

## Workshops

Workshops are offered after each plenary session. These learning experiences give detail and insight into the plenary topic, will provide practical approaches for annual conference leaders to address the plenary topic in their area of responsibility, and will offer opportunities for annual conferences to partner with program general agencies and/or other annual conferences.

**Sunday, February 1, 2009**

**8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

### **S1 Networking Group for Christian Education, Nurture, Discipleship, and Small Group Ministries**

*MaryJane Pierce Norton and Carol Krau*

Leaders will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in this area through exploration of specific programs with information provided by both the leaders and participants

**Audience:** Leaders in Christian Education, Nurture, Small Groups, and Discipleship

### **S2 Networking for Conference Lay Leaders**

*Sandy Jackson*

This will be a time of networking and sharing what's working in various annual conferences, what is challenging, and what resources are available.

**Audience:** Conference Lay Leaders

### **S3 Network Group for Stewardship Ministry Leaders**

*Don Joiner*

This time will explore together the key outcomes for vital ministries in stewardship through consideration of existing programs with and information exchange among the leaders and the participants.

**Audience:** Leaders in Stewardship Ministries

### **S4 Network Group for Evangelism Ministry**

*Kwasi Kena*

Leaders in this network group will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in evangelism through exploration of specific programs and resources, including idea sharing between leaders and the participants.

**Audience:** Leaders in Congregational Development and Evangelism

### **S5 Networking for Developing a Congregational Plan for Discipleship**

*Vance Ross and Susan Ruach*

Participants will explore key components in a congregation's plan for discipleship and consider strategies for helping congregational leaders align the ministries of their local church to fulfill the mission of discipling.

**Audience:** DCMs, Annual Conference Leaders who help congregations with planning and visioning

## **S6 Network Group for Family and Age Level Ministry Leaders**

*Melanie Gordon and Richard Gentzler*

Leaders will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in age level and family ministries through exploration of specific programs with information provided by both the leaders and the participants.

**Audience:** Leaders of Family and Age Level Ministries

## **S7 Planning Worship in Your Congregation**

*Safiyah Fosua and Taylor Burton-Edwards*

Using the 2009-2012 Guidelines for Worship as a primary resource, this workshop will help participants understand and practice planning worship with vitality and excellence in their particular missional setting.

**Audience:** Pastors, Worship Leaders, Annual Conference Leaders for Worship Resourcing

## **S8 Network Group for Spiritual Formation**

*Stephen Bryant, Tom Albin, and Jerry Haas*

Leaders will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in spiritual formation through

exploration of specific programs with information provided by both the leaders and the participants.

**Audience:** Leaders in Spiritual Formation

### **S9 Network Group for Leaders of Youth and Young Adults**

*Mike Ratliff, Julie O'Neal and Bill Lazor*

Participants in this network group will explore together the key outcomes for vital ministries with youth and young people by looking at specific ministries and resources and through and information exchange among the leaders and the participants.

**Audience:** Leaders of Youth and Young Adults

### **S10 Conference Secretaries of Global Ministries**

*David Malloy*

Members of this networking group will gain a greater understanding of the role and responsibilities of the CSGM.

**Audience:** CSGMs in each annual conference

### **S11 Conference Committees on Mission Personnel**

*Fred Price*

This networking group will help participants to be more effective supporters and recruiters of

mission personnel.

**Audience:** Chairpersons and members of CCMPs and persons interested in missionary and mission personnel issues.

## **S12 Volunteer in Mission Coordinators and Leaders**

*Clinton Rabb*

Participants in this networking group will learn better how to advance the VIM movement and be most effective in mission.

**Audience:** Leaders involved/interested in Volunteers in Mission

## **S13 Conference Board of Global Ministries or Equivalent Structures**

*John Nuessle*

In this group, participants will receive and exchange information about and encouragement for the diverse ministry areas that are included in global ministries.

**Audience:** Conference leaders involved/interested in global ministries issues

## **S14 Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries**

*Enoch Hendry*

This networking group is for those who are interested in learning more about how ACBHECMs can be

more effective. Participants will share what is happening in various annual conferences, see new resources, and discuss best practices.

**Audience:** Conference leaders interested/involved in ACBHECMs

### **S15 College or Seminary Bound?**

*Jim Harding and Allyson Collinsworth*

This networking group will provide and exchange information regarding the application processes and eligibility criteria for the various loans and scholarship programs administered by the GBHEM Office of Loans and Scholarships.

**Audience:** Leaders in Higher Education

### **S16 Four Areas of Ministry: Legitimate Children of the Methodist Past**

*Robert Williams*

This networking group will consider a general historical overview of Methodist work in each of the four foci.

**Audience:** Anyone interested in the historical roots in these 4 areas

### **S17 How UMM is Partnering with the Boards and Agencies to Integrate the Four Areas of Focus**

***David Adams***

This networking group will help inform the participant on how the UMM as an agency of the UMC is addressing and implementing these foci and how we are partnering with all of the boards and agencies to effectively carry out the mission throughout the church.

**Audience:** UMM Leaders

## **S18 Church and Society**

***Clayton Childers and Neal Christie***

Join in a time of dialogue for Church and Society leaders throughout the Connection to learn about how Church and Society ministries have proven to be effective in Annual Conferences. Learn how staff from GBCS can support you and your conference in your Church and Society ministry.

**Audience:** Chairpersons of Church and Society

## **S19 Peace with Justice**

***Mark Harrison***

Join in a time of dialogue and learning about the current issues being faced by Peace with Justice Coordinators. How have Peace with Justice teams from conferences responded to promote peace in their areas? What's working? Where do we go from here? How can we support each other?

**Audience:** Peace with Justice Coordinators

## **S20 Network Group for New Church Development Leaders**

***Tom Butcher***

During this time we will explore together the key outcomes for healthy ministries in new church development through specific programs including Path One with information provided by both the leaders and the participants.

**Audience:** Leaders in new church development

## **S21 Beyond the Headcount: Connectors Toward Shared Commitments of Inclusivity**

***Garlinda Burton, Kim Coffing***

This networking group will provide an overview of the challenging advocacy and woman-affirming ministries faced by the annual conference's Status and Role of Women Committees. Participants will construct an organizational "year in the life" for CSRW committees with suggestions for annual conferences where Status and Role of Women ministries have been joined with the ministries of Religion and Race

**Audience:** CSRW leaders

## **S22 The Native American Connection**

***Anita Phillips***

This networking group will acquaint participants with the work of the Native American

Comprehensive Plan of the Church, especially as it relates to the four areas of focus, and will introduce information about other UM Native American entities. We will focus on developing and enhancing the work of each annual conference with Native Americans.

**Audience:** Persons interested in Native American ministry

### **S23 GCCUIC Networking**

*Wendy Whiteside*

This networking group is for conference staff related to Christian unity and inter-religious connections.

### **S24 Rethink Church**

*Ken Sloane*

Igniting Ministry and the Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors brand promise will be taken to the next level as we invite the UMC and the world to "Rethink Church" as not just where we go, but what we do. Come and share in a forum around these exciting plans for the global church.