

**THE 2019 LEADER and LEARNER EVENT  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM  
NORTHWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 26, 2019  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I PLAN TO ATTEND THESE WORKSHOPS (see following pages): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Descriptions can also be found on the Area webpage - [www.ntaccsw.org](http://www.ntaccsw.org))

\_\_\_\_\_ I PLAN TO EAT LUNCH

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ COST PER PERSON \$20.00

\_\_\_\_\_ I am registering ON-LINE \$20.00 + 2.03 service charge

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP!**

\_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO HELP AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE (SATURDAY 8:00 A.M.)

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CHILD CARE IS REQUIRED!**

Child care will be provided for Pre-School age children. Reservations for child care must be made **NO LATER** than January 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will need to bring a sack lunch for your children (NO PEANUT PRODUCTS). Please check here  if child care is needed and list their names and ages.

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NTACC  
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**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT IS REQUESTED  
PLEASE SEND TO ABOVE ADDRESS BY JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **WORKSHOP OFFERINGS**

Please indicate which three (3) workshops you are interested in attending or plan to attend:

### **Workshop Session #1 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m.)**

1. **The Significance of the Disciples of Christ** - Presenter, Tim James, Associate General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation, Indianapolis  
This workshop will take a look at our Disciples Identity and relevance for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. **Welcoming Little Ones to Worship** - Presenter, Allison Drake, Associate Minister, East Dallas Christian Church  
Have you ever wondered how to make your church a welcome place for children and their families, specifically during worship? Then this is the session for you! We will discuss the many different ways you can be a welcoming congregation. It doesn't matter if you have one family with children or 10 families or none. This session will explore little ideas anyone can implement as well as big ideas. We will also talk about small shifts in culture to help our congregations get used to the little noises that come with children and their families. This session will have a lot of group discussion as we explore the different things our churches do and how we might include new things.
3. **Your New Fowler: Retirement Communities in the 2020's** - Presenter, Nicole Gann, President and CEO of Juliette Fowler Communities, Dallas  
You will hear about the current and future vision of Fowler, as well as the latest trends impacting senior services and foster children. What does the future hold, and how will we be able to meet the need?
4. **Camp Matters** - Presenter, Emily R. Williams, Director of Programming, Disciples Crossing Camp and Retreat Center, Athens, TX  
Since our beginning in 1947 Disciples Crossing has pursued the goal of making a difference in the world for God. Our ministry changes and grows on a daily basis but for the better. Come talk about Camp and how Camping Ministry is making a difference in your area.
5. **The Ministry of the Pension Fund** - Presenter, Kyle Fauntleroy, Area Director for the Southwest, Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, IN  
Congregational leaders and ministers will benefit from this workshop by learning how the Pension Fund relieves the local church from worrying about their minister's retirement or disability. For more than 120 years, the Pension Fund has served our members true to our values of security, trust and compassion. Pension Fund relies on a solid funding formula and experienced team of investment professionals to manage and grow retirement income. We measure our success by protecting and adding value for the retirement of those in ministry. Whether a minister is just starting out or closer to retirement, Pension Fund offers a variety of products to help you reach your retirement goals. Furthermore, we know the earliest years in ministry can be the hardest. That's why we offer financial programs and education for ministers and seminary students – to encourage a more promising financial future. Learn about Excellence in Ministry and Student Gift Program.
6. **New Streams of Funding for Your Church/Ministries: Growing Endowment Funds** - Presenter, Bobby Hawley, Vice President, South Central Zone, Christian Church Foundation  
How can you encourage end of life and later in life gifts to support the mission and witness of your institution? How can your ministry put a plan in place for such gifts that will encourage growth in mission and witness instead of becoming a crutch which takes the place of supporters' need to give? Leaders are often intimidated about promoting this kind of ministry because they fear that the ministry is about arm-twisting and guilt. Nothing could be further from the truth. Focusing on this ministry builds a sense of excitement and hope in the institution as it focuses upon **teaching, inviting and mentoring** a spirit of generosity.

7. **Active Shooter in the Church: “Run, Hide, Fight”** - Presenter, Sgt. Michael Hoyt, Dallas County Police Academy  
Sgt. Hoyt will offer an invaluable presentation concerning civilian strategies, both physical and psychological, to survive an active shooter situation.
8. **Kabbalah** - Annette Meehan, Minister, First Christian Church, DeSoto  
This session will introduce the general structure of Kabbalah and its development especially after 1500's when teachers began to use a map pattern as a visual for a Kabbalah educational tool. Kabbalah means revealed and received and teaches four ways of interpreting scripture. Jesus would have been the right age to be immersed in his own Kabbalah (Hebrew spirituality) study during His ministry.

