



The CEU News

Continuing Education Update

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Events - Coming Soon!

Check the Holston [online calendar](#) for a full listing of future events.

June:

Healthy Stewardship in the Local Church

June 6-10 Online 1.5 CEUs

Explore the biblical and theological basis for healthy congregational stewardship and survey best practices for cultivating generosity in this course led by Dr. Ann Michel. Topics include:

- Cultivating generosity in challenging times
- Key doctrines related to stewardship and generosity
- Tithing and Biblical standards of giving
- Understanding giving patterns
- Implementing successful stewardship campaigns
- Developing a year-round stewardship calendar

Hope and Justice for Creation

June 5-18 Online 1.0 CEUs

This course expands Bishop Sally Dyck's and Sarah Ehrman's exploration of faith, science and the message of Jesus, providing facts, inspiration, and practical help in beginning such change. The emphasis will be on personal and congregational ways to leverage small steps to enable bigger leaps in living lightly on the earth for the sake of loving God and loving our neighbors, doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God.

Creating Faith Expressions

June 13 - July 13 Online 1.0 CEUs

As pastors and small group leaders adapt to the new significance of the internet in ministry, this class will focus on a different Scripture text each week, discerning creative ways to express the passage creatively. This may be through artwork for social media, a drama that can be performed, or written word that can be shared as a sermon or reflection.

Church Tech Talk: Tools to Protect Your Ministry in the Digital Age

June 15 Online 0.1 CEUs

Digital threats are on the rise and can jeopardize your ministry and its impact. Ransomware is of particular concern. Being proactive and taking steps to protect your ministry from an attack is essential to your data security. So, what should you do if you are hit by ransomware? Join UMC Support on June 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. CDT for an overview of what ransomware is, how it can affect your ministry, and the best ways to keep your data safe and secure.

Preaching In The African American Experience

June 16 Online 0.1 CEUs

Walter Cross, Jr., pastor in the Holston Conference of The United Methodist Church, will discuss Preaching in Context, Being a Prophetic Voice of the Community, Prophetically Calling for Truth, History and Style of the Black Preacher, Homiletic Approach, Land Learning From Preachers Who Influenced Me,. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your knowledge and preaching skills.

Music & Worship Arts Week

June 19-24 Lake Junaluska 3.0 CEUs

Music & Worship Arts Week is a multi-generational event hosted by The Fellowship in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina at Lake Junaluska. This annual event is designed for worship leaders, musicians, artists, dancers, actors, and pastors of all denominations who seek education and renewal in a spirit of inclusivity and grace.

Missional Accountability – Focusing on What God Desires

June 21 Online 0.1 CEUs

Missional Accountability will focus on 3 areas: making sure we stay focused, keeping leaders motivated and supported, and fostering the dynamic intersection where spiritual growth (the vehicle), leadership (the driver), and purpose (the destination) converge.

July:

Church Finances

July 11-15 Online 1.5 CEUs

In this course, taught by Dr. Lovett Weems, you will explore building and funding congregational budgets, accurate tracking of giving, increasing methods of giving and streams of income, and proper financial administration of funds, examining all from both a theological perspective and from best practices of financial transparency and accountability. The registration deadline for CEU for this course is June 29

Sentiments of a Survivor: Having the Conversation About Cancer

July 11-31 Online 1.5 CEUs

This transformative class will take the learner from scared to prepared when talking about the diagnosis, treatment, and “after cancer life” for themselves or a loved one, by studying the story of someone who survived the ordeal and talks about it with faith, humor and honesty.

Forging a New Path – Moving the Church Forward in a Post-Pandemic World

July 12 Online 0.1 CEUs

In this webinar, Rebekah Simon-Peter, author of *Forging a New Path* will discuss questions that people in churches across the country are having. The author focuses on three persistent questions: When do things go back to normal? How do we get people (back) to church? And how do we do more with less?

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CEU QUICKLINKS:

[PeoplePortal User Instructions](#)

(Includes directions for submitting CEU requests)

[Event Evaluation Form](#)



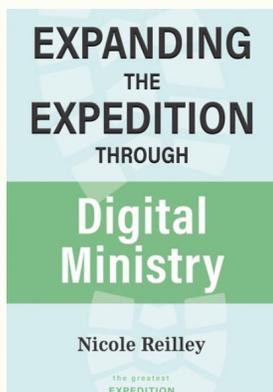
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NOTES:

June is the final month to earn CEUs for credit during the current appointment year, which ends on June 30th. Be sure to log on to your PeoplePortal (see Quicklinks for directions) to see if you have met your 3 CEU requirement for the year. If you have not submitted requests for credit for some of the events you have attended, you can submit them there (preferred) or just send me an email with the details. Remember, you can earn 0.3 CEUs for each book you have read during the year (maximum three book credit). For three books, you earn one full CEU.

