

2011-2012 LEADERSHIP UMC

A Program of the Board of Laity
North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Discover Your Church, Yourself, Your Shared Ministry & Your Charge

UNITED METHODIST HISTORY, POLITY AND THE DISCIPLINE

NOVEMBER 18-19, 2011

Rev. Dr. John Beyers, Facilitator

“Polity”: a word seldom heard and less often understood, will be revealed as an important part of leadership and life in The United Methodist Church. The “Connection” will be explored from the local church to general church level. Discover the characteristic roots of United Methodist policies and procedures and learn “how we got to be this way.”

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

JANUARY 20-21, 2012

Rev. Mike Selleck, Facilitator

Discover your gifts, your passion and your talents in this weekend that promises personal growth and transformation. Learn leadership skills from successful Christian leaders and how to use these attributes to address the changing needs in your local church, district and conference in the connection of The United Methodist Church and the world.

CLERGY & LAITY TOGETHER IN SHARED MINISTRY

MARCH 16-17, 2012

Bishop B. Michael Watson, Keynote Speaker

Rev. Sharma Lewis & Ms. Dianne Spencer, Facilitators

Participating in effective church leadership means sharing ministry and honoring the ministry of others. Together, laity and clergy will discover ways in which to make the local church more effective in its mission and ministry, and how to cultivate an effective partnership in your local church.

A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY & GRADUATION

MAY 18-19, 2012

A celebration dinner and guest speaker will highlight the graduation ceremony. Leadership UMC participants will present small group project reports to be shared on the conference web site.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE 2010-2011 CLASS PARTICIPANTS

LUMC was a giant step in my spiritual journey. I enjoyed every minute of each weekend. If God gives you the opportunity to be a participant, say, “YES!”

Margie Bullock, Duluth 1st UMC, AMRY District.

2010-11 LUMC has been a blessing as I learned more about the history of the UMC and became acquainted with new brothers and sisters in Christ. With each workshop, I felt that I became closer to Christ. I am renewed and reinvigorated in my walk with Christ that confirms God’s plan for me.

Keith LaSalle, Hinton UMC, NW District

As laity, we are called to be servant leaders. I have learned about Methodism and how to use my gifts and talents to reach out to others and partner with clergy. LUMC is the resource that strengthened my steps in the faith journey. I am committed to giving my up-most to His Highest!

Sherrie L. Wilson, Hoosier Memorial UMC, ACPK District





PURPOSE AND MISSION:

The purpose of LEADERSHIP UMC (LUMC) is to equip emerging laity leadership from throughout the annual conference for service in mission and ministry within the local church, district and conference. This purpose will be accomplished by the Conference Board of Laity through a series of training events and workshops held annually for selected individuals who have been identified by the local church and are selected by the district board of laity in consultation with the district superintendent, and approved by the LUMC Executive Committee.

OBJECTIVES:

Conference Board of Laity's objectives for Leadership UMC are to:

1. Identify, recruit and train laity interested in church leadership,
2. Insure that the identification, recruitment and training be age, gender and ethnic inclusive,
3. Assist participants to develop leadership skills and to grow spiritually through workshop instruction, class participation, partnership dynamics and small group projects,
4. Provide opportunity for participants' interaction in preparation and research on small group project in addition to workshop setting,
5. Mentor program graduates who possess skills, gifts, graces and show an interest in district and conference leadership roles.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. One lay member from each congregation may be nominated to the district board of laity by the local church for consideration as a participant. To encourage group dynamics, only one family member per year will be accepted. Applicants must read, understand and accept the participant requirements as set forth below. The program is designed for emerging leaders who have not already become active in district and conference activities. The applicant will complete and return the application provided in this brochure to the district lay leader at the district office by September 15, 2011. The district board of laity will nominate persons to attend LUMC. Participants will receive written confirmation by the LUMC committee giving consideration to stipulations stated above and the commitment by local church clergy to participate as outlined below.
2. It is very important that a clergy person from the participant's church commit to attend the March 16-17, 2012 session in order that the applicant be considered for acceptance as a participant. This session's focus is on joint participation and understanding, building a plan of action for increased effectiveness of lay and clergy in mission and ministry together within the participant's local church.

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:

The commitment and the interaction of each participant during all segments of the four LUMC Friday/Saturday workshops are key essentials to the success of each session; therefore, requirements to be eligible for graduation and to receive the LUMC diploma and pin are: full attendance, active participation and completion of the small group project and report. The curriculum is structured to build upon the knowledge acquired in each segment and the joint effort of your small group's project; therefore, a participant's late arrival and/or early departure would be considered as an absence at the discretion of the facilitator and LUMC board. It is an honor to wear the LUMC lapel pin certifying successful completion of the LUMC program.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE 2010-2011 CLASS PARTICIPANTS

"My Leadership UMC experience ignited a spirit of renewal and restoration for what it means to be a Christian. I came to understand who we are as Methodists. The program's foundation is built on how Christ has impacted our lives and how we are to serve. It is a REMARKABLE experience! I feel well equipped to do God's will in 'making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world'."

Diana Walker-Woods, Warren Memorial UMC, APCK District.

"Leadership UMC has been an eye-opening experience, affording me an opportunity to learn with professional facilitators. I now recognize many of God's amazing gifts within me."

Jacque Smith, Cedar Grove UMC, ADOX District.

