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## Hope: Leading with Grace

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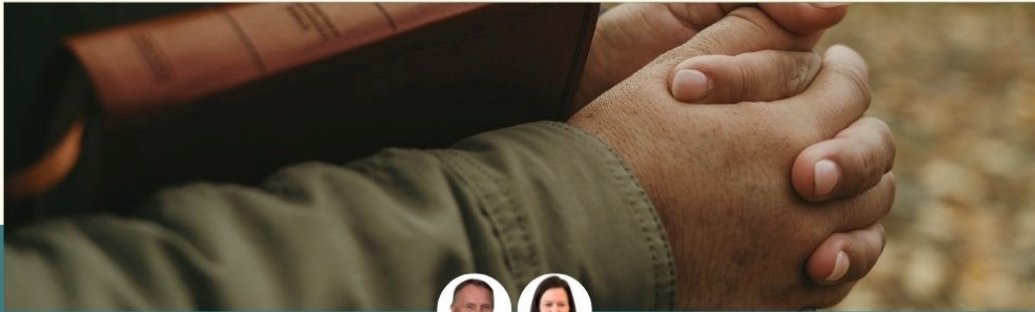
You are a disciple of Jesus who leads. Sounds simple enough, but sometimes you lose your connection to the source of your leadership. It is easily done.

Have you ever prepared a sermon without reading the scripture text? Have you ever experienced prayer as a practice that could be cut if you were running short of time? And what about holy communion? Has the celebration of the Lord's Supper become so routine that you are glad when the service is over?

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 Episode 214

# Leading with Hope



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## LeaderCast Episode 214: Leading with Hope

Being a follower of Jesus is impossible without God’s grace. God comes to us, saves us, provides for us, and holds us close in the way God chooses. You and I neither choose the ways God brings about our transformation nor command God to make us Jesus followers.

Explore how the means of grace can empower you to lead with hope on Episode 214.

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DISTRICT  
**LEADERSHIP**  
DEVELOPMENT

February 5, 2022

**THE EVENT WILL BE AN ONLINE-ONLY WEBINAR WITH ONLY THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND A QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION.**

Keynote: "Break Dividing Walls" from Ephesians 2:14 NRSV  
*Mr. Robert Caldwell, Executive Director, AnswerPoverty.Org & Program Director, Growing U.P.*

THE OTHER SESSIONS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED WILL BE RECORDED BY THE PRESENTERS AND MADE AVAILABLE IN LATE FEBRUARY

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

(If you already registered for the 2/5 session, you **do not** have to re-register)

*YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER FOR THE OTHER DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAYS:*

Maumee Watershed / Northwest Plains - January 29  
 Shawnee Valley / Foothills - January 22

For more information, please contact the district offices

**[Register Here](#)**

**Clergy Gathering Set for February 28**

Are you feeling a bit depleted and could use time apart to find new energy and hope? When is the last time you stopped to think about the meaning of the lyrics in hymns and worship music? How many times do you sing the songs from memory but not from the heart?



Mark your calendar for February 28 from 10 a.m. to noon for "Unrevealed until its Season," a two-hour, virtual gathering of colleagues and friends. The webinar will be led by Rev. Dr. James Howell.

James took to reading slowly and pondering the words of our hymns, and found much wonder and hope, and even some energy and beauty during these wearying, discouraging days. He'll share and converse with us who lead churches about all this and how song might bind us more closely to one another and to God during this challenging season of ministry.

James, seminary classmate of Bishop Palmer, has been one of the pastors of Myers Park UMC since 2003. A native of Columbia, SC, he studied chemistry and physics at the University of South Carolina before going to Divinity School at Duke, where he also

earned a Ph.D. in Old Testament. He is the author of seventeen books. His newest book, *Unrevealed Until Its Season*, explores the surprising and beautiful wisdom and encouragement in hymn lyrics we often sing past without reflecting on them. He's married to Lisa, a photographer and community activist, and they have three children, Sarah (an elder in Western NC), Grace and Noah.

Registration information coming soon.



