Transforming Ministry Conference



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the Rev. LILLIAN DANIEL

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Additional Presentations:

Representatives from Microsoft and the Gates Foundation

July 23-25, 2013 | Des Moines, Washington

A Public Lecture will be held by Dr. Hirsch and the Rev. Daniel on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in Seattle

Participation by invitation from your home annual conference Cabinets. There will be two (2) cohorts invited:

- The original cohort from the first 2012
 Transforming Ministry Conference in Claremont are invited to return.
- A second new cohort will be invited through the WJ Appointed Cabinets.
- Registration will be open to any Elder in The Western Jurisdiction with their District Superintendent's recommendation.

\$600.00

Registration (includes meals)

Hotel and travel at participant's expense Best Western Airport Executel Double Occupancy rate:

\$95 per night/\$47.50 per person*

*Note: Participants will be responsible for their own hotel arrangements.

For more information contact: **Gretchen Engle** at 206-870-6810, gengle@pnwumc.org

ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS



ALAN HIRSCH

"The Shaping of Things to Come" "The Forgotten Ways" ALAN HIRSCH is the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network. Currently he co-leads Future Travelers, an innovative learning program helping megachurches become missional movements. Known for his innovative approach to mission, Alan is considered to be a thought-leader and key mission strategist for churches across the Western world.

Hirsch is the author of The Forgotten Ways and The Forgotten Ways Handbook; co-author of The Shaping of Things to Come, ReJesus and The Faith of Leap. (with Michael Frost); Untamed (with Debra Hirsch); Right Here, Right Now (with Lance Ford): On the Verge (with Dave Ferguson); The Permanent Revolution (with Tim Catchim)

His experience includes leading a local church movement among the marginalized, developing training systems for innovative missional leadership, and heading up the mission and revitalization work of his denomination.

Alan is co-founder and adjunct faculty for the M.A. in Missional Church Movements at Wheaton College (Illinois). He is also adjunct professor at Fuller Seminary, George Fox Seminary, among others, and he lectures frequently throughout Australia, Europe, and the United States. He is series editor for Baker Books' Shapevine series, IVP's Forge line, and a contributing editor of Leadership.



the Rev. LILLIAN DANIEL

"When 'Spiritual but Not Religious' Is Not Enough" Pastor, writer and teacher, LIL-LIAN DANIEL has served as the Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn Illinois since 2004. Her book, When Spiritual But Not Religious Is Not Enough: Seeing God In Surprising Places, Even the Church is a provocative case for why religious community matters. This much talked about book has been described as biting, hilarious, pitch perfect, tender and often stunningly beautiful.

She co-authored This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers with Martin B. Copenhaver. Noteworthy for its humor and honesty, it has been read by clergy and laity alike. And her first book, Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony is the story of one church's attempt to get people to talk to each other about God.

An editor at large for the Christian

Century Magazine, and a contributing editor at Leadership, her work has also appeared in The Huffington Post, Christianity Today, Relevant Magazine, Leadership Journal, Books and Culture, The Journal for Preachers and in the daily email devotionals available at ucc.org, with over 20,000 subscribers.

She has taught preaching Chicago Theological Seminary, the University of Chicago Divinity School and at her alma mater, Yale Divinity School, where she received the 2010 distinguished alumni award for "Distinction in Congregational Ministry."

A frequent speaker around the country, Lillian has preached at the National Cathedral, Duke Chapel, and the Festival of Homiletics and delivered lectures to clergy at Kings College, London and Queen's College, Ontario.



PHILIP CLAYTON

"The Predicament of Belief"
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PHILIP CLAYTON is Dean of Claremont School of Theology and Provost of Claremont Lincoln University, an interreligious consortium of theological schools. He received the Ph.D from Yale University and has taught at Williams College and the California State University, as well as holding guest professorships at the University of Munich, the University of Cambridge, and Harvard Divinity School.

As a Christian theologian, Clayton has been deeply involved in the emerging church movement, speaking and writing about the evolving under-

standing of Christian faith in the 21st century and new ways of being and becoming church for our world. His work focuses on Jesus' radical way of compassion in the gospels and a kenotic Christology (Phil. 2).

Clayton has authored or edited 22 books. Among his works are The Problem of God in Modern Thought; Science and the Spiritual Quest; Transforming Christian Theology: For Church and Society; Adventures in the Spirit: God, World, Divine Action; and The Predicament of Belief: Science, Philosophy, Faith.

About the Transforming Ministry Conference

Transforming Ministry is not your typical ministry conference where you take home the latest ministry blueprint or best practice. Instead, our primary goal is to develop a cadre of cutting edge adaptive clergy leaders who will lead the church out of mainline decline and malaise through creativity and innovation.

Transforming Ministry is a learning community committed to experimentation in new models of discipleship and mission field engagement. We are open to learning from our ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry, as they tackle similar challenges and we believe there is value in sharing resources across the boundaries we create. Finally, we are committed to creating space for dynamic, young leaders who will guide the church in the future.