



## For Such A Time As This: Ministry in Times of Economic Stress

Saturday  
January 31  
9:30 a.m. - Noon  
at

The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown

- 9:30 Registration and Refreshments (Visit the Exhibit Area)
- 9:45 Opening Worship with Rev. Bill Golderer preaching
- 10:15 Workshop Session I (Workshops A, C and E)
- 11:00 Break (Visit the Exhibit Area)
- 11:15 Workshop Session II (Workshops B, D and F)
- 12 noon Adjourn

This is a FREE event for ministers, church officers and concerned members.

Each church should send several people  
so that you can benefit from each Workshop Track.

Parking is available in the two church parking lots.  
Two different Germantown train stations are just blocks away from the church  
and several SEPTA buses stop right in front of the church.

Please RSVP by January 29 so that we know how many people to expect.  
Call the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail [revnemuth@aol.com](mailto:revnemuth@aol.com)

## Workshop Tracks

### Track 1 - Increasing Income

How can we increase our income so we do not need to cut ministry and mission?

- A     Planned Giving and Bequest Program  
Stewardship involves more than encouraging members to pledge to support the annual ministry and mission of a congregation. We should also be encouraging members to think about leaving a legacy. What will happen to their resources upon their death? How can they receive more income from their investments now, while at the same time leave a gift to the church? Do church members have a will? Is the church in their will?
- B     Pledging, Fund Raising and Grants  
There are various sources of income for a congregation if we learn to tell our stories and are creative.

### Track 2 - Cutting Expenses

How can we be good stewards and stretch our financial resources?

- C     Energy Conservation  
Utility costs are often a large part of a church's budget. How can we reduce those costs by making some simple changes to how we do things?
- D     Collaborative Purchase Power  
Churches can save money by forming purchasing groups. Many churches in our presbytery have saved on insurance costs by changing to a group program. Similar savings can be realized through purchasing paper products and such, and even heating oil.

### Track 3 - Furthering Ministry

How can we be helping members of our congregations and those in our church communities who are experiencing difficulties during this economic recession?

- E     Community Outreach  
What can you do when people come knocking at your church door for help? Are there ways to help that won't cost the church a lot of money?
- F     Facing Unemployment and Debt  
More and more people are finding themselves without jobs. How can the church help? What about the rising debt that people face and cannot meet?