OUR MISSION

To challenge and support local church and Annual Conference leaders for their task of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VISION

Leadership Ministries aspires to see a vital and vibrant church on fire to transform the world.
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LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

We assist key clergy and lay leadership to transform existing local congregations to become vital and vibrant.
Innovative Leadership Project for Vital Churches

The Innovative Leadership Project for Vital Churches is a 7-month process for developing lay-clergy teams that learn and pray together as they implement strategies for church vitality. The ILP includes material related to the Call to Action Drivers of Church Vitality, VitalSigns, and a powerful ILP Assessment Tool. Conferences and Districts support the church teams by offering four seminars on Values, VAP-IT, Disciple System, and Futurecasting. Between the seminars teams work to design and implement new strategies. The ILP includes the Innovative Leadership Project Guidebook and links for training and equipping seminar leaders. Conferences and Districts are launching groups throughout the year. For more information go to http://churchleaderUMC.com

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SCHOOL OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ANNUAL)

Held once a year for leaders (bishops, district superintendents, conference leaders, and pastors) seeking to focus on developing new churches, turning around churches, or strengthening high-potential churches, the School of Congregational Development is sponsored in cooperation with The General Board of Global Ministries.

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COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP CONNECTION

A monthly e-newsletter for Covenant Discipleship groups and all persons interested in leadership in the Wesleyan tradition. Subscribe at www.UMCdiscipleship.org/covenantdiscipleship

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Class Leaders are members of Covenant Discipleship groups who have been formed as disciples who disciple others. They are women and men “not only of sound judgment, but truly devoted to God, who are willing to help others in the congregation to grow in the knowledge and love of God.” They are commissioned by the Church/Charge Conference (see The United Methodist Book of Worship, page 602) and work in partnership with the pastor.

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SMALL GROUPS IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

Vital, missional congregations take the Baptismal Covenant seriously and do all in their power to increase faith, confirm hope, and perfect persons in love. Small groups are the “method” of Methodism. An intentional, interrelated system of small groups that meet people where they are and helps them to grow in holiness of heart and life is essential to missional and vital congregations. Such a system of small groups help people to experience belonging, grow in faith, and practice the means of grace.

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ROMANS 12

Romans 12 is an ongoing project to discover and communicate principles and practices that lead to congregational vitality. In 2007 the Discipleship Ministries worked with denominational leaders to identify nearly 1,000 congregations that were particularly effective in forming disciples. Quantitative and narrative data from this research as well as continuing research by Discipleship Ministries staff is leading to a constant flow of information that is being distributed through a variety of methods – seminars, keynotes, articles, and so forth. A weekly e-mail newsletter is available by subscription and archived articles can be found at www.UMCdiscipleship.org/romans12.

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DOWNTOWN CHURCH NETWORK

The Downtown Church Network provides an annual peer learning event for church leaders who serve in vital congregations in the downtown area of major cities. Characterized by large historic buildings, diverse constituents, and challenges unique to the downtown setting, these leaders find the opportunity to network with others in similar settings to be a valuable resource.

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UNIVERSITY CHURCH NETWORK

The University Church Network brings together leaders of congregations that are on or near a campus. The college or university is the mission field for the congregation! Among issues in this unique setting are collaborating with campus ministry, sharing space and vision with the campus administration, and recognizing the shifting funding of annual conferences for student ministry. This peer network is supported by Discipleship Ministries with Campus Ministry (GBHEM). Pastors and staff of university churches find encouragement, ideas, and support for ministry among students, faculty, staff and townspeople.

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ROUTE 122 NETWORK FOR CHURCH TRANSFORMATION

The “route” to renewal of existing congregations is described in Paragraph 122 of The Book of Discipline of the UM! An annual gathering brings together conference staff, district superintendents, conference leaders and others with a passion for congregational transformation so that they share ideas and learn from each other. The Network is managed by a plan team of 2 people from each jurisdiction and supported by Discipleship Ministries. Discipleship Ministries support includes maintaining a data base of people interested in the network, occasional newsletters, and a convening plan team.

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JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Job Descriptions and Support for Congregational Leaders - A website (http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/church-leaders) for church leaders includes brief, yet comprehensive outline of responsibilities for positions required and suggested by The Book of Discipline. Position descriptions are available in Spanish and English. The website includes supporting resources for church leaders such as sample policies, timelines, and links to ministry resources.


