



# CAPITOL AREA DISTRICTS

## West Ohio Conference

**August 24, 2022**

### Bias Opinion

#### Faith Shaped Leadership

It goes without saying that you are leading through some difficult times. There are conflicting voices competing for your attention. These opposing opinions are seeking to influence your decisions and your direction in life. It is in times like these that your faith is essential in determining how you will lead.

Part of the challenge of leading during this time is keeping yourself focused on what is essential. It is sometimes expressed as "keeping your eyes on Jesus." Ultimately it is to keep your faith deeply rooted in the God who has created you and who loves you.

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### Episode 244: Are You Listening To The People Around You?

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Are you listening to God through the people around you? Sometimes, the people we love the most and care for us the most can get ignored the most. See how Vincent Van Gogh missed the prompts of family and friends before finally living into his life calling as an artist.

[Continue Reading and listen to Episode 244:](#)



**3-Pack Discount | Bishop Palmer's 2022 Fall Faculty | All Times 10-12 EST**

**3-Pack Ohio Leaders: \$75 | 3-Pack Non-Ohio Leaders: \$100**

**\*3-Pack includes Pastor****Rich Villodas' new book, "Good and Beautiful and Kind: Becoming Whole in a Fractured World"**

[Click here to register for the 3-pack discount](#) | DEADLINE to receive 3-pack discount and book is September 14, 2022.

**September 16 | 10-12 EST | Dr. Ronald Heifetz | Director of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University**

**Clinic Training Topic | "Leadership to Meet the Adaptive Challenges Facing the Church"**

Ronald Heifetz is among the world's foremost authorities on the practice and teaching of leadership. [Read more here...](#)

[Click here to register for Bishop Palmer's September Clinic with Dr. Ronald Heifetz only](#)

Individual Session Pricing: Ohio Leaders: \$30 | Non-Ohio Leaders: \$40

**October 18 | 10-12 EST | President Kristina M. Johnson, PhD | The Ohio State University**

**Clinic Training Topic | "Leading with Mind and Heart: Creating an Inclusive Culture in a Time of Divisiveness and Skepticism"**

Kristina M. Johnson is many things: a trailblazer in the classroom, the boardroom and the research lab; a dedicated public servant who served at the highest levels of government; a survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma; and a role model and advocate for women in STEM.

[Read more here....](#)

[Click here to register for Bishop Palmer's October Clinic with President Kristina Johnson only](#)

Individual Session Pricing: Ohio Leaders: \$30 | Non-Ohio Leaders: \$40

**November 17 | 10-12 EST | Pastor Rich Villodas | Author/Pastor | New Life Fellowship | Queens, NY**

**Clinic Training Topic | "Good and Beautiful and Kind: Becoming Whole in a Fractured World"**

**Rich Villodas** is the author of *The Deeply Formed Life*, winner of the *Christianity Today* Book Award, and the lead pastor of New Life Fellowship, a large, multiracial church with more than seventy-five countries represented in Elmhurst, Queens.

[Read more here...](#)

[Click here to register for Bishop Palmer's November Clinic with Pastor Rich Villodas only](#)

Individual Session Pricing: Ohio Leaders: \$30 | Non-Ohio Leaders: \$40

If you're not able to attend the live, virtual event, your registration will still get you 30-day access to the recording.

CEU's are available for all Leadership Clinics. Email Terri ([tmcclain@wocumc.org](mailto:tmcclain@wocumc.org)) if you would like to receive continuing education for any of these Clinics.

**Laity Session 2022**

Saturday, September 10, 2022 - 10:00am to 12:00pm

Sponsored by the West Ohio Conference

Laity Session invites any and all West Ohio lay persons to a morning of worship and fellowship, along with a message from Bishop Palmer. This event will be IN-PERSON with

a VIRTUAL option. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required.

Laity Session Agenda:

- 9:30AM - Registration starts
- 10:00AM - Worship
- 10:30AM - Bishop's Address
- 11:15AM - Table discussions
- 12:00PM - Light refreshments & Laity Opportunity Fair

Location Name:

Bethel International UMC

Location Address:

1220 Bethel Rd, Columbus, OH 43220

[Register Here](#)



## revitup! Teaching Young Clergy Pathways to Financial Health

Wespath Benefits and Investments presents, *revitup!: A Benefits Journey for Young Clergy.*

*revitup!* is a time for young clergy 39 years old and younger to learn ways to improve their financial, emotional, social, spiritual and physical

health. This event is guaranteed to inspire you to move mountains in ministry. You don't want to miss it!

This event is held November 16-18, 2022, in Bloomfield, Colorado and features:

- Core classes that everyone attends
- Three choice classes
- Classes for clergy spouses
- Free evenings so you can relax, re-connect and refresh with clergy friends or family
- Complimentary Child Care

[Read more](#)

**LOVEboldly Small Groups** will be starting again the week of September 5th! This fall, we are offering new small groups in addition to those previously offered!

