



Greetings from the office of Equipping Vital Congregations!

November/December 2020

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."

Psalm 100:4

Webinar Recording: *Effective Online Ministries Beyond Worship*

In case you were not able to join the online forum on October 13th, the recording is now available to view. This webinar was an online discussion with a panel of practitioners in our own annual conference as we heard about and discussed ways to be in ministry online beyond worship. Topics that were discussed included small groups, discipleship, children and youth, community engagement and more!

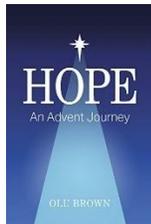


Panelists include Anna Layman Knox (Camp Hill), David Carter (Faith Bellefonte), Rebecca Holland (Christ Community/Llyswen), Ken Loyer (Spry/Pine Grove) and Frank Miller (Zion, East Prospect).

To view the video, click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/B5JUgD1oF4k>

Advent Resources



A team of clergy from the Susquehanna Conference has partnered with Olu Brown and Impact Church to develop Advent worship resources. You can access the prepared resources at <https://susumc.org/worship-resources/>

Additional Advent Resources

In the life of the church Advent and Christmas are quickly approaching. Many of us are asking, "How will we provide stirring worship under COVID-related safety restrictions?" The Susquehanna Conference, through our Equip, Grow and Connect Offices are thankful to offer our clergy and laity access to Marcia McFee's "Reboot Your Worship" training, free of charge.



You will receive six weeks of downloadable resources (articles and videos) and six live webinars (also recorded for your archives) with Dr. McFee, a renowned worship consultant (www.marciamcfee.com). You will learn a variety of ways to improve your church's worship immediately, no matter the size or style of worship and without a big budget or drastic change. This course explores the basics of sensory-rich worship design while emphasizing safety protocols and creativity for online worship--without causing clergy burnout! Clergy may invite unlimited members of their church to participate.

Register here now: <https://ny163.infusionsoft.com/app/form/susquehanna-ac-umc-reboot-2020>

Webinar: *The Financial Challenge:*

How to Finish Well in 2020 and Start the New Year Strong

Recording will be available to view soon:

A webinar (via Zoom) with Scott McKenzie and Gary Shockley focusing on strong financial strategies for your church in the midst of a pandemic was recorded on October 29th. It will be available to view soon. Watch the Equipping Vital Congregations Facebook Page and the QuikLink for the link.



Designed for churches of all sizes, you will learn of current giving trends to churches and other non-profit groups that will help you connect with people who want to give to very specific causes. You will receive practical advice for helping your people exercise generosity. And you will learn of a simple short-term process that will help the people of your church give this fall to help your ministries end strong in 2020 and set you up for greater financial strength in the coming year.

Rev. Dr. Scott McKenzie is a clergy member of our annual conference and Partner/Senior Vice President of Horizons Stewardship. Scott has helped dozens of churches in our annual conference learn about and practice principles of generous discipleship.

Equipping Vital Congregations Face Book Page

If you use Social Media, look up Equipping Vital Congregations on Face Book, and like our page! You will find many resources that may help equip your ministry. One of those resources is our new “TED-like” talks called EVC Snapshot.