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October Faculty Development Calendar

The [October calendar](#) is out. Click [here](#) to register for useful webinars and f2f (face to face) workshops to improve your teaching and to engage your students. The hybrid webinars (online) and discussion (f2f) are scheduled in the Magan Hall Conference Room and the Online Instructors Book Club will be in Zoom. Please register before these events. Thank you! The 2018-2019 Faculty Development brochure is available [here](#).

Online Instructors Book Club

The LLU Division of Extended Education and Educational Technology Services are excited to announce their first book! Join this informational and innovative course which will be in a Book Club format discussing *Essentials of Online Course Design: A Standards-Based Guide, Second Edition*. Authors Vai, M, and Sosulski, K. [Click here](#) to join.

What is the Online Program Transformation process?

The OPT helps programs and their faculty to upgrade their online or hybrid courses to meet LLU's online course standards. [Here](#) is how it works. To actively participate in this process, [apply here](#). The Online Program Transformation opportunity flyer is now available, click [here](#).

LLU Annual Reports

The October 31 deadline for the Annual Faculty Report (AFR), Annual Action Plan Report (AAPR), and the Institutional Learning Outcome Assessment Report (ILOAR) is fast approaching. Here's an update on our progress:

- AFR - All faculty to complete – 137 have completed, 8 are in progress. A total of 562 faculty have updated their portfolio during 2017-18 but not all are included in the total as they haven't updated their status. To be counted, you must select and submit your status at the end of the page [here](#)!
- AAPR - All program directors to complete – 28 programs have updated an action plan so far this year. Action plans need to be updated within the AMS.
- ILOAR - All program directors to complete – this year Oral and Written Communication are our focus. So far 10 % of programs have participated. We know others are working on their results – be sure to enter them in the AMS to be counted!

Thank you for your participation! It's what makes LLU special!

Detailed information on reporting is available [HERE](#).



Tools for Teaching, 2nd Edition, author Barbara Gross Davis is a valuable resource for educating adult learners. It provides functional strategies that may be implemented immediately to improve course development and management, increase student engagement, and facilitate critical thinking and application of skills during learning and assessment activities. As a new instructor, Tools for Teaching challenges me to utilize multiple approaches to enhance the learning experiences of my students.

--- Aieshea Banks

INSIGHTS



Dr. Harold Koenig Speaks about the Spirituality-Health Connection at the 2018 Faculty Colloquium

Our Faculty Colloquium featured speaker, Dr. Harold Koenig, presented on Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21, 2018 on Religion, Spirituality, and Health. Dr. Koenig is the Director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University. He is the foremost authority on the connection between spirituality and health and has written 50 books on the topic. How we deal with stress, chronic disease, PTSD, medical decisions, and death is impacted by whether or not we are involved in a faith community. The research has shown that those who are involved in a faith community have greater well-being and happiness. There is also an increase in meaning, purpose, hope, optimism and social integration. [Click here](#) to read an overview of his presentations and the challenge he made to LLU faculty.



A Good Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; 2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23

When I was a child I had heard many adults comment that the 23rd Psalm was so comforting to them. Verses 1-3 seemed fine to me; I wasn't so sure about verse 4 and was absolutely terrified of verse 5. Walking through the valley of the shadow of death was confusing. Couldn't we go around or over the mountain to avoid death? Why on earth wouldn't I fear evil?! [READ MORE](#).



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