

## Registration and Travel

### When

Program Connection will begin with dinner at 6pm on Sunday, January 12th and conclude with breakfast at 8:00am on Friday, January 17th.

### Housing

All participants will be housed in Higgins Lodge. All rooms include linens (sheets, pillow, blanket, towel, hand towel, and washcloth).

### Total Fees

Single Occupancy: \$335

Double Occupancy: \$260

Airport Shuttle: \$25

### How to Register

<https://tinyurl.com/programconnect2020>

Create an account and register.

### Travel Plans

Airport Shuttles will be provided until 3:30pm on Sunday. Please plan to fly into Charlotte-Douglass International Airport.

Return shuttles will begin at 9:00am on Friday. Plan flights accordingly.

Visit [www.laurelridge.org](http://www.laurelridge.org) to learn more about Laurel Ridge and for driving directions.



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# 2020

## PROGRAM CONNECTION

January 12-17, 2020

*A Gathering of Program-Minded  
Camp Professionals from Faith-Based  
Camps and Conference Centers  
across North America*



## What is Program Connection?

Program Connection is a meeting of faith-based programmatic minds; a space where those who love camp and conference program can discuss theory and practice.

We come together searching for new ideas, seeking answers to questions, and sharing our favorite resources. We spend time in discussion, spiritual retreat, and workshops with experts in the field and leave refreshed, with lots of new ideas and resources.

## Discussion Sessions & Resources

A majority of our time is spent in discussion, picking each other's brains about relevant topics. We ask participants to share topics which most interest them, and use our common experience to work toward best practices in those areas. Topics often include staff training, spiritual development (for campers and staff), new program ideas, and our role in a constantly shifting world.

One of the other great benefits is to share resources. Please plan to bring brochures, flyers, manuals, and other resources to share (paper or digital).

## Some of the topics covered in the past

Acquiring and Training Staff	Registration and Checkout
Self-Care	Winter Camp
Autism camps	Outdoor Education
LGBTQ	Mental Health of Staff and Campers
Ecumenical Partnerships	Camp Store

## Pre-Event Workshop led by Cameron Pruette

Cameron is the former program director at Bethelwoods, a Presbyterian camp and conference center in York, SC. He is a certified instructor for Youth Mental Health First Aid USA.

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This training gives adults who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to adolescents (ages 12-18) who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care.

This is an eight hour training. The cost is \$35.00 and includes a book. It will be Sunday, January 12, 10:00am until 6:00pm. When you register there will be an option to sign up. This will also mean you will need to arrive early to Laurel Ridge. Please contact Scarlett Dowdy ([scarlett@laurelridge.org](mailto:scarlett@laurelridge.org) or 336-601-3034) if you need to come on Saturday, January 11. There is a five person minimum for the pre-event.

## Free Day - Wednesday

We will travel to Downtown Winston-Salem, NC. There are lots of shops, restaurants and breweries to visit. If you are interested we can visit Old Salem which is one of the first Moravian Settlements in America.

## Workshop Speaker

### Bishop Samuel J. Gray

*Director of Mission Outreach,  
Moravian Church Southern  
Province*



Sam has served the Board of World Mission since January 1980. His parents were missionaries and he was raised with his brothers and sisters in that capacity. Sam is a constant at Laurel Ridge. He serves many summer camp weeks and has been instrumental in our success with Mission Camps. He will be speaking about his role in planning and leading mission camp at Laurel Ridge. And the importance of local missions. Laurel Ridge currently has four weeks of mission camp.

## Workshop Speakers

### Sue Bennett and Louis Whealton

Sue and Louise are members of N.A.M.I. (National Alliance for Mental Illness) of the NW Piedmont Board here in North Carolina. Both are trained in family to family and support group leadership. They take part in training police officers in the area with C.I.T. (Crisis Intervention Training). Sue has camp experience as her husband Brad was once the Program leader at Laurel Ridge. They will be sharing personal stories as well as strategies in different scenarios.