"LUMC provides a vast amount of education but also is an opportunity to meet and work with people from different districts and various size congregations. The entire experience has helped me to appreciate the connection of the UMC."

Linda Burton, Walnut Grove UMC, Athens/Elberton District

2011-2012 WORKSHOP FACILITATORS



Reverend Dr. John Beyers

John serves as Senior Pastor of Conyers First United Methodist Church. He teaches on the faculty of the North Georgia Conference License to Preach School focusing on the Thought and Theology of John Wesley, the History of Methodism, and the Doctrine and Discipline of the United Methodist Church.



Reverend Mike Selleck

Mike is Director, Connectional Ministries, in the conference. He is very effective with his teaching and team building abilities. Mike is known nationally for his leadership in youth ministry and is the author of the well-known "Handbook for Youth Ministry in the United Methodist Church" and three other books. He is a member of the Bishop's Extended Cabinet.



Bishop B. Michael Watson

Bishop Watson is the Episcopal leader of the North Georgia Area of the United Methodist Church having been elected to the episcopacy by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 2000 and served as Bishop in the South Georgia Area from 2000-2008. We are so blessed and consider it a privilege to have Bishop Watson as our Bishop.



Reverend Sharma Lewis

Sharma was appointed District Superintendent of Atlanta Decatur Oxford District on July 1, 2010. Ordained Full Connection Elder in 1992, Sharma served appointments at Wesley Chapel UMC, McDonough, Powers Ferry UMC and Ben Hill UMC. She is a well respected preacher, teacher and supporter of the laity, advocating a strong partnership of lay and clergy leadership, serving in ministry together. Sharma was a biologist prior to answering God's call to ministry and was ordained Deacon in 1999 and Full Connection Elder in 2002.



Dianne Spencer, Associate Conference Lay Leader

Dianne Spencer is an associate conference lay leader who was elected to the 2004 and 2008 General & Jurisdictional Conferences. She served as secretary 2004-2008 for General Commission on Status & Role of Women and a board member 2004-2012 (GCSRW). She is the current secretary for SEJ Leadership Team (UMW); member, Conference Board of Laity; Vice Chair, SEJ GCSRW, 2005-2008; member, Connectional Table; Episcopacy Committee, Housing and Homeless Council and the District Board of Ordained Ministry. Dianne is a retired public school educator.



Jane Finley, North GA Conference Lay Leader

Jane is Conference Lay Leader and was elected as a delegate to the 2004 and 2008 General/Jurisdictional Conference, having previously served as an Associate Conference Lay Leader, district and local church lay leader. She is a member of the Bishop's Extended Cabinet, the Board of Ordained Ministry, Connectional Table, Episcopacy Committee, Board of Laity; member of the General Board of Discipleship, Curriculum Resources, PATH I, Finance

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FEE: These fees are due October 15, 2011, and include participant's lodging, three meals and workshop materials for the four sessions, as well as overnight single room accommodations for participant's local pastor for the March session.

- Each participant will pay \$100.00 for double occupancy room (or \$260.00 for single occupancy) which includes 3 meals, break snacks and workshop materials.
- The participant's local congregation will pay \$150.00.
- The participant's district will pay \$150.00.

WORKSHOP SETTING: All workshops are held at Simpsonwood Conference and Retreat Center, 4511 Jones Bridge Circle NW, Norcross Georgia 30092. Visit www.simpsonwood.org or call 770-441-1111 for more information about the Retreat Center.



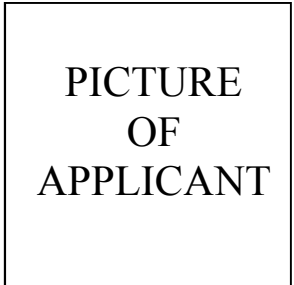
2011-2012 LEADERSHIP UMC APPLICATION

Submit to District Office by September 15, 2011

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)



LEADERSHIP UMC



NAME FOR GRADUATION CERTIFICATE _____

PREFERRED FIRST NAME FOR NAME BADGE _____

Age: 19-25 ___ 25-35 ___ 35-55 ___ 55+ ___

Gender _____ Ethnicity _____

Occupation _____ Retired _____

Special Talents: _____ Gifts/Graces _____

Leadership Positions Held in Local Church
Date _____

Leadership Positions Held Outside the Church
Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

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HOME MAILING ADDRESS _____

Street Number

Street Name

City

State

Zip Code

Office # _____ Home# _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

Local Church _____ District _____

Participant's Signature _____

Recommended and Nominated by
Local Church Lay Leader

Printed Name

Signature

Senior Pastor Recommendation

Printed Name

Signature

Pastor's Email Address _____

Name of Clergy Person committed to attend the March 2011 session _____

District Superintendent's Recommendation & Signature: _____

IMPORTANT DATES & PROCESSING INFORMATION FOR THIS APPLICATION:

Due to attendance requirement at all workshops, please evaluate potential conflicts with 2011-12 LUMC schedule in relation to your holiday observances and life event celebrations before making application. For additional information, contact your district office or district lay leader.

September 15, 2011: Deadline for submission of participant's completed application to district office.

October 1, 2011: District lay leader's notification to applicant of board's decision regarding LUMC application and submission of nominee's application to the LUMC Executive Board.

October 15, 2011: Full payment of fees from participant and local church is due to the district office.

Make check payable to North Georgia Conference, mark for Leadership UMC and mail check to your district office.

November 18-19, 2011: First session of Leadership UMC