### Retired Clergy Luncheon

We are looking forward to our next luncheon at MCL in **Kingsdale on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30**. Brian and Kat Straub will share the topic "We Would Love to Get to Know You." Kat will pass out papers with 5 questions for us to answer secretly. The papers will be collected. Kat and/or Brian will read the answers and we will try to guess who it is. This will help us get to know each other better. I would also like to update our pictures and information for our new directory. Hope you had a blessed

Christmas and New Years. Let us hear from you.

### Linworth UMC Featured on Energy Efficiency Webinar

Want to improve your church's energy stewardship but not sure how to get started? Hear wisdom and stories on energy efficiency from local church leaders, including Linworth UMC in Columbus. "*Energy Efficiency from Audit to Action: Local Church Stories*" is a webinar geared toward United Methodist church and conference trustees, facility managers, do-it-all pastors, and anyone with responsibility for stewarding church property.

The webinar will be held on Thursday, January 27, from 8:00-9:00 pm EST, and is free and open to the public. Speakers will include Rich Elliott, Facilities Manager, First UMC of Marietta, GA, who will share reflections on the theology of facility management; and Mark Barnett, Denny Devine, and Mike Sundberg of Linworth UMC, who will share their experience of transitioning to efficient lighting, including the ins and outs of renting a lift and changing fixtures.

The conversation will be hosted by Rev. Jenny Phillips, Senior Technical Advisor for Environmental Sustainability at Global Ministries.

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

### All In Community Offers Continuing Education in 2022

New in 2022, *All In Community* is offering continuing education units with their monthly



ministry events. From individual and organizational ministry effectiveness at the Every Second Saturday Series to flexing your empathy muscles during Saturday Circles, each session offers interactive and relevant learning communities.

Each *All In Community* offering is an easy, accessible, applicable and fruitful opportunity to earn continuing education hours while experiencing community engagement, connection and collaboration. Certificates of Participation with specific engagement hours for community partners are also available. Check out the schedule on the *All In Community* Equipping Events page here: [Click here](#)

CEUs or Certificate Engagement Hours are available for:

- Every Second Saturday Series :: 0.20-2.20 CEUs; 2.0-22.0 Engagement Hours
- Saturday Circles :: 0.15-1.35 CEUs or 1.5-15.5 Engagement Hours
- Ministry Mondays :: 0.15-0.9 CEUs or 1.5-9.0 Engagement Hours
- Doing Justice Series :: 0.125-0.5 CEUs or 1.25-5.0 Engagement Hours

All In Community continuing education units are ideal for laity, Lay Servant Ministers, Certified Lay Speakers, clergy, and Local Licensed Pastors. For questions, contact Jami Nathan at [jami.nathan.22@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nathan.22@gmail.com) or Reba Collins at [rebakco@gmail.com](mailto:rebakco@gmail.com).

## Kentucky Update: Initial Clean-Up Efforts Continue

Initial clean-up efforts continue across western Kentucky after the devastating tornado of December 10, 2021, and will likely take months more due to the amount of debris. Communities are now establishing long-term recovery committees and are just starting to plan for volunteers outside of Kentucky, but a process is not yet in place. The Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church will soon be naming a volunteer coordinator so they can make plans to receive Early Response Teams. The Kentucky Conference is asking all those wanting to come help to please wait until the plans are organized so they can safely receive and house teams and have work planned for the teams once they arrive. "On behalf of the West Ohio Conference, please do not go to Kentucky until the proper plans have been established for your safety and so work can be done properly," says Jeff Walker, West Ohio Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. "Please keep all these efforts in your prayers." Donations to UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response Advance #901670 are still being accepted, by check and online. For more information, visit <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/disaster-response-news>.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHT: Benefits and Human Resource Generalist - WOC

The Benefits/HR Generalist is a critical position within the office of the Treasurer. This position will assist clergy and staff with administering and navigating all Benefit and

Retirement systems; advocate and promote Health and Wellness concepts through outreach and programs designed to encourage healthy lifestyle choices while supporting the Director of Benefits/HR with the full employee life cycle HR planning and execution.

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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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