

Registration Form

Name _____

Church _____

Home Address _____

E-mail Address _____

____ My registration fee is enclosed.

____ My registration fee is being sent by the church.

____ I will attend lunch.

Dietary Restrictions _____

Child care needs _____

Registration is \$20/person. Young leaders (ages 14-22) pay \$5/person.

Early birds pay only \$15/person if registered by January 4.

Churches may send as many leaders as they'd like for \$100 (*but all must register by Jan. 4*).

Please make all checks payable to:

Shenango Presbytery

Complete *both sides* of this form and send it with your fee to:

Presbytery Center
4197 New Castle Rd.
Pulaski, PA 16143

Questions? 724-528-1610

You may also register (and pay via PayPal) online at www.shenango.org.

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Meals

Continental breakfast available upon arrival. Please plan to stay for lunch at 12:30pm, which will be held at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

Child Care

Limited child care is available. Please list children's names and ages on registration form and **register by Jan. 4.**

Schedule of Events

Wallace Memorial Chapel / Old Main

8:30 –8:55 Registration/
Breakfast

9:00 –10:00 Worship/
Keynote

10:05 –11:05 (A) Workshops

11:05 –11:20 Break

11:20 –12:20 (B) Workshops

New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

12:30 Lunch

Our Speaker



Rev. Jim Walker is a United Methodist pastor with a passion for church planting. He is the former co-pastor of the Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community in Pittsburgh and is currently working on planting a new church. He has also authored the book, *Dirty Word*. Jim currently lives in Pittsburgh with his wife.

Parking/Arrival

Please park near New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and Old Main. Signs will be posted, and volunteers will be available if you need assistance. Upon arriving, please proceed to Old Main for breakfast and registration before heading to Wallace Memorial Chapel for the keynote.

**Please do not park by Patterson Hall or Orr Auditorium.*

Young Leaders

This year, churches are encouraged to send high school students and young adults to LeaderFest. The registration fee for these individuals is \$5/person.

Questions

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Shenango Presbytery presents

LEADERFEST 2016



Agent of Transformation:

Cultivating Christian Communities

Where Lives Are Changed

Keynote by Rev. Jim Walker

How can we help those in our communities connect to Christ and the Kingdom of God?
Join us to find out!

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:30 am—1:30 pm

**Westminster College &
New Wilmington Presbyterian Church
New Wilmington, PA**

(A) Workshops

1. "Continuing the Conversation on Transformation" -Jim Walker (this workshop is specifically for lay leaders) Building on the keynote, this workshop will be a conversation among peers to help us parse out what it means to be agents of transformation in our communities.

2. "Why Aren't There More Men in Church?" -Charlene Kennedy and Steve Plyler Research shows that a typical U.S. worship service has an adult crowd that's less than 40% male. Men are important to congregational vitality and growth. Growing churches have healthy numbers of men, but those churches are few. What has happened? This workshop will provide insight into this situation and practical ways to address it.

3. "Ministry to and with the Grieving" -Dan Stinson This workshop will present a brief overview of the issues connected with dying, death, and bereavement. It will share suggestions on how to develop a ministry to the grieving in your church.

4. Being ~~Nice~~ New -Kang-Yup Na The New Testament. A new covenant (Jer. 31.31). A new commandment (Jn. 13.34). A new creation (2Cor. 5.17). A new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21.1). The Bible often speaks of things *new*. We tend to think *nice* (e.g., "nice church," "nice people," "nice worship," "nice experience"). How might we think of spiritual renewal, our faith journey, and our church life in terms of *new* rather than *nice*? With your experiences and insights, come find out.

5. "Being Agents of Transformation for Young Adults" -Jim Mohr and Charlie Crane When we baptize, we commit to walk with, pray for, and nurture one another in the faith. This commitment does not end when young people leave the nest to serve in the military, attend college, or move out of the house. What can your church do to fulfill your baptismal commitment to transform the lives of our young people?