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Training and Support for Congregational Leaders - a library of on-line training modules is available for individual leaders and church committees to watch wherever they have an internet connection. Several new modules are recorded each month. Visit www.UMCdiscipleship.org/webinars to register for the upcoming “live” webinars as well as view the archived modules. Additional support for church leaders available on the website described above.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices (DVD/CD)
- Accountable Discipleship: Living in God’s Household by Steven W. Manskar
- A Disciple’s Journal by Steven W. Manskar
- A Perfect Love: Understanding John Wesley’s “A Plain Account of Christian Perfection,” Expanded 2004 by Steven W. Manskar
- 7 Myths of the United Methodist Church by Craig Kennet Miller
- Charting a Course of Discipleship - A Workbook on Christian Discipleship by Teresa Gilbert, Patty Johansen, Jay Regennitter, Delia Halverson (Revised edition)
- Does Your Church Have A Prayer? (Participant’s Book) by Marc Brown, Kathy Merry, John Briggs
- Does Your Church Have a Prayer? (Leader’s Guide)
- Deepening Your Effectiveness: Restructuring the Church for Life Transformation by Dan Glover and Claudia Lay
- Job Descriptions and Leadership Training in the United Methodist Church 2013-2016 by Betsey Heavner
- Concepts in Leadership I: a course for church leaders focused on skills and practices for spiritual leadership.
### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

- **Concepts in Leadership II**: a course for church leaders focused on leading people.
- **The Basic Course**: The beginning course for Lay Servant Ministries can also be used as a leadership primer for all local church laity. Chapter titles include: Ministry of the Baptized, Leading, Caring, Communicating, and Into the World. To order: [http://bookstore.upperroom.org](http://bookstore.upperroom.org)
- **Innovative Leadership Project** by Craig Kennet Miller
- **Roadmap to Renewal** by Doug Ruffle - Available through [shop.umc.org](http://shop.umc.org)
- **Seven Levers** by Robert Schnase describes the conference alignment necessary for healthy church renewal
- [www.doesyourchurchhaveapray.com](http://www.doesyourchurchhaveapray.com)
Christian Education

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

Christian Education staff members provide resources, workshops, and consulting services for conferences and congregations. Emphases include building a shared vision for Christian formation, aligning the ministry of teaching and learning with the mission of the church, and calling and equipping teachers and small group leaders.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

A resource for the congregational observance of Christian Education Week (date set by each annual conference) that includes articles, worship resources, liturgy of recognition of leaders, clip art, bibliography, and workshops for the topical theme of the year.

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RETREATS AND SEMINARS

Small Group Ministries and Seminars
Small Group Ministries and Seminars include accountable discipleship, faith sharing, ministry in daily life, and teaching and learning. Small group seminars are designed for churches that want to have a coordinated system of small groups that work together to accomplish the ministry of faith formation and disciple making. Seminars are tailored to the host group’s needs but can include workshops such as leader development, planning and starting new groups, group dynamics, and more.

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ONLINE NEWSLETTER

iTeach
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Available from www.UMCdiscipleship.org/education:

- Development Through the Life Span
- Foundations: Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education
- Intentional Faith Development: Establishing Standards for Christian Formation and Discipleship
- Local Church Discipler/Educator Professional Development Modules
- Teacher Development: A Comprehensive Plan
- What Every Child Should Experience: A Guide for Leaders and Teachers in UM Congregations
- Guidelines, 2013-2016 by Diana Hynson
- Keeping in Touch by Carol Krau
- Apprenticed to Jesus - Discipleship Practices for Growing Christians by Thomas R. Hawkins
Working in concert with the Curriculum Resources Committee, Discipleship Ministries develops and describes the curriculum plan for Christian education within United Methodist churches. Resources are designed to support congregations in their teaching and ministry with children, youth, adults, families, and special audiences in a variety of settings.

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Evangelism Ministries

The staff assists annual conference leaders by helping them design, develop, and support a comprehensive plan for evangelism that leads to the making of disciples. Various workshops and seminars are presented including, “Creating an Evangelistic Church Culture”, “Reaching Your Community”, and “Personal Faith Sharing.”

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Online Resources

www.UMCdiscipleship.org/lead-your-church/evangelism

The Invitations to Discipleship are a lectionary-based resource that challenge people to view worship not only as something we do for one hour within the walls of the sanctuary, but throughout the week.

www.evangelismconnections.org Evangelism Connections is a partnership of the mainline denominations, and this website provides weekly reflections and worship resources on the lectionary, written with an evangelistic lens. There are also links to evangelism ideas and resources from the partner denominations.

