

About Dr. Leanne Hadley

Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley is an ordained elder in the UMC and has dedicated her entire career to working with and studying the spiritual lives of children, youth and young adults and exploring how spirituality can aid people of all ages in healing from trauma.

Leanne received her BA from Miami University, Oxford, OH, and received her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from United Theological University. Her doctoral work presented a ground-breaking model of pastoral/spiritual care for children in grief and crisis and has received much attention from scholars and organizations around the world.

She has worked in a variety of ministry settings as a Children's Hospital Chaplain, Migrant Ministry Chaplain, and as the founder and president of a not for profit Spirituality Center for the Healing of Hurting Children, Teens, and families in Colorado Springs, CO. She also served as the Minister to Children and Families at FUMC, Colorado Springs for over 20 years.

She has authored several books including *Touching Heaven: real stories of life, children and eternity*, and has received several awards including *The 2011 AspenPoint Mental Health Worker of the Year of Colorado Springs*, *The Good Samaritan Award*, *the Micah Award*, *the Dove of Peace award* and *the Lohman Award* in recognition of her pioneering work in Holy Listening: wholistic mental health care from a spiritual perspective.

Leanne has worked nationally and internationally as a consultant, speaker, University Professor, writer and mentor dedicating herself to helping congregations and organizations strengthen, develop, expand, deepen and create holistic ministries within and beyond the church walls.

Leanne currently lives in Frankfort, KY and serves as the Executive Pastor at Christ Church UM, Louisville, KY.

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