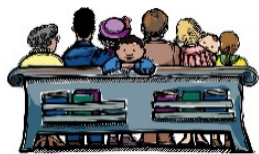


DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY WORKSHOPS 2019

Saturday, January 19th 9 a.m. to noon @ North Canton UMC

Sunday, January 27th 2 to 5:00 p.m. @ New Life UMC (New Fairfield)



SPR 101 A basic overview of the role of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in the local church. *Led by Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester, CT District Superintendent.*



Prayer Workshop Would you like your prayer life and the prayer ministry of your church inspired? Come join Pastor Chris Yount, our District prayer leader, in a time of learning about prayer as well as actual time of prayer! *Led by Rev. Chris Yount, New Life UMC, New Fairfield. (New Life UMC only)*



Rebuild Puerto Rico Attend this session to learn opportunities and get information about participation in helping to rebuild Puerto Rico, following Hurricane Maria, 2017. Hear what the NYAC is doing and how to get involved. *Led by Ms. Jill Wilson, Prospect UMC (New Life) and Rev. Tom Vencuss, NYAC Coordinator of Mission Ministry (North Canton).*



Global Ministries This interactive workshop will provide an overview of the developing NYAC Abundant Health Ministry! Discussions and activities will include: Creating local church "Body, Mind, and Spirit" health ministries, engaging local churches and their communities in Abundant Health activities, sharing of recent NYAC Abundant Health "success stories", raising support for and awareness of lifesaving health Interventions for children around the world, introducing the FAN (Faith, Activity, Nutrition) program, and participating in short Abundant Health "boosts" (stretching and breathing exercises). *Led by Rev. Wendy Vencuss, NYAC Abundant Health Coordinator. abundanthealth@nyac-umc.com*



Trustees A basic overview of the role of the Trustees in the local church, with a discussion on best practices. *Led by Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester, CT District Superintendent.*



The Changing Face of Youth and Student Ministries Gain a better understanding of some of the trends impacting ministry with people who are growing up in the early 21st century, and learn about a life-changing ministry with teens and young adults in Bridgeport. *Led by Rev. Herron Gaston, Summerfield UMC. (New Life UMC only)*



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 Mr. Ross Williams, Chief Financial Officer for the New York Annual Conference (North Canton) and Rev. Martha Epstein, Clinton UMC (New Life).*



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 Mr. Joe Andreana, Deputy Executive Director, Frontier Foundation.*