

Nuts and Bolts: Tools for the Church Today

Session 1 Workshop Options (9:10am):

Please select one option

- 1. What is COM & Why Do We Need to Know?** For some COM = dread as in "the Presbytery is going to make us do something we don't want to do." And for others COM = relief as in help calling a pastor, negotiating a contract, mediating a conflict or training your nominating committee. Actually, the Committee on Ministry exists to help your church thrive and excellent pastoral leadership is always our goal. Come with questions and see what COM can do for your church.

Workshop Leader: *Jan Edmiston has served as the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Charlotte since May 2018. Prior to coming to Charlotte, she served as associate executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Chicago, as pastor or co-pastor of congregations in New York and Virginia, and as co-moderator of the 222nd General Assembly. Jan blogs at [A Church for Starving Artists](#) and is active on Twitter as @jledmiston.*

- 2. Rhythms of Faithfulness:** Life has its rhythms: ebbs and flows, ups and downs, prayer and work, endings and beginnings, day-week-month-year, and life transitions. We will talk about honoring and creating rhythms through practices that sustain us as we seek to be faithful to our callings in all the times of our lives.

Workshop Leader: *Carol Hassell is a retired minister in the Presbytery of Charlotte, an active spiritual director, a teacher of spiritual formation, and an enneagram professional. She is a facilitator of the weekly Presbytery of Charlotte Mental Health Check In. Companioning and guiding people on their spiritual journey is her calling and deepest joy.*

Session 2 Workshop Options (10:10am):

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- 3. Elder Training 101:** One of the most important tools an elder has at her/his disposal is to reference what (s)he needs to know about Worship, Discipline, Form of Government and Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and can all be found in the Book of Order. Come and learn how to navigate this book and find just about anything you need to know concerning how we govern ourselves. It may just make your session very healthy.

Workshop Leader: *Veronica E. Cannon serves as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Waxhaw, NC. She was the Moderator for the Presbytery of Charlotte in 2020. She is currently serving on the council for the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation, Union Seminary and as a Strategy Team Member of NEXT Church. She is working on her Doctorate of Ministry and training to become a life coach.*

- 4. "Your Place or Mine?"** will deal with some of the issues and benefits of yoking two congregations in a relationship that shares one person in pastoral leadership. How do smaller churches that cannot afford a full-time pastor explore the possibility of developing a "yoked" relationship that helps both congregations address issues of viability and ministry in ways that are both optimistic and realistic? This workshop will use Christ and Mulberry Presbyterian Church's current "sister church" relationship as a case study that other congregations could use as an example.

Workshop Leader: *Rodger Sellers has been a part of the Presbytery of Charlotte since 1998. In his varied experience he has served large, multi-staff churches, planted two New Church Development congregations, and spent over a decade devoted to small church ministry as a part time tent-maker. Helping congregations navigate the waters of change in ways that both make sense and honor God's ongoing call is one of his highest passions. He currently splits his pastoral duties between the yoked Christ and Mulberry congregations in West Charlotte.*

Session 3 Workshop Options (11:10am):

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- 5. Clerk of Session 101:** This workshop is for those who are new to the role as Clerk of Session and for those that have many years of experience under their belt. This workshop will review the basic duties of the clerk and share some best practices and tips from our 'veteran' clerks. Topics will include a review of the duties of the clerk as outlined in the PC(USA) Book of Order, maintaining the church rolls, recording minutes of session and congregational meetings, annual reporting of church statistics, basic parliamentary procedure, and much more!

Workshop Leader: *Tamara Williams is the Stated Clerk/Administrative Coordinator for the Presbytery of Charlotte. This year, she is celebrating her 20th anniversary as a member of the Presbytery Staff. Tamara is a life-long Presbyterian and is a member of First United Presbyterian Church. She serves on the Executive Board of the Association of Stated Clerks and also serves on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board.*

- 6. Terms of Call, Annual Contracts for Temporary Pastors, and Personnel Committee Best Practices:** Creating terms of call for installed pastors or annual contracts for temporary pastors can be a daunting task. This workshop will help you learn about the nuts and bolts of terms of call and annual contracts. Best practices for personnel committees will be discussed also.

Workshop Leader: *Peter Henry has been the pastor at Davidson College Presbyterian Church since July 2019. Originally from the Chicago, IL area, Peter served churches in Charlotte (NC), Princeton (NJ) and Grosse Pointe (MI) before returning to the Charlotte area. Peter serves as Co-moderator of the Presbytery of Charlotte's Committee on Ministry.*