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Evangelism

**Offering Christ Today**
“Offering Christ Today” is an occasional online column that directs readers to practical evangelism ministry opportunities. The articles may highlight a key resource, suggest evangelistic strategies, or raise awareness of current trends that impact evangelism. This resource also features an audio version.

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**Continue to Change the World**
This series offers spiritual nudges designed to inspire you and your local congregation to share a steady flow of godly service to others. Continue to Change the World may be used as a follow-up to the book Change the World by Michael Slaughter, or next steps following a Change the World event.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Available from Upper Room bookstore unless otherwise noted:


- **Nudge** by Len Sweet, (Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook, 2010, ISBN 978-1434764744) Sweet helps readers to look for God in their own lives and pay attention to God’s activity in the lives of others. In this work, Sweet employs our five senses to discern God’s presence and nudging.

- **Shift** by Phil Maynard (ISBN 978-0-9899223-0-2) Maynard suggests five important shifts that congregations must make: From fellowship to hospitality, from worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle, from membership to discipleship, from “serve us” to service, and from “survival mentality” to generosity.

- **Should We Change Our Game Plan?** by George Hunter III, (Nashville: Abingdon, 2013, ISBN 978-1426763854) Hunter compares the church to athletic teams and offers the challenge of why we expect our coaches to be progressive, yet our churches should not change.


- **Unbinding the Gospel** by Martha Grace Reece, (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008, ISBN 978-0827238084) Reece offers the findings of The Mainline Evangelism Project, a four year research initiative funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, designed to identify and analyse highly effective examples of evangelism by congregations in seven mainline denominations.
Discipleship Ministries understands stewardship as a spiritual practice. Disciples of Jesus Christ experience the joy of generous giving (in their congregations and as individuals) and make their resources available for the transformation of the world. We support congregations and church leaders with resources, training and consultations, both digitally and in person, that help them to both fund their mission and ministry while working to build a culture of generosity among their people.

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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Offertory Prayers & Invitation to the Offering**  
  These worship resources are available for each Sunday of the liturgical calendar. United Methodist Churches are welcome to use them in their local setting. They may be downloaded from the Discipleship Ministries website or you may subscribe to receive them via email.

- **UMC Stewardship Facebook Community**  
  This Facebook Group page is a place for conversations and sharing on stewardship, generosity, and gratitude in the United Methodist Church. Articles, resources and comments are added almost daily in the widest understanding of Stewardship: time, talent, resources, and wealth. You are invited to join us! http://www.facebook.com/umcstewardship

- **Stewardship Leaders Webinar Series**  
  Eight webinars each year are offered on a variety of topics designed to raise vitality in local churches in the areas of funding the mission of the church and
Stewardship

cultivating generosity. These webinars are made possible through the support local churches give for the World Service Fund, and so they are offered without cost to individual leaders or churches. You can find a complete listing at http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/webinars

CENTER FOR PLANNED GIVING

Sharing in a network of United Methodist Foundations across the U.S. conferences, we provide print resources and training opportunities to help keep local church members aware of the opportunities they have to make gift designation in the present that will not only present tax advantages but will extend the impact of the faithful stewardship beyond the boundaries of their earthly lives!
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Available from Upper Room bookstore:

- **Stewardship in African American Churches: A New Paradigm**
  by Melvin Amerson
- **Celebrating the Offering** by Melvin Amerson and James Amerson
- **Afire with God: Becoming Spirited Stewards** by Betsy Schwarzentraub
- **Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, and Money** by Delia Halverson
- **Guidelines 2013-2016: Stewardship** by Bener Agtarap

Available from Cokesbury.com:

- **Ask, Thank, Tell** by Charles Lane
- **Committed to Christ: Six Steps to a Generous Life** by Bob Crossman
- **Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity** by Adam Hamilton
- **Not Your Parents Offering Plate & Whose Offering Plate Is It?** by Clif Christopher
- **Stewardship for Vital Congregations** by Anthony B. Robinson
- **Ministry & Money** by Phil and Janet Jamieson
This work involves strengthening and broadening the definitions and realities of the ministry of all Christians. It concerns making ministry a daily expectation and joy for all the people of God, with resources geared especially to laity, for the changing of lives and the renewing of spirits.

