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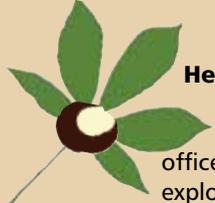
15th Annual Healthy Congregations National Gathering

The Longing for Togetherness:

Lament and Hope in
Congregational Life

October 14-15, 2013

Martin de Porres Center, Ohio Dominican
University, 2330 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio



Healthy Congregations, Inc.

has returned the National Gathering to the location of its national office—Columbus, Ohio. Join with us in exploring this Capital City with world renowned restaurants, music, educational institutions, and centers of scientific inquiry. Columbus, Ohio was named the Most Intelligent City in the World in 2013 by the Intelligent Communities Forum. Join us as we explore new perspectives on systems in the midst of the small city with the bigtown heart and mind.

Location and Lodging

All presentations for the conference will be held at the Martin de Porres Center of Ohio Dominican University in Columbus.

Special arrangements have been made at the Best Western Plus, 1450 Airpointe Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 614-337-8400 for lodging for the National Gathering, www.bestwesterncolumbus.com. The group rate is \$84/night plus tax. You must make your own room reservations for the event. Mention Healthy Congregations and the National Gathering Conference to receive the group rate.

Complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport to the hotel operates on the ½ hour beginning at 4:30 am and ending at 12 a.m.

Shuttle service will be provided during the conference from the Best Western to the Martin de Porres Center.

Meals

There are no conference meals planned for dinner on Monday night. All participants will be free to be a part of dinner groups planned for areas of Columbus such as the Short North, German Village, Downtown and the University Circle or explore on their own. Transportation will be available for the dinner groups included as a part of the National Gathering. The Best Western provides a regular shuttle service to the Easton area for those interested in shopping and exploring restaurants in that area of Columbus.

Campaign for the Next Generation

Healthy Congregations continues to participate in its capital campaign to raise \$300,000 for the purpose of creating more digital options and to create new print and digital resources for its network of almost 3,000 coaches, facilitators, educators, leaders and trainers. Visit our campaign microsite at: www.hcnextgen.com

This Year's Focus...

Congregational leaders have discovered that groups, organizations, families and congregations have intriguing mixtures of the desire for intense closeness and the equally powerful forces of remaining separate and distinct. Formative texts from our various religious heritages name that dynamic. Much of congregational life is spent negotiating and being perplexed by this closeness/distance dance. How can we understand it more thoughtfully, observe it more neutrally, and gain a broader view on congregational emotional process? Our discussions will center on the impact of the reciprocity of togetherness and separateness on the health, purpose and resilience of individuals and communities.

This National Gathering will continue HC's commitment to exploring family of origin work. There will be a presentation about the purpose and focus of family systems coaching during Tuesdays' activities. Each registrant will also have the opportunity to spend time with an experienced coach.

HC Membership Network

Yes, join us! The Membership Network is one way that you can support the work of Healthy Congregations and remain connected with current thinking in systems theory, emotional process, and congregational studies. Benefits include a discount for many HC events, including the National Gathering, a book of the year, a member bag for first time members, a members-only portal with access to video presentations, interesting articles that are posted, and access to the "Main Street Forum", our on-line journal.

Livecast Your Involvement

HC has continued to explore the opportunities through streaming educational events. Register for the livecast of the National Gathering and participate in all of the plenary presentations. You will be able to participate with your questions by posting virtual questions during our Q and A time with the speakers. All livecast participants this year will also receive Lillian Daniel's most recent publication, *When Spiritual But Not Religious In Not Enough*.

Conference Schedule

Monday, October 14, 2013

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Preconference Focus Group Opportunities
Workshop A -- *Developing a Judicatory Resource Team* with HC Board Chair Mary Ann Schwabe
Workshop B -- *How to Incorporate Family of Origin Process in HC Resources* with Robert Mathis
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch available for those arriving early
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome by Executive Director Emlyn Ott**
- 1:30 p.m. Andrea Maloney Schara Plenary**
- 3:00 p.m. Break with refreshments
- 3:30 - 5 p.m. Andrea Maloney Schara Plenary**
- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Exploration on the town (participants will have the opportunity to visit neighborhoods and restaurants in the Columbus area)

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Martin de Porres Center
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Larry Foster Presentation on Family Process**
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Family of Origin Groups
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Martin de Porres Center
- 1:30 p.m. Lillian Daniel Plenary**
- 3:00 p.m. Break with refreshments
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Lillian Daniel Plenary**
- 5:00 p.m. Closing Devotions and Farewell**
- 5:30 p.m. HC Board of Directors Dinner

(Items in bold are available for the livecast registrants' participation)

