



An Invitation to Two Events in Buffalo, NY Sponsored by The Voyagers

Introduction to Family Systems Thinking

The Voyagers

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018
The Westin Hotel, Buffalo

Bowen Theory's Secrets: The Hidden Lives of Families

Dr. Mike Kerr

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018
Christ the King Seminary, E. Aurora

Register at www.voyagers.life/buffalo-events

The lens on human behavior developed by Dr. Murray Bowen and applied to congregations and leadership by Rabbi Edwin Friedman has proven to be an extremely significant contribution for many helping professionals. Leaders in many areas - from ministry to nursing, from business to teaching, and beyond - use the lens of Dr. Bowen's family systems theory to better understand themselves as well as the people with whom they work.

The Voyagers, a group of leaders of faith communities, has been gathering for almost 20 years to study Bowen Theory. At the fall, 2018 meeting in Buffalo, we are offering two opportunities for people to learn about and increase their understanding of theory.

First is a one-day introductory seminar with a focus on Bowen theory and its application to families, congregations and other institutions, presented by the Voyagers. The importance of family of origin work for maturity, functioning and leadership, and the opportunity to work on one's own family diagram will be offered. Date: Wed., Nov. 14. Location: Westin Hotel, Buffalo. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$60; \$35 for students (with ID). Registration is limited, so register early.

Second is a one-day conference presented by Dr. Michael Kerr, director of the Bowen Theory Academy and former director of the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family in Washington D.C. Dr. Kerr will present on his new book: *Bowen Theory's Secrets: The Hidden Life of Families*. Dr. Kerr will describe family functioning from the perspective of Bowen theory, distinguishing it from more individually-focused psychological perspectives. Date: Thurs., Nov. 15. Location: Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$95; \$65 for students (with ID).

Registration for both events: \$125; students (with ID): \$80. Lunch is included in registration fees for both days. Register early! Fees increase \$10 after October 31. To register, visit www.voyagers.life/buffalo-events. For more information, contact Bob Spilman (rcspilman@roadrunner.com) or Carol Jeunnette (cjeunnette@voyagers.life).