

A New Turn: Hybrid Faith Formation
a two-day virtual conference



What

is hybrid faith formation? How can we do it better and in a sustainable way? How can creativity help us unlock new ideas and extend our reach? How do we care for ourselves and lead well through times of transition?

Join

colleagues from across the country on **June 8 & 9, 2022** to explore these questions, learn, connect, worship, and renew during AUCE's second virtual national event. This conference will offer 6 interactive and engaging workshops (you can register for 1, 3, or all 6) led by colleague experts and tailored to the needs of faith formation leaders for today.

In addition, all are invited to participate in creative worship, self-care practices, and two colleague connection"sessions for networking, encouragement, and sharing.

Registration

will open after Easter. Watch your e-mail inbox and the AUCE website (www.auce-ucc.org) for more details.

Workshops

are listed on the next page.

Workshop 1 – June 8, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (EDT)

Biblical Study: Psalm 90 for Times of Mighty Change

This is an opportunity to learn by doing as you participate in a bible study for faith formation workers. Together we'll be exploring the psalm from multiple contexts, while at the same time modeling several hybrid teaching strategies that you can use with your congregation.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Thom Bower & Rev. Dr. Marian Plant

Workshop 2 – June 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (EDT)

Blue Sky Space: Creative Thinking Prompts for Joy, Fun, and Innovation

Using creative thinking games that inspire slant approaches to ministry, we will discover joyful new possibilities for our work in hybrid faith formation. The workshop will utilize breakout rooms to engage a spectrum of participants' collaborating styles during each game.

Presenter: Rev. Susan Page Townsley

Workshop 3 – June 8, 7:30 –9:30 p.m. (EDT)

Gen 2 Gen: An Answer to Each Other's Prayers

Research tells us that faith is best shaped when shared between generations. The pandemic taught us not to limit how and when that can happen. If we put the two together, we can reimagine the work of the Church. From mentorship to tech-support, we will explore a whole new spectrum of possibilities.

Presenter: Rev. Lee Yates

Workshop 4 – June 9, 12:00-2:00 p.m. (EDT)

Extend Your Reach

Just like Jesus went out into towns across the region to meet people and minister to them, we can extend our reach beyond our church building to do the same. Instead of waiting for people to join us at church, let us meet them where they are—whether that's a digital space, on the playground, or reaching them in their homes. This workshop will give you tools to assess where those spaces are and suggestions of ways to minister in these new places.

Presenter: Rev. Jo Nygard Owens

Workshop 5 – June 9, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (EDT)

The Basics of Ministry in Virtual Spaces

In early 2020, ministry (and life in general) shifted drastically – everything went virtual! Since then, it seems all we have done is pivot...and adjust...and then pivot again. As a result, many of us could use a crash course to solidify our understanding of the basics of virtual ministry. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of different virtual meeting platforms so you can better determine which works best for your needs; learn key safety tips for virtual/hybrid meetings; engage in conversation about how to determine whether to do something in person, completely virtual, or hybrid; learn the difference between a hybrid *event* and a hybrid *program*; discover new programs, tools, and resources that can help take your virtual/hybrid events and programs to the next level; and learn basic social media tips and tricks.

Presenter: Rev. Sarah A. Lohrbach

Workshop 6 – June 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (EDT)

Energy for the Journey: Not Stuck on Pause

Practitioners, leaders, and their organization are always intertwined in an organic and dynamic relationship. This webinar will explore a tool that helps describe and provide for contributing and growing: leadership as "being" and "doing." Small group and plenary conversation will explore implications and outcomes for leadership. In preparation, please write a case study of a current vocational challenge in your place of service. Participants will receive supporting documents ahead of the workshop.

Presenter: Rev. Arlen Vernava