



135th Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Arkansas  
Saturday, June 3, 2017  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

## **HOST INFORMATION**



May 8, 2017

Friends in Christ,

There are some basic needs that every human being has. We all need air to breathe, food to eat; we all need a good place of shelter; we all need something worthwhile to do. And I've heard it said, and I believe it's true, that we all need some people whose faces will light up when we walk into the room. You need, and I need, some people who make us feel welcome.

Maya Angelou put it in a poem:

Lying, thinking last night how to find my soul a home,  
Where the water is not thirsty and the bread loaf not a stone,  
I came up with one thing, and I don't believe I'm wrong,  
That nobody, but nobody can make it out here alone.

We all need some faces.

That's why it's indispensably good that we should have family who treat us like friends, or friends who treat us like family; people who grant us the gift of welcome.

The people of Second Presbyterian Church look forward to extending the welcome of Christ to our friends and family in the Presbytery of Arkansas as we gather on June 3. Our prayer is that our worship together may glorify God and strengthen us in our lives of Christian faith, and that we may conduct the business of Christ's church with wisdom, good humor, and respect for one another.

We look forward to seeing you June 3.

Christ's peace,

Steve Hancock  
Pastor/Head of Staff

**Meal Reservation Form for Presbytery Meeting, June 3**  
***Reservation deadline is Friday, May 26***

You may make your reservation by mail, e-mail, telephone or fax

**Second Presbyterian Church**

600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock AR 72227

Office: 501-227-0000 Fax: 501-227-6513

[karinhowze@secondpreslr.org](mailto:karinhowze@secondpreslr.org)

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of individuals requesting meal tickets:

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Lunch will be sandwich with pickle, chips and dessert

**Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.**

Your tickets will be ready for you to pick up at registration.

**Saturday lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total**

**Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m.**

Assorted pastries and fresh fruit

Juices / coffee / tea

## RESTAURANTS AND EATERIES NEAR SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### West on Cantrell

- Address numbers increase going west
- Even #'s are on north side of road

### In Pleasant Ridge Town Center

11515 Cantrell

**Panera Bread**

**Chipotle**

**Chick-fil-a**

**Bonefish Grill (evening only)**

**Bar Louie**

**Sky Modern Japanese**

**Blaze Pizza**

**Istanbul Mediterranean**

### In Pleasant Ridge West

Intersection of Cantrell & Pleasant Ridge

**Santo Coyote**

**Newk's**

**Starbucks**

12901 Cantrell

**Tropical Smoothie Cafe**

12911 Cantrell

**Larry's Pizza West**

12911 Cantrell

**J Gumbo's**

12911 Cantrell

**Mexico Chiquito**

13924 Cantrell

**Sonic**

14216 Cantrell

**Capers Restaurant**

14502 Cantrell

**Senor Tequila**

14524 Cantrell

**Pizza Cafe**

14710 Cantrell

**Buffalo Wild Wings**

14800 Cantrell

**MooYah (burgers, fries, shakes)**

14810 Cantrell

**Burger King**

14916 Cantrell

### At The Ranch

Intersection of Cantrell and Ranch Drive –  
17000 block of Cantrell

**Izzy's Restaurant**

**Osaka Sushi & Japanese Cuisine**

**El Porton**

### East on Cantrell

- Address numbers decrease going east
- Even #'s are on the north side of road

**Trio's**

8201 Cantrell

**Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe**

8200 Cantrell

**McDonalds**

7721 Cantrell

**Starbucks**

7525 Cantrell (Cantrell & Mississippi)

**Arkansas Burger Company**

7410 Cantrell

**Arby's**

7261 Cantrell

**Wendy's**

7312 Cantrell

**Casa Manana**

6820 Cantrell

**Dunkin Donuts**

6805 Cantrell

**Damgoode Pies (pizza,subs)**

6706 Cantrell

**Purple Cow**

8026 Cantrell

**Directions to Second Presbyterian Church – Little Rock**  
**600 Pleasant Valley drive**  
**Intersection of I-430, Cantrell Road and Pleasant Valley Drive**

**From points East, West and North of Interstate 40**

Make your way to Interstate 40; go east or west-bound toward Little Rock

Take I-430 southbound (exit 147)

Cross Arkansas River

Take Exit 9 (Cantrell Road, Downtown)

Bear to the left; then merge right and go under the over pass

Keeping right, go over the overpass and you will be on Cantrell Road eastbound

Merge left to go through the stoplight

Turn right onto Pleasant Valley Drive

**From points East, West and South of Interstate 40**

Make your way to Interstate 30 if south of Pulaski County

Take I-430 northbound (exit 128)

Go through I-430/630 interchange

Take Exit 9 (Cantrell Road, Downtown)

Bear to the right; the back of the church is in the curve of the exit

Merge onto Cantrell Road and turn right onto Pleasant Valley Drive

Please turn into the first driveway and park in front of the church or on the **north side of the building, where there are several designated handicap spaces and barrier-free entry into the building.**

Registration is in the narthex at the front of the building and is easily accessible from the front or side doors.

