

DESIGNING SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Team members will offer a variety of opportunities and resources to assist pastors, music ministers, and congregations, especially in small churches, to design creative worship services and programs. Some examples of assistance with worship design would be:

- ❖ Design of special services for all worship seasons (Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost)
- ❖ Development of children's worship participation
- ❖ Use of litanies, special prayers, and music closely tied to Scripture and other elements of the worship service
- ❖ Use of a variety of music resources and vocal and/or instrumental effects that touch the lives of all generations
- ❖ Engagement in church-wide hands-on projects such as making Chrismons, starting a History Room, making a Nativity cabinet, participating in a Live Nativity

Team members will share ideas and resources with congregations via: visits to churches, phone, e-mail, or by sending specific resources.

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SPIRITUALITY WITH INDIVIDUALS

with Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities

Individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities are spiritual beings made in the image of God yet often their experience in church has been less than welcoming. Team members will;

- Explore ways to be in ministry with individuals who have disabilities and their families within your congregation.
- Discover ways to welcome families with individuals with disabilities and to meaningfully engage in worship and study.
- Help you explore avenues to be in mission with individuals with disabilities in the community.

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STEWARDSHIP

This program includes a review of four principles of Biblical Stewardship as an encouragement to congregations to live out their commitment to Christ in all aspects of their lives. Keeping the lights on in the church and a good roof on the building is important but stewardship is an everyday way of serving Christ and others. Included in the program are ideas for services and events to lead up to and include Stewardship Sunday.

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INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

PC (USA) has been one of the faith traditions in the vanguard of Interfaith Dialogue effort nation-wide, past and present. In A Brief Statement of Faith the PC (USA) affirmed, "In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image . . . to live as one community." Also, "We are called to work with others in our pluralistic society for the well-being of our world and for justice, peace, and the sustainability of creation." (Presbyterian Principles for Interfaith Dialogue" (211th General Assembly [1999]) This program would provide congregations with opportunities to explore respectful dialogue and develop mutual relationships with persons from other religious traditions.

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EVANGELISM

Living out the call to discipleship and sharing the Gospel message with others is what Christians are called to do in the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20.

This program will assist in ideas to reach out to your community with Christ's love and encourage various ideas in how to do so.

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POLITY, A WAY TO LEADERSHIP

Polity, our rules of governance, worship, and discipline, is foundational to the Presbyterian Church (USA). All officers, teaching and ruling elders and deacons, are responsible for knowledge & understanding of the Reformed tradition, including the process of decision making. This study will develop an appreciation for the connectional nature of the church, fostering growth in leadership, faith and discipleship. This curriculum is available in a 3 hour informational session including discussion breakouts with the option of an extended 2 hour practical application session.

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CONFIRMATION EXPLORATION

Confirmation is one experience on the faith journey that is designed for participants to explore God's Word, ask faith questions, and begin or deepen their relationship with Christ. Team members will help churches design a confirmation course to fit your size congregation with reviewing sample lessons and curriculums, creating course outlines along with exploring creative ideas such as mentoring, worshiping with various churches and serving in mission as a class.

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

What is it? How can I find a Spiritual Coach?

Spiritual Direction provides a companion and guide for the journey of spiritual growth. It is the goal of the Spiritual Coach to help a person develop a closer relationship with God and discern the invitations of the Holy Spirit. A Spiritual Coach assists in de-mystifying prayer by making it a practical part of daily life. He or she helps one to see and face the truth about oneself without rationalization. The coach provides help and non-judgmental support for the rough spots in a Christian life and gives clarification on the aspects of religious doctrine as it applies to daily life.

Trained members of the Presbytery in Spiritual Direction are as follows: Bob and Paula Osborne who received their spiritual direction certification from the West Virginian Institute for Spirituality, in Charleston, WV and provide services at Berkeley Springs Presbyterian. Bill and Louisa Painter who received their diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction, from the San Francisco Theological Seminary, in San Francisco, CA and provide services at Sunnyside in Harrisonburg. And Gwen Carr who received training from Eastern Mennonite and provides services to many churches in our presbytery.

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RESOURCES

A variety of sources to assist in
ministry for the church.