

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley Presents

Church Leadership Development Day

For New and Experienced Church Leaders

Saturday, January 23, 2016

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Plus Options for a Working Lunch Course 12:15 PM-1:45 PM

**Perinton Presbyterian Church
6551 Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport, NY 14450**



This is a fully
accessible facility



TEN MORNING COURSES

Plus - EIGHT "WORKING LUNCH" COURSES

**Courses of Interest for Elders, Deacons, Clerks of Session, Treasurers,
Trustees, Pastors, CREs, Office Personnel, Christian Educators, Everyone!!**

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE WITH A RESERVATION PRIOR TO EVENT



REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00 PER PERSON

DEADLINE:

**WEDNESDAY, January 13th by MAIL OR MONDAY, January 18th at PGV OFFICE
by placing in the Resource Center drop box located in the door facing Winton Road**

SCHEDULE

Registration & Hospitality	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Morning Courses	9:45 AM - 12:00 PM
"Working Lunch" Courses	12:15 PM - 1:45 PM

LUNCH: Bring your own brown bag lunch or order a "bagged" lunch for \$5.00. LUNCHES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE; no extra lunches will be available the day of the event.

SNOW POLICY: If there is a severe storm, the seminar will be cancelled. Tune to 1180 AM (WHAM) for a cancellation announcement.



MORNING COURSES 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Choose ONE of the following TEN COURSES

(Experienced Elders and Deacons may **also** select the 11am “Experienced” Morning Option)

Join the C.R.E.W.! Creative Ruling Elders Workshop

Elder Cathy Foerster, CRE Lima Presbyterian Church, currently serving as Moderator of our Presbytery

In a world of changing dynamics, it is even more important for elders to lead creatively as we seek how God is calling our churches to live into their unique witness. This workshop will explore the questions, skills, and tools that can aid us in this quest.

****ALL Elders** will gather with Cathy beginning at 9:45am. More experienced Elders may opt to attend the “Experienced” workshop from 11 AM-Noon, while new Elders will remain with Cathy**.

Deacons – Compassion in Action

Rev. Jim Renfrew, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Byron, currently serving as Moderator-Elect of our Presbytery

There are two places to begin our appreciation for the ministry of deacons. The first is Scripture, with the calling of the first Deacons (Acts 6:3): “Choose seven among you who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom...”. The second is the Book of Order (G-2.02): “The ministry of deacons as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service...”. Our Presbyterian churches have had deacons at work for as long as anyone can remember; some ordained to serve on an established Board of Deacons, and others not ordained but serving on a church care committee or similar. In either case, those called to this ministry have wonderful opportunities to engage in meaningful ministry with the church family and surrounding community. In this workshop, participants will spend time reflecting on our calling and compassion, as well as sharing practical ideas for enhancing this important ministry. There will be two tracks—one for “beginners”, and one for “veterans”. And you don’t have to be a deacon to attend!

****ALL Deacons** will gather with Jim beginning at 9:45am. More experienced Deacons may opt to attend the “Experienced” workshop from 11 AM-Noon, while new Deacons will remain with Jim**.

“Experienced” Elders and Deacons (11am—Noon)

Rev. Colin Pritchard, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Victor

Experienced means you’ve seen some beauty and some suffering. You have had things go great, and have seen great ideas fail. You have been part of the blessings found in your community, and you have hoped for your church community to live so much more as a blessing in the world. Experienced may well mean that you are no longer naïve, yet you remain deeply called.

Come and gather and let us take some time to speak of at least these two things:

- 1: Claiming your own place of leadership as one elected and ordained to guide and care.
- 2: Some touchstones for when the journey is hard.

Thanks for your service and may we all experience a touch of wisdom together.

Help for Clerks of Session

Rev. Dr. Val Fowler (HR), Stated Clerk of our Presbytery

This course will be an interactive opportunity to explore the joys and responsibilities of being a clerk of session. Participants will receive a copy of the latest edition of the Handbook for Clerks of Session, along with the opportunity to share (and have responses for) the questions that they bring with them. We will review that document, and what it means for minutes to be reviewed annually. Throughout, we will celebrate the spiritual and theological dimensions of clerking, and the role of a clerk in fostering unity of a particular part of the Body of Christ. We will also discuss opportunities for mutual support and for learning throughout the year.

Church Treasurer Forum

Cheryl Battaglia, Presbytery Financial Administrator

We have so many wonderful resources in our church treasurers! We welcome those treasurers who have such vast knowledge & experience to share with new treasurers how to best navigate their responsibilities. As a church treasurer you are a corporate officer of a religious not-for-profit corporation, your local church. Your duties must be carried out in accordance with federal and state law, church law, and sound accounting principles. Be sure to bring your own questions and we will take time to discuss them, along with reviewing our Presbytery’s “Guide for Church Treasurers.” My hope is that we can continue the forum throughout the year with those interested in participating.

