

# ***UMCD Deaf Leadership Conference: “Ministry of All Believers”***

November 2-5, 2023



***“Light” by Aurelio Cruz***

Hosted by the Deaf Ministry at Walnut Hill Church, A Ministry of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf

10066 Marsh Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229

Schedule (subject to change)

**Thursday, November 2:** Travel Day. Embassy Suites guests check in after 3pm. [Click here to register at Hilton Embassy Suites at Dallas Love Field.](#)

Those arriving at Dallas Love Field can take a shuttle to the Embassy Suites as follows: The Embassy Suites shuttle arrives at Dallas Love Field every 30 minutes. Guests should walk to the Hotel Pick Up Shuttle in the airport. There is only one pick up location for all shuttle hotels. Embassy Suites can only receive text messages via the Hilton app. (Embassy Suites does not have a cell phone number where guests could text to). For Embassy shuttle assistance contact Rev. Tom Hudspeth at 469 708 5593.

*6pm-9pm: UMCD officer dinner & meeting & devotional (TBA)*

## **Friday, November 3:**

6am-8am: Breakfast for Embassy Suites guests (8am and 8:30am shuttle to Walnut Hill Church)

8:30am-9am: Welcome & on-site registrations at Walnut Hill Church

### **9am-12noon: Workshop Tracks I and II**

- I. Certified Lay Servant track, Basic & Advanced courses
- II. Deaf Ministry & Mission track workshops

12noon-1pm: Lunch at Walnut Hill Church (*UMCD jurisdictional officers meet*)

### **1pm-4pm: Workshop Tracks I and II**

4pm: Break

4:30pm-5:30pm: UMCD Jurisdictional business meetings (NEJ, SEJ, SCJ, NCJ, WJ)

6pm: Keynote Dinner at Walnut Hill, Rev. Dr. Kirk Van Gilder “Ministry of All Believers”

8:30pm and 9pm: Shuttle for guests at Embassy Suites

**Saturday, November 4:**

6am-8am: Breakfast for Embassy Suites guests (8am and 8:30am shuttle to Walnut Hill Church)

8:30am-9am: On-site registration for workshops at Walnut Hill Church

**9am-12noon: Workshop Tracks I, II, and III**

- I. Certified Lay Servant track, Basic & Advanced
- II. Deaf Ministry & Mission track workshops
- III. Interpreter Track – Weddings, Funerals & Sermons, Interpreting Christian Content

12noon-1pm: Lunch at Walnut Hill

**1pm-3pm: Workshop Tracks I, II, and III**

3pm: Break

3:30pm-5pm: UMCD business meeting, officer elections.

**6pm-8pm:** Awards & Recognition Dinner, Address by Rev. Dr. Gio Arroyo, General Secretary of the Commission on Race and Religion.

8:30pm and 9pm: Shuttle for guests staying at Embassy Suites

**Sunday, November 5, 2023 (CHANGE time, fall back one hour!) ALL SAINTS DAY**

6:30am-8am: Breakfast for Embassy Suites guests (8am and 8:30am shuttle to Walnut Hill Church)

9am: Gather at Walnut Hill Church (those leaving by plane today bring luggage)

9:30am-10:30am: Deaf worship livestream at 9:30am. Certified Lay Servants will be given opportunity to help lead worship at 9:30am and 11am services. Remember those UMCD members who died since our last UMCD meeting in 2018.

11am: Interpreted worship at Walnut Hill Church and CrossWalk at Lovers Lane UMC

12:15pm: Boxed lunches to go, shuttle & rides to airports.

**Track & Workshop descriptions: Participants choose from Track I, II, or III**

**Track I: Certified Lay Servant Basic** - Karen Miller (10 Hours, Friday & Saturday). This course is an introduction to the Certified Lay Servant ministry of the United Methodist Church that has been adapted for and by Deaf and users of American Sign Language.

**Track I: Certified Lay Servant Advanced** - Carol Stevens (10 hours, 5 Friday & Saturday). Must have completed the Basic CLS, this course specializes in ministry that is of and by Deaf people in the UMC.