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**LAY MINISTRY EQUIPPING RESOURCES CATALOG**

This catalog contains information on current Learning and Leading resources. Each course consists of a text and leader guide. Available in pdf for download at www.UMCdiscipleship.org/laity. For printed copies call to order: 1-800-972-0433 Use M184 when ordering – charges for shipping only or order online: www.UpperRoom.org/bookstore.

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**UMC LAITY IN LEADERSHIP (FACEBOOK PAGE)**

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ONLINE RESOURCES

- Online Worship helps, added weekly (http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-calendar)
- Lectionary Planning Archive (http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-planning-archive)
- Music Downloads (http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/worship/music-downloads)
- This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/resources/this-holy-mystery-a-united-methodist-understanding-of-holy-communion1
- Methodist Musicians ListServ: http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/resources/methodist-musicians
- Lectionary Hymns: http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-hymns
- Facebook Group for Worship & Song, http://www.facebook.com/groups/336393056234/
- Facebook Group for Copyright for Church Musicians, http://www.facebook.com/groups/140259136518/
- Services of the Baptismal Covenant (Updated) http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/resources/a-collection-of-the-services-of-the-baptismal-covenant-revised-2008
- Online Preaching Helps: Lectionary (weekly) and Topical Series: www.UMCdiscipleship.org/worship/preaching
- Webinars on Preaching and Worship Matters: www.UMCdiscipleship.org/webinars
## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Available from Upper Room bookstore:**

- *The Africana Worship Book*, available for Year A, Year B, and Year C, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua
- *Companion to the Africana Worship Book* edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua
- *By Water and the Spirit* by Gayle Carlton Felton
- *Creative Preaching on the Sacraments* by Craig Satterlee and Lester Ruth
- *Go Preach! A Primer for Beginning Preachers* by Jack Gilbert
- *A Reference Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing* by Dean McIntyre
- *Songs of Grace* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
- *Living into the Mystery* edited by Taylor W. Burton-Edwards

**Available from Cokesbury:**

- *Fiesta Cristiana* by Joel and Raquel Martinez
- *Lift up Your Hearts* by Michael J. O’Donnell (three volumes, OSL Publications)
- *Worshiping with United Methodists: A Guide for Pastors and Church Leaders* by Hoyt Hickman
LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

Family and Age-Group Leaders

Family and Marriage Ministries

Discipleship Ministries provides resources, networking, and support for family and marriage ministries in local congregations and annual conferences. Articles and information are posted on the website. A start-up packet for family ministries in congregations is available as well as the annual resource, Christian Home Month.

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Mission Education for Children

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Children’s Fund for Christian Mission

The Children’s Fund for Christian Mission is an annual resource through which children are educated for mission and have a way to give to mission beyond their local church. This is a joint program of Discipleship Ministries and the General Board of Global Ministries. Annual resources are available from the Office of Children’s Ministries or at www.UMCdiscipleship/children.

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Weekday Ministry in Congregations

Discipleship Ministries staff offer resources to congregations serving children and families through weekday ministry programs such as pre-school and after-school programs. The Children’s Ministries staff members provide resources, consultations, and training for directors and workers in these weekday programs.

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ADULT MINISTRIES

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AGING AND OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

Discipleship Ministries staff members in Aging and Older Adult Ministries provide resources and training support for leaders (both clergy and laity) to help them undergird the faith development of older adults for the transformation of the world. The staff provides resources (print, Web-based, and video), research, grant funding, networking, and leadership training. The staff also assists the Committee on Older Adult Ministries in its work and is involved in ecumenical and interfaith organizations related to older adult ministries.

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LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

Family and Age-Group Leaders

COMMITTEE ON OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

The Committee on Older Adult Ministries promotes a plan of comprehensive ministries by, with, and for older adults in local churches, which includes advocacy spiritual growth, education, training, mission, service, and fellowship. The committee provides grant funding and encourages the development of resources and programs that assist churches in their ministry with older adults. The committee also helps educate congregations in the lifelong process of aging with emphasis on the quality of life, intergenerational understanding, and faith development.

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OLDER ADULT RECOGNITION DAY RESOURCES

The Committee on Older Adult Ministries provides resources for celebrating Older Adult Recognition Day during the month of May each year. http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/resources/resources-for-celebrating-older-adult-recognition-day

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The Committee on Older Adult Ministries will emphasize three (3) areas of ministry in 2013-2016.

