



April 1, 2021

Holy Week Devotionals

Dismantling Racism Bishop-led Devotionals:
[Devotional for Maundy Thursday](#) with Bishop Thomas Bickerton
[Devotional for Good Friday](#) with Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey
[Good Friday Journal Page](#)

Multiply Minis: Trainings to Multiply Your Impact!

Coming in April:
Maximizing the Hybrid Worship Experience
Youth Ministry: What's Next?
Children's Ministry: What's Next?



Over the past few months, the Office of Fresh Starts and New Beginnings has listened to leaders as they engaged in conversation around three questions:

What is going well in your church? What are your challenges? How can we best serve you in this next season?

The result led to Multiply Minis; twenty-two 90-minute online trainings created to meet the current needs of West Ohio's leaders. "I'm excited about the format, the variety, the follow-up options, and the innovative approach of the Multiply Minis, especially since they are based on the feedback we received. I encourage you to take as many as you would find beneficial," says Bishop Palmer.

Led by West Ohio practitioners who have experienced success with innovative strategies, Multiply Minis will encourage and resource leaders to break the norms of how we currently engage in ministry and move to inspire innovative best practices for healthy, thriving ministries for the future.

Each participant will leave each 90-minute webcast with practical, ready-to-use tools along with "one big thing" to take home. After completion, participants can opt-in to ongoing "Co-Labs" which will walk with you in putting information into action.

Registration is now open and is free to West Ohio clergy and laity. Space is limited to 150 participants.

To view the full listing of this year's Multiply Minis and/or to register for any of the sessions, visit www.multiplyminis.org. CEUs are available for all Multiply Minis.

More info and registration through these links:

**April 20th Maximizing the Hybrid Worship Experience
with Jason Moore**

April 27th Youth Ministry: What's Next?

April 27th Children's Ministry: What's Next?

Next Generation Leadership Ministry - Intern

It is with great pleasure that we announce the opening of the Next Generation Leadership Ministry Intern Application process. Since its inception, the Next Generations Leadership Ministry Interns have been able to discern calls to Ministry and Service in a variety of ways. The pay for the Internship is \$4000.00 during the summer, starting June 2 and ending July 23. Internship placements are with engaging local churches throughout the West Ohio Conference. Applicants must be college students ***who are available for the duration of the Internship***. The Application Deadline is **April 19**. [Click here](#) for the application.

Next Generation Leadership Ministry – Mentor and Host Church Application

The Next Generation Leadership Ministry Program is now taking applications for Mentors/Host Churches for the summer of 2021. For clergy and congregations with a passion for developing young leaders, this is a great opportunity to mentor a young person who has a desire to serve in the church and explore a call to ministry. [Click here](#) for the application.

For questions, please email Rev. Donnetta Peaks, dpeaks@wocumc.org or call 614-844-6200, ext. 314

Online Lay Servant Class - Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry



*Who do you know that would like
to explore lay ministry?*

This course is foundational for all courses in lay servant ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders,

remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This course is available to anyone in the West Ohio Conference on Zoom. **REGISTER BY APRIL 9TH.**

Friday, April 16th 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 -11:00 am
 Sunday, April 18th 1:00 - 3:00 pm
 Friday, April 23rd, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Saturday, April 24th, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Registration information

All Lay Servant Ministry Course offerings in the Conference can be found [here](#). Many are being held via Zoom.

The Order of Deacons for the West Ohio Conference invite you to the 2021 Virtual Deacon Formation Event on *April 17, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm*. The event will feature West Ohio Conference's Resident Bishop, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer and Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Rev. April Casperson.



The day will also feature stories of Deacons on varying paths of ministry along with opportunities to connect with Deacons throughout the United Methodist Connection. [Register here.](#)

1 John 3:2-3

2 Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when God appears we will be like God because we'll see God as God is. 3 And all who have this hope in God purify themselves even as God is pure.

We're looking forward to being with you via Zoom.

