale 19446

**Cost: \$15 (Includes Materials,
Continental Breakfast & Lunch)**

#1. Addiction Recovery through the Power of Prayer

Addiction to Alcohol, Opioid and other drugs is a disease, and is rampant in our society today. This course looks at the physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of this disease that destroys people, their relationships, the body, the mind and the spirit including the soul. We will examine how a prayer-centered support system can affect treatments and their successes and failures, then move to the 'Power of Prayer' of dealing with addicts; getting started, ministering to all laity, children, youth, adults, and "Long of Tooth." We will see that clergy as well as laity are subject to this calamity. Recovery treatment may require professional intervention, use of a 12-step program, and/or a "Rehabilitation" facility. We examine co-dependency, dual diagnosis, societal and behavioral aspects of addictions and chemical dependency, and we explore help available from resources outside the local church. For CSM participants, this course is recognized as an advanced course in caring.

[CLM Jon Kirkbride](#)

#2a. Real Property and Related Organizations, will focus on the challenges churches face when sharing space with related entities, such as cemeteries and preschools. I'll cover liability issues, steps that need to be taken to keep entities separate, leases and other contracts between related organizations, as well as special rules that apply to preschools and cemeteries.

#2b. Legal Smorgasbord

In this session, I will discuss issues that have presented in my first 2.5 months as chancellor, and will focus on the relationship between churches and third parties in the community. I'll cover issues involving trespassers on Church property, landlord tenant agreements, holdover tenants, clearances, and employee/employer tax issues.

[Matthew Morley, Esquire](#)

#3. More Hope! Talks for Small Congregations

There's so much more hope! See your circumstances from a more heavenly perspective. Gain an understanding of God's enormous possibilities. Don't know where to start? Learn how to get going and keep moving. God is with us, no fear!

[Rev. Cindy Brubaker](#)

#4 Becoming All Things - Evangelism in Urban Communities

In an effort to expand on the understandings and practices that support the evangelism activities of the churches of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, an Evangelism in Urban Communities workshop is being offered. The theme of this workshop is grounded in the teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 9, where Paul proclaims that he "...[became] all things to all people...". It is believed that the thematic emphasis of "Becoming All Things" is central to an effective evangelistic ministry that seeks to reach people within an Urban context with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Within this workshop, an evangelistic ministry plan will be discussed, where participants will have the opportunity to learn about: 1. Strategies for becoming more active within communities, 2. Current activities with various urban contexts that can aid in developing evangelistic strategies, 3. How to build ministry alliances in support of the broader ministry objectives of the United Methodist Church.

[Rev. William A. Brawner](#)

#5. Let Your Light So Shine

Use today's online communication tools— websites, social media, e-mail, video—to put your church's lamp on its lampstand (Matthew 5:15). Mobilize community awareness and response to your church's ministries through media and marketing. Come learn and share helpful wisdom.

[John W. Coleman Junior – Communications Director](#)

#6. On Mission with God

What if there were a way for you to increase your church's attendance, strengthen the engagement of your members, improve the overall giving to your church and impact your community and the world in tangible, life changing ways? And what if this process could also help your church and her people recover a sense of the true reason the church exists? Would you be interested in hearing about a system that has not only produced these very results in churches all over the USA, both large and small, but also comes with no financial costs to your congregation? If all of these things sound intriguing to you, please join us for "On Mission with God". Presented by Rev. Max Wilkins, President/CEO TMS Global, Elder Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church

[Rev. Max Wilkins](#)

#7. PRIME Immigration Ministries

We offer an overview of Immigration law with a discussion about DACA, and remedies for Central Americans, Syrians, and Liberians. In addition we will discuss pathways towards asylum, citizenship, 'Green Cards,' and work authorization. We will explore possible policy issues for changes to Immigration law which would reflect the needs of US citizens and intending immigrants. And finally the ways in which Methodist churches can offer sanctuary or other protections to the stranger in need.

[Janet Hinshaw](#)

[Nahid Motahar, Esquire](#)

[Mousa A. Dassama Senior](#)

#8. Introducing The Work Of The Staff-Parish Relations Committee

What makes a Staff-Parish Relations Committee effective or ineffective? We will review the role of the SPRC and the responsibilities of elders, local pastors and deacons. We will discuss communication and conflict, developing a covenant and goals, how to evaluate performance, how to support your pastor, and the hiring and firing of lay employees."

[Rev. Gary Nicholson](#)

#9. Creating Safe Sanctuaries

Safe sanctuaries provide those who work with children and youth the information and specific laws/policies to reduce the risk of abuse in church.

After the session participants will be able to:

- Identify appropriate and inappropriate boundaries between children and children; youth and youth; adults and children/youth
- Describe how to create safe boundaries including screening, training and reporting
- Describe the complexities of safe sanctuaries and how to implement them in your church

[Dave Piltz - Conference Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator](#)

#10. Helping Our Neighbors - Disaster Response

When disaster strikes, even the smallest bit of assistance matters; no one's support is insignificant. Learn how your help can impact and save the lives of those struck by misfortune.

[Lynn Jaeger](#)

#11. *Preparing For an Armed Intruder*

Rev. Mark Beideman, pastor at Parkesburg UMC and Faith Community both in the South District, has been trained by Church Mutual (EPA's insurer) to present an overview of Preparing for an Armed Intruder. He is a certified ALiCE Instructor and would like to bring this great opportunity to the East District.

What is ALiCE? Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Escape, which is a "common sense not common knowledge" approach to surviving a mass shooting event in any situation.

It is highly recommended to take the ALICE e-Learning course prior. It is a 45-minute web-based training course that educates you about the ALiCE response options.

Take the ALiCE Basic Certification Training for Houses of Worship at:

<https://www.alicetraining.com/training-options/individual-certification/>

Each person who completes the e-Learning course becomes an ALICE Certified Citizen.

Please bring a copy of the e-Learning course certificate with you. Contact 610-585-0575 with any questions.

[Rev. Mark Beideman](#)

#12. *Church Remittances & Ministries*

Join our conference treasurer for a discussion involving one of the more cryptic aspects of the church: finances.

[James Brown – Conference Treasurer](#)