



2015 WESTERN AREA STAFF CONFERENCE

*“A MINI SABBATICAL FOR MID COUNCIL
STAFF”*

December 7 – 11, 2015
**The Mercy Center, Burlingame,
California**

Within minutes of

What Would Jesus Do? *Clear Boundaries in Fuzzy Situations*

You are invited to a time away with mid-Council colleagues in ministry to pray, play, and reflect together on our ministries in relationship to ethical choices and boundaries.

Being representatives of the faith makes our ethical choices all the more difficult, rather than easier. Others' expectations of us are higher because of our perceived connection with the Divine. The consequences of our decisions can have immense impact. And the complexity of our challenges would baffle the best of ethicists. But we are just regular, ole people called into a monumental role. On retreat, while the daily pressure is off, let's share our stories (protecting confidentiality, of course), wrestle through some of our toughest situations, and support one another as we attempt to develop a common understanding of the practice of ethics and boundaries in ministry.

About Kibbie Ruth

“Dr. Ruth” usually is *not* the visitor you want at your church! For over thirty years, she has guided judicatory staff and congregations through abuse-related crises on both east and west coasts. Her book, *Healthy Disclosure: Solving Communication Quandaries in Congregations*, is about secret-keeping and other damaging dynamics.

Rev. Dr. Kibbie Ruth, MA, DMin, isn't always wading through the darker side of ministry. She has also has taught seminarians at eight seminaries and provided guidance on cases in sixteen presbyteries, and advised PCUSA Health Ministries, the Peacemaking Program, and General Assembly. With a college degree in physics and three theological degrees, she also holds a certificate in risk management from Cambridge University in England. Though still acting as the Founder and Senior Consultant of Kyros Ministry, Kibbie also serves as the Minister for Social Justice as her local UCC church, is a terrible cook, and can't sing.

Council Case Studies Session

Interested in bringing a case study from your presbytery or synod to share and discuss with colleagues? Indicate your interest and topic on the registration form.

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday

General Reception at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner, Orientation
Evening Worship

Tuesday

Morning Worship
Morning - Plenary Session 1
Afternoon – Plenary Session 2
Evening – Fellowship and Worship

Wednesday

Morning Worship
Morning - Plenary Session 3
Afternoon and Evening – Free for various options/sabbath space

Thursday

Morning Worship
Morning - Plenary Session 4
Afternoon - Plenary Session 5
Evening – Game Night,
Worship and Fellowship

Friday

Morning Worship
Case Studies & Discussion
Closing worship (ending by noon)
with Communion
Afternoon departures

CONFERENCE COSTS

Includes Registration Fee, Lodging, Group Meals, and Snacks

\$575 by October 31 ♦ \$650 November 1 and after

(Full refund available until November 1. \$100 refund for cancellations before November 20. No refund after November 20.)

Please use registration form below.

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2015 WESTERN AREA STAFF CONFERENCE – REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Council _____

Position _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Housing (Check One) Single Room Double Room (limited, couples only)
 off-campus – own arrangements

I would like to share a council case study about: _____

To register, complete and return this form with your check (made out to “WASC”) to Registrar Kathy Runyeon, 2029 University Ave #200, Berkeley, CA 94704.