

15th Annual

# PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER - REID CARPENTER, President  
One by One Leadership Foundation**

Reid Carpenter is Founder & Past President, Leadership Foundations of America (LFA), whose mission is to "Connect Leaders, Change Lives, and Transform Cities." He is also the President Emeritus of The Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation (PLF), whose vision was inspired by The Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker -- "I have a vision that Pittsburgh will one day be as famous for God as it is for steel."

In these positions, he has initiated collaborative ventures with hundreds of local partners to assist at-risk youth, prisoners and their families, people with inadequate health care, families in need of housing, and individuals and families with alcohol and drug addictions. He secured more than \$500 million to support these efforts in the Pittsburgh area.

Additionally, he initiated, organized and helped fund more than 20 organizations including CLEAR - The Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery, now an affiliate of The Oasis Recovery Center; The Pittsburgh Youth Network, now the Pittsburgh Kids Foundation; The Coalition for Christian Outreach; Saltworks Theater Company; and East Liberty Family Health Care Center; and partnered with World Vision to establish its international distribution center in Ambridge and The Pittsburgh Storehouse, now The Education Partnership.

Mr. Carpenter began his ministry in 1961 as the Area Director for Young Life in Pittsburgh. As Regional Director, he worked in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. He then was promoted to Director of Young Life's Northeast Division, which included Eastern Canada.

Mr. Carpenter has been an advisor to many faith-based organizations and business corporations has served on various boards and committees, including Communities in Schools, International Urban Associates, National Center for Protection of Children and Families and WQED Enterprises.

He graduated from Fairfield University (CT) with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and received a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from Young Life Institute, Fuller Theological Seminary (CA), and an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Geneva College (PA). Mr. Carpenter and his wife, Carole, reside in Florida and are the parents of four grown children.

## CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL CREDITS AVAILABLE

Certified Addictions Counselor (CAC), Social Work (SW), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT), Continuing Education for Clergy Nurses can submit Social Work Credits

## FIVE TRACKS

*Addiction & Recovery (A Track)  
Mental Health & Wellness (B Track)  
Family & Marriage (C Track)  
Community Outreach (D Track)  
Reflections in Ministry (E Track)*

Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference  
The Oasis Recovery Center of Western PA  
960 Penn Avenue, Suite 105  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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*"for shepherds and other  
caregivers of the flock"*

WELCOMING ALL

*pastors, laity, counselors, social workers,  
nurses, caregivers, volunteers*



Friday, April 24, 2015

8 AM to 3 PM

Christ Church at Grove Farm  
249 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*"The Holy Spirit on Fire in Pittsburgh"*  
**Reid Carpenter, President Emeritus  
Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation**

**Community Planning Team**

*Christ Church at Grove Farm  
Christian Associates of Southwest PA  
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh  
The Oasis Recovery Center & CLEAR  
Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese  
Pittsburgh Mercy Health System  
Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
Samaritan Counseling Center*

**Key Sponsor: The Widows Corporation**

**Lunch Sponsor: St. Joseph's Institute**

Master of Ceremonies

**Sally Wiggin**

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# 2015 - PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**8:00–8:30 am**

Registration & Breakfast

**8:30–8:45 am**

Welcome - Sally Wiggin, WTAE-TV News

Opening Prayer

*The Rev. Barry Mariana, Christ Church at Grove Farm*

Welcome

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh*

**8:45–9:30 am**

Keynote Speaker - Reid Carpenter, President Emeritus, PLF

**9:30–9:45 am**

Break (Visit Display Tables)

**9:45–11:00 am**

**Session One** (Five Tracks)

## **A1. Addiction 101**

Learn the basics of addiction and recovery including the Christian roots of 12 Step Programs.

*The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler, Chair, The Oasis Recovery Center & CLEAR*

*The Rev. Sean & Kate Norris, South Side Anglican Church*

## **B1. Bullying**

In the light of recent events in Pittsburgh, how can churches be involved in preventing bullying?

*The Rev. Wayne Gillespie, Christ's Lutheran Church, Murrysville*

## **C1. Sustaining Marriages**

Learn how to help couples grow and strengthen their marriages.

