



Midwest District

Michigan Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Midwest District Conference Saturday, October 12, 10am-2pm Lake Harbor UMC

This is a FREE event with expenses cared for by the Midwest District Leadership Team

9:30am registration/name tags/refreshments

10am and 11am: Workshops *Participants may select 1 workshop for each time*

1. Lay Servant Ministries (Jody Pratt, Sara Wolfsen, presenters)

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples. Lay Servant ministries can be a significant component of any discipleship system providing training in Hospitality, Offer Christ, Purpose and Engagement. Learn more about the levels of Lay Servant Ministry, including — Certified Lay Servant, Lay Speaker and Certified Lay Minister — by attending this workshop.

2. EngageMI (Brenda DuPree, presenter)

This workshop will focus on “Ministry with,” which is the foundational concept for the Engage MI program. Based on The United Methodist Church’s “Ministry with the Poor” area of focus, “ministry with” is grounded in Jesus’ practice of ministry, and our Wesleyan heritage. It is an invitation to move from models of “ministry to” into models of “ministry with.” Learn more about how EngageMI works by attending this workshop.

3. Church Unique (Jim Noggle, presenter)

This workshop will discuss how a church can enter the Roads to Vibrancy through the creation and implementation of a Visionary Plan. The foundation of this vision framing process is based on the principles outlined in the books, Church Unique and God Dreams by Will Mancini. Jim Noggle will present an overview of this process and how churches can engage in it. Once this year long process is completed the church will have actionable plans for articulating, planning, and integrating vision into the culture. Learn more about Roads to Vibrancy by attending this workshop.

4. Practical Tips for Building a Successful Worship Team (Mary Ivanov & Lake Harbor Worship Team members, presenters)

It took several years to get the Lake Harbor UMC Worship Teams moving in the right direction. During this session, we will cover the kinds of things we wish we had known from the start: how to develop a team; working with what God has given us; team guidelines; resources; useful supplies; journaling; and setting a realistic budget.

11:45am-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm Music Begins in Sanctuary

1pm Worship followed by the MW District Conference Business Meeting