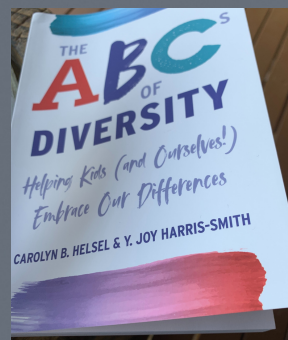


Beyond 2021 is open to all people and all denominations. For the first time in the history of the ARUMC Beyond Conference, all speakers and sessions will be offered via Zoom/Zoom Webinar. You will be able to enjoy learning from these talented people from the comfort of your own laptop.



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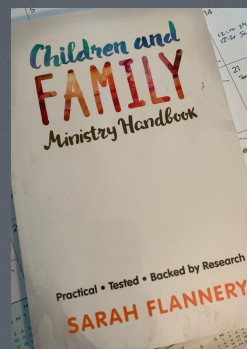
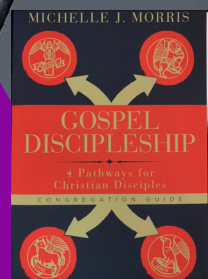
Late Registration Jan. 10-20, 2021

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Registration link:

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JUSTICE, MERCY

HUMILITY

Upon registration you will get a confirmation email telling you when to expect all the zoom links for this conference.



Friday, Jan. 22, 2021

9:00 am Bentonville Children First team leads Justice themed opening worship.

9:30 am Welcoming and Bishop's Blessing.

9:45 am Sadie Stratton will share Why? and How? to create a **Children First** program.

10:30-11:30 am Keynote Speaker and Author Rev. Dr. Y. Joy Harris-Smith **ABC's of Diversity**.

11:30-12:00 pm Q & A sessions with Rev. Dr. Harris-Smith discussion Questions.

Friday Evening Zoom 7pm Social:

Conferences are a great time to network and debrief with someone who knows your job. We will have opportunity to network with Children's Ministers. We will be offering multiple door prizes during this zoom. Only those present for the Beyond Zoom Social are eligible for door prizes. (All prizes will be mailed to the winners.)

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021

9:00 am Opening Prayer by Rev. Dr. Y. Joy Harris

9:05 am-10:05 am Keynote: Do we unknowingly teach racist thinking or bias in our Sunday School lessons?

10:05-11:05 am Breakout #1 Racial Inclusion in Early Childhood Education (P.D.R. Credit)

Breakout #2 From Pandemic and Beyond: Caring for Families and Children

Breakout #3 **C&F Ministry Handbook:** Caring for families going through divorce.

11:05-12:05pm Breakout #4 **Something Happened in Our Town**

Learn how to use picture books to teach about racial injustice.

Breakout #5 Know your **Gospel Discipleship** to keep your volunteers!

Breakout #6 **C&F Ministry Handbook:** Disability Ministry



Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Harris-Smith is a scholar in the field of Communication & Culture. She is currently a senior lecturer in Speech Communication at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. In addition, to demonstrating excellence in her teaching and presenting Dr. Harris-Smith is co-author of *The ABCs of Diversity: Helping Kids (and Ourselves!) Embrace Our Differences* published by Chalice Press (June 2020)



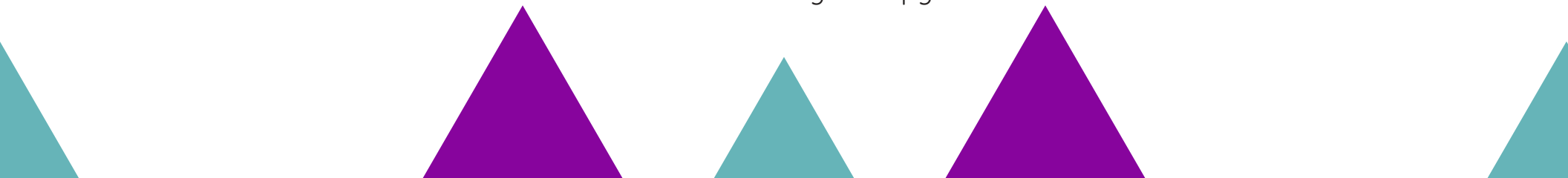
Sadie Stratton Certified Candidate for Ordination and current full time Children and Family Minister at Bentonville FUMC. She was mentored by Mark Burrows and inspired by his Children First Worship. She is in her sixth year of ministry as well as perfecting the Children First Worship as a monthly service church members look forward to attending. Sadie is a certified trainer of Wonderfully Made human sexuality trainer and presenter.



Geania Dickey holds a B.S. in Education and a Masters in Public Administration. Her twenty-six years in ECE has focused on administrator and leadership development as well as state and federal systems in support of strengthening early childhood program quality and access. Geania will be leading **Session #1 Racial Equity and Inclusion** – a VERY BIG subject for small humans: Equal vs Equitable... Microaggression...White fragility...How can I possibly help children understand, when I am having trouble myself? If you need PDR credit for your job, be sure to bring your ID number with you to this breakout session, PDR credit will be provided for Geania's session.



Rev. Dawn Spragg MS LPC received a BS in Psychology from John Brown University, attended Phillips Theological Seminary and received a MS in Counseling from John Brown University. She is an ordained Deacon in the United Methodist Church and serves as Pastor of Contemporary worship at Central United Methodist Church in Rogers. Rev. Spragg will teach **Session#2 From Pandemic and Beyond: Caring for Families and Children** at the request of the the CCCM team. How do you know when a Family's pain needs our listening ear or a referral to those trained in Family Counseling. She will have an Arkansas Resource list for family therapy.





Sarah Flannery a two time author will be sharing with us from her newest book **Children and Family Ministry Handbook**. Her chapter on **Marriage & Divorce in Family Ministry** will be the topic for **Session 3**, participants will discuss the ways both healthy and unhealthy marriages affect the family, the secrecy and shame that can hamper marriages that struggle, and ways to love and support families through divorce and beyond. Sarah will teach **Session #6** from a chapter in her book called **Disability Ministries**. How can we make accommodations for all in with the worship and ministry setting? How do we talk openly about needs?



Dr. Marietta Collins and Dr. Ann Hazzard worked together for two decades as Emory University School of Medicine faculty members serving children and families in Atlanta. They are psychologists who have been involved in community advocacy efforts focused on children's behavioral health and social justice. In 2018, they wrote the book **Something Happened in Our Town**. In **Session #4**, they will teach you how to use this picture book (and others) to deepen children's understanding of racial division and inspire them to stand up for justice in their daily lives.



Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris is an elder serving at First United Methodist Church in Conway. She earned her PhD in New Testament from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. She is the author and trainer for her book **Gospel Discipleship 4 Pathways for Christian Disciples**. In **Session #5**, she will teach you how you can change your volunteer pool for your Children's ministry when you understand what motivates people in their discipleship. The four Gospels reveal those paths of motivation, and Michelle will explain how to see that.

