

Equipping the Saints

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 9:00-12:30p.m.

Windcrest United Methodist Church

Project Transformation – Kercida McClain, Rio Texas Director of Project Transformation

- 1) Leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities for college-age young adults through summer and one-year service internships.
- 2) Community-oriented after-school and summer day camp programming for children and youth from low-income neighborhoods. The young adults provide this second service, giving them authentic, hands-on experiences leading high-quality programs for children and youth and equally important, learning from the children and youth. PT's programs focus on enriching the body, mind, and spirit, but we place a unique emphasis on literacy. This partnership between site churches and Project Transformation is designed so that churches can leverage the program to make new connections and form meaningful relationships with families in their immediate neighborhood.

Conversion of the Imagination – From the Already to the Not Yet Fresh Expressions –Rev. Karen Horan, Executive Director of Mission Vitality Center

Finding creative/innovative ways to connect relationally with our neighbors isn't easy. We only know what we know and oftentimes have a hard time with anything else. We also don't like risk, failure, uncertainty...and these keep us from even trying new ways of reaching new people. Join Rev. Karen Horan, Director of Mission Vitality as together we tap into the creative side of yourself. Learn about connecting relationally with your neighbors while being brave enough to try reaching new people in new ways – maybe even get a Fresh Start of two!

Volunteers in Mission/Emergency Response Teams – Gene Hileman, Rio Texas Disaster Response Coordinator

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) is a grassroots movement within The United Methodist Church designed to provide an official channel whereby Christians, both lay and clergy, may offer their skills and talents for Christian service at home and around the world on short term assignments at their own expense.

Their work includes construction and renewing of mission facilities, teaching, witnessing, conducting medical clinics, conducting Bible study or Bible School for children, and serving in disaster relief efforts around the world.

Trusted Confianza Training – Mark Mitchell, Las Misiones Lay Leader

We are called to make our activities and facilities safe for all participants. We welcome children, youth, and vulnerable adults into our faith communities. We have a scriptural charge to care for

these children of God. To accomplish this, the Rio Texas Conference has established minimum safety policy and training requirements. Mark Mitchell will be facilitating Step 3 of the Trusted Confianza safety training. This training consists of videos, exercises, discussion, and scenarios. We do not require, but strongly suggest that all participants attending Step 3 training first complete Step 1 and Step 2. That information can be found at riotexas.org/safesteps. All information is available by navigating from riotexas.org/safe. Forms and materials are at riotexas.org/saferesources. **(ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER on-line as noted above).**

How Does Your Church Communicate? – Rev. Will Rice, Rio Texas Director of Communications and Media Support

Are you a professional church communicator, a communications volunteer, a member of a church communications committee, a pastor, or just someone who wants to know more about the theory and technology of church communications? Join pastor Will Rice for this 90- minute workshop that will cover some of the essential components of a quality church communications strategy. The main focus will be on cutting through the clutter of too much information and successfully communicating in ways that help the overall mission of the church.

Justice for Our NeighborsSA - Rev. Suzanne Isaacs

With national attention on immigration this ministry assumes a particular importance! Justice for Our NeighborsSA is a faith-driven ministry, welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing affordable high-quality immigration services, engaging in advocacy for immigrant rights, and offering education to communities of faith and to the public. Learn more about what JFON does and the ways in which you or your church may help.

Youth Ministry – Rev. Michele Lott

Working with youth is always both challenging and rewarding. Rev. Lott, is well familiar with the ups and downs of being the Youth Pastor. She loved working with youth and is anxious to share her love and knowledge with those who are presently volunteer youth leaders or any who might be interested.

Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) – Rev. Bob Clark

This method of community or church organization and management is more than just the newest “thing”, it is a way of looking at improving your community by using the brains and talent from within. It assumes that most, if not all, of the resources for positive community development and improvement are present as a part of that group as it presently exists. This method teaches us how to use that “on the ground” knowledge to best advantage while empowering the very people it is aimed at helping.

Finance Committee – Rev. John Feagans

The goal of the ministry of finance is to fund ministries that nurture persons in their faith. The finance committee in the congregation will raise, manage, and disperse the funds of the congregation that help realize the mission and vision of the church. This is a real ministry that ensures that the church's money is properly handled and accounted for, along with their responsibilities for year-round stewardship and financial priorities as advised by the Church Council.

Staff/Pastor Parish Committee – Rev. Greg Hackett, Las Misiones District Superintendent

If you are new to this important committee or an old hand, our District Superintendent will teach you something new and useful for service on this often misunderstood and hard-working committee. What does it mean to advocate for the pastor and the congregation's relationship? What are the best ways for this committee to operate to ensure a balanced and open relationship among staff and congregants? Best practices will be an important part of this training.