



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND EQUIPPING EVENT

*Sponsored by the Presbytery of Philadelphia  
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### SCHEDULE

9:00 am:	Registration
9:15 to 10:15 am:	Opening Prayer, Devotional , and Keynote
10:20 to 11:10 am:	Morning Workshops, Round 1
11:15 to 12:05 pm:	Morning Workshops Round 2
12:05 to 12:55 pm:	Lunch
1:00 to 1:50 pm:	Afternoon Workshops Round 3
1:55 to 2:45 pm:	Afternoon Workshops Round 4
2:50 to 3:00 pm:	Closing Reflection and Prayer

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### KEYNOTE: CHANGING NEEDS OF LEADERSHIP FOR A CHANGING CHURCH



**Rev. Dr. Shane Berg** earned his M.Div. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and his PhD in New Testament and Ancient Christianity from Yale University. In his teaching and research, Dr. Berg strives to read the New Testament faithfully and well by paying special attention to its context in ancient Jewish thought and culture. After serving on the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary for seven years as Assistant Professor of New Testament, Dr. Berg now serves as the Vice President of Communication and External Relations at the Seminary.



## FOUR MORNING WORKSHOPS

### Workshop Descriptions and Facilitators

#### FROM PULPIT TO PAVEMENT: The Preacher as Relevant Voice in Church and Society



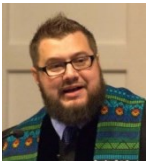
**Rev. Randy Barge** is the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Olney, and previously served as Pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church. Prior to coming to Philadelphia, he served as Pastoral Assistant at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. Randy holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Missouri State University and a Masters of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary.



**Rev. Joyce Shin** earned her B.A. at Rhodes, a liberal arts college in Memphis, Tennessee, where she majored in both Religious Studies and Classical Languages. She then studied Ethics in Germany at Tübingen University as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar. In 2000, Joyce completed her Masters of Divinity at The Divinity School of The University of Chicago, with a thesis on "The Role of Music in Theological Education." She has since pursued doctoral work in Theological Ethics, writing her dissertation on *Faith in an Age of Cultural Pluralism: An Aesthetic Approach to Transformation*.

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#### GROWING-UP THE NEXT GENERATION: Emerging Movements in Youth and Children's Ministry



**Rev. Josh Gill** has been working with youth and families for over 16 years. He is currently serving as the Associate Pastor of Youth and their Families at Doylestown Presbyterian Church. He has a M.Div from Palmer Theological Seminary and a M.S. in Nonprofit Management from Eastern University. He has three boys and lives in Dublin PA with his amazing wife Vicki.



**Rev. Wonjae Choi** is the Transitional Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Warminster, and served as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia (2014). She received her M.Div from Princeton Theological Seminary and currently serves on the Committee on Personnel for the Presbytery.

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#### TRANSFORMING THE ORDINARY INTO THE HOLY: Reimagining Sacred Spaces for Worship



**Rev. Rebecca Blake** is the organizing pastor of Beacon Church, a recently chartered congregation in the Fishtown/Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia. Trained as an artist and a pastor, she enjoys utilizing art practices to grow a sense of community and belonging between neighbors in worship and community programs.



**Rev. Tim Dooner** is the pastor of Valley Forge Presbyterian, where he is serving a designated term. Tim earned his M.Div from Princeton and is currently working toward his D.Min in Missional Leadership at Pittsburgh Theological. Tim and his wife Blair live in King of Prussia with their three daughters, ages 8, 6 and 4.

## JUST A “LAY LEADER?” Reclaiming the Call and Vocation of Elders and Deacons



**Megan D. Acedo** is the Coordinator of Student Ministries & Service Learning at Eastern University where she directs the service learning program for first-year students, advises and supports campus ministries, and directs their domestic and international missions programs. Megan also teaches (to her surprised delight!) as adjunct faculty in First-Year Programs, the summer EQUIP program, and the Social Work department. She is a founding member of and serves as the Clerk of Session at Beacon Church and has been an ordained elder in the PC(USA) since 2004. She is a California transplant to the east coast and lives in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia with her lively family. Megan tweets about life, faith, and social justice at @CoffeeLurver and (perhaps a little too obviously) loves coffee.



