

THE PRESBYTERY PASTORAL CARE NETWORK  
 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
 APRIL 18-20, 2017  
 LOUISVILLE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

*Rev. Gradye Parsons*  
 ~ Keynote Speaker ~

MY CALL, MY FAITH, AND MY CAR PAYMENT

Parsons will explore the nature of call in our vocations. How healthy is your call today and does it have its own energy? What role does your faith journey play in your call? We will explore how the peaks and valleys of faith impact vocation. Finally the reality check of living out your call while meeting the needs of room and board.



*Rev. Gradye Parsons was ordained 37 years ago as a Presbyterian teaching elder. His first job in the church was as a janitor. "It's been a privilege for me to serve," he said. "All of my jobs in*



*the church have been a pleasure to me." Gradye was the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly when he announced in August 2015 that he would not stand for election to a third four-year term as the highest elected officer of the church. Parsons previously served pastorates in Newport and Bristol, Tenn., Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk for Holston Presbytery, and as Director of Operations for the Office of the General Assembly under former Stated Clerk Clifton Kirkpatrick for seven years. He was first elected GA Stated Clerk in 2008 and his term ended in June 2016. Gradye is currently working on a book to address healthy pastors and their call. He and his wife, Kathy, have a son, Joshua and daughter, Rachel.*

# *Bursting Wineskins:* *Creative Responses to Christ's Changing Church*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 18

3:00 - 5:00 PM • Registration, Laws Lodge  
 5:00 PM • Welcome | Introductions  
 6:00 PM • Dinner  
 7:00 PM • Opening Worship  
 7:30 PM • **Presentation - Gradye Parsons**

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 AM • Breakfast in Dining Hall  
 9:00 AM • **Presentation - Gradye Parsons**  
 10:30 AM Break  
 10:45 AM • **Workshop: The Leadership Call to 21st Century Pastors - SanDawna Ashley**  
 12:00 PM • **PPCN Annual Meeting | Lunch**  
 1:00 PM • **Workshops (choose 1)**  
 \*Teaming With Your Clergy - Steve McCutchan  
 \*Creating a Pastoral Care Team - Jim Burns  
 2:30 PM Break  
 3:00 PM • **Workshops (choose 1)**  
 \*Pastoral Care for HRs - Carol DeVaughan  
 \*Creating a Pastoral Care Team - Jim Burns  
 6:00 PM • Dinner  
 7:00 PM • **Interactive Dialogue • Gradye Parsons**  
 9:00 PM • **Evening Devotions**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM • Breakfast in Dining Hall  
 9:00 AM • **Workshops (choose 1)**  
 \*Using Humor to Combat Stress in Ministry - Steve McCutchan  
 \*Shepherding the Shepherds - Jim Splitt  
 10:30 AM • Observations | Concluding Comments  
 11:15 PM • Worship & Communion  
 12:00 PM • Lunch | Sending forth!

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

**THE LEADERSHIP CALL TO 21ST CENTURY PASTORS** - SanDawna Ashley. Twenty-first Century pastors foster collaboration, empower others to succeed, shape norms and provide vision through innovative solutions that look to the future while assessing the past. Participants will use the Book of Nehemiah to explore these themes and equip pastors for ministry today.

**TEAMING WITH YOUR CLERGY** - Stephen McCutchan. Elders and pastors building a team for a spiritually healthy church.

**USING HUMOR TO COMBAT STRESS IN MINISTRY** - Stephen McCutchan. How to turn your problems into punchlines and allow laughter to decrease the tension in your ministry.

**PASTORAL CARE FOR HRs** - Carol DeVaughan. Different people view "retirement" in different ways. Is there a special challenge in the retirement of a clergy person? Does the "call" vanish? How can a presbytery offer care and support during this phase of life for our clergy?

**CREATING A PASTORAL CARE TEAM** - Jim Burns. How to create and maintain a pastoral care team for presbytery's clergy, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and their families. The workshop will relate how the creation of this team in Indian Nations Presbytery has led the presbytery to develop a Pastoral Care Committee which has broader responsibility than the Pastoral Care Team. Based on six years of practice at Indian Nations Presbytery.

**SHEPHERDING THE SHEPHERDS** - Jim Splitt. Self care for our ministry team.

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The PPCN annual conferences are designed to share resources about the essential best ministry practices at the presbytery level that promote clergy wellness in a proactive way. Clergy, Presbytery or Synod leaders and staff, COM, CPM, Christian Educators, CREs and volunteers are encouraged to attend. Discounted rate with a PPCN membership!

## WHEN

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM -to-  
Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 1:00 PM

## WHERE

Louisville Theological Seminary • www.lpts.edu  
1044 Alta Vista Rd., Louisville, KY 40205

## COST (ADD \$30 AFTER APRIL 1)

PPCN Members \$300 + lodging\*

Non-members \$350 + lodging\*

Spouses (meals only) \$115

\*lodging is \$73.92/room, for 1-2 people

Conference fee includes speaker, resources, workshops, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners.

## LODGING

Laws Lodge at Louisville Seminary

Twin or queen size beds | \$73.92 per room/night  
Call LPTS to reserve lodging - Ph. 502-992-0220

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

Airport: Louisville Airport (SDF)

## REGISTRATION / QUESTIONS

- Register online at [PastoralCareNetwork.org](http://PastoralCareNetwork.org)
- Register by mail: Send check payable to PPCN to Debbie Corll, 281 Limerick Road, Wexford, PA 15090
- Registration questions: Debbie Corll, ph. 412-952-2840; [Conference@PastoralCareNetwork.org](mailto:Conference@PastoralCareNetwork.org)
- Questions about Conference content should be directed to: Jim Splitt, ph. 402-277-0912; [gyouareyou@me.com](mailto:gyouareyou@me.com)

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Workshops, Networking,  
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