



The Training Team of the POTE is back with another Newsletter aimed at encouraging content for you and your ministry. We exist to serve, equip, educate, and encourage you where the Lord has called you. We hope to accomplish this by passing along articles, reviews, resources, and other items that you might find helpful.

Send us links to articles, brief reviews of relevant books, information about websites and training activities, and schedules and brief summaries of training you have found helpful in your ministry. All items for the Newsletter should be sent to [PastorJT@BellevueEPC.org](mailto:PastorJT@BellevueEPC.org).

See you at Argyle EPC, April 26-27!

**Upcoming Equipitry**

At our upcoming Presbytery of the East, April 26-27, at Argyle EPC, Ken Priddy will be our Equiptry speaker. The session will be held on Saturday morning, instead of our regular Friday afternoon. Ken's topic will be "**The ROADMAP to Missional Vitality.**" He will give an overview of the whole ROADMAP (explained at the session), but focus on Markers 1 and 2, which deal with self-discovery and motivation. Tools to help with these assessments are available from the GO Center. They are a good place to start. Marker 3, skill training, is the GO Seminar.

Along with this greatly anticipated session with Ken Priddy, there are other GO Seminar opportunities. Our very own TE Bill Kelly writes the following to encourage us in our ongoing revitalization efforts in the POTE...

#### GO Seminar

A GO 1 Seminar will be held at Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Churches in our Presbytery are invited to send representatives to the event. More information will be coming soon. The Huntingdon Valley Church building is located at: 2364 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

#### Coaches Training

A training session for people who are interested in coaching churches as they implement the GO Seminar will be held on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church. If possible, they should attend the GO Seminar on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. An online follow-up session for participants will be scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

One of our goals is to have GO coaches available in every area in our Presbytery. To help us achieve that goal, we ask that you encourage people in your congregations who you believe to be good candidates to participate in the GO

coaches training.

Thanks for your help. God bless you and your ministry.

Bill Kelly

Pastor, Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church (EPC)

