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We exist to equip congregations and leadership to help people find and follow Christ.

October 2021

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WPA 2022 Budget: Passed 88 %

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WHCC 2022 Budget: Passed 99 %

Pastors' Benevolence Offering: \$433.00

DIRECTOR SABBATICAL

Rebecca will be on sabbatical from October 5, 2021-November 3, 2021. The WPA Office will remain open and Jenna will be able to help you. In Rebecca's absence, you may also contact WPA GA President, Rev. Brenda Snedden.

You are invited to the 40th Annual Newell Lectureship Series at Ande Monday, October 11





360:Christian Leadership Day

Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:00AM-3:00PM

First Church of God, Punxsutawney, Pa Register at wpamin.com

See the following page for 360 Brochure

Welcome..



We call it 360 because the Leadership Day is six hours long or three hundred and sixty minutes of inspiration, training, and meaningful fellowship. It is a one day conference designed to equip and inspire everyone who serves in the local church from a new volunteer to a full time pastor.

This year the theme for Western Pennsylvania Ministries of the Church of God is *Making all Things New*. In Revelation 21:5 (ESV) And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." This is a promise from God that He is at work and we get to participate in the "new things" with Him. We as the Church are in a unique position to proclaim the work of God to a broken world as we seek to be partners in the reconciliation of all things to God.

This is exactly what 360 hopes to accomplish. A day for us to gather and be challenged in our mindset and ministry.



Main Session..



Jam packed into these 360 minutes are many areas of Christian training that will challenge, enlighten, and prepare you for Kingdom work. From the opening welcome to the closing challenge, every one of the 360 minutes will help you serve Christ, the world, and your congregation to make a difference.

This year our special focus as we look at *Making All Things New* is how we can Work "Together"... Together. How does the Church of God movement's belief in unity impact us today as we work to bring about restoration as one unified team? Often, we are lone rangers on our own, but we are called to be a team and that means caring for the team. Join us as we learn about how we work together.



Our presenter this year for our main session is Markus McDaniel. Pastor Markus began in the Youth Explosion Youth Ministry, as a peer leader under then Pastor, Robbie Davis. Since then, he has served in a variety of churches in so many different environments and communities around this great country. He is currently the Senior Pastor of United Faith Fellowship Church of God in Meadville, PA and author of the book Divorced Over Toilet Paper.

After the main session we will be going into different breakouts to focus on several areas of ministry including Effective Children's Ministry, Church Protection, and further exploring the idea of Working "Together"... Together. With 9 different breakouts there is something for everyone. Simply choose a track or mix and match breakouts from different tracks that meet your needs and inform your passion. Information on the schedule and the tracks can be found in the rest of this booklet.

Day's schedule...



Saturday November 6...

8:30 AM - Registration and Coffee

9:00AM - Welcome and Instructions

9:15 AM – MAIN SESSION

Working "Together"...Together

10:15 AM - Break

10:30 AM – First Breakout Session
Options listed as Number 1 for this Breakout

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:30 PM – Second Breakout Session

Options listed as Number 2 for this Breakout

1:30 PM - Break

1:45 PM – Third Breakout Session
Options listed as Number 3 for this Breakout

2:45 PM - Closing Session and Evaluations

The Conference ends at 3PM after we all gather together for some closing thoughts.

Breakouts...



Working "Together"... Together Track

This track is for people who want to dig in deeper to the problem of unity facing the Church: Markus McDaniel

- Working "Together"... Personally This session will dig deeper into the idea of unity for the church. It will focus on how we develop the personal connection with others to know their stories and develop a larger vision for society.
- Working "Together"... Virtually Continuing this idea we will look at how working together is now changed due to social distancing and how the church can continue to impact people with the message of Jesus.
- 3. Working "Together"... In Our New Reality As we adjust to the new cultural realities how can we take advantage of new technologies to continue working together?