**Track II: Choose up to four workshops or activities from the following six choices:**

**United Methodist Church Leadership 101**, (2 hours) Presented by Rev. Leo Yates and Mary Ann Deters  
This workshop presents typical UMC leadership committees from the local church to the annual conference, better enabling persons to consider participating in leadership roles.

**Pastoral Care 101**, Presented by Rev. Leo Yates and Mary Ann Deters (2 hours)  
Jesus emphasized the importance of compassion. In this workshop, participants will receive an overview of pastoral care and some techniques to provide care and compassion to others in their church and community.

**Global and Local Mission leadership** - (2 hours, Friday, or Saturday) Rev. Dr. Kirk VanGilder, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Gallaudet University, Kirk has expertise in Deaf mission abroad (Zimbabwe, Kenya, Turkey) and locally.

**Finding your Spiritual Gifts** (2 hours, Friday, or Saturday). Rev. Dr. Kirk VanGilder An ordained elder in the Baltimore Washington Conference, Kirk has led workshops on helping Deaf discover their spiritual gifts for lay ministry.

**Demystifying the Bible** - (2 hours, Friday, or Saturday) - Rev. Dr. Tom Hudspeth How do we read the Bible, what did the Bible mean to the first people who heard or read the scriptures? What does the Bible say to us today? For anyone who wants to know more about the Bible.

**Making Tamales** – (2 hour shifts, Saturday) Join in making traditional tamales with the people of Christ Foundry, a Spanish-speaking mission church of the North Texas Conference, a neighboring church about 8 minutes from Walnut Hill. Limited to three groups of 8 persons, each group will serve 2 hours. Transportation from Walnut Hill to Christ Foundry will be provided.

**Track III: Interpreter Track: “Weddings, Funerals and Sermons: Interpreting Christian Content”** (CEU’s Pending 5 hours, Saturday). Peggy Cobb. Leader, Elisa Baysinger, host. This is an introduction for interpreters and students of interpreting on how best to translate Christian weddings, funerals, and sermons into ASL.

#### **Workshop Leaders & Speaker Information:**

**Rev. Dr. Giovanni Arroyo**: General Secretary on Commission of Religion and Race, UMC. Maryland.

**Elisa Baysinger**: CODA. Lead interpreter at Lovers Lane UMC & Walnut Hill Church, Dallas, Texas.

**Peggy Cobb**: Instructor, Tarrant County College Interpreter program, RID CI & CT, BEI Master & Court certified. M.S. in ASL/English Interpreting Pedagogy. ASL / English Interpreting Instructor | Communications & Fine Arts, Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus, Ft. Worth, Texas.

**Mary Ann Deters**: Deaf. President, Southeastern Jurisdiction of UMCD and grants chair for the United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministries. Member of St. Andrew UMC, Florida

**Rev. Dr. Tom Hudspeth**: Hard of Hearing. Pastor of Care and Deaf Ministries, Walnut Hill Church, A Ministry of Lovers Lane UMC, Dallas, Texas, and Consultant for the UM-DHM.

**Karen Miller**: Deaf. Certified Lay Minister in the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. Karen is the president of the Northeast Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf.

**Carol Stevens**: Hearing. Retired ASL Interpreter from the Baltimore, Maryland area and mission leader of 17 teams to Deaf Africa.

**Rev. Dr. Kirk VanGilder:** Deaf. Ordained Elder, Baltimore-Washington Conference, UMC. Associate Professor, Gallaudet University, Department of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Sociology

**Rev. Dr. Leo Yates.** CODA. An LPC, Certified Interpreter, and Ordained Deacon in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. Author, Deaf Ministry: Ministry Models for Expanding the Kingdom of God.

**Scholarship information:**

*UMCD members whose dues are current, can qualify for \$250 Embassy Suites scholarships. UMCD members who enroll in the Certified Lay Servant training may also be eligible for up to \$400 to help with travel and conference costs. Scholarships are first-registered, first-serve availability. **Contact Rev. Dr. Tom Hudspeth for more information at thudspeth@lumc.org***

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