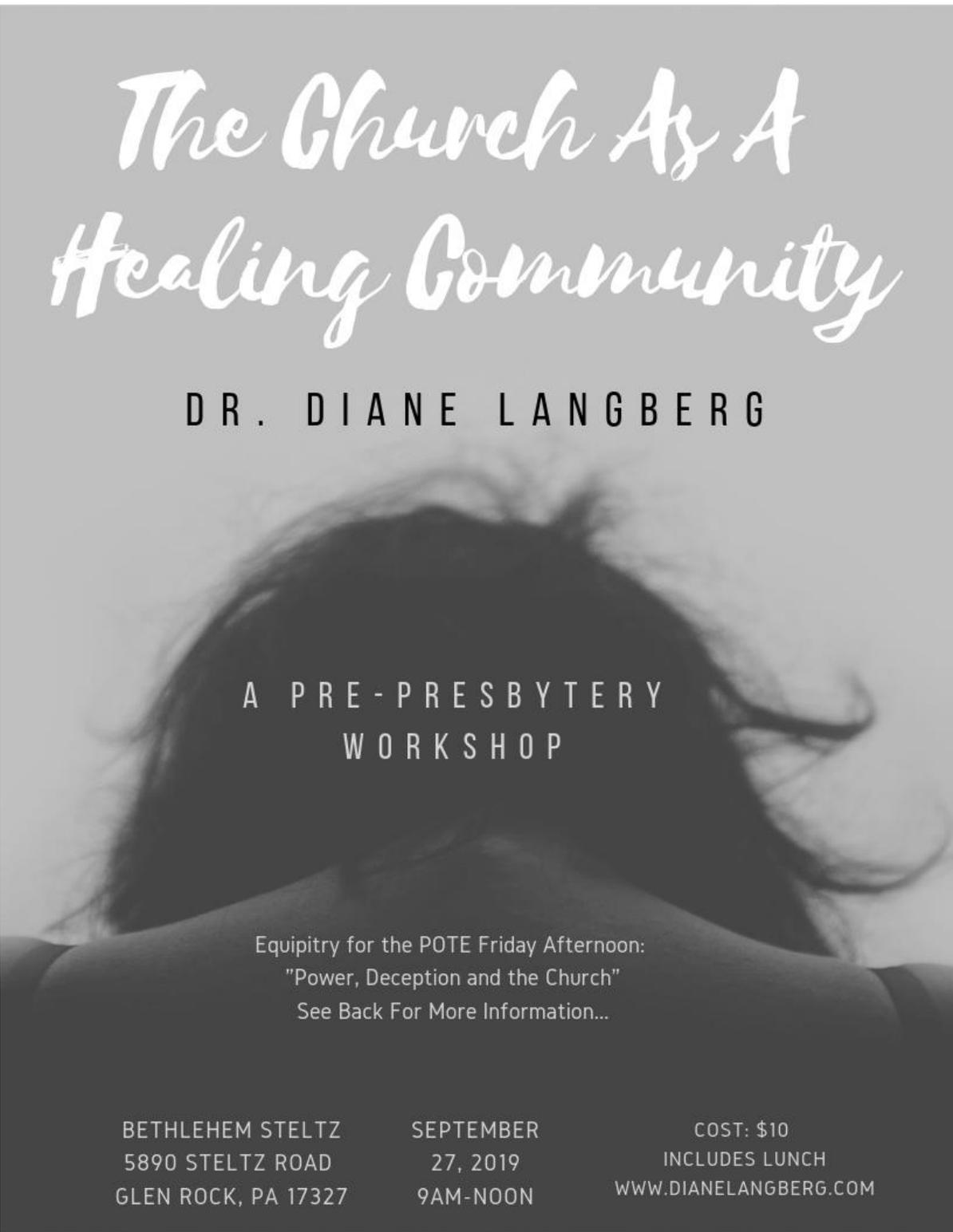
## Upcoming POTE Seminars

### Friday, April 26th Discussion w/ Jay Lee

TE Jay Lee will be leading an after worship Friday night discussion at the April Presbytery meeting entitled "**A Conversation with Jay Lee on His Challenges Being a Minority TE in the EPC.**" In follow up from many discussion and questions from our past Equipitry and Online Seminars, Jay has offered to bring some light to our discussions. This open-to-all meeting will take place at a home in the Argyle area and information to that end will be given at the POTE meeting.

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### September POTE Workshop and Equipitry



# *The Church As A Healing Community*

DR. DIANE LANGBERG

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WORKSHOP

Equipitry for the POTE Friday Afternoon:  
"Power, Deception and the Church"  
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# Articles

## Transitional Training for the Non-Transitional Pastor

*TE Steve McLean*

I think every pastor should attend the EPC's Transitional Pastor Training, even if you are not called to being a Transitional Pastor. I just completed this training and it is some of the best training I have ever received. I just wish it had been available 32 years ago when I began my career as a pastor.

The TP training is a joint venture of the EPC and the GO Center and focuses on leveraging the time of transition between pastors as a great opportunity for a church to pursue revitalization. Given the fact that 80% of churches in America are either plateaued or declining, I would say that anytime is an opportunity for a church to explore revitalization. The TP training provides you with a variety of tools for doing that depending on your church's situation. Understanding concepts like a church's lifecycle can be a great help to a church in anticipating the future. Throughout the day I kept thinking, "This would be helpful to do in Argyle," and "I wish I had known this stuff years ago."

EPC Transitional Pastor Training is offered twice a year - at General Assembly in June and sometime in January or February. If you would like to know about the next training event, contact Bob Stauffer ([stauffer.ra@gmail.com](mailto:stauffer.ra@gmail.com)).

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## Book Recommendations

*TE Glenn Marshall*

### Book Recommendations

Have you read any good books lately? The Training Team would like the members of our Presbytery to share with one another some of the books that they would recommend. This is easy. Just send a list to Glenn Marshall at [pastor@parkavenuechurch.org](mailto:pastor@parkavenuechurch.org) with a little blurb about them and we will list these books in the newsletter. Here is a list of the books that have been recommended for this newsletter edition.

Steve McLean recommends:

- *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches us to Live in Light of the End*-David Gibson. This book will make you rethink your understanding of life and success. I have bought multiple copies of this book and am giving it to anyone who will read it. It is that good.
- *The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath*-Mark Buchanan. I began my sabbath reading this and it helped me establish some good rhythms. Our POTE book club is reading this together now and it is really challenging us.
- *To Change the World: the Irony, Tragedy and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World*-James Davidson Hunter. It is one of those big overview kind of books.
- *You Are What You Love: the Spiritual Power of Habit*-James K.A. Smith. This is Smith's summary of his trilogy.

Glenn Marshall recommends:

- *Paul Weston's compilation: Lesslie Newbigin, Missionary Theologian.* These are selected writings from the works of Lesslie Newbigin on missional theology.
- *William B. Evans: Studies in Christian History and Thought.* This is a very insightful look at the subject of Union with Christ from the time of Calvin to the present. I found this book to be fascinating.
- Larry Crabb's book entitled *Shattered Dreams.* I've recommended this book to so many people. It traces the biblical story of Ruth and draws lessons there for those of us whose lives have been broken by personal tragic events.
- Along the same theme – Paul David Tripp's book, *Suffering,* is a helpful read. It speaks to this issue from the author's personal struggles with serious illness and suffering.

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## Emanuel

*RE Phil Fanara*

*Emanuel* is a documentary about the June 17, 2015 murder of 9 African Americans at a Bible study at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. and the forgiveness church members offered to the killer. Jodi Thorpe, wife of GA Moderator-Elect Dr. Case Thorpe, works for the firm that produced this movie.

Recently, Phil Fanana had dinner with the Thorpes where they discussed this

powerful movie. *Emanuel* will be in theaters on June 17 and 19 only. Here is a trailer -<https://youtu.be/oBFSaiyl2bU>.

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