



Greetings from the office of Equipping Vital Congregations!

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*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

## **First Tuesday Webinars in September & October**

**Tuesday, September 7th      “The End is Near”**  
**Hosted by Scott McKenzie & Jennifer Williams**

Webinar Description: 2022 is almost here. This webinar will focus on creating a vision-based budget as we come out of a once in a lifetime pandemic. We will look at a once in a lifetime budget and consider how to add spending with the best ROI (return on investment.) This webinar will also examine the long-term impact of adding spending after two years of minimized expenses.

**Link to register:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CAEA72AA1F58-first2>

CEU's are available

**Tuesday, October 12th      “Managing Loss & Change for Such A Time as This”**  
**Hosted by Gary Shockley**

Webinar Description: Enneagram is Greek for “diagram of nine.” Focusing on nine primary personality types, Enneagram offers a framework for understanding **who we are** and how we operate in the world. It focuses on the **WHY of our behaviors** and the **root motivations** behind what we do, especially when we are stressed or in pain. The Enneagram has become very popular in sacred and secular circles and there are many misconceptions about what it is and how it works. Understanding the Enneagram will **open space** to help you **see yourself and others** with more clarity and compassion.

**Rev. Gary Alan Shockley** is the Director of Equipping Vital Congregations for the Susquehanna Conference of the UM Church. In addition, he is a Certified Enneagram Coach through Inner Life Skills, a Certified Grief Counselor and a Spiritual Director. In his one-hour webinar, Gary will provide a helpful **overview of the Enneagram**, present each of the **nine personality types** and share the primary strategies of each of the nine when faced with pressure or pain. Unlike other personality typing processes, the Enneagram doesn't put us in a box but rather helps us **identify the boxes we are already in** and find a **roadmap out of those boxes** toward spiritual growth and wholeness.

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## Resource Recordings

If you were unable to attend previous webinars sponsored by Equipping Vital Congregations, be sure to check them out under the Resources tab on Susquehanna Conference website at [susumc.org](http://susumc.org). Click on “Resources” then “Videos”.

Previous Webinars include:

“Managing Loss and Transition for Such A Time As This”

<https://youtu.be/bL8GqeSLlf4>

“Joint Church Ministry Partnerships”

<https://youtu.be/zOWxA258dm8>

## MissionInsite:

<https://www.susumc.org/evc-mission-insite/>

This fall the conference will be embarking on a year-long conversation on what it means to be the kind of neighbor who helps people find Christ. For Charge Conferences this year, you and your leaders will be asked to prepare a simple report from MissionInsite to start the conversation.

In order to prepare reports for your church, you will need to be a registered user on MissionInsite ([missioninsite.com](http://missioninsite.com)). Please see below the process to register for an account. If you are already a registered user you will not need to re-register.

- Click on the following link to begin your registration process. This will take you directly to the MissionInsite registration page
- <https://accounts.missioninsite.com/Register/PeopleView?agencyCode=X8F0C>
- Provide the information needed to register: City, Church, email, create a password, First/Last name and role/position
- Click on the **Register** button at the bottom of the page
- You will then receive an email to confirm your email address
- Once you confirm your email address a request for approval will be sent to the EVC office
- Once the EVC approves your registration request your account will be opened and available to log in

## Equipping Vital Congregations Website:



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The purpose of our Office is equipping vital congregations and creating new places for new people to find Jesus Christ in the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Office of Equipping Vital Congregations equips and resources local congregations to fulfill their mission of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Whether your church needs new kindling, a little spark, or help to fully ignite, we are here to assist you.

To visit the website use the following link or go to [susumc.org](http://susumc.org) and click on the equip icon  
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