

Midlands Mission Center

Workshops for Congregations

The following list of workshops that are available as resources for congregational life and can be used in many formats and class times each one can be tailored to the need of our congregation.

1. **Witnessing Community Tool Kit** – The tool kit has many resources for the congregation and its outreach planning and efforts. All the resources in the tool kit can be there own workshop.
 - a) **Missionary Elder** - This portion of the kit will help the elders clarify their roll in congregational life, and to work in outreach ministry and using the elder as an outreach minister.
 - b) **Personal Witnessing** – A wonderful class to help members identify their own personal witness and how to share it with others.
 - c) **Sacraments** – This portion of the Witnessing Tool Kit focus' on the sacraments and there importance in the life of the church and the community. This reminds us we are called to minister the grace of our Heavenly parent.
 - d) **Hospitality - Sharing God's Welcome** – Tammy Lindle has done a wonderful job creating this new resource for congregations and members. Learn to be the welcoming community God calls us to be. We are to be the light to the world and welcome others.
 - e) In the Witnessing Community Tool Kit we have many outstanding resources for new members, Baptismal and Pre-Baptismal classes, First Steps, Seekers and Disciples, and Understanding the Way. All designed for Sunday School or Covenant Discipleship Groups, and other small group studies.
2. **Covenant Discipleship Groups** – Learn how to lead effective small groups with purpose and focus. Can be most helpful in congregational life to connect membership and grow healthy disciples to the word of God.
3. **Good \$ense/3 Simple Rules** – Stewardship is the response of my people to the ministry of My Son. This program is an excellent program that is destined to help membership be the best stewards possible and helps with how we handle money and the gifts given us by our loving God.
4. **Cottage Meetings** – This workshop is to teach members how to use the Seekers and Disciples materials, in a home setting. Learn to share our testimony and witness to others and invite them in to membership in the Community of Christ.
5. **Financial Planning** – The International Headquarters have staff available to help you with many personal financial decisions that are important and sensitive for us. Wills, Trust, Bequests and Financial Planning are just a few of the things that can be done at little or no cost.
6. **Church Planting** – We are happy to have Gay Spalding in our Mission Center. She is an expert on planting churches and has a very successful church that she planted and grew from the ground up. Gay started the Gardner Congregation in her living room five years ago and has a growing congregation today.

- 7. Today's Youth Culture and World View** – A must for today's parents! If you have kids you can benefit from this class. Understanding how kids think and why they do some of the things that parents just don't understand. When we have a clearer understanding of our kids we can be better, more effective parents.
- 8. Child Protection** – This class is required for anyone working with youth or plans to in the future. This class is for the protection of our children, ourselves and our church. We learn how to be safe with our youth and protect them in all activities that we do and plan.
- 9. Youth Ministry - Make it Grow** – There are some relatively simple steps that can make your congregation and its youth ministries more effective and grow. How to become healthy and strong as your youth become loving and caring disciples of the Christ.
- 10. Thinking Like Jesus** – Taking an intriguing look at how Jesus remained calm amidst the storms of life. This class looks at how the power of agency can be utilized by all to accomplish amazing things in our lives by following the model of Christ.
- 11. Pastoral Care** – We can draw them in, but can we keep them? This workshop focuses on new ways to build lasting, lifetime relationships within a congregation. Learn about the cohesive force that keeps friends and people coming to the fellowship. This class will focus on the elements we can incorporate in our congregations.
- 12. 4 Motivations for Ministry** – This workshop is all about focusing congregational life into four quadrants: Personal Healing, Discipleship Spiritual Formation, World View-Why We Do Church and Just Do It. Congregations have the opportunity to come together and be a healthy Community ready to do ministry with renewed passion.
- 13. Vacation Church School** – Many congregations have stopped having VCS, but many congregations still find it to be a wonderful outreach tool. This workshop can renew this most effective outreach ministry to children and their parents in the community.
- 14. Prayer Paths, Labyrinths, and Sacred Spaces** – In our fast past lives we all need time to be quiet and peaceful to hear God's voice. You will find the skills you need and how to find the time to make it happen in your life.
- 15. Experiential Worship** – Everyone learns and remembers by different methods. Involving an audience can triple what people remember. This workshop gives activities that help us remember, understand, and apply scriptural truths.
- 16. Come and See: Activities for Congregations** – As congregations plan for outreach there are many things a congregation can do to interest new people in your Church. This workshop can help tailor good ideas for your congregation with activities that get new faces to Church.
- 17. Temple School and Advanced Leadership** – Mission Center staff can help secure facilitators for Temple School classes in local congregations or in cluster of congregations. Programs of college level classes are available as Advanced Leadership Studies. Each class would consist of approximately 15 hours of class time offered on a weekend.
- 18. Congregation and Community Together** – Programs to help congregations become dedicated to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit. Congregations and Community Together handbooks, provide practical ways for congregations to develop neighborhood/community partnering ministry. Training and support is provided by SHARE, Inc.