• The New Senior Boomers
• Old Age Poverty and Elder Abuse
• Intergenerational Ministry

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SAFE SANCTUARIES™

Safe Sanctuaries offers guidance and consultation to conferences and local churches committed to providing safe and nurturing ministries for children and youth. Training and consultation is available to assist church leaders in understanding the need for policies and procedures regarding safe sanctuaries, as well as the knowledge to evaluate the risk factor in a setting and establishing a plan for reporting and responding to incidents.

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**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- **Christian Home Month** *(Cost is covered by World Service dollars.)* The Christian Home Month resource helps local congregations develop and strengthen faith in the home, celebrate, and support Christian families in their faith journey, and celebrate Christian Home Month in May (or any other month the congregation chooses for focusing on the Christian home and its primary role as a center for faith formation). This free resource is prepared annually for congregations. It includes worship service materials, retreat suggestions, a calendar for family ministries, and articles on the annual theme. It appears on the website with related articles and is also available in print by requesting a copy from the Leadership Ministries Division.

  
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- **Center Sage** *(Cost is covered by World Service dollars.)* A free newsletter published twice a year by the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries, Center Sage provides networking opportunities, timely articles, and information on events, resources, and training for leaders of older adult ministries. Available on the website (www.UMCdiscipleship.org/coa or www.aging-umc.org) or by subscription by contacting:

  
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (cont.)

Available from Upper Room bookstore unless otherwise noted:

FAMILY AND MARRIAGE

• Family: The Forming Center
  by Marjorie J. Thompson
• Forgiving Your Family: A Journey to Healing
  by Kathleen Fischer
• Love Never Ends: Growing Together in Marriage and Faith
  by Jeanette C. Lauer and Robert H. Lauer
• Parents and Grandparents as Spiritual Guides
  by Betty Shannon Cloyd
• In Love Again and Making It Work: Successful Remarriage
  by Dick Dunn
• Birthed in Prayer: Pregnancy as a Spiritual Journey by
  Kim Barker, Linda de Meillon, & Leigh Harrison
• Cyber Safety for Families - CD
• At Home With God: Family Devotions for the School Year
  by Marilyn Brown Uden, Anne Broyles, Sue Downing, Paul Escamilla, and Elizabeth Lind Escamilla
• Christine Digital Diary - DVD
• Baptism: Understanding God’s Gift by Ed and Sara Phillips
• iKids: Parenting in the Digital Age by Craig Kennet Miller http://iKidsgen.com is devoted to understanding how digital media is influencing the emotional, physical, and spiritual lives of children and early teens and to give parents, teachers, pastors, and leaders easy access to the latest writing and research related to this generation.
• iKidsgen blog
• iKids Webinars
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (cont.)

• Gen2Gen - Sharing Jesus Across the Generations by Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., Melanie Gordon, Craig Kennet Miller, Abby Parker

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

• What Every Child Should Experience: A Guide for Leaders and Teachers in UM Congregations by Melanie C. Gordon
• The Children’s Fund Annual Packet, available at www.UMCdiscipleship.org/children
• Growing Compassionate Kids by Jan Johnson
• Weaving a Just Future for Children: An Advocacy Guide by Diane C. Olson and Laura Dean F. Friedrich
• Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, and Money by Delia Halverson
• Children and Prayer: A Shared Pilgrimage by Betty Shannon Cloyd
• The Children’s Minister by Rita Hays
• Parents and Grandparents as Spiritual Guides by Betty Shannon Cloyd
• Safe Sanctuaries for Children and Youth by Joy Melton (DVD and book)
• The Most Important Space in the Church by Rita Hays
• At Home With God: Family Devotions for the School Year Upper Room
• Family: The Forming Center by Marjorie J. Thompson
• Always in Rehearsal: The Practice of Worship and The Presence of Children by James H. Ritchie, Jr.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES

• Breaking Mending: Divorce and God’s Grace by Mary Lou Redding
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

• Designing an Older Adult Ministry by Richard H. Gentzler, Jr.
• Forty-Sixty: A Study for Mid-life Adults Who Want to Make a Difference by Richard H. Gentzler, Jr. and Craig Kennet Miller
• New Beginnings: The Gifts of Aging (DVD)
• Rock of Ages: A Worship and Songbook for Retirement Living edited by Richard H. Gentzler, Jr., and Dean B. McIntyre (available at http://tiny.cc/im6jp)
• The Church Responds to Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation by Joy Thornburg Melton (Safe Sanctuaries)
• Joy Boosters by Missy Buchanan
• Remembering Your Story by Richard Morgan
• At the Edge of Life by Richard Morgan
• Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life by Richard Morgan and Jane Thibault
• Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement by R. Jack Hansen and Jerry P. Haas
• Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/Godlovesolderpeople

