

**IT'S TIME TO BE
BRILLIANT**



**AND BEING BRILLIANT REQUIRES
BOLD LEADERS!**

**MCC Program Offerings
As of January, 2012**

LAY LEADERS

The National Conference
on LGBT Equality
Creating Change

January 25 – 29, 2012

Hilton Baltimore
Baltimore, MD

The 24th National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change is coming to Charm City – Baltimore, MD and the Hilton Baltimore.

Creating Change is the annual organizing and skills-building event for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, and their allies and attracts more than 2500 people from all over the country each year.

For more information, go to: <http://www.creatingchange.org/>



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2012

February 2 – 5, 2012

Church of the Trinity
MCC
Sarasota, FL

Rev. Dr. Elder Nancy Wilson and Bishop Yvette Flunder will explore developing trusting relationships and lead participants in modeling trust. This conference will empower all women in leadership positions and is designed for both clergy and lay leaders.

The Holy Trust conference is open to all women, transwomen and those who identify themselves as women who are interested in improving their leadership skills and connecting with others in the common pursuit for social justice.

For more information or to register, go to:
<http://trinitychurchmcc.com/womensconf.html>

L.E.A.D. = LAITY EMPOWERED FOR ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP



February 17 – 20, 2012

The Balcones Retreat
Center
Marble Falls, Texas

The purposes of **L.E.A.D.** are to offer lay leaders of UFMCC the opportunity to deepen their spiritual growth and to develop their existing skills, as well as furnish them with additional leadership tools so that they may be effective leaders in the church and the world. There are four broad areas of competencies that form the core of the **L.E.A.D.** Certificate: Spiritual Maturity; Public Speaking and Leadership; Developing and Equipping Others; Situational and Strategic Leadership.

L.E.A.D. curriculum will engage a variety of methods to include self-paced, instructor-led and seminar-based training(s) to support each individual's learning style.

Applications are now being accepted. To apply, contact Rev. Mona West via email at RevMonaWest@MCCchurch.net. Deadline for applications is January 13, 2012. Cost for the retreat, which includes room and board, is \$475, US.

MEN'S CONFERENCE HOLY TRUST: BUILDING A LASTING BOND



March 15 – 17, 2012

MCC San Diego
San Diego, CA

Holy Trust: Building a Lasting Bond - A Denomination-wide Men's Conference for clergy & laity to connect, share, bond and grow closer to God and to one another. It has been five years since the men of MCC have gathered — don't miss this unique fellowship opportunity!

The Conference Design Team has organized a wonderful gathering offering a safe and sacred community for participants to go deeper in opening themselves up to one another for a life-changing growth and healing experience. There will be networking opportunities for both clergy and laity to share together in devotions, worship services, and tailored breakout sessions. Early Bird Rates before 1/31/12 — Register securely online.

For more information or to register, go to:

http://sunshinecathedral.org/?page_id=2746

INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE



July 22 – 27, 2012

Walter E. Washington
Convention Center
Washington, DC

The return of the International AIDS Conference to the United States in July 2012 represents a significant victory for public health and human rights. The biennial International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policymakers, people living with HIV and others committed to ending the epidemic. It will be a tremendous opportunity for researchers from around the world to share the latest scientific advances in the field, learn from one another's expertise, and develop strategies for advancing all facets of our collective efforts to treat and prevent HIV.

For more information, go to: <http://www.aids2012.org/>

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT LEADERS

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

July 17 – 21, 2012

Dallas, TX

Led by young adults, this Young Adult Retreat will be an experience of meeting and connecting with your peers, having spirited discussions, and working on strategies for empowering our young adults in their home churches and in MCC's around the world. The retreat will take place July 17-21, 2012. This retreat is intended for only those 18-35 years in age.

CHURCH RENEWAL

CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS

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THAT MATTERS

May 21 – 24, 2012

Omaha, NE

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates of **Creating a Life that Matters** will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian Path.

CHURCH SIZE SUMMITS



August 24 – 25, 2012

Venue: TBA

In 2011, 37 churches attended one of the 3 **Church Size Summits** that were offered in the U.S. The body of work that is called *Church Size Theory* has truly transformed the churches who have participated so we want to give all churches who have not attended an opportunity to do so in 2012. The Summits, led by your Elders, will provide every church with a thorough assessment, feedback, and great education about church size theory. The experience will be enhanced if the Pastor, Board, Staff and other leaders are in attendance.

For learn more about the Size Summits, go to www.ufmcc.com/connectnow/events/church-summits.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMITS



June 8 – 9, 2012

Venue: TBA

Sept. 21 – 22, 2012

Venue: TBA

As a result of doing 134 church assessments for the Church Size Summits in 2010 and 2011, it is clear that churches are struggling with issues that surround Stewardship so we are eager to work with churches to improve all aspects of Stewardship in the local church. Though we offered some recommendations to churches at the Size Summits we are very aware that we need to delve into this area more deeply. We suggest that the pastor, Stewardship Teams and those interested in serving in that capacity, and Board members who oversee Stewardship attend this summit.

