District Leadership Day Training Opportunities

January 25 :: **Maumee Watershed District**

**Care Ministry: The Good Samaritan Model :: 1:45-3:00PM**

Led by Jami Nathan and Reba Collins, this workshop is for lay and clergy who provide care, healing pathways, and support with people who have been harmed, or are currently experiencing harm, by another. Join us to learn the essentials for basic care ministry that leads to spiritual and emotional healing when harm is acknowledged and addressed. In addition, we’ll explore the Good Samaritan model for engaging connectionally as community healers.

February 8 :: **Capitol Areas Districts** – Powell UMC

**Introducing Jesus to the Trauma :: 11:00AM-12:30PM.**

This workshop will enhance your care ministry to those who have been a victim, witness, or participant of a crime, or who are caught up in the cycle of addiction or incarceration. Special emphasis will be given to caring for victims of crime, youth, and local jail ministry in rural communities and distressed neighborhoods. Led by Rev. Debbie Ketcham and Pastors David Pennington and Vaughn Cook.

February 8 :: **Miami Valley District** – United Theological Seminary

**Living Jesus’s Vision with Justice-Involved Women :: 10:45AM – 12:30PM**

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February 8 :: **Northwest Plains District** – Trinity UMC, Ottawa

**HOPE Letters Basic Training :: Time TBD**

“Let me tell you how valuable a letter is.” Join HOPE Letters co-developers, Rev. Amelia Boomershine and James Clay, for a full HOPE Letter training. All In Community launches new HOPE Letters groups three times a year. This is one
opportunity to become equipped to start a new group or join an existing group while engaging in the restorative practice of a listening circle.

Other Upcoming District Opportunities

January 28 :: Caring Community- Mentors (ORV District)
11:30AM-1:30PM, Cincinnati Adult Parole Authority
Explore the ministry of Caring Community-Mentors with young justice-involved persons returned to Hamilton County. We are starting a new six-month cycle of mentoring and need more mentors to offer a wise presence with more of our youth. We will be meeting at the Cincinnati Adult Parole Authority (APA) Office located at 7700 Reading Road, Cincinnati for training on mentoring best practices and APA agency policies. RSVP to Reba Collins at rebakco@gmail.com.

February 4 :: Life Builders Mentoring (ORV District – Teaching Tuesday)
11:30AM – 1:30PM & 6:00-8:00PM, ORV District Office
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February 15 :: Good Samaritan Workshop (MW & NWP Districts)
This Good Samaritan workshop is designed for Stephen Ministers and Care Ministry ministers continuing education. Much like people living through a long-term illness, a fatal diagnosis, or a recent death, victims of crime, their loved ones, and people transitioning through the criminal justice system are in need of aftercare from compassionate care givers.

The first half of this session will provide simple steps to begin caring for crime victims and justice-involved individuals. We will explore what it means to guide a person on the path to healing and wholeness following a crime. Topics covered include:

- The levels of impact following a crime
- Response needs following victimization or an arrest
- Forgiveness and shame resilience
- Victim’s rights

The second half of this session will provide guidance and an existing model for working collaboratively in a local “Good Samaritan” ministry based on similar efforts in the Ohio River Valley District.
For training information, contact Reba Collins at allincommunity@wocumc.org.