

**2012 ANNUAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SAMUEL DeWITT PROCTOR SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
MARCH 10, 2012**

TO: Persons Planning to Attend CLC 2012

FROM: Rev. Jackie Anderson
 Executive Assistant for Continuing Education

 CLC 2012 Planning Committee

RE: Registration Material

Greetings Christian Friends:

We are preparing for another year of teaching and learning for church leaders and members. It is our hope that this year's conference will inspire persons to enlarge their faith and equip them to develop creative ministries. We will propose an approach to ministry that will result in greater faith growth for all persons. We are planning a stimulating and thought-provoking day filled with new ideas and considerations for your back-home use in 21st century ministry.

In the spirit of transition, our theme for this year's Church Leadership Conference is: *Help! My Church is Changing: Tradition, Transition and Transformation.* Instead of holding events on two separate days, this year's conference will be held on one day, **Saturday, March 10, 2012.** The format will allow congregational leaders to *spend a day with the faculty* of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology as they reflect and explore how change can enhance ministry and service. This year's conference is designed to allow participants to deal with their concerns in a practical way as they are guided by scripture, theology and exposure to some of the current "best practices" in ministry.

The registration fee is \$40.00, which includes lunch and conference material. An additional \$20.00 must be sent if you desire a CEU certificate. We can only accept church checks, money orders, or cashier's checks. Payment must be sent with all registration forms in order to receive confirmation for the classes you will choose. There will be NO registrations and/or payments accepted on the day of the conference. If you desire to pay cash, you must come to the Continuing Education office located in Kingsley Hall, Room B-19 on or before February 17, 2012. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS** will be accepted.

Mail all registration forms to:

Rev. Jackie Anderson
Executive Assistant for Continuing Education
STVU, Virginia Union University
1500 North Lombardy, Kingsley Hall B-19
Richmond, VA 23220-1711

Space is limited this year. Therefore, we encourage you to mail your forms in early; **Conference Registration Deadline is February 17, 2012.** Feel free to share this information with others, and duplicate any of the material that you have. **Each participant MUST** complete a separate form. Please use the class selection sheet (which is enclosed) to **choose two classes** for the day, **one for the morning session** and **one for the afternoon session.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Rev. Anderson at (804) 354-5923 Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

We look forward to having you spend the day with us on Saturday, March 10, 2012.

2012 CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
“SPENDING A DAY WITH THE FACULTY OF STVU”
Saturday, March 10, 2012

Register early, space is limited
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be Received by February 17, 2012

MAKE ADDITIONAL COPIES AS NEEDED & USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PERSON

(Please Print or Type ALL information requested on the form)

Name _____

Street or P O Box _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

print information clearly

Church Name & Phone Number _____

Pastor's Name _____

CLASS SELECTIONS: Choose **TWO** classes (one from the **morning session** and one from the **afternoon session**) See list provided for class choices.

Session I (morning)

Class Choice # _____

and

Session II (afternoon)

Class Choice # _____

REGISTRATION FEES

\$40.00 (No CEU)

\$ _____

\$60.00 (With CEU)

\$ _____

TOTAL (Includes Lunch)

\$ _____

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Make church check, cashier's
check, or money order

payable to Virginia Union
University/CLC 2012

Cash will be accepted "in person"
by coming to Kingsley Hall B-19
on or before February 17, 2012.

NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR

*****Mail Completed Form and Payment to*****

Rev. Jackie Anderson, Executive Assistant for ConEd.
Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology
1500 North Lombardy Street
Richmond, VA 23220-1711

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THE LINE, OFFICE USE ONLY.
NEED MORE INFORMATION, CALL Rev. Anderson at (804) 354-5923

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DATE RECEIVED @ STVU _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____
CEU _____

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CLASS SELECTIONS

MORNING SESSION I (choose only one)

1. **Developing A Growing Faith in Changing** This class is designed to help teachers understand the spiritual and faith needs of persons as they develop throughout the life span. In particular, it will focus on creative methods in CE which consider the faith challenges faced by persons in the contemporary church and suggest relevant designs for nurturing persons in changing times.
2. **Keeping It Real: The New Face of 21st Century Christian Education** This class explores the need to examine current practices in Christian Education and to develop relevant models that speak to the changing landscape of the church. As such, it will enable participants to critically analyze their current ministries, determine the needs of learners who are involved in such ministries, assess the effectiveness of their CE programs, and envision changes that represent “best practices”, thereby adding new life to their work in local congregations.
3. **The Same God! Alive In A new Season**
This class will explore how we speak of and about God in new and refreshing ways. In particular, it will examine basic doctrines of the Christian church and explore both how they speak to us and what language we use to describe them in a season of change. In essence, the class deals with how we see God, understand God, and use language to describe God in light of what is going on in our world.
4. **A Fresh Word: The Message of the New Testament for Contemporary Times**
This class will explore the central themes in the New Testament which speak to the matter of tradition, transition and transformation. It will examine how the early church dealt with change and the lessons that the church of today might learn from its history. Additionally, it will assist the learner in the acquisition of basic exegetical tools which will enable them to uncover the meaning of New Testament for the contemporary church.
5. **Navigating the Technology Landscape: Youth and Social Media**
(Youth workers and Youth 9th – 12th grades may attend this class (There will be an afternoon class for the youth. This information will be sent with the standard confirmation letter)
This class will identify the impact of social media on the church and more importantly in the lives of our youth. Together with feedback from our youth and their adult leaders, it will explore how church education can employ such impact as an opportunity for creative ministry and/or guidance in faith nurture. The class will also discuss the ways in which during this season of change and transition, all ages need to understand both, the pitfalls and promises of technology, as well as its role as friend or foe.
6. **Principles for Effective Church Management**
This class will examine principles that enable churches to become less stagnant and more dynamic by organizing and structuring itself in healthy ways.

AFTERNOON SESSION II
(choose only one)

7. **Leadership Styles**

Since church leaders have to engage various situations a one size fit all approach to leadership is ineffective. This class will explore various leadership styles to help leaders respond appropriately and effectively to the variety of circumstances they face in the local church.

8. **Helping the Hurting or Compassionate Assistance**

Stressed? Hurting? Problems? Concerns? How do we address the various difficulties that church member face? This class will delve into ways in which we can address the plethora of issues that church member s deal with.

9. **Fantastic Finances**

Where's the money and where is it going? This class will look at ways in which the local church can increase giving and manage and account for the money received.

10. **Help! It's Time to Pass the Mantle**

This session will help congregations prepare for pastoral transition in a way that will be transformative and beneficial to both the pastor and the congregation. How do you prepare as a congregation for the passing of the mantle with regard to pastoral leadership? It doesn't have to be painful or full of strife. This session will offer some practical information and suggestions to both pastors and congregation to enhance smooth and blessed transitions.

11. **Is this What You Call Worship?**

This session will explore the elements of transformative worship. As the participants reflect on the true meaning of worship, they will have an opportunity to determine how worship generally flows in the contemporary church; to appreciate the strength of the worship traditions in the African American church; and determine how our worship can become more conducive to spiritual growth and faith development.

12. **Preaching With Transformation in Mind**

The persons to whom we preach are a diverse and complex group of people. Preaching for the transformation of these persons requires passion, purpose, and intentionality. This session will help participants to appreciate the changing personality and needs of the persons to which we preach. Conference participants will explore the elements of sermon-preparation that leads to the development of sermons that transform both individuals and churches.