

DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY WORKSHOPS 2017

Sunday, January 29th 2 to 4:45 p.m. @ Prospect UMC

Saturday, February 4th 9 to 11:45 a.m. @ Golden Hill UMC

	<p>SPR 101 A basic overview of the role of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in the local church, along with an update on the Bishop's procedures on appointment-making. Led by CT District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Kieffer.</p>
	<p>Intro to Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care This workshop will provide an introduction to the development of "Care Teams" which are faith-based, ongoing teams trained to provide emotional and spiritual care before, during, and following disasters. "Care Teams" stand solidly in the belief that the church is the Body of Christ in the world and reach out from the faith community to help disaster survivors connect with personal and community spiritual, emotional, and basic life resources. Led by Pastor Wendy Vencuss, UMCOR DESC Consultant. (Prospect UMC only)</p>
	<p>When Disaster Strikes-the Church Responds When asked, "Should the church be involved in disaster response ministries?", the answer is always a resounding Yes! The next questions, then, are What? and How? What do we do and how do we do it? This workshop explores the ways that the church and volunteers play a unique and critical role in disaster response. Led by Rev. Tom Vencuss, NYAC Coordinator of Disaster Recovery Ministries. (Prospect UMC only)</p>
	<p>Christian Small Group Leadership Learn the basics of leading a successful small group. Themes include creating a welcoming environment, prayer and a group rule of life, among others. Led by Melodye Merola, Director of Outreach Ministry, Golden Hill UMC (Golden Hill UMC only)</p>
	<p>Small Group Leaders Interested in learning more about leading small groups? Topics covered in this workshop will include: the importance and value of small groups, essentials of a small group meeting, group developmental stages, responsibilities of the leader, and giving birth to new small groups. Led by Pastor Peter Brown, Gaylordsville UMC. (Prospect UMC only)</p>
	<p>Imagine Abundant Health Sponsored by Global Ministries, this new campaign is the successor to "No More Malaria". Our Conference Council on Missions is working to support local congregations in their efforts to join in this transformational initiative. Discover how local churches can develop support systems for health care treatment, education and prevention in their communities. Led by Youth Pastor Dani Levine, Mary Taylor UMC.</p>
	<p>Conversations With Your Muslim Neighbor How do we build community and share our faith journeys with our Muslim neighbors? Join us to learn how to begin with conversations that will transform our lives and our communities. Led by Aida Mansoor, President, Muslim Coalition of Connecticut.</p>
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Church Finances A discussion on Church Finances including the most frequently asked questions of the Conference Center office. Topics will include taxes, budgeting, auditing, apportionments and clergy benefits, along with others. *Led by Joe Andreana, Deputy Executive Director, Frontier Foundation (Prospect) and Ross Williams, Chief Financial Officer for the New York Annual Conference (Golden Hill).*



Prison Ministry in the Community: Inner City and White-Collar Perspectives Whether incarcerated for a violent, drug-related or white-collar crime, affected individuals and families can suffer from "Prison Traumatic Stress Disorder." The leaders will share about the similarities and differences of how trauma-related issues and solutions are experienced in Bridgeport and Greenwich, the two communities with the largest same-county socio-economic disparity in the country. *Led by Louis L. Reed, Program Manager, City of Bridgeport Mayor's Initiative on Reentry, and Jeff Grant, Executive Director of Family Reentry, Bridgeport CT and Director of Progressive Prison Ministries, Greenwich CT.*



Conferences and Inclusiveness: The Future of the UMC The workshop will offer a brief overview of the function of each of the Conferences in the UMC and how globalization has influenced our present structure. We will consider the role of dissent in the UMC from an historical perspective. Finally, we examine briefly how the issue of inclusiveness has become a decisive and dividing presence, leading to the formation of the Committee to Examine the Issue of Inclusiveness in the UMC and to prepare recommendations for a called special session of the General Conference in 2019. *Led by Rev. George C. Engelhardt.*



About Our Father's Business This workshop will cover the "who, what, when, where, and how" of prayer as it relates to our faith and spiritual growth. Prayer will be discussed as a prioritized personal decision that we make in order to stay balanced and productive in our lives. *Led by Rev. Dr. Peola Hicks, Naugatuck UMC.*



Stewardship – What It Is and What It Is Not This innovative, actions-based session begins with a clear definition of "stewardship" and then explores both its relational aspect and biblical foundation. Through group discussion and assignments, participants will gain ideas and tools to expand stewardship programs and help churches move toward a stronger position of financial sustainability. *Led by Joe Andreana, Deputy Executive Director, Frontier Foundation.*



Days for Girls: What Your Church Can Do The poverty cycle can be broken when girls stay in school, which is a huge challenge in some countries. Not having sanitary supplies means days without school and little hope for the future. Learn how you can make a difference through Days for Girls, a program supported by the CT District and the New York Annual Conference. *Led by Jan Baker of Simsbury UMC and her partners in Days for Girls.*