

2020 Vital Congregations Gathering Austin, TX.

The Office of Vital Congregations, PC(USA)

In relationship with Mission Presbytery and Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church

When: Monday, April 27th – Thursday, April 30th

Who: Pilot Presbyteries, 1st Wave, 2nd Wave presbyteries, and anyone interested in learning more about Vital Congregations is invited to attend the 2020 VC Gathering in Austin, TX. This is for Pastors, Presbytery Leaders, Officers of the church, and lay leaders.

Where: Gathering will take place at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church

5226 W William Cannon Dr, Austin, TX 78749

Speakers: Keynote Speaker – Tod Bolsinger; Bible Study with William P. Brown; Workshops with PC(USA) National Staff; Preaching and Testimony – 3 Pilot Presbyteries; Local Panel from Mission Presbytery; Musicians from Shepherd of the Hills; the Vital Congregations Coaches; the Office of Vital Congregations Staff and more.

Lodging: Hampton Inn Austin/Oak Hill

6401 US HWY 290 West, Austin, TX 78735

Transportation: Everyone will be on their own for transportation each day between the hotel and the church. We encourage presbyteries to rent vehicles and caravan. The distance between the church and the hotels is approximately 1.5 miles

Registration Cost: \$275

Register today! Please contact Monique.rhodes@pcusa.org with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Austin for Vital Congregations!

Schedule:

Monday April 27 – Night

- 12:00 – Leadership Team Meeting
- 4:00 – Registration @ Shepherd of the Hills
- 6:00 – Dinner: Catered @ Shepherd of the Hills
- 7:00 – Introductions
- 7:30 – Opening Worship *San Jose Presbytery*
- 9:00 – Hospitality Event (Optional)

Tuesday April 28th

- 9:00 – Morning Devotion/Reflection @ Shepherd of the Hills: *Bill Brown*
- 10:00 – Plenary *w/Tod Bolsinger*
- 11:45 – Break
- Noon – Lunch: Catered, on site
- 1:30 – Breakout Session #1
 - A. **Pilots & Wave 1: Breakout 7 Marks PC(USA) VC Staff Team Workshops**
 - B. **Wave 2 & Prospective: 7-Marks & VCI Introduction @ Shepherd of the Hills**
- 3:00 – Break
- 3:30 – Breakout Sessions #2
 - Pilots & Wave 1: Pilot & Local Presbytery Panel @ Shepherd of the Hills**
 - Wave 2 & Prospective: Breakout – Individual Presbyteries – Teaching the 7 Marks Discussion**
- breakout in presbyteries then Large Group Discussion
- 5:00 – Free Time
- 6:30 – Dinner: Catered @ Shepherd of the Hills
- 7:30 – Evening Worship: Service of Lament/Confession (*All*): *Newark Presbytery*
- 9:00 – Adjourn

Wednesday April 29th

- 9:00 – Morning Devotion/Reflection: *Bill Brown*
- 10:00 – Plenary *Tod Bolsinger*
- 11:45 – Break
- Noon – Lunch: Catered, on site
- 1:30 – Breakout Sessions #3:
 - A. **Pilots & Wave 1: 7 Marks PC(USA) VC Staff Team Workshops @ Shepherd of the Hills**
 - B. **Wave 2 & Prospective: The Vital Congregations Initiative Guidelines & Appreciative Inquiry @ Shepherd of the Hills (Sanctuary)**
- 3:00 – Break (Resource Hall Open)
- 3:30 – Breakout Sessions #4:
 - Pilots & Wave 1: Presbytery Check-in & Large Group Check-in @ Shepherd of the Hills (Sanctuary)**
 - Wave 2 & Prospective: Presbytery Planning & Large Group Discussion “Next Steps” – How We Take This Back With Us**
- 4:30 – Break
- 5:00 – Worship: Service of Commitment/Celebration @ Shepherd of the Hills: *Trinity Presbytery*
- 6:30 Free Time (*Dinner on your own*)
 - Enjoy Austin

Thursday, April 30th

Safe Travels home!