## **EMPOWERMENT SESSIONS**

[The below information includes brief descriptions of Breakout Empowerment Sessions and Lunch and Learns only. Please view the Conference Program for activities, plenaries, and worship experiences].

## Friday, March 15, 2024 at 1:45PM - 2:30PM

The Art of Leading Well: Navigating Pastoral, Academic, and Executive Leadership Join this conversation as phenomenal leaders redefine what ministry looks like and share their experiences juggling professional and personal responsibilities.

**Womanist Preaching: Fundamental Truths, Insights, and Reflections -** Panelists will share fundamental truths about womanist preaching that holds the transformative power to liberate and foster healing within individuals and whole communities.

What's Up God? The Journey of Vocational Discernment - Listen and engage the testimonies and wisdom of thought leaders in theological education and discern afresh where you are now and what God is saying.

## Friday, March 15, 2024 at 2:45PM - 3:45PM

**Chaplaincy and Spiritual Direction** - This empowerment session will explore opportunities beyond traditional pastoral leadership and include the rapidly growing options of chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

**Stories of Grief: Where Does it Hurt and How Do We Heal? -** This intentionally curated space allows attendees to learn how to name their grief, hear the journeys of others, and begin to cultivate healing practices for the sake of life and liberation.

**Thriving in Ministry: Re-imagining "Pulpits" -** This empowerment session will center the voices of leaders thriving beyond the pulpit. It's time to reimagine the "pulpit" and what God is calling you to do in ministry.

## **LUNCH AND LEARN (s)** (Optional)- Limited Space Available

**Black, Brown, and Hungry: Food Insecurity and Community Mobilization** - Join food justice experts and advocates to discuss food insecurity, farming, and how to push for policy change in underserved communities.

**Navigating Your Intellectual Property: Protecting Your Voice** - Join us, as we have a timely discussion about safeguarding our intellectual property. It's time to not only embrace the power of our voices, but also protect our work!