For learn more about the Stewardship Summits, go to www.ufmcc.com/connectnow/events/church-summits.

WORSHIP SUMMITS



Oct., 19 – 20, 2012

Venue: TBA

From our founding, MCC has placed worship at the center of our relationship with God and our identity as a Christian community.

This summit will explore characteristics of dynamic worship, what is “blended worship”, when, why, and how of multiple worship services, building effective worship planning and support teams, the role of music in worship, creative use of worship space, where to find creative worship resources, the liturgical year, and more!

We encourage all individuals and teams involved in planning, implementing, and supporting worship in your church to attend.

For learn more about the Worship Summits, go to www.ufmcc.com/connectnow/events/church-summits.

PROGRAMMING SUMMITS



Nov 9 – 10, 2012

Venue: TBA

As a result of the Church Size Summits we have done over the last two years, we realize that a component missing from the life of many of our churches is PROGRAMMING.

This experience will be interactive, fun and full of new learning! We suggest that the pastor, staff and/or volunteers who are or might like to be involved in Christian Education for all ages, Outreach Efforts, Ministry Teams and Small Groups attend this summit.

To learn more about the Programming Summits, go to www.ufmcc.com/connectnow/events/church-summits.

CLERGY LEADERS

CLERGY RENEWAL RETREAT

Tentative Date:
August 27 - 30, 2012

Venue TBD

According to the latest research, pastors are struggling with growing amounts of stress and burning out more and more quickly. The **Clergy Renewal Retreat** is designed to encourage pastors to set time aside for renewal and rest. This retreat will be led by Rev. Dr. Mona West and Diana Butler Bass, author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us*.

For more information, contact Rev. Mona West at RevMonaWest@MCCchurch.net.

REVM = READINESS FOR VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

REVM – US
August 9 – 12, 2012

Pacific School of
Religion
Berkeley, CA

The **REVM Program** is the entry point for all those who are considering ordained ministry in MCC. The faculty will guide you through a time of discernment and the creation of your MAP (Ministry Action Plan) which will guide and direct your preparation for vocational ministry.

For more information on the US retreat, contact Rev. Kharma Amos at RevKharmaAmos@MCCchurch.net.

REVM – UK
Tentative Date:
March, 2012

Venue TBD

For more information on the UK retreat, contact Rev. Pressley Sutherland at pressleylondon@aol.com.

REVM – Australia
Tentative Date:
June 7 – 11, 2012

Brisbane, Queensland,
Australia

For more information on the Australia retreat, contact Rev. John Fowler at johnfowler28@gmail.com.

For more information on the Africa retreat, contact Rev. Mona West at RevMonaWest@MCCchurch.net.

REVM – Africa
Tentative Date:
November 2012

Venue TBD

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Delaware/Maryland/Virginia	Rev. Joe Cobb
Valley/Bay Area	Sharon Henry and Brandon Hamm
Arizona/New Mexico/El Paso	Rev. Judy Maynard
Western Europe/United Kingdom	Rev. Elder Darlene Garner
Africa	Sharon Cox Ludwig
Ibero-America & Caribbean	Rev. Hector Gutierrez
Australia/New Zealand	Rev. Elder Darlene Garner
Asia/Pacific Islands	Rev. Elder Ken Martin

NETWORK LEADER WEBINARS

January 10, 2012
Getting Started Being a
Network Lead

February 7, 2012
Recruiting Network
Team Members

March 6, 2012
Organizing a Network
Gathering

April 10, 2012
Resourcing Churches
Within Your Network

Our Network Leader Coordinators, Terry Curry and Gordon McCoy, are excited to announce Network Leader Webinars for 2012, designed exclusively for Network Leaders!

Topics will include: *Getting Started Being a Network Lead; Recruiting Network Team Members; Organizing a Network Gathering; Resourcing Churches Within Your Network.* All webinars will begin at 7:00 pm, Central Time.

All Network Leaders are encouraged to attend these webinars.

CONNECTIONS FOR ALL LEADERS

HELPFUL LINKS

Denomination Website

<http://mccchurch.org/>

Board of Director's Handbook

<http://mccchurch.org/resources/local-church-resources/>

Children and Youth Resources

<http://mccchurch.org/ministries/children-youth-ministries/>

Pastoral Search Resources

<http://mccchurch.org/resources/local-church-resources/>

Summit Resources

<http://mccchurch.org/resources/church-summit-resources/>

Theological Resources

<http://mccchurch.org/resources/mcc-theologies/>

Transgender Ministries

<http://mccchurch.org/ministries/transgender/>

Clergy Resources

<http://ofld.mccchurch.org>

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