1. CHURCH PLANTING: Clergy and laity alike who are interested in the formation of new congregations and fresh expressions of ministry will benefit from this workshop. It is a major goal of our new Conference Vitality Covenanted Ministry to form a Fellowship of Church Planters. This will include important roles for both leadership and supporters. Sonya Vann will be our leader. Location: Polo Room, offered at 1:00 and 2:15.

2. COMMUNICATIONS COVENANTED MINISTRY: This workshop is your opportunity to receive training and advice about how best to use social media to spread the word about your congregation. Mona Smith Herberg, along with other members of our new Conference Communication Covenanted Ministry, will be our leaders. Location: Parliament I, offered at 1:00 and 2:15.

3. COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE/CLERGY: Communities of practice are groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly. Clergy in particular are encouraged and invited to begin to form such communities in the coming year which will be facilitated by leaders who have already participated in special training. Mark Robinson will be our leader. Locations: Executive Board Room at 1:00, and Parliament II at 3:30.

4. CONFERENCE DEACONS: We need your help to revive this important initiative or our Conference. Deacons are laypersons who have been equipped to represent conference interests to the various congregations of the conference. This is an effective and vital way to strengthen our connections to one another. Also, please attend this workshop to share your suggestions about how this initiative can be more effective. Betsy Reznicek will be our leader. Location: Truman Room, offered at 1:00.

5. DEATH PENALTY ALTERNATIVES: At our last gathering we, as a Conference, affirmed our stance against the administration of the death penalty in our state. Learn what has happened since we last met and discover new ways in which to be involved in the cause. Our leader is Jane Fisler-Hoffman. Locations: Bradley Room at 1:00, and Polo Room at 3:30.

6. DEMOGRAPHICS AND YOUR CHURCH: Plan to use your laptop or iPad to participate in this hands-on workshop all about how to access and take advantage of the useful demographic material provided by MissionInsight. MissionInsight is an online provider of information tailored to helping congregations know more about their community. At this gathering of our Missouri Mid-South Conference all of our churches have been enrolled as members of Mission (OVER)
Insite so that you may access this vital planning material in your home setting at no cost to the local church! Our leader via the internet will be Chuck Salter, President of Mission Insite. Location: Expo III, offered at 1:00 and 2:15.

7. GLOBAL MINISTRIES: Build on your congregation’s passion for mission and receive tools for sharing global music, prayer and worship. Learn first-hand about issues affecting communities around the world and how your congregation can join others to help address these challenges. Hear about plans for our regional mission event in August. Jan Aerie and missionary Henry Brewer-Calvert will be our leaders. Locations: Parliament III at 1:00, and at 3:30 in Parliament I.

8. GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BEYONCE': This will be an opportunity to continue the conversation with our Vitality Day leader Carol Howard Merritt from the Center for Progressive Renewal. Rev. Merritt will be joined by young adult church leaders of our conference to provide a forum about ministry with the ‘missing generation’. Location: Parliament II, offered at 1:00 and 2:15.

9. LITURGICAL ARTS: Learn methods and get ideas for arranging and decorating your worship space in a way which enhances the message of worship. Jan Barnes is our leader for this workshop. Location: Truman Room, offered at 2:15 and 3:30.

10. RESOLUTION ON DIVERSITY TRAINING: A forthcoming resolution to General Synod will recommend that Diversity training be included in preparation and fitness for ministry for our clergy just as Boundary training is currently required. Learn more about this resolution and experience training in diversity awareness for yourself. Our leader is Margaret Diz Philip. Location: Executive Board Room, offered at 2:15 and 3:30.

11. STOLE CRAFTING: Feel like being creative? If you don’t know how to make a stole that is no problem. Grace Cox of Colors 4 the Journey will lead a demonstration in this workshop followed by an opportunity to experiment with several different methods of making and decorating clergy stoles (an optional participation of $15 for this workshop will give the participant an extra chance to really try some fabric decorating techniques). This workshop might be considered an opportunity to assist with our Missouri Mid-South Conference Stole Project. All churches of our Conference have been invited to create clergy stoles, which will then be given to every minister, who is ordained or installed at a church in our Conference. Location: Bradley Room, offered at 2:15 and 3:30.

12. WORLD CAFÉ SACRED CONVERSATIONS- THE DIALOGUE CONTINUES: This workshop is a continuation of this vital conversation in our Conference. Felicia Scott will be our leader in a ‘World Café’ style dialogue. Location: Parliament III, offered at 2:15 and 3:30.

*Workshops, locations and leaders subject to change.