



I have set before you life and death . . . Choose life so that you and your descendants may live. -Deut 30:19

Our society sees church as irrelevant but pastors know that church can be the foundation that nurtures, inspires, and transforms. Empowering Communication is key to developing healthy relationships and healthy churches.

This workshop will give progressive pastors a roadmap for moving Jesus' life and teaching out of the Bible and into the Church. In this retreat you will gain skills that deepen connection with yourself, the divine, and others.

While our habitual communication can disconnect us from each other, Empowering Communication:

- Enriches every relationship by making the most mundane conversation a pastoral conversation.
- Moves from a focus on problems to a focus on relationships.
- Guides you to choose words and actions that are honest and heart connected even in difficult circumstances.
- Creates dialogue and understanding where there are simmering tensions and conflict.
- Supports self-care.
- Is a framework to teach to your hospitality team so they may engage visitors and members and increase a sense of belonging.

Making the Irrelevant Church Relevant: Attracting and Retaining Parishioners by Deepening *Every* Relationship

March 10, 2017

9 am - 4 pm

St. Pauls Church, UCC, 2335 N. Orchard, Chicago, IL

"Empowering Communication has helped me clarify what has been going on in sometimes complex and emotional interactions. By identifying how I am caught in the situation, how I may be judging the other and myself, and what I need, I have been able to de-escalate and move to resolutions that affirm both parties."

- Rev. Sally Iberg, Senior Pastor, Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Oak Park, IL

Workshop Fees

Early Bird by March 1: \$70/person | March 2 - 10: \$75/person
Seminararians: \$35

Includes sessions, materials, and snacks.

Lunch

Bring a sack lunch or enjoy the variety of restaurants in the area.

The workshop will include instruction, individual, pair and small group exercises, and role play.

Register: www.empoweringcommunicationinc.net/workshops/

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About the Facilitator

Rev. Leslie Ritter-Jenkins has served in the United Church of Christ for 25 years in positions of associate and lead pastor, in two settled and two interim positions. Leslie is a certified trainer with the international Center for Nonviolent Communication, (CNVC.org), the only clergy in the Midwest with that certification. Leslie is eager to share Empowering Communication because it is a spiritual practice that brings the gospel to life.