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are required at
this event.*

2022 EAPCE Spring Event

April 25-27, 2022

**Rhodes Grove Conference Center
7693 Browns Mills Road
Chambersburg, PA**

Conference Leadership



Nancy Reinert (Worship Leader)

Nancy Joiner Reinert began her career as a Christian Educator in Carlisle Presbytery, at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, PA, and Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg. In those settings she became especially interested in worship and the sacraments, particularly in creative ways to include children and youth in meaningful ways. After earning her M.Div at Princeton Theological Seminary, she was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Caledonia, NY, near Rochester, for twenty years. She and her husband, Wayne, returned to Hershey in retirement. She has led worship for presbytery events, conferences, and retreats, and continues to enjoy planning and leading worship for special occasions. Nancy and Wayne have two sons, David in Los Angeles and Paul in Elizabethtown, PA, and enjoy grandparenting four grandchildren, long distance and in person!

**Mary Lemons,
Ed.D., Professor of Music-
Emerita** (Music Leader)



Mary has been involved in church music since age 8 when she joined the Junior Choir of the United Methodist Church in Mahomet, Illinois. She went on to earn a B.S., M.S. and Ed.D. in Music Education from the University of Illinois while teaching music in the public schools and continuing her service of choral singing and piano accompaniment at Wesley United Methodist Church on the university campus. In 2014, Mary retired from Lebanon Valley College (Annville, PA) where she served nineteen years as Director of Music Education. For some time she has worshipped at Derry Presbyterian Church, enjoying participation in the Sanctuary Choir and frequently serving as choir accompanist. She also provides piano music for a weekly service of Evening Prayer and Communion. With music at Derry Church, Mary is filled with The Spirit!

Conference Leadership

*Real Kids, Real Faith,
Real Neighbors, Real Life*

Karen-Marie Yust will tackle the topic of children's spirituality in four keynotes exploring who children are, how they learn, and how their spirituality can be nurtured at home, in congregations, and in the public realm.



Karen Marie Yust

Real Kids: Yust will highlight the move away from universal ages/stages developmental theories to a collection of theories that are much more contextual. This will help participants reframe their thinking about who children are and how they learn.

Real Faith: Yust will build on the theories described in the first keynote and translate those findings into ideas for spiritual and religious nurture within congregations and families.

Real Neighbors: This focus will be on how expanded ideas of kinship and exposure to stories of diversity help children treat others ethically and work for social justice and peace. This keynote will also weave in new findings from Search Institute on Developmental Relationships and children.

Real Life: Yust will explore a variety of ways to help children and families practice faith throughout their days and in relation to popular culture.

The Rev. Dr. Karen-Marie Yust is the Josiah P. and Anne Wilson Rowe Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She directs the Children's Spirituality Research & Innovation Hub and writes most of the content for www.RealKidsRealFaith.org. Ordained in the UCC and Disciples traditions, she is also the parent of three young adult children.

**Tuesday Morning Workshops:
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Workshop #1: Beyond Buzzwords: Agile Planning for Christian Education

led by Rachel Pedersen

In this collaborative workshop, participants will explore tools and strategies designed to help church leaders reflect, imagine, and plan for an ever changing context. We will practice these processes together and imagine how these tools can be used in our ministries.



Workshop #2: Making Crosses

led by Robin Ray

In this workshop we will be taking a spiritual journey together as we make a cross reflecting your own personal spiritual journey. This workshop takes us beyond the physical of making a cross to a journey guided by the Holy Spirit. We will read scripture, pray, reflect, and listen as God speaks to us.



Workshop #3: We Love to Tell the Story: The Gift of Communication through Children's Books

led by Mary Maleski and Cathay Snyder

Today, we see people worshipping or exploring faith differently, wanting a less structured approach to their spirituality. Stories can help with the spiritual message when focusing on the ideas that form our faith like love, kindness, compassion, and hospitality. This workshop will explore ways to use children's books in nurturing the spiritual lives and faith formation of children (and adults too!). Participants are invited to bring their favorite children's book to share. We'll take home with us a list of resources and ideas for using children's books in all areas of our ministry, whether in-person or online.



**Tuesday Afternoon Workshops:
1:00-2:30 PM**

Workshop #4: QPR- for Life (Suicide Prevention)

led by Patricia Cambri

Question, Persuade and Refer is an educational awareness program and a nationally recognized suicide prevention strategy which provides practical guidance in listening and responding to individuals who may want to end their lives. As CPR is for the heart QPR is for the mind.



You will be trained to recognize suicide warning signs, ways to initiate conversations, and methods of providing help and hope to individuals whether they are part of your congregation, family, friends or community members. QPR training, also known as gatekeeper training, teaches people without professional mental health backgrounds to recognize the signs that someone may be considering suicide, establish a dialogue, and guide the person to seek professional help.

