

WINTERFEST 2018

Saturday, January 20, 9am-1pm

Presbytery Center, 9723 Garibaldi Ave. Temple City

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00am	Registration
9:00-9:30am	Worship
9:30-10:20am	Plenary Speaker
10:30-11:20am	Workshop 1
11:30-12:20pm	Workshop 2
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-4:00pm	Presbytery Meeting

PLENARY SPEAKER — JAKE MULDER, *GROWING YOUNG* AUTHOR, FULLER YOUTH INSTITUTE

Unleashing the passion of young people in your church is possible! Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, *Growing Young* provides a strategy any church can use to engage 15- to 29-year-olds and as a result grow spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. *Growing Young* co-author Jake Mulder will show us how we can position our churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.

Jake Mulder, MDiv, is the director of strategic initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute and is pursuing a PhD at Fuller Theological Seminary. He has worked in a variety of ministry and professional roles, including as a youth pastor in the Reformed Church of America, ministry director with Youth for Christ, and missionary with Youth with a Mission (YWAM) in Europe and Asia.

Fuller Youth Institute is offering a free *Growing Young* Survey to all Winterfest participants. This 18-question survey will help evaluate your church's overall health and likely success with engaging teenagers and young adults. You'll receive the survey link when you register for Winterfest.

The *Growing Young* Individual Assessment will also be available free to the first 10 churches. This 60-question confidential assessment is an academically-validated survey tool that provides vital insights about your church's effectiveness with young people. Ask for your free assessment code when you register for Winterfest.

WORKSHOPS — SESSION 1 OPTIONS

***Cultivating a Warm Community* — Jake Mulder, Fuller Youth Institute**

Learn more about how your church can more fully embrace the *Growing Young* key principle of cultivating a warm community. Jake will also go deeper into areas of greatest need identified by participants' survey and assessment results.

***Community Engagement Toolkit* — Lisa Lockwood, LAVoice/PICO Network**

Learn about the PICO Network's faith-based community organizing model that works with churches to address the problems and concerns of their communities, and in turn, vitalize and strengthen the life of congregations.

Telling Scripture's Stories: Skills for All Who Love a Good Story

— **Rev. Lisa Lamb, Homiletics Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary**

Stories draw us like magnets. Jesus knew it. The writers of the Hebrew Scriptures knew it. This seminar will help preachers, leaders, and members of congregations to sharpen their ability to offer others a fresh encounter with God's word. We'll think about why and how story is a vehicle for communicating truth. Come prepared to share a creative retelling of a familiar biblical story and to laugh, and maybe even cry, as you hear the stories others tell.

***Officer Training for Elders and Deacons* — Rev. Wendy Tajima, Executive Presbyter**

This is a great opportunity for elders and deacons to review the basics of Presbyterian polity and function. New elders and deacons should definitely plan to attend this workshop.

***Evangelismo: Qué es el evangelismo? Qué es el Evangelio?* — Rev. Walter Contreras**

Barreras para el Evangelismo, proceso del evangelismo personal y comunitario. El evangelio en 55 palabras o menos. (Repetido en la segunda sesión.)

WORKSHOPS — SESSION 2 OPTIONS

***Bringing Youth Ministry Out of the Basement and Into the Sanctuary* —**

Sophia Alecci, San Marino Community Church, and Tapestry Youth

Join Sophia, Director of Student Ministries, and a panel of youth from the Tapestry collective for a lively discussion about what youth are looking for in a church or youth group experience. Get ideas for integrating students more fully throughout the entire life of your congregation.

***How to Facilitate Courageous Conversation around Tough Issues* —**

Rev. Jennifer Ackerman, Ogilvie Institute of Preaching

Courageous conversation among a diverse group of people about differing responses to difficult issues can lead to deeper relationships, shared understanding, and discernment toward growing as disciples of Christ – but it is not an easy endeavor. This workshop will explore ways you might begin to cultivate a “safe place for courageous conversation” in your church.

***Clerk Training* — Rev. Diane Frasher, Stated Clerk**

Review the responsibilities, best practices, and resources available for the clerk of session.

***Tips for Handling Legal/Administrative/HR Issues* — Kay Gustafson, Esq.**

As the presbytery's go-to person for legal issues related to personnel, policy manuals, and other church-related legal matters, Kay Gustafson knows exactly what church leaders need to know. Come with your questions and leave with some answers!

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