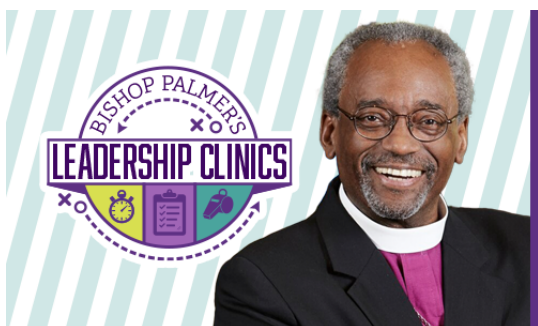




April 23, 2021



**Bishop Palmer's
Leadership Clinic features
Bishop Michael Curry
"Leadership and the Dangerous
Liberation of Love"**

Tuesday May 18th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bishop Palmer is excited to announce his next Leadership Clinic guest, Bishop Michael Curry, on May 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm EST. The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry is Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. He is the Chief Pastor and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, and as Chair of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church. Join us for his teaching titled, "Leadership and the Dangerous Liberation of Love." Following Bishop Curry's teaching, he will be interviewed by Bishop Palmer, and will be available for LIVE Q&A from participants.

Throughout his ministry, Presiding Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice. He maintains a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour and as a frequent speaker at churches, cathedrals, conferences, and television news channels around the country and internationally. He has authored five books and numerous publications including columns for the Huffington Post and the Baltimore Times. Bishop Curry's latest book: *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* was released in 2020. In 2018, Bishop Curry gained global attention as he preached an unforgettable message of love at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle.

The first 250 people to register for this Clinic will receive a free copy of the book *Love is the Way*. Information will be in your registration confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please email Allyssa: agraves@wocumc.org.

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Registration Open for 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

The 52nd session of the West Ohio Annual Conference will be held

virtually via Zoom Webinar.
Registration is now open.

The theme of Annual Conference is
"Run the Race with Perseverance"
based on the scripture Hebrews
12:1-2.



The dates and times are:

- Sunday, June 6, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm and
- Monday, June 7, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.



Registration is required for clergy and lay members of the Annual Conference.
Registration is now open and will end May 5 at 5:00 pm.

As part of the registration process you will be able to select if you would like to receive the *Book of Reports* electronically or a printed copy by mail.

There will be three training/practice sessions that you will be able to choose to participate in during registration. The sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes each and are:

- May 13 at 9:00 am
- May 18 at 12:00 pm
- May 26 at 6:00 pm

Information sessions will be held virtually prior to Annual Conference so you will have the opportunity to learn more about the recommendations before conference. Dates and times for these sessions will be announced soon.

If you are a Clergy member and unable to participate, you must seek permission from the Annual Conference Secretary Rev. Amy Haines to be excused. You can make your request online by [clicking here](#).

If you are unable to fulfill your role as Lay Member to Annual Conference representing a local church, you should contact your pastor. Lay Members At Large should contact their [district office](#). [REGISTER HERE](#)



Registration Open for Clergy Session

The West Ohio Conference will host the Annual Clergy Session virtually on **May 19, 2021**. All Clergy members of the Annual Conference and Laity on the Board of Ordained Ministry are invited to participate.

The objectives of the Clergy Session include caring for those who will have new credentials for Commissioning and Ordination and those who have changed status in the past year, such as retirees.

Clergy Session is an important aspect of holy conferencing that reminds us that we are in this work together, accountable to and in collegial relationships with our fellow clergy throughout West Ohio and throughout the United Methodist connection.

Registration is open until **May 12** for Clergy Session. All registered will receive the agenda, Zoom link, and Voter ID by May 17. In order to ensure that you receive all related information, **please register by the May 12th, 5:00 pm deadline.** [li](#)

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Capitol Area North District Conference and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing

Tuesday, May 25th, 7:00 pm via Zoom

Join us on Zoom for our annual District Conference and a briefing about Annual Conference this year. All district clergy and laity are welcome to attend! Save the date and watch for more details.

