

Winchester District Mission Encounter

Learning together for the transformation of the world

Saturday, September 7, 2019 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Stephens City UMC
5291 Main Street
Stephens City, VA 22655

What is it? An opportunity for men and women, as well as clergy, to learn about being partners in God's global mission and to grow spiritually through study and worship.

Who Should Attend? Anyone who has wondered how we do mission, where we are in mission, and most importantly why we are called to missional lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why should I come? Men and women – mission learning and involvement is for young and old alike. Clergy – learn about the Wesleyan Theology of Mission and implementation in the local church.

Childcare will **not** be available for this event.

Purchase study books in advance from the Mission Resource Center:

To order, go to www.umwmissionresources.org or call 1-800-305-9857

Cost for Mission Encounter is \$17 per person (includes light brunch & lunch). Make checks payable to Winchester District United Methodist Women. Mail registration form and check to:

Rita Biggs 40 Church Street Front Royal, VA 22630 540-749-2278

Registration Deadline is August 28, 2019 (no refunds after this date)

REGISTRATION FORM

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STUDIES (class descriptions on back). Indicate class preference by 1st and 2nd choice.

_____ Anniversary Study: *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*

_____ Spiritual Growth: *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name tag should read _____

For Administrative Use Only: Amount paid _____ Class _____ No. _____

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

Spiritual Growth Study: *Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship*

This course explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. We will explore the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others using Mark as our guide. The stories of women in Mark are a particular focus of this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus' followers and in Mark's recounting of the gospel story. Study Leader: Laura Douglass

Anniversary Study: *Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*

This is the first in a two-year study commemorating United Methodist Women's 150th anniversary in 2019. This study is about women who established vibrant societies to support mission. Learning about the early female leaders who created what would become today's United Methodist Women can help us understand who they truly were beyond who we expected them to have been.

Study Leader: Karen McElfish

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. -- Registration and Gathering

9:30-10:00 a.m. -- Plenary- Rev. Laetitia Schoeman

10:00-12:30p.m. -- 1st half of class

12:30-1:30 p.m. -- Lunch

1:30-4:00 p.m. -- 2nd half of class and dismissal

This event is sponsored by the Winchester District United Methodist Women