Living Water Association All learning opportunities are free & offered via zoom Good will gifts & offerings are accepted with gratitude. Registration & info: https://livingwaterone.org/spirecenter/

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 • 9:30-11AM RE-IMAGINING VITALITY IN SMALL CHURCHES

Throughout the scriptures, God has used small, committed groups of people to transform their communities and the world. God's Spirit is still at work in our small churches and invites us to imagine the possibilities for compelling mission that leads to increased vitality and growth. Come and see!

FACILITATOR: Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins, ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and former Conference and National UCC staff

MONDAY, APRIL 8 • 6:30-8 PM HOW WORSHIP DESIGN STUDIO HAS IMPACTED OUR WORSHIP

In 2019 Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee led our Spring Worship Festival using Worship Design Studio, her on-line platform for planning and implementing worship. Some of us adopted this approach after our experience with it, while others chose to pass. Now, four years on, we want to know how Worship Design Studio has impacted our worship. Regardless of your experience, join us as we discuss how congregations plan and implement worship today.

FACILITATOR: Rev. Dr. Mike Bone

THURSDAYS, APRIL 11, 18, 25 • 6:30-8PM SAFE CHURCH - BUILDING STRONGER BONDS: Nurturing Safe and Supportive Relationships in Your Church Community

As a church of extravagant welcome, we are very serious about the safety such welcome implies. Extending God's welcome means offering a safe environment for anyone who might participate in church activities, regardless of age, gender-identity, ability, etc. Further, we are aware of our legal and moral responsibilities as a public setting. Our Pension Boards staff are ready to address your questions about safe church practices during 3 sessions. Sign up now!

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April 11: Protecting Your Most Vulnerable Populations (Youth, Vulnerable Adults and the Elderly)

April 18: Creating a Culture of Respect: Discussing Misconduct and Harassment in the Church

April 25: Navigating Opportunities: Effective Strategies for Working with Complex Populations (including de-escalation techniques)

FACILITATOR: UCC Pension Board staff: Elizabeth Vance and Chad Cunningham

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 • 10-11:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE ADMINS/SECRETARIES WORKSHOP

Church office administrators and church secretaries have long been the front line of ministry in our local churches. This workshop is for these dedicated professionals who have ridden the waves of change with grit and grace. We invite you to come to this session for new ideas, for group therapy, or just to laugh with people who understand what you go through at work. Pastors and church leaders, please encourage them to participate and see that they are paid for their time.

FACILITATOR: Kimberlee Bublik, Office Administrator, The Bath Church UCC; Kellie Ramirez, Machelle Miller

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 • 6:30-8PM CROWDSOURCING FOR CHURCH GROWTH AND VITALITY

"Church Growth" and "Vitality" are phrases that express our hopes for the Church. How do we realize these aspirations? We know there's no single answer, but there is a wisdom that can emerge as we gather to talk about what is working where we are. Come join us for encouragement and new ideas as, together, we make a pot of "stone soup" to nourish us all.

FACILITATOR: Rev. Dr. Mike Bone and Rev. Nayiri Karjian

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