

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

October 16-18, 2016

Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center - Hiawatha, Iowa

Workshop Schedule
Sunday 4-9pm
Monday 10am-9pm
Tuesday10am-4pm

Workshop Fees (USD)

Commuter	$210/person
Double w/shared bath	$295/person
Single w/shared bath	$320/person

Early Bird (ends 9/12)

Commuter	$190/person
Double w/shared bath	$285/person
Single w/shared bath	$300/person

Includes sessions, materials, lodging, Sunday dinner through Tuesday lunch (except commuter: lodging and breakfast not included).

To Register: http://www.prairiewoods.org/ (Programs, Calendar)
For inquiries contact Leslie Ritter-Jenkins, lkrjgarden@gmail.com



About the Facilitator

Rev. Leslie Ritter-Jenkins has served progressive churches 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.