## Lodging Options Near Second Presbyterian Church

### Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

1720 Ferncliff Road 501.821.3063 ferncliff.org or

<http://ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=678&campCode=fcc&idSession=155920>

\$79 for a single, \$45 per person double occupancy breakfast included  
Retreat House: \$30 per person with breakfast included

### Candlewood Suites

10520 West Markham candlewoodsuites.com/Hotels/LittleRock  
501.975.3800 \$72.96 & up online

### Comfort Inn West

300 Markham Center Drive 501.227.0120 \$81 & up online  
choicehotels.com/Arkansas/little-rock/comfort-inn-hotels/ar614

### Crowne Plaza

201 S. Shackleford Road 501-223.3000  
crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/little-rock \$89.28 & up online

### Courtyard by Marriott, West

10900 Financial Centre Parkway 501.227-6000 \$98 & up online  
Marriott.hotels/travel/litch-courtyard - little-rock-west

### Embassy Suites Hotel

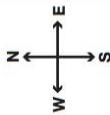
11301 Financial Centre Parkway 501-312-9000  
embassysuites3.hilton.com \$123 & up online

### The Burgundy Hotel

1501 Merrill Drive theburgundyhotel.com 501.224.8051  
\$125 for a double, \$135 for a king (price may change)

Or go online to Travelocity.com, Expedia.com, Hotels.com or any other online booking site and look for lodging in Little Rock, Arkansas specifying West Little Rock.

Cantrell Road



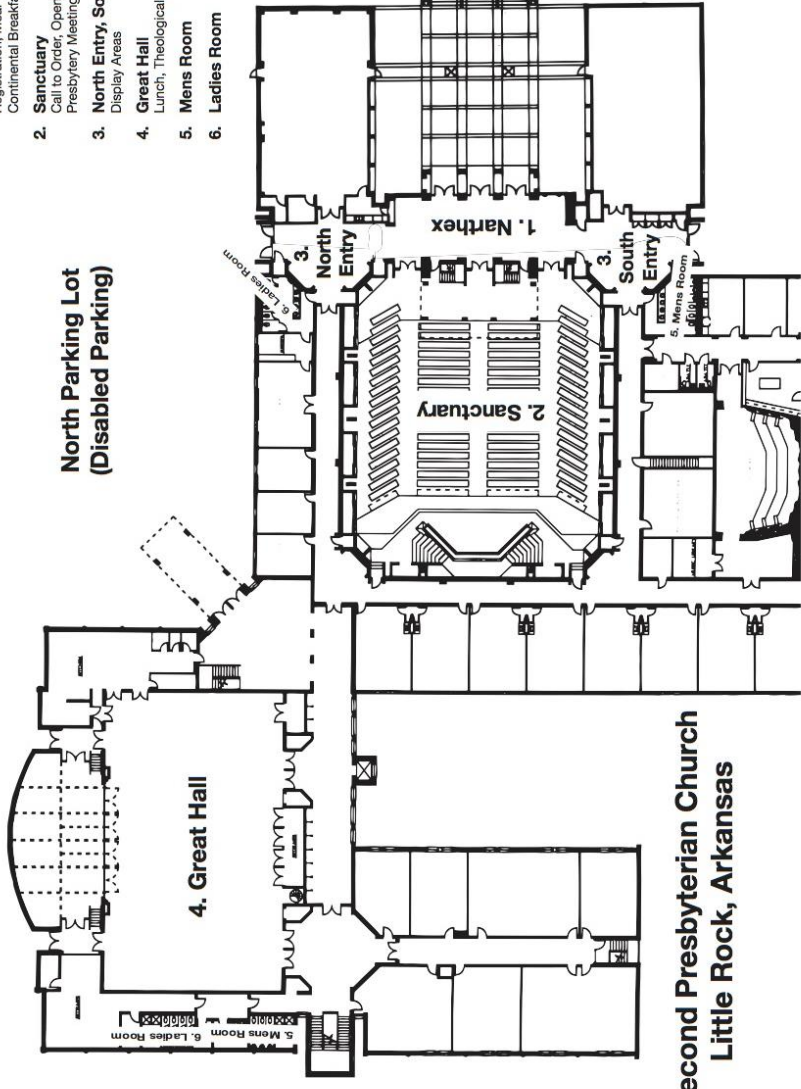
Interstate 430

Pleasant Valley Drive

- 1. **Narthex**  
Registration, Meal Tickets,  
Continental Breakfast
- 2. **Sanctuary**  
Call to Order, Opening Worship,  
Presbytery Meeting
- 3. **North Entry, South Entry**  
Display Areas
- 4. **Great Hall**  
Lunch, Theological Discussion
- 5. **Mens Room**
- 6. **Ladies Room**

North Parking Lot  
(Disabled Parking)

East  
Parking  
Lot



Second Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

## PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

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May 10, 2017

Dear Presbyters,

I want to invite each of you to come early for the upcoming meeting of Presbytery which will be held on Saturday, June 3 at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. The “early” part will take place on Friday, June 2 at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Rev. Michael Vinson will lead the first in a series of workshops called “Skills for Thriving in Change.” This initial workshop is titled “Fostering a Life Nurturing Environment in Your Congregation.” The workshop will begin at 1:00 pm in the Dining Hall at Ferncliff. There is no cost to attend and after the workshop you will be treated to a sumptuous “burrito bar” catered by Moe’s Southwest Grill. The meal will also be without charge as a gift for attending the workshop.

