



Pre Conference Workshops

Theme: Healthy Congregations

Thursday June 2nd, 12:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.
Queen Street United Church, 35 Lindsay St. N, Lindsay

Theme Presentation by Consultants from the new General Council –
Network for Ministry Development

Followed by workshops: you may choose one 2-hour workshop (Choice A) or two 1-hour workshops (Choice B). Descriptions of the workshops are on the reverse side of this page.

Cost: \$15

Agenda:

12:30p.m. Gathering at Queen Street United Church for Lemonade
1:00p.m. Worship
1:10p.m. Theme Presentation
2:00p.m. Workshops
4:00p.m. Plenary – Questions, Learning Communities etc
4:50p.m. Closing

Registration: by mail, or by phone 613-398-1051 or by email reception@bayofquinteconference.ca

Name: _____

Contact Information: (please include email address and phone number)

Workshop Choices:

Choice A (choose 1)

Accessibility Standards
Conflict in the Church: Let's Disagree Well
New Ministries Workshop

or

Choice B (choose 2)

The Great Viability and Vitality Gizmo
Strong, Healthy, Small Churches
Six Best Practices for Stewardship
Beyond Church School
Interim Ministry
Congregation Visioning/Discerning/Implementing
God's Call as Congregation

Workshop Descriptions

Choice A (only choose 1 – each workshop is 2 hours in length)

Conflict in the Church: Let's Disagree Well!

Even Christ had conflict! That's because disagreement is a normal, healthy part of being in human relationship – even in the church. In fact, we need disagreement in our congregations – really! If we never disagree, our church communities won't grow and evolve. We need a diversity of ideas and opinions in order to find the best ways forward in our ministries together. At the same time, we all know that diverse opinions can also lead to unhealthy conflict that can be painful. Here's a secret, though: it doesn't have to be that way! This workshop will take participants through the fundamentals of how to disagree well in the church including:

- What personal, individual responses are helpful when we disagree and what are not;
- Particular contributors to church conflict that we should look for;
- What responses the congregation can take when disagreement turns into unhealthy conflict;
- Resources available to congregations within Bay of Quinte Conference for journeying through conflict.

Hope to see you there! Disagreement always welcome...!

Facilitator: Stephanie Coward-Yaskiw, Chair of The Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee

Accessibility Workshop on Customer Services Standard

A workshop to explore the Customer Services Standard – updates and next steps.

Facilitator: Bruce Fleury, Lindsay Presbytery Accessibility Standards Co-ordinator

New Ministries Workshop

In this workshop you will explore the ever changing and unfolding context for ministry.

Facilitator: Consultants from the Network for Ministry Development.

Or Choice B (choose two workshops – each workshop is 1 hour in length)

The Great Viability and Vitality Gizmo

If someone asked, "How's your church doing?" would you talk about bricks and mortar? People? Programs? Your vision and mission? All of the above? How would you like an easy to use tool to help your church discern how it's doing annually, and plan for the future? Assess your congregation's health. Give the Great Viability and

Vitality Gizmo a try. Facilitator: Larry Doyle, Chair Oshawa Presbytery

Six Best Practices

Six Best Practices for Stewardship is a workshop looking at the six best practices of United Churches that have higher than average giving.

Facilitator: Lynn Watson, Chair Bay of Quinte Conference Stewardship Committee

Strong, Healthy, Small Congregations

The workshop will look at how small congregations can maintain healthy attitudes in times of transition and worry. Components of the conversation will include:

Resources for Small Congregations; Who is my neighbour? Developing Shared Ministry Initiatives; Understanding that Small Congregations do small things in a big way; and What Next - developing ongoing discussions.

Facilitator: Stevan Spicer, Chair Rural and Small Church Ministry Committee

Beyond Church School

PD days, Holy Days, mid week programs – in this workshop we will explore children and youth faith formation programs that are happening at other times than Sunday Morning.

Facilitator: Jackie Harper, Conference Minister

Interim Ministry

This workshop will explore topics that help deepen a congregations sense of their own history and story as they vision their future.

Facilitators: Victoria Fillier, Conference Minister; Jean Wilson, Trained Interim Minister and Conference President

Congregation Visioning/Discerning/Implementing God's Call as Congregation

What happens a congregations discovers it has reached the end of an era and that instead of a simple change in ministry staff it's congregational transformation that is required? Sydenham Street United Church in Kingston is in the process of finding out! Join Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald as she reflects on the past four years and shares emerging insights and issues as SSUC has moved through visioning God's call, discerning (re)new(ed) congregational identity and mission and implementing changes so the congregation can say and live, "Yes!!!"

Be ready to share emerging insights and issues from your own context.