

## SCHEDULE

**8:30 – 9:00** Registration & Cont'l Breakfast  
**9:00 – 9:30** Welcome and Worship  
Message by Rev. Chris Fisher of  
First UMC - Schuylkill Haven

## WORKSHOPS

### 9:45 am – 11:00 pm Session I

1. Can Churches Grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?  
by Rev. Mike Netznik
2. Invisible Fences – Visible Bridges by Rev.  
Navin Satyavrata & Carlen Blackstone
3. Knowing Our Neighbors, Meeting Their  
Needs by Susan Kiefner
4. Fundamental Security Guidelines for  
Houses of Worship by Don Ernst
5. Preparing for Guests: Setting Up for  
Your Neighbors by Elizabeth Christie
6. The Outward-Focused Staff-Parish  
Relations Committee by Rev. Irving Cotto

### 11:15 am – 12:30 pm Session II

7. Can Churches Grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?  
by Rev. Mike Netznik
8. Invisible Fences – Visible Bridges by Rev.  
Navin Satyavrata & Carlen Blackstone
9. Knowing Our Neighbors, Meeting Their  
Needs by Susan Kiefner
10. Fundamental Security Guidelines for  
Houses of Worship by Don Ernst
11. A Place for ALL of God's Children:  
Effectively Including Those with  
Disabilities by Elizabeth Christie
12. The Mission of the Church Council by  
Rev. Irving Cotto

## REGISTRATION

### Cost:

**Standard:** \$10 – until March 4  
**Late:** \$11 – after March 4  
**Walk-In:** \$12 – March 10

Fee includes continental breakfast,  
snacks, lunch & materials.

Free Will Offering for Puerto Rico Relief.

### Online Registration Preferred:

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/319046>

Credit & Debit Card Payments Accepted

or

Make checks payable to "North District Office"

with "Tools" in the memo & mail to:

North District Office

2336 S. 9th Street, Unit 3

Allentown, PA 18103

Please register for one workshop in each  
session, designating 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choices.

Questions? Please contact Sheila Milz  
at 610-395-6661 or [nesuper@rcn.com](mailto:nesuper@rcn.com).

**Snow Date: March 24, 2018**



# North District Tools for Ministry Training

Saturday, March 10, 2018

8:30 am – 12:30 pm



**To Whom Am I A Neighbor?**

Luke 10:25-37

**Join us as we look for the Good  
Samaritan in each of us!**

**Host Church:**

First UMC of Schuylkill Haven  
420 Saylor Street  
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

## TOOLS WORKSHOPS

### Sessions I and II:

#### **Can Churches Grow in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?**

*with Rev. Mike Netznik, Sr. Pastor –  
Covenant UMC in Moore Township & Chair -  
Congregational Development Team*

Come and consider how Jesus reached the people He did so we can look at our church and decide if we are equipped to meet the needs of the community. By identifying who is in our community, we will gain a new repertoire of fun and exciting ways to reach out and share the good news with the neighbors who are all around us.

#### **Invisible Fences – Visible Bridges**

*with Rev. Navin Satyavrata, Sr. Pastor –  
Salem UMC in Allentown and  
Carlen Blackstone, Member – Asbury UMC,  
Camping Board, & Conference Nominations*

Consider all of the invisible fences we put up in defining our neighbors and discover concrete ways to build bridges among diverse people in our churches, our communities, and our mission partners. Focus on ways to embrace the Bishop's call for "The Year of the Migrant."

#### **Knowing Our Neighbors, Meeting Their**

**Needs** *with Susan Kiefner, Member –  
Conference Communications Ministry Team*

This workshop will explore how to know our neighbors, discover their needs, partner with others to meet those needs and use today's communication tools to build awareness and response in the community.

Essentially, we are maximizing ministry through marketing. Come learn how.

#### **Fundamental Security Guidelines for Houses of Worship** *with Don Ernst, Certified Crime Prevention Specialist*

This session is to help people put together a security analysis and plan. Are there proper safeguards in place to protect children and the congregation? Are you constantly monitoring the level of security in your house of worship? Consider how to create a welcoming and safe congregational space.

### Session I Only:

#### **Preparing for Guests: Setting Up for Your Neighbors** *with Elizabeth Christie, UMC Children's Minister, Webcaster & Writer*

When we expect guests in our homes, we tidy up, put out nice snacks, and make our spaces welcoming. Children's ministries require similar attention! Join us as we discuss ways to staff our programs that meet Safe Sanctuaries guidelines regardless of congregation size, how to stream-line registration for programs, innovative ways of keeping in touch, how to have effective multi-generational programming, and how to choose curriculum to best meet the needs of the children and families.

#### **The Outward-Focused Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)** *with*

*Rev. Dr. Irving Cotto,  
North District Superintendent*

This workshop will focus on the SPRC's role in promoting a vital and intentional outreach

ministry, which will be helpful to both those who are new to this committee and those already serving in this ministry. Learn how to facilitate support for your pastor, staff and lay leadership in order to serve the neighborhood.

### Session II Only:

#### **A Place for ALL of God's Children: Effectively Including Those with Disabilities** *with Elizabeth Christie, UMC Children's Minister, Webcaster & Writer*

Join us as we build our toolboxes, equipping ourselves to include all of God's children effectively in our children's ministries. First, we will cover some basics on different types of disabilities. Then we will focus on how to make adaptations to lessons and programming so everyone can participate; how to set up our facilities so all can meet success; and how to work positively with families of those with disabilities.

#### **The Mission of the Church Council** *with*

*Rev. Dr. Irving Cotto,  
North District Superintendent*

Since the Church Council is both the program and administrative body of the local church, this workshop approaches that dual role from the perspective of community involvement. We will examine theological foundations, basic responsibilities and missional designs.

