

2009 Oak Ridge District Discipleship Training

Sunday, January 11
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



First UMC, Oak Ridge
1350 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN

(Registration Deadline: January 6, 2009)

1. Living The United Methodist Way: Holy Conferencing

Holy Conferencing is more than polite conversation. This workshop will look at theological and practical ways of dealing with subjects on which Christians often disagree. Church leaders will understand our call to “lean toward” one another as we really listen to one another and to God. There are some conversations that are more difficult than others because of the variety of opinions and level of passion about a topic. Participants will be introduced to “dialogue” as a tool for use in church discussions. Conflict resolution focuses on results and compromise. Dialogue focuses on the importance of everyone being heard and understood. *This workshop will be led by Rev. Catherine Nance, Associate Pastor, Concord UMC, Knoxville, TN and Susan Montgomery, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist,*

2. Living The United Methodist Way: Three Simple Rules

John Wesley gave the Methodist Movement three simple rules “that have the power to change the world”: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love With God. These three simple rules guided the early Methodist community offering practical wisdom for practical living. This workshop will seek to rediscover the transforming power of these simple rules for today and consider how to introduce these rules to our churches and how to implement these rules into our daily living as Christian disciples. *This workshop will be led by Rev. Jay Ferguson, pastor of Dandridge UMC, Dandridge, TN*

3. Living The Kingdom Life: The Beatitudes of Jesus

In the Beatitudes we have an amazing summary of the message of Jesus in Mathew’s Gospel. We see the very heart of Jesus. We get to ask those “meaning” questions in view of his Kingdom values. We examine the riches of these verses which really turn the world upside down. In these few verses we discover the lifestyle Jesus invites his disciples to follow, a revolutionary lifestyle! How do I/we/the church live into the spirit of the Kingdom life described in the Beatitudes? The Beatitudes often elicit more questions and ponderings than answers. Be ready to take home a desire to continue the reflections, or maybe a Sunday school series or sermon series on this important topic. *This workshop will be led by Rev. Brenda Carroll, pastor of First UMC, Maryville, TN*

4. Living The Kingdom Life: What Jesus Said About Money

Except for what he said about the Kingdom of God, Jesus said more about money and the use of our financial resources than any other subject. Eighteen of the thirty-eight parables of Jesus are about money. This workshop will examine these sayings of Jesus and how they relate to our present-day practices and attitudes about this most important part of our discipleship. We will explore how our conversation about money could be raised to a more appropriate level of focus in the church. You will also be introduced to a new video series on the stewardship of money: “Living For Giving.” *This workshop will be led by Rev. Bill Kilday, Director of Stewardship, Holston Conference*

5. Developing Small Group Ministries

Early Methodism was organized and thrived through the organization of small groups, classes and bands. Today many churches are rediscovering the importance of small group ministries. This workshop will help you explore the rationale and process of beginning home cell groups for the purpose of fellowship, worship, study, prayer and service. Learn how “community” is foundational to the ongoing development of our spiritual growth and practical discipleship. *This workshop will be led by Rebekah Fetzer, Associate Pastor, Cokesbury UMC, Knoxville, TN*

6. How To Read And Understand The Bible

This workshop will focus on why we have a Bible, its use and abuse, a brief background and overview of its contents and organization, as well as guidelines for meaningful and effective Bible study. Several helpful resources for Bible study will also be shared. *This workshop led by Dr. Kenny Faught, pastor of LaFollette UMC, LaFollette, TN.*

7. How To Be A Christian In An I-Pod World

We live in a world that proclaims the importance of "me," a world that teaches isolation by putting on an "outer shell" for protection. Jesus seeks to break through that shell so that we might be freed from our self-centered lives for the purpose of being in a relationship with the least, the last, and the lost. As Christians we need to be transparent with God, ourselves and others before we can be the church to a hurting and suffering world. This workshop will seek to help us break through that shell in order that we may be the Body of Christ in the world. *This workshop will be led by Rev. Bradley Hyde, pastor of Seymour UMC, Seymour, TN.*

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

The Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is the administrative unit in the local church where pastor/staff and congregational interests are integrated in a partnership to focus on the mission of the church. That mission is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." This workshop will describe the organization and functions of this important Committee in the local church, will offer some tools for receiving feedback on the effectiveness of ministry and will share information on the appointment-making process in Holston Conference. A notebook will be provided for each Chairperson, but other members of the Committee are invited to attend this training as well. *This workshop will be led by Rev. Ken Henderlight, Oak Ridge District Superintendent*

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Training for:



Leaders



Soon to be Leaders



Pastors

and

.persons wanting to know more about the church and willing to be part of a leadership team.

Mission:

To provide a foundation of fundamental leadership skills needed for churches to further train disciples for mission and ministry.

Purpose:

. . . That persons attending the training leave with ideas and some specific plans to be implemented when they return to their local church.

Schedule

2:30 - 2:50 Staff Introduction/Directions

3:00 - 5:00 Workshops 1 - 8

(Take break 3:50 - 4:05)

Childcare Available
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