

Rethink Church

November 13 & 14, Lexington UMC, 201 East 8th St., Lexington

Tentative Agenda

Friday, November 13—9:00 a.m. Registration

Rethink Church—Train the Trainer—10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Registration—Snack, coffee, tea, juice
- 10:00 a.m. Opening Devotion
- 10:15 a.m. Rethink Church and what it means to be a trainer/facilitator for Rethink Church—This is a short introduction that outlines what trainers/facilitators do and how they do it. Time will be spent on helping attendees determine their level of commitment and skill. **(Led by Cheryl Hemmerle and Barbara Nissen)**
- What is Rethink Church?
 - What do facilitators/trainers do?
 - What is my role?
- 11:15 a.m. The art of facilitation. We've all attended the workshop where the speaker droned on and on and Attendees drifted into nodding off and boredom. This session should teach tentative trainer specific Skills to be used to engage people in a learning environment. Examples: Voice tenor and voice inflection. Team building and creating a group dynamic. Tools and exercises that build/teach servant leadership. **Led by Cheryl Hemmerle and Kathryn Witte**
- Use of a timeline and other group-building tools
 - Enlisting church leadership
 - Holy Conferencing
- 12:15 a.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Working with churches (even your own). –This session teaches participants how to prepare for a church presentation/workshop. What questions do you ask to help customize the presentation to the church's specific needs? What resources are available to the facilitator and the congregation? **Led by Cheryl Hemmerle, Barbara Nissen and Kathryn Witte**
- Rethink Church Toolkit
 - Discipleship Plans
- 2:30 p.m. Practice exercises, small group work.
- 3:00 p.m. Unpack small group work. Discuss what went well, what didn't?
- 3:45 p.m. Benediction

Friday, Nov. 13—5 p.m. Registration

Rethink Church workshop officially begins with dinner at 6 p.m.

We understand some of you have already been rethinking church...

5:00 p.m. Registration continues

6:00 p.m. Rethink Dinner

7:00 p.m. Comedy in the Pulpit—The Rev. Craig Finnestad demonstrates how he uses humor to deliver a solid message.

7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Rethink Round Table—Churches and congregations around Nebraska have been doing some out-of-the box ministry. Learn some their strategies and ideas that have worked. Presentations will be followed by an opportunity for discussion.

Waters Edge, Omaha—Craig Finnestad—Small Group Ministries that Work

Hemingford UM—Jeri Soens—Children's Ministry and a Way to Reach and Teach

Callaway UMC—Youth Group Facilitators—Why Our Youth Ministry is so Dynamic

Auburn UMC—Fred Richart—How a Small Idea Turned into a Big Garden

Bellevue St. James West—Jason Kennedy—Invitations to the Community

Saturday, Nov. 14—8:30 Registration
Rethink Church —9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Registration continues, snacks, coffee, tea, juice

9:00 a.m. REV up for Rethink Church—Risk, evangelism, vitality... gain an understanding of what it means to make the statement, "What if church wasn't a building?" What is Rethink Church? **Led by Cheryl Hemmerle, Barbara Nissen and Kathryn Witte**

9:30 a.m. Breakout #1

Identity—Do you know who's in your "hood"... and why it matters? Creating a Unique Identity—Your congregation is a franchise or mission site for the United Methodist Church. How do you make your site or franchise unique to your setting and context? Learn about the Church Vitality Indicator and Mission Insite resources. **Led by the Rev. Nita Hinds Park and Kathryn Witte**

So you think you're a welcoming community? Brush up on your welcoming skills and learn some Rethink Church strategies. **Led by Barbara Nissen and Cheryl Hemmerle**

Rethink Children's Ministries—Want to learn how to start a children's ministry or fortify and rejuvenate the one you've got? **Led by Rev. Jeri Soens**

10:30 Break

10:50 Small Group Work—Meet in small groups around the breakout session topic and develop some doable ideas and next steps to take home. This segment will include a time of sharing ideas at 11:30 a.m.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Breakout #2

Church renewal—Learn techniques on how to enlist your congregation in Rethink Church. Learn strategies that can help your church members and attendees see themselves as people in ministry not just folks in the pew. How to involve the whole congregation. Tools to get everyone involved and build a team. **Led by Cheryl Hemmerle**

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2:00 Break

2:15 Small Group Work—Meet in small groups around the breakout session topic and develop some doable ideas and next steps to take home. This segment will include a time of sharing ideas at 2:45 p.m.

3:00 Final question and answer session followed by worship, concluding at 3:45 p.m.