



## Advanced Clergy Education at Epworth

Epworth By The Sea provides a beautiful venue to support and equip Christian leaders and disciples. The Advanced Clergy Education at Epworth program offers a new model for clergy and leaders to sharpen ministry skills through seminary style advanced “life-long learning” opportunities.

The program provides a community learning experience at Epworth over an intensive two-day course weekend for 2 CEU’s-- in either a Fall or Spring session. Through workshops, worship and panel discussion, Clergy will have access to revolving courses and faculty, all designed to meet the continuing education goals required by Conference policies.

Clergy students may gain an additional .5 CEU by shaping a congregational action-reflection project, in which clergy apply course material and then present learning to a panel of faculty/clergy at the next convening of ACE at Epworth. Consequently, it is possible to gain an entire year of continuing education (2.5 CEU’s) through one course offering at Epworth.

The first convening of Advanced Clergy Education at Epworth will be held March 15 and 16, with the following courses and faculty facilitators:

### **Enduring Mission: Wesleyan Historical Themes for Emerging Methodist Connections**

Dr. Bill Daniel, Ph.D. Retired South Georgia Conference, Candler School of Theology, GBGM.



The theological and cultural “maps” for doing mission as United Methodist leaders are being redrawn institutionally. This workshop looks at enduring Wesleyan traditional resources for emerging patterns of mission in our changing denominational landscape.

It examines key historical developments in our theology, polity, and institutional ministry, and explores how these traditions are being renegotiated through new Methodist expressions.

The course will re-examine historical themes and events offering guidance for pastoral and lay leaders in congregations wishing to be faithful to our Wesleyan traditions, while charting future directions for churches in God’s mission.

## Healthy Leadership and Congregations Through Change

Rev. Dr. Bob Winstead is Director of The Academy of Church Business Administration (ACBA), hosted by the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) in Nashville, TN.



As a retired elder of the North Georgia Conference, Dr. Winstead has extensive experience leading congregations of various sizes. He was former Director of Life Long Learning at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. As Director of the ACBA, he guides and teaches programs for those seeking further credentials in executive and administrative leadership throughout the United Methodist Church.

Churches are experiencing external and internal forces of change that its leaders simply can't ignore. The UMC and its local churches are facing profound decisions about our common patterns of worship, mission, and institutional life.

These challenges demand reflective thinking about how pastors and staff administrate, communicate and delegate for future church renewal.

This course focuses on congregational organization, staff and committee dynamics, and communication for leaders practicing healthy church administration through strong currents of change.

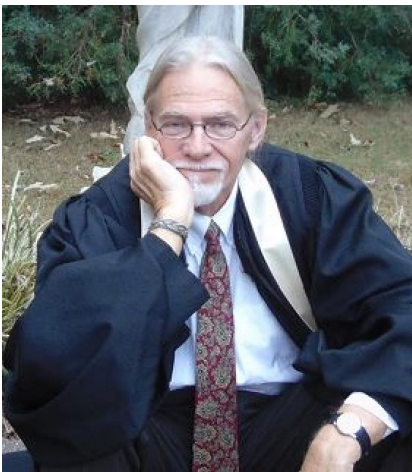
## Pastoral Care: Becoming the Differentiated Leader

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Everyone studies "Systems" in seminary, but few people actually put real systemic tools into practice in their particular situation.

This workshop will explore the possibility of being a pastoral leader without getting caught in the trap of "Idealized Savior". We will explore what it means to develop a "non-anxious presence". The result will be a strengthened (and felt) presence in the life and well-being of the constituency in the church. A further result will be the lessening of anxiety of the system (*and the leader*) in which the leader serves.

Leaders will "take home" an understanding of *what to do* with given power dynamics in a given system. Finally, the workshop will explore how to be non-anxious in light of larger system realities— such as the larger ecclesiastical body (the conference, town, city, world).