### **Workshop Session #2 (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)**

9. **National Convocation Information** - Presenter, Tim James, Associate General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation, Indianapolis  
This workshop will take a look at the merger agreement and its importance for today. (The National Convocation is the association of our African-American churches).
10. **Empowering Youth to Create Meaningful Worship** - Presenter, Gabe Edwards, Music Minister, Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound  
Some of the most effective worship leaders and liturgy creators are not necessarily our pastors or most tenured lay leaders. The spiritual lives of youth are dynamic, vibrant, and inspirational for all members, and it's important for churches to empower youth to create and lead worship experiences to share with their faith communities. In this workshop, we will talk about how relational youth ministry encourages youth worship participation, hear from youth who have played pivotal roles in the worship life of their congregations, and walk through processes and strategies for empowering youth in your own congregation.
11. **It's a Serious Heart Condition: How Will You ACT?** - Presenter, LaVerne Reed, Pulpit Supply, Warren Avenue Christian Church, Dallas  
An 8<sup>th</sup> century query preached then is still relevant today. Micah 6:8 (AMP Bible) "And what does the Lord require of you Except to be just, and to love [and to diligently practice] kindness (compassion), And to walk humbly with your God [setting aside any overblown sense of importance or self-righteousness]?" For White Americans there is a legacy of white privilege and for persons of color there is a memory of prejudice and discrimination. How then do we as members of *this Christ following crowd*, assess and make changes to do that which the Lord requires of us? "To do good; to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with God."
12. **Prison Ministry & Mentorship Today** - Presenter, Derrick Lumpkin, Minister of Outreach, First Christian Church, Gainesville  
If you have ever wondered what prison ministry is about or how someone who has been incarcerated can become a part of the community again, then this workshop is for you. This workshop will inform you how God's healing can work in someone's life.
13. **Crossing Intersections** - Presenter, Virzola Law, Minister, Northway Christian Church, Dallas  
It has been noted that the 11:00 hour on Sunday morning is the most segregated communal experience. The Multicultural Church revolution is an intentional movement to transform that reality. This workshop is an opportunity to discern how to cross this intersection with Christ leading us towards a more dynamic way of being church.

- 14. What Churches Can Learn from Entrepreneurs** - Ken Crawford, Minister, Central Christian Church, Dallas  
Some say the church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is dying. The witness of Christ is that all things (and people) must die to their old ways and be born anew. Entrepreneurs and Social Enterprises are ready to help light the path toward new life for the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Come along on the journey.
- 15. Manning Up: How to Minister to Men** - Jeff Johnson, Minister, First Christian Church, Denison and Mark Phillips, member, Creekwood Christian Church, Flower Mound  
This workshop will explore “best practices” in what it takes to reach men in the church and community from traditional approaches to Rough Cut Men’s culture.
- 16. The NTA: A Once and Future Area** - Presenters, Members of the NTA Transition Committee  
Starting in 2020, the NTA will officially be folded into the emerging new structure of the Christian Church in the Southwest. Our NTA Transition Committee has been meeting for over a year to help us ease into what will be our “new normal.” What will this mean for your congregation? Come to our workshop and find out!

### **Workshop Session #3 (1:45 - 3:00 p.m.)**

- 17. NTA DWM Information & Sharing** - Presenter, Disciples Women Ministry members  
Have you ever wondered what is the thing with the red scarf on a chair, what is a Blessing Box and why should we put money in it, do we have to use “Just Women” for our study, or what is the difference between CWF and DWM? There are so many questions, and finally we have the time to answer them and discuss what is going on at each of our churches. Come and learn something new, come to share and help us with ideas to engage and to grow our groups, or just come and listen! The important thing is to come and be a part of this NTA DWM session. We look forward to seeing you!
- 18. Ready or Not, You Are in Charge: Holding Responsibility and Accountability for the Decisions You Don’t Make** - Presenter, Kyle Fountleroy, Area Director for the Southwest, Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, IN  
Discussion will be based on Deuteronomy 31:7 “Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, ‘Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors he would give them.’” Recommended reading: Brené Brown, “Dare to Lead: Brave Work, Tough Conversations, Who Hearts”, Random House, 2018; Doris Kearns Goodwin, “Leadership in Turbulent Times”, Simon & Schuster, 2018.
- 19. Getting Unstuck: Becoming a Missional Church** - Presenter, Jayme Harvey, Minister, Casa View Christian Church, Dallas  
This workshop is about engaging in effective mission with the local community, breaking through fear and seeing the Spirit of God transform you and your church.
- 20. Faith and Film** - Presenter, Ken Crawford, Minister, Central Christian Church, Dallas  
Film, theatre, TV, music and literature often hold the parables and spiritual wisdom of our day. Let’s explore how we incorporate these in our worship and teaching to shine the light of the Gospel into our contemporary world.
- 21. XPLORE: Could Your Church Change a Life** - Presenter, David Cartwright, Minister, First Christian Church, Duncanville  
The National Benevolent Association’s XPLORE program is alive and well here in Dallas and would love for you to be a part of it! XPLORE residents (ages 21 - 30) come from all over the country to spend 10 months in a new place, with new people and churches, to figure out what God might be calling them to do as a vocation. Our churches are their support communities

during this time. We will explain the program and local church involvement and perhaps hear from some of the current residents about their experience with the program.

**22. A P.L.A.N. to Grow!** - Presenter, Eddie Hill, Minister, Monica Park Christian Church, Garland  
This session will focus on looking at a plan to help grow the church. We all need to focus on evangelism and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Come prepared to share ideas of things that work in your church and see what we are doing at Monica Park.

**23. Symposium on Gender Equality** - Co-ordinator, Les Massey, Minister, First Christian Church, Weston

Despite significant social advances in the status of women in the USA and Europe, women in many cultures continue to suffer domination, exploitation, and abuse. Even in the USA, the majority of churches still uphold traditional patriarchal models for home and church. Within some churches that have formally endorsed gender equality, resistance to female leadership continues. This symposium provides the opportunity to share experiences, views, and ideas to help promote genuine gender equality as part of the church's essential theology and mission. Guests who will help introduce the issues at hand and facilitate discussion include Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles (Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology at SMU) and Disciples ministers, Rev. Dr. Irie Session and Rev. Deborah Jones.