Presenters

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Lillian Daniel has served as the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn since 2004. As editor at large for the Christian Century Magazine, and a contributing editor at Leadership Journal, her work has also appeared in The Huffington Post, Christianity Today, Relevant Magazine, Books and Culture, The Journal for Preachers and in the daily email devotionals available at www.ucc.org, with over 20,000 subscribers. She has taught preaching at Chicago Theological Seminary, the University of Chicago Divinity School and at her alma mater, Yale Divinity School, where she received the 2010 distinguished alumni award for "Distinction in Congregational Ministry." Her book, *When Spiritual But Not Religious is Not Enough: Seeing God In Surprising Places, Even the Church* will be provided for each registrant of the conference. This much talked about book has been described as biting, hilarious, pitch perfect, tender and often stunningly beautiful.



Andrea Maloney Schara, LICSW

Andrea Maloney Schara is an academic, author, founder and board member of "Leaders for Tomorrow". Hired by Murray Bowen, M.D. in 1980, she worked on staff in the department of psychiatry at Georgetown University Family Center where she was later appointed to the faculty. Ms. Schara created "Leaders for Tomorrow", a non-profit dedicated to communicating the ideas of Bowen Theory. The group has been instrumental in archiving all of Dr. Bowen's papers and video tapes and transferring the legacy of Dr. Bowen to the *National Library of Medicine*. Her accomplishments include private practice and biofeedback at the Bowen Center, presentations on the application of Bowen Theory in the United States, Japan, Norway, Sweden, and France. In 1993, Andrea began a neurofeedback practice and currently trains individuals in neurofeedback to increase optimal functioning with "Zengar." Andrea is the author of *Create Your Mindful Compass: Navigating in the Social Jungle for Success* (published in Spanish) and numerous academic papers. She currently resides in Darien, Connecticut where she writes and consults with organizations and individuals.



Additional Presenters

The Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott

Emlyn Ott has served as Executive Director of Healthy Congregations since 2006, when she succeeded Peter Steinke in the leadership of the non-profit. She currently serves as Dean of Leadership Formation and Assistant Professor of Ministry and Pastoral Leadership at Trinity Seminary. A frequent conference speaker, consultant and coach, she is currently working on the *Campaign for the Next Generation* of "Healthy Congregations" and her deepening interest in clarity, focus and purpose among "intentional communities" and congregations in transition.

Mary Ann Schwabe

Mary Ann Schwabe begins her service this Fall as Chair of the Healthy Congregations Board of Directors. A leader and coach, Mary Ann has been committed to expanded thinking based on ideas generated by Murray Bowen and Ed Friedmann. She serves as the Assistant to the Bishop in the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA as staff resource for the Synod's Congregational Resource Team.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Mathis

Rev. Robert I. Mathis, PhD. is an ordained minister and pastoral counselor, who has served churches in Denver, CO, Pittsburgh, PA, and Columbus, OH. He is a Facilitator for the Healthy Leadership Seminars held at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus and serves as chair of the Board of Directors of Healthy Congregations, Inc. He holds a Master of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO and a PhD. in Psychology with a specialization in Bowen Family Systems Theory from the Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH.

The Rev. Dr. Larry Foster

Larry Foster is founder of Clergy Seminars and a former member of the Healthy Congregations Board. His work with family process began in 1979 when he first heard Rabbi Friedman talk about emotional triangles and anxiety. He has worked with four coaches from the Ann Arbor Center of the Family, the Minnesota Institute of Family Dynamics, Friedman's faculty, and the Georgetown Family Center. As a coach and consultant for sixteen years, his effort in working with Bowen Theory, especially around leadership, continues in all aspects of his own journey.

Registration

Online Option

Visit the Healthy Congregations website (www.healthycongregations.com) to register online and pay via PayPal.

Mail-in Option

First/Last _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City/State/ Zip _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____

_____ **2013-14 Membership Fee \$52.50**

_____ **Registration for Conference Only** (includes all conference sessions plus lunch on Monday and Tuesday, breakfast on Tuesday and refreshment breaks and transportation for Monday night)
_____ Member **\$300** _____ Non-Member **\$350**

_____ **Young Adult (18-30) Registration**
_____ Member **\$250** _____ Non-Member **\$300**

_____ **Single-Day Registration** (includes plenary sessions, breakfast on Tuesday, lunches and refreshment breaks)
_____ Mon. Registration _____ Tues. Registration
_____ Member **\$150** _____ Non-Member **\$175**

_____ **Livecast Registration** (all plenary sessions)
_____ **\$175** (livecast participants will also be provided with Daniel's book)

_____ **Yes, I plan to attend Preconference Focus Groups on Monday from 10 to noon.**

TOTAL Including Registration \$ _____

Send mail-in registration and payment to:
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