6. "Investing in Youth & Connecting Them to the Church" -Aaron Christy Discipling students is not one person's job, but it is the whole church's responsibility and baptismal promise. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, pastor, youth leader, or an adult in your church, this workshop will discuss practical ways to help your church invest in youth through confirmation, mentoring, church leadership, the ministry of presence, and Christian disciplines in the home, all to grow youth into mature Christians with a passion for Jesus Christ.

7. "Why Your Church Needs a Connection with a Church Overseas and How to Do It" -Dave Dawson Many of our churches are struggling, and we are anxious about their future. Many churches in Asia, Africa, and Latin America (some of which were started by our missionary efforts of the past 200 years) are dynamic and vital. We need partnerships with them because God may revitalize us through those relationships. This will involve missionary relationships, short-term mission trips, prayer, etc. How can a small core of 2 or 3 in your congregation make this happen?

8. "How to Deliver a Dynamic Speech!" -Anthony Kladitis In this seminar, you will learn the elements of persuasion, practical tips for public speaking, and, most importantly, how to keep your audience awake. For clergy and lay leaders!

(B) Workshops

9. "Continuing the Conversation on Transformation" -Jim Walker (this workshop is specifically for pastors) Building on the keynote, this workshop will be a conversation among peers to help us parse out what it means to be agents of transformation in our communities.

10. "Clerk Work" -Amy Na Calling all first-time and longtime clerks! Let's share questions and answers about the amazing polity that guides our congregational life together! We'll talk about minutes, records, and annual reports.

11. "Better Soil, Better Fruit: Tips for Ruling Elders" -Ralph Hawkins New and seasoned ruling elders alike are encouraged to join our Executive Presbyter for a discussion on 7 practical ways that ruling elders can fertilize the spiritual soil of the congregations under their watch. Richer spiritual soil means better spiritual fruit for our Lord and for his ministry within and beyond the church.

12. "The Fellowship Community" -Augie Hurst Nearly every church in Shenango has experienced confusion, stress, and even fragmentation over their relationship with the PC(USA). Many churches have graciously departed our presbytery, and others are still discerning their position within our denomination. The Fellowship Community provides a unique approach to facing these challenges and is committed to strengthening the local church and its leaders in our obedience to God's Word, our call to God's mission in the world...without dismissal!

13. "Deacons as Kingdom Keepers" -Robbie Arnold Churches are expanding beyond their 4 walls. Deacons may now need to redefine and enlarge their ministry beyond traditional care of congregations to include intentional work in the community. Let's embrace this new opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

14. "Students Lead!" -Brett Householder and Teri Perry Leadership in our churches cannot and should not be left to adults only. Students, come hear how you can motivate your peers and others to grow closer to God through meaningful service, worship, prayer, and study. Join in peer discussion, hear testimony from a student leader, and leave empowered to make an impact in your church and community.

15. "No More Kids' Table: Children as Full Participants in the Worshipping Community" -Andrea Hall Children are important—to our churches and to God! This workshop will focus on how to engage children and their families in two important aspects of worship: the children's sermon and the celebration of the sacraments. There will be practical tips for clergy and lay leaders alike!

Please reserve a spot for me in the following workshops:

Check just one workshop per time period.
Note: Please mark your seminar choices inside the brochure, as well, so that you don't forget which workshops you have chosen.

(A) Workshops (10:05-11:05)

- ___ 1. Conversation on Transformation (lay leaders) —Walker
- ___ 2. Men in Church —Kennedy/Plyler
- ___ 3. Grieving —Stinson
- ___ 4. Nice v. New —K. Na
- ___ 5. Young Adults —Mohr/Crane
- ___ 6. Connecting Youth —Christy
- ___ 7. Overseas Connections —Dawson
- ___ 8. Dynamic Speech —Kladitis

(B) Workshops (11:20-12:20)

- ___ 9. Conversation on Transformation (pastors) —Walker
- ___ 10. Clerk Work —A. Na
- ___ 11. Ruling Elders—Hawkins
- ___ 12. Fellowship Community —Hurst
- ___ 13. Deacons —Arnold
- ___ 14. Students Lead! —Householder/Perry
- ___ 15. Children in Worship —Hall