

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: STEPS TOWARD CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

Thursday, August 2 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3737 Liberty , Salem

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Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

Vital congregations experience a spiritual quality that is shared, life-giving, and empowers both persons and the congregation as a whole. This one-day event follows up on last summer's workshop by Beverly and George Thompson; it will introduce and demonstrate how group-based practices can stimulate a congregation's journey into God's future.

Topics will include:

- **Guided biblical meditation**
- **Deep listening**
- **The energy of gratefulness**
- **Taking stock of sacred resources**

Both plenary and small-group formats will encourage participants to learn from each other and practice using particular spiritual practices.

Pastors, elders, deacons, and anyone involved in positions of responsibility are encouraged to attend.

Optional reading for the event is the Thompson's book, Grace for the Journey: Practices and Possibilities for In-Between Times, (Rowman & Littlefield/An Alban Institute book, 2011), and Cameron Harder, Discovering the Other: Asset-Based Approaches for Building Community Together, (Rowman & Littlefield/An Alban Institute book, 2013).

Lunch will be provided; a donation of \$10 is suggested.

RSVP to: office@cascadespresbytery.org by Friday, JULY 27.

George Thompson grew up in Dallas, graduated from Dallas High School, and was ordained at First Presbyterian Church, Dallas. His degrees include an S.T.D. degree from SFTS in biblical interpretation and a Ph.D. in theology and the human sciences from The Chicago Theological Seminary. George served for 14 years on the faculty of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and teaches D.Min. courses for Wesley Theological Seminary. He is author and co-author of several books for pastors and churches.

Visit his and Beverly's website at www.thompsoncoaches.weebly.com