

DISTRICT TRAINING to Offer a Variety of Workshops

Sunday, January 13, 2008 *** 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. *** First UMC, Oak Ridge

Our Annual Discipleship Training will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2008, 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge. Here is a listing of the classes to be offered:

1. Telling The Story So People Will Hear (Part 1)

In this high-tech age, communication has become a multi-dimensional enterprise that demands strategic thinking and creative action. This 50-minute workshop will explore inexpensive, non-traditional communication strategies for the local church to supplement newsletters, websites, direct mail, and other traditional methods of telling the story of your local church. *Led by Rev. Larry Trotter, Associate Pastor, Concord UMC*

Guestology: The Science of Welcoming (Part 2)

How does your church welcome its first time visitors? If you are leaving it up to chance, it's probably not happening! This 50-minute segment will focus on specific steps your church can take to make sure each new guest is given "the red carpet treatment." The class will include how to organize a welcome center, newcomer gifts, adequate signage, greeter training and other important ways to keep your first time visitors returning until they are no longer "visitors." *Led by Rebecca Williams, Chairperson of Communications, First UMC, Oak Ridge*

2. A Reflection On The Wesleyan Revival (Part 1)

This class will briefly discuss the essential characteristics of the Wesleyan Revival. "How Great A Flame," written by Dr. P. James Logan, will help us understand the significance of this historic revival and what we may once again recover to bring new life and vitality to the United Methodist Church here and now.

United Methodists and The Sacraments (Part 2)

This 50-minute segment of the class will reflect on our understanding of the Sacraments in United Methodism. Gayle Felton's book, "United Methodists and the Sacraments," will provide the foundation for our discussion of why and how we practice the Sacraments. *Both classes will be led by Rev. Jay Ferguson, pastor of the Luminary UMC*

3. Where Our Money Goes And How It Helps Us Thrive! (Part 1)

Apportionments? What are they? Where do they come from? Where do they go to? What do they accomplish in the world? This class will explore all of these important questions and show how the local church is in mission and ministry within the annual conference, across the country and around the world. Giving locally helps us to thrive globally!

Financial Management In The Local Church (Part 2)

A failure to plan IS a plan to fail! This is a "HOW TO" session on Financial Management in the local church, focusing on the programs and models that can be used successfully to develop the financial capability of your congregation, especially in the small membership church. *Both classes will be led by Rev. Bill Kilday, Director of Stewardship and Church Relations, Holston Conference*

4. Conflict Resolution In The Local Church

A recent Hartford Seminary study showed that one of the main factors in declining church membership is the presence of CONFLICT: churches that are free of conflict are more likely to grow than church where members are in conflict with one another. It makes sense, doesn't it? People choose not to attend churches where they are made uncomfortable by conflict, and there's hardly a church anywhere that is free of it.

This workshop will describe conflict resolution practices that can greatly enhance your church's ministry when dealing with conflicts both great and small. *This workshop will be led by Rev. Steven Martin, Director of Vital Visions, Inc.*

5. Volunteers In Mission 101

Are you leading a mission trip for your church this year? Do you still have lots of questions about how to go about it and what to do? Are you aware of all of the requirements and training that are necessary to lead a conference approved mission? Are you interested in learning more about what mission opportunities are available and how to get involved? Then this workshop is for you. Join us as we prepare team leaders and team participants for the wide world of missions! *This workshop will be led by Clark Brekke, VIM Trainer from Concord UMC*

6. Caught In The Web -- Safely Navigating Cyberspace

Do you feel like you are in the Land of OZ when it comes to cyberspace? The youth and children in our churches feel at home as they exchange information on Facebook or MySpace, text their friends or download music to their I-pods, not fully recognizing the dangers that are connected with these practices. On-line predators pose significant danger. We can't run from cyberspace or hide from it. So let's face it. This workshop will take a look at the cyberspace landscape and talk about safe ways to use this technology in our ministries with children and youth. This is the next step in developing and maintaining our Safe Sanctuary Policies. *This class will be led by Anita Henderlight, Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Holston Conference.*

7. Ministry To The Incarcerated And Aftercare

One of the toughest and most critical issues facing our geographical region is ministry to/with persons who are in prison or jail, as well as the aftercare needed when they are released. This panel discussion of the ministry to the incarcerated includes ministry opportunities to the imprisoned and their aftercare which can lead to the restoration and transformation of a person, a family, a community. What was it Jesus said? "When I was in prison, you visited me..." Would your church be interested in developing a ministry to the imprisoned? Then this workshop is for you. *Panel members: Nancy Large, Moderator, Anderson County Detention Center Ministry; Captain Avery Johnson, Administrator, Anderson County Detention Center; Keith Ferri, Member of Kairos and FOCUS Ministry Teams; Teddi Dyson, Co-Founder of Alpha House, an aftercare ministry for women; and Annette Franklin, a resident of Serenity House, a rehabilitation ministry of Knox Area Rescue Ministries.*

8. Partners In Ministry: The Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

This workshop for Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairpersons and committee members will deal with the organization and the many important functions of this crucial committee in the local church. Guidelines and a timetable for 2008-2009 pastoral appointments will be discussed. Suggestions for gathering information to assess how the ministry is progressing in the congregation will be shared. The importance of providing an annual evaluation of the pastor (and staff, where applicable) will be stressed. *This course will be led by Rev. Ken Henderlight, Oak Ridge District Superintendent*

Registration

2008 Oak Ridge District
Discipleship Training

Registration Deadline: January 4, 2008

Name	Church
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Please complete the following: (Choose only **ONE** course per person)

Course #	Course Description:

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