

Route 122 2017 Workshop Descriptions

KEYNOTES:

- **Bishop Robert Hoshibata**
- **Rev. Kennetha Bigham-Tsai**
- **Bishop Mark Webb**

TRACKS

- **Conference Developers: (Jeremy Scott)** Developers will experience three sessions together to hear from the local perspective, the District Superintendent Perspective, and the Developer perspective about how their role can best support congregational vitality.
- **District Superintendents: (Paul Smith & Bill Poland)** DSs will experience three sessions together to hear from the local perspective, the District Superintendent Perspective, and the Developer perspective about how their role can best support congregational vitality.
- **Local Church Leaders: (Gary Step, Rob Cook & Eric Mulanda)** Local leaders will experience three sessions together to hear from the local perspective, the District Superintendent Perspective, and the Developer perspective about how their role can best support congregational vitality.

WORKSHOPS

- **HCI and Beyond: (Jaye Johnson and Melissa Drake).** In the ten years since Missouri created the HCI process many conferences have adapted it for their own contexts. Rev. Melissa Drake & Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson from the Iowa Annual conference, will present how Iowa has adapted the process, developed HCI Next and a Parish HCI process. You will also get a survey of what other conferences are doing with the HCI process.
- **Nevertheless, She Persisted: (Margaret Gillikin & Jacqui King)** Women in leadership often encounter additional resistance ranging from questions of competency to outright sabotage or worse. This workshop will explore how the expected resistance to change in church vitality work gets magnified for female leaders, and share best practices for surmounting these challenges.
- **Leading into the Hard Conversations (¶ 213): (Gary Step and Kennetha Bigham-Tsai)** Participants will explore what kinds of intervention help congregations uncover their missional context and capacity.
- **Unpacking the Ninth Essential - Cross Cultural Competence: (Kristina Gonzalez and Bill Gibson)** You will explore why and how cross-cultural competence is essential to congregational renewal and vital ministry and get help developing the resources you need to express the 9th essential.
- **Multi - Cultural Ministry: (Alejandro Alfaro-Santiz, Sam Rodriguez, Bener Agtarap, Chip Freed, Rob Cook and Eric Mulanda)** You will encounter some of the challenge and promise of multi-cultural ministry as it is being expressed in some ground-breaking congregations.
- **Who is my neighbor? Assessing Your Mission field: (Aaron Bouwens)** The cultural context of local congregations is constantly shifting. You will acquire and sharpen tools for helping local congregations explore the people who are in their neighborhood.
- **Who are we? Helping Churches Connect with their Neighbors: (Phil Maynard, Paul Nixon and Paul Moon)** Phil Maynard will lead the first hour focusing on hospitality practices. Paul Moon will lead the second hour focusing on partnering with neighbors beyond the church walls. Paul Nixon will lead third hour on assessing where your church is in terms of its capacities and how you can strengthen its capacity to reach new people.
- **Grow Great Leaders: (Jacqui King & Craig Miller)** Leadership development processes for vital congregations
- **Aligning for Vitality: (Sherri Rood)** Conference alignment is important and valuable, yet is limited if every aspect of the connection is not joining in the aligning process. Helping local congregations and districts align with the work of the Conference requires intention, patience, and practice. Participants will hear from people in the field who are engaged in this kind of aligning work to help increase the vitality of existing congregations.