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Metro Ministers' Conference of Virginia



CONFERENCE PROGRAM JAN – JUN 2024

“METRO IMPACT”

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Metro Mondays at 11 a.m. at The Murray Center (TMC) unless otherwise stated

Jan	08	Helps: Workshop, Presentation, etc.	15	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Day Service (FBC at 12N)
		<b>ReGrouping for Kingdom Advancement</b>	29	5 <sup>th</sup> Monday Special Gathering (MITC)
Feb	12	Helps: Workshop, Presentation, etc.	26	<b>Metro On The Move – Virginia Beach</b>
		<b>Empowering Min. Leaders for Success</b>		Virginia Wesleyan University
Mar	04	Helps: Workshop, Presentation, etc.	18	<b>Metro On The Move – Portsmouth</b>
		<b>Impactful Ministry in the Community</b>		Grove Church
Apr	01	Helps: Workshop, Presentation, etc.	15	<b>Metro On The Move – Virginia Beach</b>
				Williamsburg - C2C Day w/Richmond Conf.
May	06	Helps: Workshop, Presentation, etc.	20	<b>Metro On The Move – Hampton</b>
Jun	03	Helps: Workshop, Presentation, etc.	17	Close-out Meeting
				TBD

TBA – April 29

The Program Helps: Will *include* Workshops, Presentation, Activities, etc. that will address the current needs, as well as needs listed and compiled from our Collective Group Table Talk Time on September 19, 2022 concerning:

**TURNING OBSTACLES INTO OPPORTUNITIES:** What are the kinds of things that you see as Potential Hindrances to you Fulfilling your Vision and Making a Ministry Impact in the Surrounding Community wherein you have been so strategically placed. **Think You, Your Church, Your Community, etc.** \* Turn over to see The Helps List

- Self-Care
- Balancing Family and Ministry
- Dealing with "Quiet Quitters," those who haven't formerly stepped down but have physically/mentally stepped away due to COVID
- Understanding Church Trauma
- Church attendance disinterest or apathy
- Millennial parenting practices
- Bridging the gap between the old and young
- Ministering in the moment to deal with the impacts of Social Development, Mental Health, and Trauma
- Spiritual, Political, and Community solidification.
- Meeting the Needs of the Community
- How do deal with an Aging Congregation (i.e. multiple funerals per month not due to COVID)
- Overcoming fear and violence
- Ministering in Hard Places
- Recruiting Volunteers
- Gentrification
- Creative Partnerships in the church and community
- Competitive vs collaborative
- Proper Staffing
- Technology Staffing & training
- Cultural Shifts
- Leadership Shortfalls
- Lack of Fellowship
- Patriarchy vs. Power
- Mental health awareness
- Resources
- Biblical leadership
- The won't come back people
- How to Avoid Becoming Overworked
- Changes in culture – Roe vs. Wade, Transgender, LGBTQ
- Being Holy Spirit led
- Power struggle between the aged and the young
- Collaboration between ministries
- Corporation between leaders
- Engaging with local schools
- Political climate
- Attracting Youth, Millennials, Baby Boomers
- Effective Clergy Attire
- Financial Stewardship
- Fear, comparison, lack of confidence, independence, disobedience
- What does Inclusivity look like in the church?
- How to handle the meta church environment
- Proper Ecclesial governance
- Bible Literacy
- Releasing controls while being honored
- Time Management
- A Refusal to Change
- Fixation on the Past
- Lack of Clear Vision
- Limited Space/Resources
- The "Won't Come Back" Group
- Overworking the Ones that Do Come Back
- Creative Evangelism
- Succession Planning