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

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

[Link to Grant Application](#)

Learn about all of our spring grants here!

Multiply Minis: Trainings to Multiply Your Impact!

Multiply Minis are live, 90-minute, relevant, timely trainings for ministry leaders and churches to multiply their impact. There are 22 minis from April thru May this year.

Have you ever wondered:
 "How are we going to do online worship and in-person worship?"
 "What is the future of youth ministry?"
 "What's next for Children's ministry, we've

barely been able to connect during the pandemic?" **There's a Mini for that!**

Free for West Ohio Leaders! Join us in April for Multiply Minis devoted to these topics. Click the links to register:

[April 27th Youth Ministry: What's Next?](#)

[April 27th Children's Ministry: What's Next?](#)

[May 12th Innovative Expressions](#)

[May 12th Reimagine Your Sacred Rhythms of Prayer](#)

[May 26th Where Do We Go From Here?](#)

If you would like a consultation to determine which Minis might be best for you, please call Allyssa Graves in the Office of Fresh Starts & New Beginnings, 614-505-7405.

COVID Vaccine Clinic at Broad Street UMC April 24

Sign up for the COVID Vaccine Clinic at Broad Street UMC on Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. 501 E. Broad Street, Columbus. [Link to Sign-Up.](#)

Summer Camp Paid Staff Positions

A great way to make a summer is leading children and youth! We have openings for male and female camp counselors. 10 weeks of summer work living at camp. Lifeguards and resource positions as well. Visit our website, westohiocamps@wocumc.org, click Home and click Join Our Team for job descriptions and how to apply. For more information email camps@wocumc.org. We will be glad to talk to you.

MTSO hosts a Celebration of Arts that promote Social Justice April 30th and May 1st

Methodist Theological School in Ohio will bring together visual and performing artists for a two-day event centered on the ways social justice is promoted through the arts. "The Art of Justice: A Multi-Genre Celebration of the Arts Within Social Justice Movements," will take place virtually over two days: noon-4 p.m. April 30 and 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 1. This special event is cosponsored by two MTSO initiatives, the Theological Commons and the Anti-Racism Task Force.

"The Art of Justice" will showcase music, poetry and visual arts through performances, workshops and scholar-led conversation. Presenters and performers include visual artist David Butler, folk singer Bill Cohen, poet (and MTSO alum) Barbara Fant, and singer Paisha Thomas.

Registration is required. While there is no admission charge, an optional suggested donation of \$25 is requested. Half of all proceeds will go to the Maroon Arts Group, a nonprofit providing a platform for conscious art centered on the preservation and promotion of cultures of African descent. Learn more and [REGISTER HERE](#). Registrants will be provided with Zoom links for the event.

Recent Appointments

Wesley Chapel Mission Center Needs Summer Volunteers

Wesley Chapel Mission Center, a United Methodist-related ministry in Cincinnati, is in need of volunteers for its summer program for children and youth. For six weeks during the summer, Wesley Chapel offers opportunities on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons for children to worship, play, learn, do a craft, have a Bible lesson, and garden. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, the children have fun participating in walking field trips. Volunteers are needed to come alongside the Wesley Chapel staff to build positive, faith-forming relationships with the kids. Individual volunteers and mission teams are welcome, including adults, high school youth, and families. In addition to spending time with the kids, mission teams would help out with neighborhood projects that fit the

team's skill set. For more information, or to learn how you can volunteer, contact Kyle Linnemann at klinnemann@wcmcotr.org or 513-721-6204.

Classifieds

Employment Opportunities

[Director of Camps, Retreats, and Next Generation Engagement](#)

[Business Manager, Linworth UMC](#)

[Part-time Human Resources Administrator, Linworth UMC](#)

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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 by Thursday at Noon, jphilipp@wocumc.org.

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