

“Take 45”

Choose from among three short workshops--with some question and answer time-- before lunch—and learn about new possibilities for outreach in your congregation.

- ***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.*** Coming from Louisville, regional volunteers Dave Doehnert (2013) and Donna Malone (2012) will share information about how PDA works in a disaster. They will give an overview of their work and share how you as an individual or as a group in your congregation can be trained to respond as a part of the PDA team. We hope to have PDA back this year for a longer training in disaster preparedness for our churches—for disasters both natural and manmade.
- ***HomeConnections.*** Calling all presbytery people handy with a hammer! If Habitat for Humanity is not right for your congregation, you can still use your skills to help scores of elderly or ill in your community. Keith Branson and other members of Westminster Presbyterian Church’s outreach ministry to the elderly will be on hand to share how to organize and connect with people in your community. How many people desperately need a wheelchair ramp or other simple home repairs in order to stay in their homes and how do you find those people? If construction is not your skill, learn how to assist senior citizens to sort and help with hoarding or down-sizing. Technical support and ideas about funding will start your ministry team on an outreach project that brings new possibilities to people in need in your community.
- ***The Outreach Foundation.*** Meet the new Director of Development, the Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller, who has recently joined the staff of the Outreach Foundation. Mark has long experience in global mission and is as persuasive as he is passionate about it. Come and hear how your church can get connected to people across the world in ways that can transform your congregation as you help others with real needs in their lives. We all now realize that the world has come to our doorstep in Middle Tennessee! How can your church learn to connect in ways that honor God and your new community members from around the world as you seek to be in relationship?