Deaconess Virtual Discernment Opportunity



Many United Methodist Women and Men may be called to a full-time vocation as Laity in service with those who are marginalized and in need in the world today. There is an opportunity to be a part of a supportive community in connection with the United Methodist Church as a deaconess or home missioner. We want to give them an opportunity to get to know who we are and how we serve. We have bi-monthly virtual discernment events, and we would like to extend an invitation for lay people in the West Ohio Conference to attend. Our next event is **Thursday,**

April 8, 2021. For more information contact Deaconess Jane Grays, Discernment Consultant, at jgrays.dhmr@gmail.com

United Methodist Community Ministries 2021 Missional Emergency Grant Application Communications & Outreach

Learn about our spring grants [here!](#)

Who Can Apply:

Due to the recent Coronavirus Pandemic, Community Ministries is opening up a third phase of grant funding. This grant is for up to \$1000, available for Capitol Area District Churches to help with communications and outreach. These funds are to support you in aligning with the conference initiative to "help your church enhance your social media/communications/technology capabilities."

We know that technology currently plays a significant role in our life together as the church and will continue to do so even as the pandemic abates. These grants are specifically targeted toward assisting local churches in reaching beyond our walls to build discipleship pathways for church members and members of the community. Examples include expanding online worship capacities, website and social media building, and growing communications ministries in the church and beyond so that we can better fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Instructions:

- Complete a grant application for the missional need for which you are requesting funds. All questions must be answered.
- Your grant application should be limited to two pages, single spaced, font size 12.
- Grant applications will be reviewed and voted on by the UMCM Local Outreach Support Committee, based on the merit of the request as it relates to the current Coronavirus Pandemic. Funds will be disbursed on a timely basis.
- Email your completed application to Karen Cook, kcook@wocumc.org

[Grant Application](#)

Community Ministries Spring Grants Available

The UMCM Outreach Grant program exists to help local UMC congregations launch new outreach ministries in their communities and help existing outreach ministries grow and reach new people in new ways. Ministries are eligible to apply for 3 years, whether consecutive or not. Funding preference will be given to new(er) ministries. Eligible ministries are those that are focused on transforming communities, sustainability, and fostering discipleship. Grants of up to \$5,000 are



available. Applications are due by April 16th. [Information and the spring grant application can be found here.](#)

Contact Rev. Karen Cook with any questions, kcook@wocumc.org.



Carey Nieuwhof "Burning Out and Coming Back"

April 15, 2021
10 am-12 pm EST

Bishop Palmer's next Leadership Clinic guest is Carey Nieuwhof, best-selling author, pastor, and leading voice in church innovation. Carey is a former lawyer and founding pastor of Connexus Church. He's the author of several best-selling books, including his latest, *Didn't See It Coming: Overcoming the Seven Greatest Challenges That No One Expects But Everyone Experiences*. He holds degrees in law, theology and history. Carey speaks to leaders around the world about leadership, change and personal growth. He writes one of today's most widely read Christian leadership blogs at www.CareyNieuwhof.com and hosts the top-rated Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast where he interviews some of today's best leaders. His content is accessed over a million times a month by leaders.

BURNING OUT AND COMING BACK

Chances are that you know someone who has burned out or might be on the edge of it yourself. Burnout today seems almost to be a rite of passage. In this talk, Carey looks at signs of burnout and identifies several types of burnout that impact more leaders than most people realize. He shares about how to recover from burnout and stay healthy.

Carey's LIVE training will be followed by an interactive interview with Bishop Palmer about the future of the Church, and your questions. [Check out Carey's latest book: *Didn't See It Coming*](#). Twitter & Facebook: @cnieuwhof | Instagram: careynieuwhof

CEU's are available for all Leadership Clinics. Email Allyssa (agraves@wocumc.org) if you would like to receive continuing education for this month's Clinic. **Deadline to register is April 11 by midnight.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Dare to Dream Scholarship at Bluffton University

We have an amazing opportunity for undocumented young adults who are interested in pursuing higher education! The Dare to Dream Scholarship at Bluffton University is for undocumented students whose immigration status prevents them from accessing traditional financial aid. This generous, and competitive scholarship has rolling

admissions but the priority deadline to be considered for this fall is April 1. Please contact Katie Kuntz-Wineland for more info at graceisthejourney@gmail.com

Virtual ERT Recertification Class April 10

On Saturday, April 10, from 9am-1pm, West Ohio will hold a virtual ERT recertification class using ZOOM online. 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 ERT's who have already completed the 8-hour basic course and need to recertify. The class costs \$20 and is limited to 25 participants, so [register here now!](#) Questions? Email mgrace@wocumc.org.

Classifieds

Employment Opportunities

[Part-time Office Coordinator, Linworth UMC](#)

[Part-time Youth Leader, Middleburg UMC](#)

[Director of Music, North Broadway UMC](#)

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