

Information for leaders and congregations

## **UPDATES**

These UPDATES are shared so that leaders and congregations are aware of Biblical Classes taking place in LMC, agencies, fraternal organizations, congregations, and the broader church. These announcements are for your information and to share with others in your congregation through email, weekly bulletin, monthly newsletter, Sunday morning announcements, church website, or Facebook. Use your discretion and share what your congregation will find helpful.

# **Programs for Churches**



# Spanish Classes



Learn the basics of conversation, interaction, and culture, with a taste and open heart in the Spanish Language that will help you interact with the Hispanic community, neighbors, and friends. We will learn short and simple ways to have friendly conversations, to taste of their culture a bit with games, and snacks!

#### **August to September 2021**

Starting August 17, 2021
From 6-8 pm
Tuesday and Thursday (2 hours)
8 sessions

#### Classes will be held at EMM

450 N Prince Street Lancaster PA 17603

To register, visit

<u>LMCchurches.org/lmc-Spanish-classes/</u>

For more information contact Felixa at fvdekunkle@lmcchurches.org

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# September 23<sup>rd</sup> - October 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:05 (EST) Six sessions

Through Bible study and historical exploration, we will take a deep dive into the topic of baptism. If there is "one baptism" why does it cause so much division? Is Israel's crossing of the Red Sea the biblical background of baptism? How does water baptism relate to Spirit baptism and baptisms of suffering? Is baptism only for believers or also for infants? And what difference does this make in our understanding of what the church is? Does it matter if we pour or immerse? When should children raised in the church be baptized? Should baptism take place right after coming to faith or after a process of teaching? And lots more. Come with your questions and curiosity.

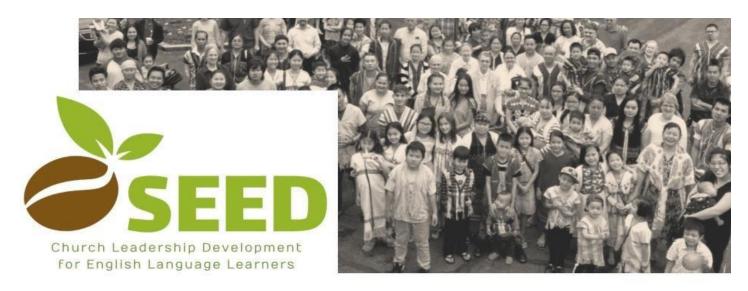
#### Anyone can attend via Zoom

Students local to the Lancaster area will be able to attend in person at EMM's new location, 450 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA

### Please register by September 9<sup>th</sup>

To register please contact William at whiggins@lmcchurches.org

This educational opportunity is offered to you based on the generous giving of LMC churches to the ministries of LMC. A \$20 dollar donation is requested (from those who can) toward the STEP scholarship fund to train current and future leaders/pastors for LMC. William Higgins will teach this class. He is on staff with LMC in the area of theological education and Anabaptist Christian identity formation. He is also an associate pastor at New Danville Mennonite Church.



#### WHO IS SEED FOR?

- English Language Learners with a working-level of English
- Members of a congregation of recent immigrants or refugees
- People currently serving in leadership or lay leadership in an immigrant church or those who would like to explore local cross-cultural church ministry

#### GOALS:

- 1. Expand Biblical knowledge through in-depth study of the Bible
- 2. Foster an Anabaptist perspective on scripture and leadership principles
- 3. Build confidence in basic church leadership and administration skills
- 4. Process various challenges faced by immigrant groups
- 5. Provide tools to support cross-cultural ministry within the United States.

#### CLASS TIMES AND LOCATION:

- Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm two times a month from September-May
- Other meeting times possible depending on enrollment
- Lancaster In-Person Location TBD; Distance Learning Options Available

#### TOPICS INCLUDED OVER THREE YEARS:

Bible & History
Old Testament Study
New Testament Study
Kingdom Living
Anabaptism
World Religions
Church History
Global Christianity

# Ministry Living Between Worlds Discipleship Evangelism Christian Education Children's Ministry Youth/Young Adults Family & Elder Care

Leadership
Spiritual Gifts & Formation
Vision & Mission
Servant Leadership
Ceremonies in the Church
Administration Practices
Financial Management
Preaching & Teaching