- Queer and Allied
- LGBTQIA+ Christian Bible Study
- LGBTQIA+ Confidential Support Group - co-sponsored with Capybara Counseling LLC
- Jonathan and David: Queer Men's Group
- Parents and Caregivers of Transgender Youth (ages 4 to 18)

If you are interested in joining a small group, please fill out this form:

<https://loveboldly.churchcenter.com/people/forms/411198>

## 2023 United Methodist Community Ministries Local Grant Applications Now Available!



If you are dreaming about a new ministry to reach and serve people in your community, the time to act is now! The Local Church Grant Application for 2023 now available on the [Community Ministries website](#), then choose the 2023 Local Grant Application at the bottom of the page. Have a question about what missional programs qualify? Contact Rev. Karen Cook at [kcook@wocumc.org](mailto:kcook@wocumc.org) or 380-223-9356. Grant funding is up to \$5,000 per year per church. Applications are due on October 3, 2022.

### Virtual ERT Recertification Class Set for October 15

On Saturday, October 15, from 9am-1pm, West Ohio will hold a virtual ERT recertification training using ZOOM. The four-hour course will be taught by West Ohio ERT trainers and is approved by UMCOR. Registrants must complete a background check and submit a photo prior to the training in order to participate. The class is only for West Ohio and East Ohio ERT's who have already completed the 8-hour basic course and need to recertify. Cost of the training is \$20.

Click here (<https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/virtual-ert-recertification-class-1>) for more information or to register. Questions? Email [mgrace@wocumc.org](mailto:mgrace@wocumc.org).

### A new "helpline" to support the changing landscape of ministry launches in West Ohio today.



Ministry is changing. While there are many great resources available to assist churches during specific ministry seasons and challenges, leaders often don't know where to go to access the help. The **Ministry Resource HelpLine** was created to assist West Ohio's near 1000 churches *by providing friendly support to our congregations who are looking for ministry resources during this season of change, while also responding to emerging needs and trends.* If you have questions concerning visioning, coaching, church structure, leadership questions, worship, revitalization opportunities, staffing, new ideas, stewardship, or other emerging needs, please reach out and we will connect your church to helpful solutions. "During times of change and uncertainty, a consistent presence is so important. We want to reassure the churches in the West Ohio Conference that we're listening and we're here to support you," Brad Aycok, Office of Fresh Starts & New Beginnings. If your church has a question about a specific ministry topic or an emerging ministry related need, we invite you to email the helpline – [resources@wocumc.org](mailto:resources@wocumc.org) or call 380.223.9302.



## CAPITOL AREA DISTRICTS LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASS COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

### Soul-Reset: Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life with God

7 Wednesdays from September 28 to November 16  
Class Time: 7-8:30 PM - Zoom Only!

***Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness* by Junius Dotson**

Available at Cokesbury [here](#) or Amazon [here](#)

*Soul Reset* is a call for the church and all of Jesus' disciples to reset and reorder their lives around spiritual practices, to learn to walk through our difficult seasons with our souls connected to the source of Living Water so that we don't burn out or break down. And if we do burn out or break down, we learn to lift one another up and point one another back to Jesus.

Lay Servants may take this course for renewal credit. It is not a required class. This class is designed to equip you to lead this study in your local church and may be attended by anyone.

Led by Harry and Ann Peat

***Registration ends on September 23***

[Register Here](#)

## Maximize your online giving with Vanco

Having a robust online giving platform is key to realizing the financial resources your church needs to thrive. If your online giving partner and platform is meeting **all** your needs, great! If not, read on.

Vanco is the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio's and the Conference's preferred online giving partner. If you're already with Vanco, the Conference partnership will lower your transaction and monthly fees -- it's the best pricing you can get. Make sure you're signed up by calling Vanco at 800-675-7430 or e-mail [sales@vanco.com](mailto:sales@vanco.com) and mention you are a West Ohio Conference United Methodist church.

### **If your church is currently not signed up with Vanco:**

- When signing up with Vanco and mention you are a United Methodist church with the West Ohio Conference, you are automatically given premium pricing. This means no monthly fee and the lowest percentage cost per transaction.
- Vanco will provide your church with an online giving webpage, or you can integrate your current website with theirs.
- Your webpage is custom designed for your church's needs and Vanco will provide step by step instructions. They have simplified the process so anyone can do it!
- Vanco provides multiple tools to assist your church with increased contributions.
- Vanco provides easy to follow reporting for your church's reconciliation process.

- Vanco easily stands out among other vendors with their enhanced security, so fraud is the least of your worries.
- Vanco is trusted with over 22,000 other churches!
- Your church can also sign up to live stream your sermons. (With additional monthly fee.)
- The online giving platform through the West Ohio Conference will eventually phase out, so don't miss out on this opportunity.
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Sign-up now! It's simple, just call Vanco at 800-675-7430 or e-mail [sales@vanco.com](mailto:sales@vanco.com) and mention you are a West Ohio Conference United Methodist church.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Classifieds, Calendar, Resources and more!

<http://www.capitolareasouth.org/district/capitolareasouth/>

or

<https://www.capitolareanorth.org/district/capitolareanorth>

Please share these updates with others in your congregation!

If you have anything you would like to have shared or posted in our Newsletter, feel free to email your request to me by Tuesday at Noon.

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