The training is highly interactive and is focused on dispelling myths of mental health issues.

Workshop #5: Real Adults, Real Faith

led by Karen-Marie Yust

Social science doesn't just have a lot to tell us about children's spirituality. There are also new discoveries related to adult faith development that can help us update our ministries for grown-ups. Explore recent research findings and their implications for teaching strategies, programming, leadership training, and worship. Learn how to assess and augment resources and curricula so they are more effective based on these findings. You might even learn some things about your own faith journey and how to challenge yourself to keep growing and learning.



Workshop #6: Children and Displacement: The 21st Century Refugee Crisis and Welcoming Youth from Around the World

led by Andrew Mashas

Over half of the world's total 82 million displaced people are under the age of 18. Countries like Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, El Salvador, have all seen record numbers of people fleeing their homes. This has profound effects on the next generation of the globe. Learn how we as followers of Jesus can embrace and welcome them into our communities to provide healing and hope to the least of these.



Spirituality Center

The 2022 EAPCE event Spirituality Center will be constructed as place where conference participants can come to engage in stations that will follow the conference theme and provide opportunities for learning and reflection.

Event Schedule

Monday	April 25	
1:00 pm	Registration and Check-In	
3:00 pm	Welcome and Community Building	
4:00 pm	Opening Worship	Nancy Reinert & Mary Lemons
5:00 pm	Dinner	
6:30 pm	Plenary #1	Karen-Marie Yust
8:00 pm	Evening Prayer	
8:30 pm	Monday Movie Night & More	
Tuesday	April 26	
7:30 am	Prayer Walk	Debby Madden
8:00 am	Breakfast	
9:00 am	Plenary #2	Karen-Marie Yust
10:30 am	Morning Workshops	
	#1 Post Pandemic Pondering & Planning	Rachel Pedersen
	#2 Making Crosses	Robin Ray
	#3 The Influence of Children's Books on Children's Spirituality	Mary Maleski and Cathay Snyder
12:00 noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Afternoon Workshops	
	#4 QPR	Patricia Cambri
	#5 Real Adults, Real Faith	Karen-Marie Yust
	#6 Welcoming New Neighbors	Andrew Mashas
2:30 pm	Free Time	
4:00 pm	Byron's Book Picks	
5:00 pm	Dinner	
6:30 pm	Plenary #3	Karen-Marie Yust
8:00 pm	Evening Worship	Nancy Reinert & Mary Lemons
8:45 pm	Educator Celebration	
Wednesday	April 27	
7:30 am	Prayer Walk	Debby Madden
8:00 am	Breakfast	
8:45 am	EAPCE Business Meeting	Carolyn Leah
9:30 am	Plenary #4	Karen-Marie Yust
11:15 am	Closing Worship with Communion	Nancy Reinert & Mary Lemons



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Online Event Registration here:

<https://tinyurl.com/EAPCE2022>

Deadline: April 1

Scholarships Available for Spring 2022 Event!

EAPCE will provide full scholarships to first time conference participants or partial assistance to repeat attendees.

Share the good news with your church friends!

To receive a scholarship application email: debbyam20@gmail.com

Book Exchange

If you need to make space for new books and want to share your resources, there will be a book exchange. Bring some, take some, and make sure you take back what is not snapped up by other conference goers.

Join us as we honor Retired Saints and Educators of the Year Awards for 2022

Hearts and Minds Bookstore

Books and resources will be available through Hearts and Minds Bookstore during the conference.

Masks and proof of vaccination are required at this event.

EAPCE SPRING EVENT 2022 REGISTRATION FORM

Name (as desired on your nametag) _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Church/Position _____

APCE Member? Yes _____ No _____

First time attendee? Yes _____

Are there any dietary or special needs? _____

Are you vaccinated against COVID-19? Yes or No

WORKSHOP CHOICES: (circle one for each time slot)

10:30 AM #1 / #2 / #3 1:00 PM #4 / #5 / #6

Conference Fees:

(Includes Conference, Keynotes, Workshops, 2 nights lodging and 5 meals and snacks):

Double Room(\$390) _____

Single Room (\$450) _____

Commuter.....\$150 3 day (meals included) _____

.....\$115 1 day (meals included) _____

Add \$40 for non-APCE members _____

Conference Fee Total _____

Roommate Preference _____

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations can be honored only if made ten days or more before the event.

Please complete and mail registration with check payable to APCE Eastern Region to:

Debby Madden, EAPCE Treasurer
54 North Orange Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

Deadline to Register: Friday, April 1, 2022

Questions: easternapce@gmail.com