Essentials for Trustees, Finance and Property Elders

Rev. Dr. Carson Mouser, Pastor of Summerville Presbyterian Church

Fulfilling your property and financial responsibilities in the Body of Christ does not have to be complicated or dreary. It's a vital ministry in your church! Come and get the answers to everything you want and need to know to be an effective servant to the Lord and your church family. This user-friendly seminar will discuss building, finance, legal and insurance issues. It will be useful for first-time trustees as well as those with experience. Is your church a hub of community activity? This seminar will also discuss the issues surrounding building use by outside groups.

Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders Roundtable

Rev. Dr. Harry Heintz (HR), Adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary, and Rev. Cy Varland (HR) in private practice locally as a pastoral counselor

What makes for excellence in ministry? In this workshop participants will discuss with one another our personal understanding of what good pastoring, preaching and spiritual leadership looks like. Sometimes ideal expectations are needed to challenge us, and sometimes unrealistic expectations cause discouragement and frustration. Let us share together about having healthy, wise understandings of our various callings.

Carpet Inspectors No More: Prayer Practices for Congregational Leaders

Rev. Laura Fry, Pastor of Covington United Presbyterian, Rev. Laurel Nelson, Lagom Landing Program Supervisor, Rev. Michelle Sumption, Pastor of York United Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mary Anderson, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Weedsport

Have you ever, in that heart-racing moment when the Moderator asks, "Who will close us in prayer?", looked down to intently notice how the carpet's been faring these days? How do we learn how to pray more readily and comfortably? The most effective way to grow in prayer is to, well, pray! So after sharing some of the questions and anxieties we have about public and private prayer, we will move into a time of practicing different kinds of prayer through prayer stations. Volunteers will be available to pray for course members individually and consult with them about prayer practices they may be drawn toward. We hope that participants will leave feeling blessed, uplifted and motivated, with the empowered sense that they already have everything they need to increase their reliance on God through prayer.

Measuring Mission: It's Better That Way

Rev. Jim Evinger (HR), and Rev. Rod Frohman (HR)

Q: What sustains congregational mission over the long haul? **A. Vital "missional culture" within a congregation**
Missional Culture Can Be Measured! The Mission & Advocacy Committee commissioned Revs. Jim Evinger and Rod Frohman to field test "Activating Your Missional Congregation", a self-study guide for congregations— which they developed over the last 2 years — in four Presbytery of Genesee Valley congregations. This workshop will examine the "yardstick" used in this study guide to measure mission of any sized congregation.

What Happened to Sunday School? Faith Development in Today's World

Elder Susan Orr, Presbyter for Mission & Education

Christian education can be the most important practice within congregational life for helping people grow in their Christian faith. And yet the educational practices of the past don't necessarily fit the needs of today's children and adults. It is important to encourage everyone in the congregation to value the spiritual development in others—not as a means of congregational survival, but because we want people to know the love and peace that Christ can give! Come and learn new models, priorities and practices that help people "learn faith" in the ways faith is *actually* formed.

"WORKING LUNCH" COURSES 12:15 - 1:45 PM
Choose ONE of the following EIGHT COURSES

Elder Care: Resources & Discussion for Family Decision Making

Rev. Gordon Webster, Chaplain, Rochester Presbyterian Home Communities, and Rebecca Pontera, Administrator, Rochester Presbyterian Home

Conversation may include (but not be limited to) types of care and support available in one's home or community setting. There is a vast array of resources available. Participants can expect to explore the dialogues that occur when a loved-one (parishioner, family or friend) is facing possible life changing events as we get older.

Serving Extended Communion: I've Got That Joy, Joy, Joy!

Rev. Dr. Val Fowler (HR), Stated Clerk of our Presbytery

Participants in this experiential, workshop-style offering will share experiences and explore resources for providing communion to persons who are unable to be part of the regular worshipping community. We will explore--and surely celebrate!--what extended communion means within a Reformed and Presbyterian context. Extended communion is a powerful way to experience what Paul means when he calls us to "discern the body." This opportunity is certainly for elders and deacons (those who are currently serving and those who have previously served). This opportunity is also for anyone who would like to be part of bringing the experience of the Lord's Supper to those whom Texans call "sidelined saints," because often non-ordained persons will accompany elders or deacons in such ministry. Let's come together in expectation, joy, and service!

Making Pathways for Emerging Leadership

Elder Ralph Carter, Chair of Presbytery Nominating Committee and member at Third Presbyterian, and Anne Gravenstede, Elder at Honeoye Falls

Knowing we have been tremendously blessed as individuals and congregations, how do we create pathways for joyfully sharing our gifts in our congregation, community and Presbytery? What barriers need to be removed so that we may deepen and transform our faith, helping the world be a better place? This will be an interactive, fun experience in which we will learn from one another, sharing innovations of our own and from thought leaders on the topic! In advance of the workshop, please participate in the survey provided at the Presbytery gatherings and on the website, www.pbygerval.org.

