

# ABOUT THE RETREAT

“Sacred Encounters” is a one day retreat offering a content-rich, lively introduction to the Fresh Expressions movement that is capturing the missional imagination of Methodists around the world.

Fresh Expressions is a movement that creates Christian communities with people who would never attend a regular church. Fresh Expressions have started in pubs, skate parks, living rooms, and wherever people naturally gather for work, play, and daily living.

Each of the day’s presenters will offer insight into creating sacred encounters within your community followed by a “dinner church” experience including a BBQ buffet catered by Joe’s Kansas City BBQ.

Hosted by Friends of Saint Paul School of Theology, the Sacred Encounters Retreat is endorsed by the Great Plains Conference of the UMC and Saint Paul School of Theology and is supported in part by the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation through the *Pathways for Discipleship Funds*.

**\$50/person**



# sacred encounters

MEETING GOD’S PEOPLE  
WHERE THEY LIVE

## imagine. gather. connect.

### PRESENTERS



MICHAEL BECK



MIKE GRAVES



LIA MCINTOSH

## TIME: 1-8PM | DATE: OCTOBER 26TH

THE 180 ROOM

11944 S. Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS

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[www.iveschapelumc.org/sacred-encounters](http://www.iveschapelumc.org/sacred-encounters)

### Leaders attending the retreat will experience:

1. Dinner Church catered by Joe’s Kansas City BBQ
2. Understanding of “Fresh Expressions” and “Dinner Church;”
3. Awareness of cultural shifts making new modes of faith-sharing a necessity;
4. Ideas to build relevant leadership for the future; and
5. Inspiration and motivation to take a next step.



## schedule at a glance

- 12:30 – 1:00**    **Registration/Check-in**
- 1:00 – 1:10**    **Welcome and Invocation: Rena Yocom**
- 1:10 – 2:45**    **Make Methodism Vile Again: An Introduction to Fresh Expressions: Michael Beck**  
*Understanding the “why” and “what” of Fresh Expressions— mission, witness and community beyond traditional church*
- 2:45 – 3:30**    **Know Your Community: Lia McIntosh**  
*How we go about “meeting God’s people where they live?”*
- 3:30- 4:00**    **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00**    **Table Talk: Rethinking Communion & the Dinner Church Movement: Mike Graves**  
*Understanding the “What” and “why” of gathering folks around the table*
- 5:00 –5:15**    **Leadership Conversation Intro: Bishop Laurie Haller, Iowa (video presentation)**  
**Reflections: Beck and Graves**
- 5:15-6:15**    **Leadership Conversation**  
*What is needed to identify and equip leaders for faith formation beyond the inherited church?*  
*What changes do we need to anticipate?*  
*Perspectives from Mitch Reece, DS; Robert Martin, Seminary;*  
*Open conversation follows*
- 6:15-6:30**    **Break**
- 6:30 – 8:00**    **Experiencing Dinner Church - Led by Mike Graves** *(For venue info see below)*

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