

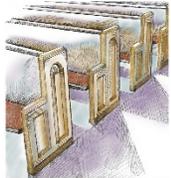
# DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY WORKSHOPS 2018

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 to 12:00 p.m. @ Simsbury UMC**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2 to 5:00 p.m. @ Stratford UMC**

	<p><b>SPR 101</b> 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. <i>Led by CT District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester.</i></p>
	<p><b>The Changing Face of Youth and Student Ministries</b> Our Teens seem to be busier than ever, and with their demanding schedules it seems increasingly difficult to find the best ways (and times) to engage them. Many of us are finding that a one-size-fits-all approach to ministry is yielding diminishing returns. Join us as we share ideas about what we can do and what programming changes we can make to accommodate these changing times. <i>Led by Peter Preiser, Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth &amp; Student Ministries, Simsbury UMC, and Herron Gaston, Pastor, Summerfield UMC, Bridgeport, CT.</i></p>
	<p><b>Parish Development</b> All you need to know about Parish Development (DIMCHEX) Loans and Grants for your church. <i>Led by Rev. David Mantz, our CT District Chairperson and past Chair of the Conference Committee!</i></p>
	<p><b>Re-Purposing Church Property</b> From a case study perspective, the presenters will facilitate a conversation concerning the possibilities and challenges of re-purposing church property for the sake of ministry. <i>Led by Dr. Stephen Bauman and Ms. Holly Fogle, Leadership Council Chair, Christ Church, New York City. (Stratford only)</i></p>
	<p><b>Six Thinking Hats</b> The Six Thinking Hats technique of Edward de Bono is a process that can be used for exploring different perspectives towards a complex situation or challenge. Deb Clifford will introduce us to this simple, effective process that helps people be more productive, focused, and mindfully involved. It is a powerful tool set which, once learned, can be applied immediately. <i>Led by Ms. Deb Clifford, Simsbury UMC.</i></p>

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	<p><b>Life-Changing Mission Trips</b> Life Changing Mission Trips - What are they? How do you do them? What are the secrets of success? How do you pay for them? Help from a 30-year veteran, first as laity and now a Pastor. <i>Led by Rev. David Mantz, Watertown UMC.</i></p>
	<p><b>Sanctuary Church</b> Is your church considering offering sanctuary to undocumented immigrants facing deportation? Or would you like to learn other ways to support immigrants? Come to this workshop organized by Rev. Paul Fleck, Pastor of Hamden Plains UMC and a member of the Conference Immigration Task Force. The February 11 workshop will also feature Rev. Juhye Hahn sharing her experience as a pastor who has hosted two guests in sanctuary at First and Summerfield UMC in New Haven. <i>Led by Rev. Paul Fleck, Hamden Plains UMC.</i></p>
	<p><b>Church Finances</b> 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. <i>Led by Mr. Ross Williams, Chief Financial Officer for the New York Annual Conference (Simsbury only) and Ms. Diana Moore, NYAC Conference Controller. (Stratford only)</i></p>
	<p><b>What's New and What's Next at the Intersection of Faith and Culture</b> This workshop borrows its title and some of its content from the 2018 Barna Trends Publication, which is an annual guide produced by Barna Group, a visionary research and communications company. The first part of our time together will present a summary of some cultural, religious, and political trends in our society that are impacting the way churches do ministry. The second half of the hour will be an open discussion about what we are doing, and might be able to do, in terms of strategies and methodologies, to maintain our relevance and “reimagine” our ministries in a rapidly changing culture. <i>Led by Peter Preiser, Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth &amp; Student Ministries, Simsbury United Methodist Church, Pastor, West Granby United Methodist Church.</i></p>
	<p><b>Stewardship – What It Is and What It Is Not</b> 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. <i>Led by Mr. Joe Andreana, Deputy Executive Director, Frontier Foundation.</i></p>
	<p><b>Does Anyone Really Want to Buy a Church?</b> In this workshop, we will explore ideas and concepts on how to be better stewards of our church properties. We will discuss ways that church property can be re-purposed and used to meet community needs in radical ways. We will explore the concept of “mission value opportunity costs” and how our properties are being used to generate income. <i>Led by Rev. Dr. Bill Shillady, Executive Director, United Methodist City Society. (Simsbury only)</i></p>