

APCE Zoom Roundtable:

Bringing the Annual Event Back to Your Church

March 16 4pm EST

Share one thing you took away from the worship and plenary...

- We talked about Bruce's comment about sacred space and the challenges as we move out of the pandemic, how we keep a balance of sacred space in the sanctuary and how sacred space can be in our living room. How we hold, balance, and nurture both communities as we come back together.
- Paul Roberts material on antiracism as a challenge and encouragement.
- We discussed how people felt about going into an online conference format, but how the online annual event exceeded their expectations with feeling connection.
- The fun of the dance break! All the worship and plenary!
- Excitement about the antiracism workbook shared by Dr. Chalklen
- Expanding the 'table' concept mentioned in Bruce's plenary.
- The evening chats as a great new feature.
- 'Lead with Love' adopted as a personal mantra.
- "Bucky's twins'" leadership (Tom and Anne) keeping it flowing and fun.
- Being able to reflect and ask questions in the evening was something unique and cherished from the experience.

Something you plan to implement in your church or ministry...

- The workshop information from Building Blocks of Faith at home and working with parents to begin this process.
- Ideas about lamenting the last year, ways to allow the youth to express their pain while gathering outdoors together.

General Question:

What is the availability for those that didn't register for the conference? There will be something available to pay a fee to access the workshop videos from the APCE national conference. Keep an eye out for information to come.

Share an APCE conference workshop highlight with your group...

- Rebecca Davis's three part workshop was insightful about how to do ministry in different parts of people's lives, particularly trauma.
- Structures of Becky's(Rebecca Davis) workshop made good use of the online format.
- The panels on diversity and hearing stories as an emphasis can be useful for our own churches as part of an event or workshop at the local church. The stories can serve as a starting off point for discussion and conversation.
- We are grateful the videos will all be available to use in this way.

- Tory's workshop had lots of useful information.
- We are considering using the Matthew 25 workshop information at the presbytery level.
- Bruce's (Bruce Reyes Chow) facebook support group 'Zoom faith', was mentioned as a helpful tool for advice for online and tech aspects of worship as many churches move to hybrid models.
- Rebecca Davis's workshop was given much acclaim within our group.
- Exuberant enthusiasm expressed for the Building Blocks of Faith workshop.
- Presbytery camp outdoor idea for sharing lament.
- Looking for blocks of time to go back and dig into the workshops again through the video recordings.
- The Horizons Bible study workshop, author from Australia presenting, stayed with one chapter or portion in depth, but not the overview of the study. One person plans to use this study with a PW group in her church. The theme of the study is women in the genealogy of Jesus who were outsiders.

Suggestion for another Zoom discussion time...

I would love to see a group chat about child protection policies in this post covid era. How do we protect children online and in-person?