

“Practical Whole-iness: Making Disciples for the 21st Century”

Friday, Oct. 5, 10 am to 9 pm and Saturday, October 6, 9 am to 12:30 pm,
Fremont United Methodist Church, Portland OR
\$100/person, \$300 for up to 6 from one church

Are you looking for a way to deepen the faith lives of those coming to your church and enliven your congregation? If so, bring a team to this ecumenical training in the adult catechumenate, a process of spiritual formation for people exploring Christianity or seeking to renew their faith. Based on ancient practices, the catechumenate goes beyond the traditional study of “what Christians believe” to asking questions, telling our stories, and discovering God’s story in our story. Through worship, prayer, small groups, Biblical reflection, sponsors and ministry in daily life, it creates a journey to baptismal living which changes lives and makes disciples

The Rev. Daniel Benedict will lead us in this training event as we explore the stages of the catechumenate process and experience its elements and worship rites in both large group and small group settings. Dan Benedict is the former Resources Director for the Worship Office of The United Methodist Church. His books include "Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us" and "Come to the Waters: Baptism and Our Ministry of Welcoming Seekers and Making Disciples." He passionately advocates for the affirmation of Christian vocation as ministry in daily life and the unleashing of all the baptized for service and witness in the world.

All denominations are welcome at this event. The services and prayers used will come from the Methodist tradition, with worship resources available for those from other traditions.

This event is recommended for teams of two or more from your setting (clergy, musicians, lay leaders and worship and adult faith formation staff) and will provide you with the background and resources you need to begin a catechumenal process in your setting. The registration fee includes lunch and dinner on Friday, plus coffee and snacks. Housing is on your own; a hotel list is available at:

<https://www.umi.org/lodgingnearfremontumc>.

Registration is available at: <https://umi-reg.brtapp.com/PracticalWholeiness>. This event is co-sponsored by Journey to Baptismal Living: The North American Association for the Catechumenate and the Columbia District of the United Methodist Church. For questions, contact Pastor Martha Maier at maierm@comcast.net.

For more information about the catechumenate visit: <https://journeytobaptism.org>.