**Vijay Aggarwal** is an Elder from Wayne Presbyterian, where he and his wife, Susan have worshiped for twenty years. Vijay is currently the Treasurer of Wayne Presbyterian and a Regional Moderator on the Commission on Ministry. Susan and Vijay were co-chairs of the celebration marking the 300th anniversary of the Philadelphia Presbytery. Vijay is an executive in the healthcare industry and serves on the boards of several healthcare companies and local non-profit organizations. He also is affiliated with several healthcare investment banks.

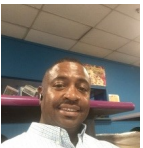


### FOUR AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS Workshop Descriptions and Facilitators

#### PROPHET, PRIEST, AND PASTOR: The Complex Call of the Church for a Time Such as This



**Rev. Ashley Rossi** is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. After serving as a solo pastor in north-central Pennsylvania, she joined the staff of Carmel Presbyterian Church in Glenside as the Associate Pastor in charge of education, youth ministry, and mission. In her past life, she was a CPA, and she still appreciates a detailed pie chart or a complex Excel formula. Ashley currently lives in Glenside with her husband, three human children, and pit bull.



**Roland Reeves** is the Commissioned Lay Pastor serving at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kensington. He has completed Certificate Programs in both Christian Ministry and Church Leadership through the Urban Theological Institute of the Lutheran Theological Seminary.

#### UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES AS WE LEAD OTHERS: The Enneagram Is More than a Number



Rev. Jim Thornton, B.A., M.Div., D.Min., has been in pastoral ministry since 1979 and is currently Head of Staff at Carmel Presbyterian in Glenside. He is also a certified Enneagram teacher, having studied with many of the major international Enneagram developers including, Helen Palmer, David Daniels, Don Riso, Russ Hudson, Kathy Hurley, and Theodore Donson. He has been using the Enneagram to teach in churches and consult in businesses since 1998.

## FINDING PARTNERS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY: Expanding the Reach of God's Kingdom



**Rev. Brenton Thompson** is the Pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Limerick. He currently serves on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and has previously served two years internationally with the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer Program.



**Rev. Pam McShane** is the pastor of Tree of Life Church PCUSA, a small congregation in Delaware County. She has led the congregation in forming partnerships with others both in the larger church and in the community around them. Through these partnerships, the congregation has widened its reach and redefined its understanding of God's mission for them. They have learned that you are always stronger when you work together, and you can do way more together than you can alone.

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## WE NEVER DID IT THAT WAY BEFORE: Nurturing Entrepreneurial Spirit within Established Structures



**Rev. Kari Olson** serves as the pastor of East Falls Presbyterian Church. Kari previously served as a solo pastor in a small town in Pennsylvania's coal country, where she introduced small group gatherings to cultivate new leadership and led the congregation to put on a visual and theater arts day camp for middle school students. As a Seattle native, she lives her life in search of good coffee shops and going out of her way to recycle.



**Rev. Raymond Bonwell** was classically trained in economics and served a twelve year professional career in institutional investing and personal financial planning. Discerning a call to ministry after serving as a commissioned lay pastor, Raymond earned his MDiv at Princeton Theological Seminary. Raymond's two full-time validated ministries include serving on staff at Princeton Theological Seminary, and at the Board of Pensions in his current role as Corporate Secretary. Raymond has served four part-time pastorates, including Broad Street Ministry and currently at Overbrook Presbyterian Church. Raymond serves on the Commission on Ministry for the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and has also moderated two administrative commissions. Raymond's observations on the intersection of faith and finances have been published, and he is a frequent speaker in national denominational programs. Raymond tweets @raymondbonwell



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