



A one day seminar for Pastors, Counselors, and Laypersons to equip us in ministry in our radically changing culture regarding sexuality and gender.

We will learn about the impact of the transformational love of Jesus in these aspects of our lives.

March 25, 2023

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Harmony Zelenople UMC



This event is sponsored by the Ministry to Marginalized Communities Task Force of the Western PA Chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association



Mark Ongley



Debra Baty



Garry Ingraham

## SEMINAR LEADERS

**Mark Ongley** has counseled hundreds of people with varying issues of sexual brokenness, and is author of *Into the Light: Healing Sexuality in Today's Church* and *Pure Hearted: Banding Together for Sexual Wholeness*. While pastoring a United Methodist congregation in Beaver Falls, PA, he blogs at [Tsunami Surfing \(tsurfing.substack.com\)](http://Tsunami Surfing (tsurfing.substack.com)).

A charter member of the WCA, **Debra Baty** has served as a member of the Accountable Discipleship Task Force, as the Chair of the Sexuality Task Force, and as a member of the Global Council. Debra is dedicated to equipping the church regarding the stewardship of creation along with sexuality and gender. She is the author of the *Resources4Redemption* newsletter, is a fan of Lewis and Tolkien, and both she and her husband enjoy backpacking and other outdoor activities.

**Garry Ingraham** is the founder and executive director of Love & Truth Network, a ministry that equips pastors and Christian leaders to develop environments which foster relational and sexual wholeness. Since 2016, he has also served as the director of Transforming Congregations, a renewal ministry equipping United Methodists to address sexual brokenness and gender identity confusion. Through leadership training, preaching and teaching, conferences and various ministry opportunities, Garry's ministries serve to promote relational & sexual wholeness within the Church.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### **Sexuality and Today's Youth (Mark Ongley)**

Perhaps the greatest challenge before us is clearly communicating with teens who are inundated with misinformation from the internet and schools. Learn best practices on how to reach the kids within our care.

### **Apologetics: Sexual Orientation Ideology (Debra Baty)**

What is sexual orientation, and how can we answer the many questions related to it from a Christian perspective? We will learn about the theological, philosophical, and scientific aspects of sexual orientation ideology in this presentation.

### **Transgenderism (Garry Ingraham)**

Transgenderism has morphed into a very broad, overarching title, encompassing far more than the very rare experience of a man who sees himself as a woman or a woman who sees herself as a man. It's important to understand and distinguish between the agenda of some who are promoting the "doctrine" of transgenderism as a public policy and indoctrination of children vs those who are actually experiencing the serious pain and confusion of gender dysphoria. A time for Q&A will be included.

## OUR SCHEDULE

- 9:00    **Registration**
- 9:30    **Welcome and Worship**
- 9:45    **"Sexual Holiness, Wholeness, and Brokenness" -  
Debra Baty**
- 10:45   **Shift**
- 11:00   **Break-outs (Mark, Debra, Garry)**
- 12:00   **Lunch with Q & A Session**
- 1:00    **Shift**
- 1:15    **Break-outs (Mark, Debra, Garry)**
- 2:30    **"Breaking the Power of Shame; Acknowledging Our  
Need" - Garry Ingraham**
- 3:30    **Closing Worship and Healing Prayer**

### **Ministry to the Abused (Mark Ongley)**

Whether one's abuse was recent or long ago, churches can move beyond being "safe sanctuaries" to actually becoming healing sanctuaries. Learn first steps toward offering the healing love of Jesus.

### **Apologetics: Gender Ideology (Debra Baty)**

What is gender ideology, and how is it related to the God-given gift of our biological sex? We will learn about this and explore the parallels between gender ideology and sexual orientation ideology in this talk.

### **Ministry with the Same-Sex Attracted (Garry Ingraham)**

Jesus loves all sexual sinner and identity confused men, women, and youth... and He loves us too much to leave us to the tyranny and emptiness of sin and addiction. Garry will share out of his own story of living as a sex-identified gay man, and what some of the common themes are in the development of same-sex attraction, at least for many. He will also share how a number of churches and Christian leaders made a lot of mistakes, as well as how God used the Church to rescue his life, and help set him on a path toward wholeness. A time for Q & A will be included.

### **BUILDING BRIDGES REGISTRATION FORM**

Send form and \$40/person fee to:

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Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in total fees.

**Make checks payable to: "WPA WCA."**

*NOTE: Please contact the registrar if you have special dietary requests.*

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

**No refunds will be granted within two weeks of the start of the event, however, you may transfer your registration to another person.**