



RAY BUCKLEY

Ray Buckley is the interim Director of the Center for Native American Spirituality and Christian Study. He has served The United Methodist Church as a staff member of The United Methodist Publishing House, Director of the Native People's Communication Office (UMCom) for nine years, and Director of Connectional Ministries for the Alaska Missionary Conference.

He is an author/illustrator of five books.: God's Love is Like..., The Give-Away: A Christmas Story in the Native American Tradition, The Wing, Christmas Moccasins, and Dancing with Words: Storytelling as Legacy, Culture, and Faith. He is also the author of Creator Sang a Welcoming Song, and Walking in These White Man Shoes. The Give-Away was selected to appear on the CBS Christmas Eve special, An American Christmas, produced by the National Council of Churches. His writings and art have appeared in numerous journals, periodicals, books, and museums.

Buckley has taught in Nigeria, and Ghana, and served as a lecturer in Native American studies for several universities.

Author/illustrator Ray Buckley is of Lakota/Tlingit/Scots descent. Ray is one of several Native leaders profiled in As Long As the Waters Flow: Native Americans in the South and East, by Frye Gillard, and The Power of Eagles: Natures Way to Individual Accomplishment, by Twyman L. Towery.



Choice of four Workshops, but only one can be selected. For that reason, we encourage you to come in groups of *four* from each church, so that the four persons can attend all four workshops. Each workshop will be given only once, at 1:00 p.m.

WORKSHOPS

- 1) **Feed the Body; Feed the Spirit!** Hunger Relief
Facilitators: Julia Jones and Betsie Swartz
- 2) **Feed the Spirit; Feed the Soul!** Spiritual Formation
Facilitators: Judy Pohlman and Barb Miller
- 3) **H.E.L.P. [Help.Educate.Love.Prepare.]** Disaster Relief
Facilitators: Rev. Christina Vosteen and John Kerastas
- 4) **There Are No Strangers Here.** Immigration/Refugee Issues
Facilitators: Rev. Paula Cripps-Vallejo and Brent Holman-Gomez

2016 Laity Convocation REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

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CITY

STATE/ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

CHURCH

DISTRICT

CIRCLE SPECIAL NEEDS: (Handicap accessibility; vegetarian or gluten free)

Circle one workshop by number.

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\$15 Early registration till January 30, 2016.

\$20 AFTER JANUARY 30, 2016.

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed

Please clip this form and send your full registration amount to: **Natarsha Gardner, 217 Division St., Elgin, IL 60120.** Make checks payable to: **Northern IL Conference,** or register and pay online at umcnic.org.