Navigating the Board of Pensions

Rev. Amy Williams Fowler, Presbytery Leader, and Allison Seed, Board of Pensions Representative

We will be discussing changes in the Board of Pensions plans.

Church Tech: Navigating and Collaborating with Online Tools

Craig Kunkle, Director of Christian Education and member at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford

This workshop will have three sections each approximately one half hour. Bring your laptop to sign up and learn as you go.

Part 1: How to sign up and effectively use Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Part 2: How to use Google Apps for Business in a church setting for better communication, collaboration, volunteer management, and to save money

Part 3: Guidelines for appropriate online communication between youth and people in leadership roles.

Child and Youth Protective Policy for Churches

Rev. Jim Evinger (HR) is a nationally-recognized expert on sexual boundary issues and churches, and Elder David Blake, First Presbyterian Church of Batavia

Conversations often begin... "Why does our church need a policy? We have no problems!" "Just tell us what to put in our policy! Why is process so important?" Strong statements deserve equal responses. Here's where to get real, solid, and practical information on child and youth protection policies that reduce the risk of sexual abuse in faith communities. Learn basic principles and best practices, taking into account the needs of different size congregations. Hear the story of how a session carefully and thoughtfully engaged the congregation. We address common issues, e.g., background checks, social media, and mandated reporting. Yes, this is about policies and procedures, but it is really about people—God's people.

The Church Has Left the Building!

Rev. Deb Swift, pastor of South Presbyterian Church

Most of us grew up where "going to church" meant going to a building especially for worship on Sunday morning. In 2014 South Presbyterian Church sold its building and adopted the Acts of Faith Model of Ministry as its mission vehicle. How can we "be church" when the location isn't there anymore? What has worked and what hasn't? Are there things that this 168-year-old congregation has learned which can be helpful to churches that still have their buildings? Bring your questions and talk with the Pastor and members of the Session who navigated these tricky waters.

Measuring Mission: It's Better That Way

Rev. Rod Frohman (HR)

See the course description in the "Morning Courses" section.



Presbytery of Genesee Valley Church Leader Development REGISTRATION FORM

Kindly submit one Registration Form for each participant



Name _____ Church _____
Address _____
Tel _____ E-Mail _____

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- _____ Deacons – Compassion in Action
- _____ “Experienced” Elders and Deacons– (11am-Noon)
- _____ Help for Clerks of Session
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- _____ Measuring Mission: It’s Better That Way
- _____ What Happened to Sunday School? Faith Development in Today’s World

12:00 PM Lunch Preference

- _____ I will bring my own lunch
- _____ I would like a bagged lunch (\$5.00 each)
 - _____ vegetarian

12:15-1:45 PM

Working Lunch Course Selection (Choose One)

- _____ #1 Elder Care: Resources & Discussion for Family Decision Making
- _____ #2 Serving Extended Communion: I’ve Got That Joy, Joy, Joy
- _____ #3 Making Pathways for Emerging Leadership
- _____ #4 Navigating the Board of Pensions
- _____ #5 Church Tech: Navigating and Collaborating with Online Tools
- _____ #6 Child and Youth Protective Policy for Churches
- _____ #7 The Church Has Left the Building!
- _____ #8 Measuring Mission: It’s Better That Way

Registration Fee \$ 5.00 (Make checks payable to: *Presbytery of Genesee Valley*)

“Bagged” Lunch (\$5.00) \$ _____ (Lunches must be prepaid with registration; no lunches will be available to purchase the day of the event)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Return Registration and Payment to:
Presbytery of Genesee Valley
1190 Winton Rd S., Rochester NY 14618-2244
Attention: Cheryl Battaglia

***SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR DIRECTIONS**

DIRECTIONS TO: Perinton Presbyterian Church, 6551 Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport, NY 14450

Directions to the church:

From the west: Exit route 490 at exit 26. Turn right onto route 31 and go just under 2 miles. The church will be on your right.

From the east: Exit route 490 at exit 26. Turn left onto route 31 and go just under 2 miles. The church will be on your right.

From the north: Travel south on route 250 to the intersection of routes 250 and 31. Turn right onto route 31. The church will be on your left in about .3 miles.

From the New York Thruway: Exit Route 90 at exit 45. After the toll booth immediately bear right toward route 96. Turn right onto route 96 and go about 1.5 miles to route 250. Turn right onto route 250 and go about 2.3 miles to the intersection of routes 250 and 31. Turn left onto route 31. The church will be on your left in about .3 miles.

---Saturday, January 23, 2016- NO Snow Date ---