

Mini Mission u with Rev. Dr. James Ritchie

May 7-9, 2017

Cost: \$160

(includes class, 2 nights stay, and 6 meals)

Commuter Cost: \$92

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Join us at Olmsted as we explore topics from this year's WPA Mission u (you need not have attended the event). Come to be refreshed, educated, and empowered. Topics will include:

The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift
Latin America: People and Faith
Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

This spiritual growth study from the 2016 WPA Mission u invites us to explore the complexity of Biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality. We will also examine the influence of theologians and church leaders throughout thousands of years of Jewish-Christian history. Finally, we will consider the influence of family systems, heritage, and changing gender roles, along with the impact of race, class, age, ethnicity, and orientation and how each of us was reared and instructed in our Christian faith.



The Rev. Dr. James H. Ritchie, Jr.

served churches in the WPA United Methodist Conference for 24 years. He served in extension ministry appointments for 14 years as a children's curriculum editor for The United Methodist Publishing House and as president/executive director of Ritchie Faith Span Ministries. Jim has traveled across 13 states and to Paraguay to take almost 3,400 preteens and their parents through the "Created by God" human sexuality education program he developed and has taught more than 150 times. For two decades, the Pittsburgh native's music appeared in children's Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and worship resources. He is the author of *Always in Rehearsal: The Practice of Worship and the Presence of Children* (Discipleship Resources) and holds degrees from Mount Union College (B.A.), United Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Vanderbilt University (Ed.D. in Religious Education). He and his wife Tracy, both retired, live in Monroeville and spend as much time as possible with their four grandchildren.

This retreat begins with a 5:30 supper on Sunday and continues through lunch on Tuesday. Check-in is at Groves Lodge on Sunday from 4PM to 5PM. Credit: 1 CEU available.

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