

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

10:00 - 12:00 **Registration/"Bee" Time**
12:00 - 12:55 **Lunch**
12:55 - 1:00 **Gather to Light the Christ Candle**
1:00 - 1:15 **Conference Opens**
3:00 - 4:30 **Workshop #1**
4:30 - 5:30 **"Bee" Time**
5:30 - 6:30 **Dinner**
6:30 - 7:45 **Bible Study #1**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

8:15 **Community Singing**
8:40 **Gather to Light the Christ Candle**
8:45 - 10:00 **Bible Study #2**
10:15 - 11:45 **Workshop #2**
11:45 - 12:45 **Lunch**
1:00 - 2:30 **Workshop #3**
2:45 - 4:15 **Workshop #4**
4:30 - 5:30 **"Bee" Time**
5:30 - 6:30 **Dinner**
6:30 - 7:30 **Bible Study #3**
7:30 - 8:30 **Worship**

Friday, June 15, 2018

8:30 **Community Singing**
8:55 **Gather to Light the Christ Candle**
9:00 - 10:15 **Bible Study #4**
10:15 - 10:45 **Conference Closing**



Bible Study Leader
Amy Poling Sutherland
Author
2018-2019 Horizons Bible Study

**God's Promise:
I Am With You**

Please bring a personal container so you can quench your thirst during the conference. Water to refill your bottles will be provided.

The Conference hotel is the Cabot Lodge, 120 Dyess Road, Ridgeland, MS. To receive the room rate of \$79 per night, phone the hotel and identify yourself as part of the AL/MS Presbyterian Women's Conference. The hotel phone number is 601-957-0757.



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Alabama-Mississippi Women's Conference 2018
Briarwood Presbyterian Church
Jackson, Mississippi

Workshop Options

(Register for 4. Workshops are offered all four sessions unless otherwise noted.)

A. Flower Arranging for the Sanctuary. Leader: Master Gardener Jane Gerber. Flowers from gardens, roadsides and fields all belong in church. Jane will help you see the world around you differently and use familiar elements to create well-designed, well-constructed, meaningful arrangements for worship. Jane is a longtime member of Briarwood Presbyterian, has served in many positions in PW, and is an elder in the church. She and her husband Dean raised their children in the church and now enjoy being the grandparents of six precious people. This workshop is offered only Wednesday afternoon (1) and Thursday morning (2).

B. Textile Art for Worship (and for Fun!). Leader: Myra Cook. What is the process that leads to textile art in worship? Using PW banners from previous AL/MS conferences and from the Presbytery of MS, Myra will walk you through the process and then give you fabrics to play with to create your own small piece of textile art with fusible applique. Myra Hester Cook is a retired Interior Designer who worked with businesses, banks, hospitals and such and taught Interior Design at Mississippi College. After retiring and learning that a first grandchild was on the way, she took up quilting to make a baby quilt – and that opened up a whole new world. This workshop will cover both afternoon workshops on Thursday (3 and 4).

C. The Ins and Outs of General Assembly. Leader: The Rev. Dr. Rob Lowry, Learn about the highest court of our church in general and about this year's meeting from a former presbytery Stated Clerk. Rob is Head of Staff at Fondren Presbyterian, Jackson. A graduate of Millsaps College and Austin Seminary, Rob has served as minister, interim minister and associate minister and has taught at PCUSA-related colleges.

D. God's Promise and Contemplative Prayer. Leader: The Rev. Amy Finkelburg. Experience the texts of the 2018-2019 Bible study through a variety of contemplative prayer practices. Amy is a former Associate Pastor at Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, and has studied at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation.

E. Sharing the Good News. Leader: Rhoda Pickett. Your church, PW or mission organization has planned a special event. In this workshop we will discuss ways to inform your congregation and the public about your upcoming special program. Rhoda Pickett, Vice Moderator for Justice and Peace for PWP in Mississippi, is a member of Westminster Presbyterian, Hattiesburg, where she is PW spiritual leadership developer. She served as workshop leader for AL/MS in 2014.

F. Bible Study Helps. Leader: Dee Koza. Always an AL/MS favorite! Come learn a range of new approaches to the 2018-2019 Bible study. Dee is an Educator Extraordinaire and Commissioned Ruling Elder from Dothan, AL.

G. Conference Choir. Leader: Tony Franks. A retired teacher of English, writing, speech, and music, Tony Franks has also served as a church musician for forty-plus years. For about eight years he served 1st Presbyterian Church in Grenada as lay pastor and organist. Choir will meet during Workshops 1 and 4.

H. Welcoming the Stranger. Leader: The Rev. Charles Bowdler. God's people are called to extend radical hospitality to those outside the circle of faith. We will explore ways to identify your community's pressing needs, then turn to the ethos of the local church. Finally, we will look to our own souls, asking what needs to happen in our own hearts to become more willing to serve the stranger in our midst. A graduate of VA Commonwealth University where he received a B.A. in History, Charles is also a graduate of Union Seminary in Richmond, VA. He has been a solo pastor, an associate pastor and Senior Pastor at Briarwood for the last 15 years. Charles and his wife Mitzi have three children (one in college and two in high school).

I. With Us, Before Us, Behind Us, Above Us: Celtic Tradition and the Presence of God. Leader: The Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller. See how the Celtic tradition of Christianity helps us understand the presence of God. We'll draw a little, color a little, glue a little. Lynn is the Spiritual Leadership Developer for PW in the Presbytery of Mississippi.

REGISTRATION/Return this portion with your payment to:

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Name _____

Address _____

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Congregation/City _____ Presbytery _____

Workshop 1: _____

Registration Fee : Full Registration \$125.00

Workshop 2: _____

Day Registration Wed: \$60 / Thurs: \$70 / Fri: \$30 /Bible Study: \$10 per session

Workshop 3: _____

After May 23 add \$25 to Full Registration or \$10 for Day Registration

Workshop 4: _____

Total Enclosed _____
____ Check enclosed; payable to AL/MS Women's Conference