

# Ministry Design 2022

## Seminar Descriptions

*Two Hour Seminar:*

**Pastors' Track- The Dangers of Pastoral Care**, Dr. Will Willimon (Duke Divinity School). This seminar will focus on pastoral leadership challenges in the coming year. What's ahead for the church in the 'new normal'? Caring for the church in uncertain times.

*One Hour Seminars - Offered Both Hours, 9:45 am and 11:00 am:*

**Everyone Wants to Lose Weight but the Church** (doing fewer things but better) - Nathan Kirkpatrick, Saison Consulting LLC. For years, churches have been masters of programs. Programs and ministries have continued despite having less volunteer, staff or financial support. More congregations are realizing that this is unsustainable and are asking questions about rightsizing our ministries. In this workshop, we will explore how we appraise programmatic offerings and our budget in light of our mission so that we can make wise decisions for the years ahead.

**Digital Communications as Ministry, Not Marketing** - Christen Kinard, Founder of Digital Congregations. Most churches in America have a digital presence of some kind. Yet most church leaders remain mystified by the digital tools they use to build that presence—tools like websites, email, social media, and even streamed services. The current result is singular: churches default to marketing instead of ministry. Discover what makes these new digital communications tools different and how they're changing. Learn how to use them to meet people's needs, foster engagement, and grow community even in the digital space!

**Racial Reconciliation** - Reggie Edwards, Founder of The Encouraging Place. IF WE'RE IN CHRIST, WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER! This session will focus on where we are and how we'll get to a better place. The world has become so divided and unfortunately, so has the Body of Christ. But there's HOPE. We know the WAY, the TRUTH, the LIGHT and the LIFE . . . His Name is JESUS! Thus we will focus on what we can do TOGETHER to be God's representatives in the earth today.

**Advocacy** - John Mark Boes, CBF Advocacy Engagement. Far too often, advocacy is viewed negatively in our churches. However, now more than ever, the voice of churches is needed even more so than ever before. Join us to learn how your church can develop its voice and public witness through a deep connection with your missions efforts. By connecting your church's commitment to missions with the need for public witness, your congregation is tangibly demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. At this workshop, you will learn about resources for a congregational advocacy ministry, the connection between advocacy and mission work, and how your church can start a congregational advocacy ministry.

**Singing the Scripture** - Christian McIvor, Minister of Worship, Music, and the Arts, Greystone Baptist Church, Raleigh. Music plays a primary role in constructing our sense of identity, as it offers experiences that directly involve both the self and the collective, while helping us touch the transcendent. Join this conversation as we discuss different approaches to "singing the scriptures" that help us cultivate and nurture our identity in Christ.

**Reflecting on Protests - Finding Common Ground** - Cassandra Deck-Brown, retired police chief of Raleigh Police Department. During a time that depicted civil unrest; panic in a pandemic; the pivotal crisis of race relations in our country; fragile relationships between police and the community and the undertone of hate

expressed throughout our world, Cassandra Deck-Brown, now retired from the RPD, found herself in a unique paradigm as an African American police chief in NC's capital city. Hear how she navigated through a year of turbulence that impacted her life both personally and professionally. As she presents a session entitled, **"Finding Common Ground,"** she will share a perspective through a lens that parallels the lives of so many others including the leaders of our faith community, in her multi-faceted approach to standing in the storm, standing in the gap, and standing in the shadow of hope.

**Creation Care** - Don Gordon, Founder of Christians Caring for Creation. C3-Christians Caring for Creation is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization that promotes the care of creation for individuals, churches and businesses. This workshop will address practical ways individuals, churches or businesses can care for creation through a C3 Certification Process initiated by our organization. The C3 Certification Process has a basic template covering facilities and grounds, worship, discipleship and advocacy, all of which can be tailored to meet your particular needs.

**Myths of Polarization: understanding difference for better conflict** - Melissa Florer-Bixler, Raleigh Mennonite Church.

In the past six years, churches have experienced a rise in division and conflict mirrored in our broader political systems. Is polarization to be blamed for these divisions? What are the roots of our conflict? In this workshop we'll probe the myths of polarization and explore how beginning with this framework restricts outcomes and possibilities for resolution. We will work towards reframing conflict in a way that offers a vision for hope and liberation rather than compromise towards the center.

**Creating Cultures of Beauty: a practical theology for art-full churches** - Chris Breslin, Pastor, Oak Church, Durham. Why your local church should be committed to artists and the arts and how you're already better equipped to create and encounter beauty than you know. This workshop will explore scriptural and theological visions for creativity in community, and open up practical conversations and resources for collaboration, mission, & hospitality.

*One Hour Seminars - 9:45 am only:*

**Planting Seeds of Faith in Children** - Katie Medlin, Associate Pastor of Preschoolers and Children, Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh. Discussion and information about how children develop faith and ways to nurture a child's faith

**The Enneagram of Personality** - Sam and Melody Harrell, CBF. The Enneagram is a map that illuminates nine distinct patterns of the human personality. It is a powerful and practical system available for lending emotional and social intelligence to creating and sustaining relationships. This workshop will offer an understanding of the system and an introduction to the 9 types. Participants will leave with the framework and tools to continue their own further exploration and discovery of the Enneagram for their own lives.

*One Hour Seminars - 11:00 am only:*

**Faith at Home** - Katie Medlin, Associate Pastor of Preschoolers and Children, Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh. Helping parents connect what happens at church in their home and everyday life

**How to Use the Enneagram in Your Spiritual Life** - Melody Harrell, CBF. The foundation of the Enneagram is awareness, both of yourself and others. This new way of seeing has direct application to our spiritual lives and journey with God. This workshop will not only look at our way of being in the world with God, but also include some spiritual practices for individual use going forward.