

**THE 2017 LEADER and LEARNER EVENT
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
CREEKWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FLOWER MOUND
JANUARY 28, 2017**

NAME _____ CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

_____ I PLAN TO ATTEND THESE WORKSHOPS (see following pages): _____, _____, _____
(Descriptions can also be found on the Area webpage - www.ntaccsw.org)

_____ I PLAN TO EAT LUNCH

\$ _____ COST PER PERSON \$20.00

_____ I am registering ON-LINE \$20.00 + 1.99 service charge

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP!

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE (SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.)

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CHILD CARE IS REQUIRED!

Child care will be provided for Pre-School age children. Reservations for child care must be made **NO LATER** than January 23rd. You will need to bring a sack lunch for your children (NO PEANUT PRODUCTS). Please check here if child care is needed and list their names and ages.

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NTACC
AND MAIL TO: 3525 Lawler Rd., Ste. 101, Garland, TX 75042-5338**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS REQUESTED
PLEASE SEND TO ABOVE ADDRESS BY JANUARY 25th.**

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

Please indicate which three (3) workshops you are interested in attending or plan to attend:

Workshop Session #1 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m.)

1. **Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship Design:** Presenter, Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio
What can we learn from filmmakers that can inform our work in offering the greatest Story ever told in sensory-rich ways? Why do we need sensory-rich worship and how can we do it in large and small churches with small budgets and volunteers?
2. **From Silo to Sanctuary: Bringing Kids Back to Worship** - Presenter, Whitney Waller-Cole, Associate Minister, Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound
Everyone has an opinion on children and their presence in worship. There are plenty of questions that have been asked and answered regarding the role of children in corporate worship. Should children and adults worship together? How involved can children truly be in worship? How quiet (or loud) can kids be in the sanctuary? What are the merits of having children worship in a different way, tailor-made for them? In this workshop, we will be wading through these questions, the opinions they betray, the answers they've prompted, and the approaches attempted. As we wade and wonder together, we will consider how to make the sanctuary a place for all ages.
3. **Communicating 'You are not alone': Learning to Listen and Let People Know They Are Loved** - Presenter, Ken Crawford, Minister, Central Christian Church, Dallas
This workshop will help participants develop their own skills and grow as someone who communicates care to the people around them through simple words and gestures of kindness, as well as through longer term demonstrations of support. Participants can come away feeling cared for and better able to care for others, whether family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, pastors and church leaders, or even strangers. This will be an interactive session with concrete and repeatable skills.
4. **Church Safety and Security** - Presenter, Les Massey, Minister, First Christian Church, Weston
In the USA churches are considered to be among the highest risks for robbery, assault, and terrorism. According to various sources, including the FBI crime data files, each year in the USA there are around 25,000 crimes committed on the property of churches, synagogues and temples. Many church leaders are uncertain what to do about it. This workshop covers the most significant aspects of church security, including ways of minimizing risks and suggestions as to how to prepare staff to deal with hostile intrusions.

Workshop Session #2 (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

5. **O Lord, Is It Sunday Already?** - Presenter, Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio
Worship planning can be relentless with Sunday coming EVERY week! We'll talk about planning substantive and vital worship without getting burned out, drawing on the model offered in Dr. McFee's Worship Design Studio.
6. **The Children's Sermon** - Presenter, Larry Ross, Area Minister, North Texas Area
Dr Ross developed over the course of his ministry a unique approach to the Children's Sermon, using a puppet and a continuous story arc. This workshop will share that approach, how the story arc can be developed, how the story can interface with the sermon, and the differences of this approach from object lessons and other current methodologies.

7. **Ministry of Wellness** - Presenter, Patricia B. Maples, Consultant, Health Care Administration and Chair of Wellness Ministry at East Dallas Christian Church
Participants will identify and understand how to develop a program with focus on “Maintaining and Promoting General Mental and Physical Well Being” within their congregation through a Wellness Program.
8. **Twenty Minutes on Sunday** - Presenter, Dan Jones, Minister, First Christian Church, Garland
The 20 minutes or so to tell our story on Sunday morning is the most public act of a minister and the most visible act of all the work of the church. An old joke is that preachers only have to work one day a week. Nothing could be further from the truth, especially when it comes to writing the weekly sermon! It requires more work, more hours of thought, and more research than most parishioners can imagine. The work of preaching is as much thought process as Sunday morning mechanics. The process varies widely. Every preacher has a different way to complete the process of crafting Sunday’s sermon. This workshop will share the 8 steps that have worked for Dr. Jones for 30+ years, ranging from cultivating the preaching mindset to doing the work of what Leonora Tubbs Tisdale calls “exegeting the congregation” to picking the resonant scripture text to giving soak time and cleaning things up. Preachers are given the great privilege of speaking the Living Word to God’s people. Come and learn ‘how it is done’!
9. **Liturgy and Social Justice** - Presenter, Arthur Stewart, Minister, Midway Hills Christian Church, Dallas
Many clergy are baffled by the rapidly changing social landscape and the emerging and morphing opportunities/responsibilities of educating and advocating for social justice. Do we ignore such issues in planning our worship services and our sermons? Where is the line in speaking truth to power through Christian worship? Can we be effective change agents and yet retain in our church those who do not share our convictions?

Workshop Session #3 (1:45 - 3:00 p.m.)

10. **The Politics of Change** - Presenter, Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio
With lots of interactive music we will explore the various rhythms of worship vocabularies, differing expectations for worship and why we sometimes react negatively to change. Don’t worry, we’ll also talk about what to do about it!
11. **Elders, The Diaconate, and Church Leaders** - Presenter, Larry Ross, Area Minister, North Texas Area
This workshop will cover various topics for church leaders, including Purposeful Preparation for Worship, the Call to Leadership, Diagnostics for Leaders, Qualities of Church Health, and Practices that Build Community. There will be time for discussion on issues of interest to church leaders.
12. **Self-care and Spirituality for Leaders** - Presenter, David Cartwright, Minister, Community Christian Church, Richardson
A church rises and falls, to a great extent, on the abilities of its leadership, but the culture is becoming more and more hostile. Maintaining healthy spirituality in hard times does not happen by accident. Leaders cannot lead worship effectively if we do not stay in tune with the God whom we worship! This workshop will share self-care options and emphasize spiritual practices that support and help us stay connected to God’s presence in our lives.
13. **Church and Social Media** - Presenter, Heather Santi-Brown, Associate Minister, First Christian Church, Arlington
A church without a website and at least one form of social media will find growth very difficult, and maybe even impossible. Most people today begin their “church shopping” online. That is, they look at a church’s website and social media. Do not let the task of keeping an active presence on social media overwhelm you. In this presentation, we will look at: beneficial forms of social media, types of messaging, and strategies to keep active.

14. Mindfulness: A Spiritual Exercise - Presenter, Annette Meehan, Minister, First Christian Church, DeSoto

Mindfulness is one of the ways to train the mind to be more 'aware'. It uses the only tool we have for spirituality...that is our 'self'. The work of mindfulness raises our ability to see our self, understand the quality of 'truth' and develop avenues to personal enrichment and peace - while staying focused on our 'self'... The bonus is it enhances religious experiences, nurtures self understanding, improves self-control, lowers blood pressure, improves responsibility, and provides many other life gifts. The class will be an introduction to Mindfulness with a quick step into being ready to use it when you leave class.