



FESTIVAL OF WISDOM AND GRACE 2026

AUG. 17-20, 2026

“And you will have life, and life abundantly”

Workshops

Workshops are organized in several tracks this year – those of general interest, issues of retirement, an introductory training for leaders newly assigned or appointed to churches with many older adult members, and a 2.0 track for leaders who want to go deeper. Every participant will be able to choose from among any of the offerings.

General interest/spiritual renewal workshops will include the following: Soulful Micro practices for abundant life, The Legacy of the Abundant Life: Passing Faith to the Next Generation, Tai Chi, Writing a Devotion for the Upper Room, Confronting Issues of Addiction, Climate Change 101, Movement for Abundant Living.

The retirement track presents a progression of workshops designed to help participants consider retirement as crossing a spiritual threshold: Rethinking Retirement, Letting Go with Grace, Listening for a New Calling, Growing the Inner Life, Reimagining Time and Rhythm, Claiming the New Chapter. The Rev. Dr. Patricia Brown will lead these sessions.

The introductory training track will include: Why Older Adult Ministry is So Important and So Exciting, Faith Formation and Older Adults, Practical Ideas You Can Use Right Away, and Best Practices of Care Ministries.

For those wanting to go deeper, the 2.0 track will include: Moving from Information to Action in your Local Setting, Intergenerational Ministries, Time-tested Tips, and Grief Ministries.