Also, please note that all clergy under appointment are required to earn 3 CEUs per year or 12 per quadrennium. If you are a provisional member or currently taking COS or seminary courses, you are exempt from CEU requirements. During any year you are NOT taking courses, the exemption does not apply.

Book Review



EXPANDING THE EXPEDITION THROUGH DIGITAL MINISTRY - by Nicole Reilley

Author Nicole Reilley invites readers to take seriously the world in which we find ourselves. We live in a digital world, and regardless of your age (you may or may not be a digital native) or comfort with technology, all of us find ourselves living in a time when God is using technology to build up the church.

This expedition doesn't require any unique skill set, only a desire to let God lead as we use today's tools for God's glory. Don't let the topic scare you if this is new to you. We will make it accessible and fun. And remember, everything on our expedition is a process, a discovery, an unfolding of where God is calling us as his church.

This resource will look at why the digital world matters to God, the distinctions between online worship and online ministry, the differences between our approaches to ministry online and in-person, evangelism, engagement and why it matters, and hybrid ministry models.

Nicole's real-world church leadership grounds her book in the fundamentals of online and digital local church work. She provides proven innovations on how to do church online. Every local church pastor needs to read her book and begin their own experimental design in the new church to come.

- Bishop Grant Hagiya,
California-Pacific Annual Conference of The UMC



A Message from Your Editor

This month our WLI Director, Terry Goodman, has graciously turned the director's column over to me, your humble editor, so that I might share some words upon my official (semi)-retirement. I have so many thoughts and feelings about this I hardly know where to start....

I began my Holston journey twenty-five years ago in 1997 at the Knoxville conference office. (We had two other offices in Johnson City at the time.) My office "home" was a corner workroom in the back of the Western Ave. building that also housed the Knoxville District office and Lunsford Music Studios. The sound of occasional trumpets coming from music lessons in adjacent rooms made for an interesting environment.

My supervisors at the time were Darris Doyal (Congregational Development) and Charles Lippse (Clergy Concerns).

Both were in new extension ministries at the time, so my work duties were not really clear yet. I recall telling my spouse "Well, I'll try this for six months." As they say, the rest is history.

Over the years, some of the duties changed, and Wesley Leadership Institute and some Clergy Services functions were added. During my time at Holston, I have had the pleasure, the honor, (OK, and sometimes the challenges) of serving 15 supervisors! At the top of the list of requirements for my someday replacement will be "adaptability!"

I have had mixed emotions about retiring. I enjoy my work, and I have made many treasured friendships over the years, both clergy and lay. I'm planning to be a greeter at Annual Conference this year to say a proper good-bye to some of you. But my husband's health is fragile, and I feel like I need to be home for him. Also, after 25 years at my post, I am ready for some new adventures. I'm looking forward to expanding my veggie garden and possibly re-activating my Master Gardener membership, since I will have more free time for the required volunteer hours. I want to do more kayaking and camping. I have renewed my Babel subscription, and this time I will really do the Spanish lessons homework! And, of course, I want to spend more quality time with the cat. (As Nick says, "When they're not drawing blood, they're soft.")

For the time being, I will continue remotely with my office duties on a part-time basis. Thus, your CEUs will still be posted, your COS and MEF checks will be processed, this newsletter will still be published, and I will assist Susan Arnold, our new Congregational Development Director, and Terry Goodman in Clergy Services as I am able. You can continue to email me with any needs or questions at sue@holston.org (preferred) or you can call me (865-293-4135), and I will try to respond in a timely manner.

I shall miss you all very much. It has been a great ride. But you will remain in my prayers, on my mind, and in my heart. And in the words of that old Bob Hope tune, "Thanks for the memories!"

- Sue

Events list, continued...

Mission U

July 22-23 Cokesbury UMC-Knoxville

This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia.

Our hope is that we will leave Mission u with a bigger and broader vision of the community Christ is calling us to be in times of loss, grief and massive disruption. What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways, as Jesus did in Luke 13?

Our newly designed Mission u 2022 is more flexible and intergenerational than ever - with curricula for youth, children and adults focused on the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

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