We are in a time of declining resources and the landscape is changing dramatically before our eyes. You are facing tough challenges in your congregations and we are facing tough challenges as a presbytery. Knowing that reality, all of us are facing a need for Adaptive Leadership and making changes in how we operate. I hope this workshop is one that you will consider attending. Unfortunately, Michael doesn’t have the magic answer for you to take back to your congregation, but he will give you some tools to take back to begin having these conversations in your congregation.

We are inviting people to gather on the evening before the presbytery meeting to enjoy this beautiful space and to spend quality time together in an atmosphere when we are not listening to reports, examining potential candidates for ministry or voting on overtures from the General Assembly. You are invited to come and bring your own snacks and drinks and sit out on the porches at Ferncliff overlooking the lake and enjoy fellowship and conversation with each other. There will be a trivia contest held in the Dining Hall at 7:00 pm with prizes for the winning team. For those that have not seen the new additions to our beautiful camp, you will have an opportunity to tour the Youth Camp, the new pool, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Warehouse and the newly constructed garden area after the recent storms. Rooms are being offered at a discounted rate of \$79.00 for a single, \$45.00 per person double occupancy (breakfast included). For those wanting more fellowship, group style accommodations are offered in the retreat house for \$30.00 with breakfast included. You can register at this [link](http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=678&campCode=fcc&idSession=155920) on the Ferncliff website. <http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=678&campCode=fcc&idSession=155920> or if you experience difficulties with the link, call 501.821.3063.

This will allow you an opportunity to have a fun, leisurely evening and morning rather than rushing to get to Little Rock in time for the opening gavel at 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. at 9:45 am. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to gather with your fellow Presbyterians from across our presbytery. I look forward to seeing many of you there and I am honored to be partnered with each of you as we seek to make the body of Christ visible in this beautiful part of God’s creation in which we live.

In Christ,  
*Stewart*



# Fostering A Life-Nurturing Environment in Your Congregation

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The Presbytery's Future of the Church Committee is sponsoring a workshop Friday afternoon June 3 beginning at 1 pm at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. This workshop is the first of three workshops to be offered by the Future of the Church Committee on the theme "Thriving in Change."

Rev. Michael Vinson, Presbytery Resource for Mission Discernment, is our workshop leader for the series. Michael has been engaged by the Presbytery of Arkansas to assist the presbytery in a number of ways: working to help bridge the work between committees during the Presbytery's reorganization process, identifying needs for ministry, helping committees identify ways to live into their mission, as well as identifying and helping to address issues important to the church and the presbytery during rapidly changing time. Michael brings us his skills in leadership and organizational development along with the perspective of being a long-standing member of our presbytery, a combination that ensures that the workshops are pertinent to presbytery at this time.

There is no cost for the workshop and dinner is provided.

The first workshop for learning how to thrive in change is "Fostering a Life-Nurturing Environment in Your Congregation." Even if you already have a life-nurturing environment in your congregation, times of change can be life depleting. You may be in a congregation environment that has already lost ground towards a life-depleting environment with its accompanying stuckness and even conflict. Life nurturing climates within congregations are more suited to thriving in change. You probably know this.

In this workshop, we will explore some ways to foster a life-nurturing environment. You will get tips and tools to get the conversations started so that your congregation can choose whether it wants to put some time and energy into fostering a life-nurturing environment. These tips and tools, framed within a bigger picture of strengthening the congregation's capacity to thrive in these times of constant (and often rapid) change may be just what the congregation is wanting.

You will also get tips and tools that will assist you if the initial conversations conclude that the congregation does want to invest time and energy to learn to thrive in change. They are simple, easy to understand, and easy to use. The program that Michael bases his work from has as a guiding principle to keep it simple. The premise is that when the tips and tools used are simple, it is possible to handle complexity.

This workshop would be for you:

- If you want to increase your skills in helping your church thrive in change
- If you are concerned that enthusiasm is going down
- If you have noticed that there is growing negativity
- If you are seeking more willingness by members of your congregation
- If you are looking for ways to get "unstuck" and move forward in ministry
- If you are ready to get resolution on recurring issues.
- If you are concerned about loss of membership and finances

# PRE-PRESBYTERY WORKSHOP



Friday, June 2, 2017 at 1 pm  
The (New) Dining Hall  
Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center  
1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock, AR 72223

The workshop and dinner afterward are for workshop attendees only and are free of charge. Registration required at:

<http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=678&campCode=fcc&idSession=155> or if you experience problems with the link call 501.821.3063.