

THE PREACHING CONNECTION: *Tools for Transformation*

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? - Romans 10:14

October 9 - 10, 2012
Mt. Asbury Retreat Center
1310 Centerville Road, Newville, PA 17241

Attendance limited to 20 participants. Advanced registration required.

Topics will include

God's intimate connection with people; how we are called to live out that connection with each other; the preacher's relationship with the congregation; the distinguishing characteristics of a sermon; the natural sequence of sermon preparation; how to save time and be more creative in sermon preparation; how to preach with no notes or just one sheet of paper; how to tell a story to make a point; the art of opening and concluding a sermon; video feedback on selected sermons.

General Information

The retreat will run from 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 9 to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 10. Participants can choose from a single room to a quad room. Four meals will be provided, beginning with lunch on October 9. Snacks and beverages will also be provided. Each attendee will receive a workbook. We will conclude the retreat with a service of Holy Communion. The dress is comfortable, casual clothing.

Participants will receive 1 CEU.

Please bring your Bible, rough notes and ideas for a sermon you are planning to deliver, pen or pencil, and a willing spirit to share, learn, grow, and support each other. (At the retreat, you will shape and polish that rough sermon).

Seminar Leaders

Rev. Dr. Pamela Ford, Retired Elder of the Susquehanna Conference
Dilip Abayasekara, Ph.D., Accredited Speaker, CEO, Dr. Dilip, LLC

Questions

You may address questions to Pam at pford@susumc.org or phone (814) 360-2051.

Testimonials from the Preaching with Power course

"I am so thankful that I had this opportunity. The information and experience was a huge blessing, but the fellowship and camaraderie made the event transformational for me. That wasn't just because of the people involved but because of the leadership we had."

- Rev. Jim Copulos

"I loved the mind mapping and plan to use it in the future. Excellent. Very glad I had the chance to participate. A must for every preacher!"

- Rev. Warren Bevacqua

"The use of mind mapping, your enthusiasm and examples were inspiring, the PHP, the use of the types of personalities and importance to include all in sermons, every topic was helpful -- certainly not part of my preaching classes in seminary."

- Rev. Kay Schwab

Registration Deadline: September 28, 2012

Later registrants will be placed on a waiting list. For room information and fees, please see registration form.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name _____ Date _____

Please check appropriate box or fill in blank:

Clergy Lay Servant (Lay Speaker) Certified Lay Minister Other _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Roommate Request _____

E-mail _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Your retreat fee covers one night's lodging, four meals, snacks, seminar materials, handouts, and seminars & workshops by Drs. Ford and Abayasekara. The fee will vary depending on whether you choose a room for a single, double, triple, or quadruple.

Enclosed is:

_____ \$ 260.00 includes single occupancy with private bath

_____ \$ 245.00 includes double occupancy with bath

_____ \$ 230.00 includes triple occupancy with bath

_____ \$ 215.00 includes quadruple occupancy with bath

Please make checks payable to the Susquehanna Conference UMC and mail with this form to:

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Deadline is September 28 or when the retreat is filled.