*Shane Austin, Program Director at TWOgether Pittsburgh*

*TBA Representative, Marriage Encounters*

## **D1. Human Trafficking**

More and more young girls are being lured into human trafficking. Could this be happening to people in the Pittsburgh community? What can the church do?

*Denise Holtz, Special Agent, FBI Civil Rights Division, Pittsburgh*

*Sr. Mary Joel Campbell, O.P., Dominican Sisters of Peace*

## **E1. Safe Church Policies**

It is important to go beyond windows and doors and background checks. Learn how changes in mandating reporting can affect church volunteers.

*Michele Snyder, MDiv, LCSW, Ex. Director, Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute*

*The Rev. Carl Baughman, Ex. Director, Samaritan Counseling Center*

**11:00–11:15 am**

Break (Visit Display Tables)

**11:15–12:30 pm**

**Session Two** (Five Tracks)

## **A2. Christian 12 Step Panel**

Learn how churches are taking an active role in addressing addiction and recovery through 12 Step Programs.

*The Rev. John Syes, Northway Christian Community*

*Jim Hanna, Substance Abuse Ministries, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh*

*The Rev. Chuck Hamby, Chaplain,*

*Cornerstone TV & Born Free Recovery*

*Tom Law, The James Club*

## **B2. How to Welcome, Include and Catechize Children with Autism – A Parish Based Approach**

Children and teens with autism and other developmental disabilities can be successfully included and catechized in any church. A Teen Faith Mentor program will be reviewed along with a curriculum designed for children.

*Lawrence R. Sutton, Ph.D., Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church*

## **C2. Recovery from Affairs**

Learn how to help individuals recover from marital affairs whether they are emotional or sexual in nature.

*Martha C. Selleck, MSW, LCSW, Samaritan Counseling Center*

*TBA Representative, Retrouvaille, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh*

## **D2. Outreach to Police**

The police are the first responders to crisis, accidents and shootings. How can we help support their valuable work in the community?

*The Rev. Dr. John Welch, Dean of Students,*

*Pittsburgh Theological Seminary & Chaplain,*

*City of Pittsburgh Police*

## **E2. Conflict in Congregational Life**

Explore the roots and effects of conflict in congregations and reflect on leadership skills to handle conflict more effectively.

*The Rev. Dr. Leanna K. Fuller, Assistant Professor of*

*Pastoral Care, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

**12:30–1:30 pm**

LUNCH (Visit Display Tables)

**1:30–1:40 pm**

Presentation of the Dave Else Award

Introduction of Pittsburgh Police Chief Cameron McLay

**1:45–3:00 pm**

**Session Three** (Five Tracks)

## **A3. Love Addiction**

We are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. What happens when we “love” others in a manner that is detrimental to ourselves? What is the difference between “love addiction” and healthy love relationships?

*The Rev. Bob Ruefle, PC (USA) Teaching Elder,*

*Cheswick Presbyterian Church*

## **B3. Children and Grief: What the Children have taught us**

Learn about experiences and expressions of grief in children who have had a family member die and learn ways to support them.

*Andrea Lurier, Ph.D. Highmark Caring Place*

## **C3. Panel on Caring for the Elderly**

How can we help the elderly to live with dignity and grace in the midst of diminishing physical and mental health? What resources are available for them and their caregivers?

*Emily E. Anderson, LSW, CFI Care Coach, Familylinks*

*The Rev. Debra A. Flint, Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute*

*Jean L. Kolbe, LCSW, Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute & Private Practice*

*Karen Schaeffer, Senior Care Consultant, Age & Dignity, LLC*

## **D3. Support and Advocacy in the Workplace**

Is the church called to advocate for people in the workplace?

*Fr. Jack O'Malley, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh &*

*AFL/CIO Chaplain*

*The Rev. Kempton Dunn Baldrige, Chaplain,*

*Seamen's Church Institute*

*The Rev. Howard Gilette, Disaster Preparation,*

*Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh*

## **E3. Spiritual Concerns of College Students**

Learn about the spiritual concerns of young college students in our region.

*Clifford E. Cartwright, Director of Recruiting & Internships,*

*Coalition for Christian Outreach, Christ Church at Grove Farm*

*The Rev. Brian Bennett, Campus Pastor,*

*Lutheran University Center, Oakland*

*Fr. Dan Walsh, Director Campus Ministries, Duquesne University*

