

Workshops at Regional Assembly



Thursday, Oct. 21 –

Up Close and Personal with Dr. Newell Williams 3:00 p.m.,
Pre-Assembly workshop; advance registration required. Hosted
by Belmont Blvd. CC.

Current Issues in Christian Unity – Rev. Dr. Robert Welsh
(dinner-meeting hosted by Belmont Blvd. Christian Church) - \$15 advance ticket
required.

Assembly Workshops:

Friday, October 22 – 10:00, 1:30, 3:00, Saturday 10:30 a.m.

VIDA – Jay Gideon, Topeka

Vida, the Spanish word for “life,” was chosen for the ministry with Hispanics by Presbyterian congregations located in east Topeka. VIDA began modestly in 2006, and includes Bible studies and worship, English classes, Vacation Bible School and a variety of special services. The workshop will briefly cover the process of how the ministry began, what questions needed to be answered, and the growing leadership by members of the Hispanic (Latino) community. Some Disciples members are involved and VIDA received a grant from the Disciples’ Reconciliation Offering.

Wrestling with God: The personal struggle to do God’s will – Danny Ginn, Oxford

Through the story of Jacob wrestling with God we see the nature of our human encounters with God. This ancient story reminds us that “competition” is the character of many human/God relationships. But how does this work itself out in the life of a disciple of Jesus? If a believer begins to follow Jesus, how does this wrestling match affect the personal struggle to know and do God’s will? Participants will explore these and other questions.

Transformation & Growth – Terry Hatfield, Independence

The workshop will explore the essential aspects of transformation and growth for churches who desire renewal in congregational life.

Global Mission Church – Paxton Jones

What does it mean to be a Global Mission church or region? What’s the difference between sponsoring a missionary and having a Global Mission Partner? This workshop will answer these questions and more—including providing you with the latest information on relief efforts in earthquake ravaged Haiti and the ongoing ministries of CONASPEH and House of Hope.

Discovering Your Congregation's Core Values – Jim McCollough, Topeka

What are the core values that are the foundation of the ministry of your church? Are the ministry programs offered in your congregation reflective of the church's basic core values? How do you determine your core values as a congregation and what do you do with them once you have named them and claimed them? This workshop will explore these issues as a means of bringing strength and cohesion to congregational ministry.

Defusing Congregational Time-bombs – Kris Tenny-Brittain

Every congregation has a time bomb (or two or three) that can blow us off course or, worse yet, derail our transformational efforts. This workshop will provide an overview of our ten most common congregational time bombs and offer suggestions for defusing them before it's too late.

New Approaches and Understandings in our Quest for Christian Unity Today- Robert Welsh

Over the past 100 years, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has given significant leadership to the quest for Christian unity, locally, nationally and internationally. As we look to the coming years, there are important shifts that have taken place in both the understandings and approaches to seeking the oneness and unity in today's context and world. This workshop will explore these new understandings and the implications for what they mean to Disciples as we look to pursuing our vision of being a "movement for wholeness in a divided world."

Naming the Call to Ministry, Newell Williams

Dr. Williams will discuss our Disciples' unique understanding of what a call to ministry means, and how this understanding has shaped congregational life.