



The Lamplighter



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Chapter Chatter

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Lessons from the Library —ABCs of Church Libraries



SUMMER

CONFERENCE

June 20-21, 2025

Westminster

Presbyterian Church
Olympia, Washington

Proverbs 2:10—For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

Check in will begin at 3 pm on Saturday, June 20 and the conference will end at about 4 pm on Saturday. Dinner will be provided on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. Both will be catered by Budd Bay, a fine Olympia eatery. Among other speakers, our Key Note will be given by the Rev. Janet Waggoner of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Here are some comments from members of the planning committee:

Kathie Deviny—True to our ABC theme, the conference workshops will focus on the nitty gritty of maintaining our libraries in these times. How do we pass on our legacy to a new generation? How can the concept of pilgrimage inform our mission? What can we learn from our public library partners? And how can we be inspired by the creative spirit of our authors and artists? Many of our authors and presenters live in the South Puget Sound, including nationally recognized artist and illustrator Carina Luyken, the Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner, and our friend author Kate Breslin.

Mary Knotts—About our keynote Speaker: She serves as Rector at St. John/San Juan Episcopal Church in Olympia. Reverend Janet joined St. John/San Juan as rector on March 1, 2024. A native of Washington, Rev. Janet earned her Masters of Divinity at Yale Divinity School. She served

eleven years in parish ministry in Connecticut before moving to Texas, where she served as interim pastor at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Coppell TX. In 2013, Rev. Janet became Canon to the Ordinary in the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. She served in that role for almost a decade, during which time she earned her doctorate in pastoral theology, with emphasis on intergenerational relationships. Most recently, Rev. Janet was Canon Missioner for Congregational Vitality in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Rev. Janet brings experience in evangelism, community partnerships and congregational/property redevelopment, including seven years on the church-wide Task Force for Church Planting and Congregational Redevelopment. Rev. Janet has two college-age children and a rescue pig named Comet.



For more information and a registration form see pages 6 and 7 in this newsletter

Hotel Suggestions

Nearby restaurants – Shari's, Applebees, IHOP
 All just off I-5 Martin Way exit
 All offer free wifi, free parking
 All offer AARP, AAA, Senior discount, Military/Veteran rates

Comfort Inn (CHOICE Hotels Honors)

4700 Park Center Ave. NE, Lacey, 98516 (360-454-9091)
 Free hot breakfast, indoor heated pool and hot tub

Hampton Inn and Suites (Hilton Honors)

4301 Martin Way E, Lacey (360-459-5000)
 Free hot breakfast, indoor saltwater pool

Holiday Inn Express and Suites (IHG Hotels)

4460 3rd Ave SE, Lacey 98503 (360-491-7985)
 Hot breakfast, indoor pool

LaQuinta by Wyndham

4704 Park Center Ave NE, Lacey, 98516 (360-412-1200)
 Free breakfast, indoor pool

Ramada Inn by Wyndham (Wyndham Honors)

4520 Martin Way East, Lacey, (360-459-8866)
 Free breakfast indoor pool



Workshops

1. P is for Pilgrimages – Suzanne Fell will introduce you to Pilgrimages, in addition to including websites for virtual walks, and further inspirational ideas. Suzanne is a longtime walker, hiker, has walked the Camino De Santiago in Spain, hiked most of the Wonderland Trail around Mt Rainier, hiked a local Willapa Rails to Trails in Southwestern Washington, and has coordinated a six-week "Walk to Bethlehem" for WPC in 2023.



2. L is for Leaving a Library Legacy – Jackie Huffman will talk about setting up policies and procedures for the church library and training volunteers to take the librarian place when the time comes.



3. M is for Memoir – Led by Julie Zander this workshop will be on memoir writing. She has taught workshops on tackling large and small projects, memoir writing, creating ethical wills and personal histories, polishing your prose, and other topics.



4. W is for What I Am Reading – Facilitated by Kathie Deviny, participants will talk about a book they have read recently that they would like to recommend. A list will be published in the next newsletter.

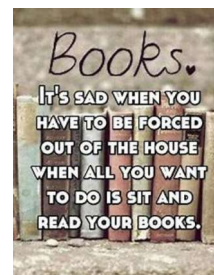


5. B is for Book Discussion – Dee Hoff will lead a discussion of Please, Sorry. Thanks: The Three Words that Change Everything by Mark

Batterson. Hopefully, participants will have read the book ahead of time.



6. H is for History of Libraries – Jennie Vano (librarian) will give a presentation about the history of public libraries in the United States and an explanation of the use of the Dewey Decimal System of classification.



Registration Form—Summer Conference 2025

Name _____ Chapter _____ Member Y/N _____

Meals: Friday Dinner _____ Saturday Lunch _____

Workshop Session A- (1, 2, or 3) _____

Workshop Session B- (4, 5, or 6) _____

Dietary restrictions/other needs _____

Cell phone number _____

Home address _____

Email address _____

Prices for Conference Registration

Friday and Saturday	Registration and All Meals:	\$130.00	_____
Saturday Only	Registration and Lunch	\$90.00	_____
Extra Meals	\$30.00 each (indicate how many)		_____
Late Fee (after 6/10)	\$10.00		
Total Paid			_____

Please make checks payable to: South Puget Sound Chapter and mail with the above form to : Anne Metzler, 9612 65th Ln. SE, Olympia, WA 98513-9265.

Authors and Other Speakers



John Avery is the author of The Name Quest (In 2016 it won the Oregon Christian Writers' Cascade Award for nonfiction).



Kate Breslin - I write inspirational historical fiction for Bethany House Publishers. My novels are set during wartime.



Kathie Deviny turned to writing after a career as a social worker and criminal justice manager.



Corinna Luyken is the author/illustrator of numerous picture books. Her books have been translated into thirteen languages.



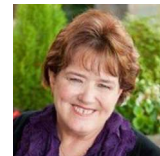
Carolyn Maddux, a retired newspaper reporter/editor, lives in Shelton, where she teaches writing workshops.



Peter Snow grew up in England during WWII. He was ordained a priest of the Church of England. He presently

resides with his wife in Seattle, Washington.

Julie McDonald Zander worked as



an award-winning newspaper reporter and editor for 20 years before launching her personal history business, Chapters of Life,

in 1999.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."