Effective Children's Ministry Track

This track is focused on Children's Ministry and is designed for people who serve in ministries there.

- The Heart of Children's Ministry 1 Hear some thoughts and examples of how to make a place inviting and exciting for Children to hear about God. Panel: Glori Smith, DuBois; Leah Kovarik, Punsxutawney; Melissa Hickman, Butler
- The Heart of Children's Ministry 2 This breakout will focus on ideas
 to encourage teachers and volunteers as they serve children. Panel:
 Glori Smith, DuBois; Leah Kovarik, Punxsutawney; Melissa Hickman,
 Butler
- Nuts and Bolts of Children's Ministry

 A panel will be available to
 answer questions and provide different ideas about all the detail,
 safety, security, risk, allergies, clearances, etc.. Panel: Glori Smith,
 DuBois; Leah Kovarik, Punxsutawney; Melissa Hickman, Butler

Breakouts



Church Protection Track

This track looks at some of the structure of church ministry

- Church Security 101 An introduction to A.L.I.C.E. training and learning to be aware of what is happening around you. *Presenters*: Dave Powers Crawford County Sheriff and Nick Hoke retired Crawford County Sheriff
- Church Security 201 What are some of the most common security
 issues that are present in churches that we don't notice? This first
 session will focus on some areas that we often overlook. Presenters:
 Dave Powers Crawford County Sheriff and Nick Hoke retired Crawford
 County Sheriff
- Church Security 301 Practical steps to take action to cover facilities, policies, and emergency response plans. Presenters: Dave Powers Crawford County Sheriff and Nick Hoke retired Crawford County Sheriff

What is the cost?

This training is being brought to you by Western Pennsylvania Church of God ministries at a low cost to help you get the best for your ministry. *The cost is \$35 a person* and includes not only the training but also your lunch. And if you register a *group of 10* or more from your church you *save \$5 a person*. But your registration and payment needs to be received or postmarked *by October 25th*. After that, the rate is \$45 per person.

Registration...



This year's Leadership Day has 3 different tracks from which you may choose. You can sign up to follow a track all day or you can mix and match between all the sessions designed to impact different areas of Church ministry.

However you choose to use your time you won't want to miss out on 360. Sign up Today! All registrations after October 25th will be charged a rate of \$45.

You can register online at www.wpamin.com/360leadership

Or follow the QR code below



Or you can print off a form online and fill it out to snail mail it in.

Mail to: WPA Ministries P.O. Box 597 Emlenton, PA 16373

* This event qualifies as an annual sign in event for Clergy Accountability

YOUTH MINISTRIES UPDATE

Growcurriculum.org @ cgm "Grow Together" partner

ChoG Ministries will pay \$108.90, WPA Ministries contributes \$108.90 for a year's worth of curriculum. Your Congregation's contribution will be \$200. For more information, contact arentas@chog.org

Grow Curriculum: growcurriculum.org

30% discount available for ALL curriculum. Use code CGM at checkout

YP60 Youth Pastor Retreat (Feb 10-12)

https://chogministries.regfox.com/yp60-2022

FEB.10-12, YP60, first 60 pastors with \$25 deposit, you pay for transportation to Orlando, CHOG pay for everything else.

IYC2022 in San Antonio, Texas (June 30 - July 3): <u>iyc2022.org</u>

Register your youth now!

Contact Us:

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SAVE THE DATE:

<u>Saturday, 11/6/2</u>1 - "360" Leadership Day - Punxsutawney FCOG

Register at wpamin.com

Saturday, 11/13/21 - Mandated Reporter Training - Dayton FCOG

9:00AM-11:00AM

Call Rev. Kenny Seidler to register

Fri 11/19- Sun 11/21- THIRST—Youth Convention - Erie Bayfront Conv. Ctr

Rev. Leo Robinson II

Thurs 2/3- Fri 2/4 2022-WPA Team/Cttee Visioning Retreat - WHCC