SAFE SANCTUARIES™

• Safe Sanctuaries for Ministers: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church by Joy Thornburg Melton
• Santuarios Seguros: Prevention del abuso infantil y juvenil en la iglesia by Joy Thornburg Melton, traducido por Janette Marie Chevere y Maria Colone
**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)**

- *Safe Sanctuaries for Children and Youth: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church* (DVD)
- *Safe Sanctuaries in a Virtual World* by Joy Thornberg and Michelle L. Foster
- *CyberSafety for Families* (CD) by Paul O’Briant

Additional Resources from Cokesbury:

- *Guidelines 2013-2016: Children’s Ministries* by Melanie C. Gordon (available from Cokesbury)
- *Guidelines Guidelines 2013-2016: Adult Ministries* by Carol Krau
- *Guidelines Guidelines 2013-2016: Family Ministries* by MaryJane Pierce Norton
Family and Age-Group Leaders

Camp and Retreat Ministries

Camp and Retreat Ministries provides training, networking, Christian missional focus and resources for more than 20,000 staff and volunteers leading United Methodist Camp and Retreat experiences at more than 200 centers in the US and across the world. These centers of faith formation and Christian hospitality serve more than one million participants and guests annually. In addition, strengthening the efforts of local churches designing camp and retreat experiences specifically for their own congregations and communities is a vital dimension.

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Available from http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/camp-retreat-ministries:

- **The Practice of Spiritual Leadership** (forty sessions for spiritual leadership development)
- **UM Camp/Retreat Ministry Certification Courses**
  (www.gbhem.org/certification/camp_retreat.html)
- **The 7 Foundations of Camp and Retreat Ministry** (core biblical and theological foundations for the ministry)
- **A Directory of United Methodist Camp and Retreat Centers in the US**

Available from Upper Room bookstore:

- **Retreats for Renewal: 5 Models for Intergenerational Weekends** by Nancy Ferguson
- **Safe Sanctuary Abuse Prevention Resources**
  (available through Upper Room online bookstore-www.upperroom.org)

Available from The American Camping Association:

- **Accreditations Standards for Camp Programs and Services**
  1-800-428-CAMP; http://bookstore.acacamps.org/

Other Sources of Inspiration, Information and Networking:

- Twitter- From the Heart of Camp and Retreat Ministry https://twitter.com/KTWCanR
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• Facebook - United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministry https://www.facebook.com/groups/258411994232/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

Websites:
• Discipleship Ministries - http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/camp-retreat-ministries
• The Association of UM Camp and Retreat Ministries - http://umcrm.org/

Black and Native American Ministries

Black Ministries

The Office of Black Ministries leads Discipleship Ministries’s efforts to assure the development of resources, learning opportunities, consultations, collaborative services, and network systems for Blacks, focusing on leadership formation and development. The office ensures the issues and needs of Blacks in the UMC are heard and addressed to further strengthen local churches.

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Black and Native American Ministries

Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century Initiative

Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century is designed to assist United Methodist churches with predominately black congregations in becoming more effective in mission and ministry. This program links vital congregation resource centers with congregations (partner churches) in search of innovative ideas and revitalization. Twenty Congregation Resource Centers represent the rural, urban, and suburban geographic areas. Congregation Resource Centers vary in size from 150 to more than 9,000 members with a wide spectrum of ministries. Training sessions are held throughout the year in various areas of expertise.

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Black and Native American Ministries

NATIVE AMERICAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (NACP)

The plan enriches United Methodist Native American ministries by developing and supporting existing and new United Methodist Native American congregations, ministries and fellowships. The plan also helps develop Native American Leadership for service to The United Methodist Church. The NACP affirms the values and strengthens the role of traditional, cultural, and spiritual contributions of Native American people.

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LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

Black and Native American Ministries

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Available from Upper Room bookstore:

• **Africana Trilogy: Reflect, Reclaim, Rejoice, Preserving The Gift of Black Sacred Music**, DVD, Study Guide and 150 songs (USB drive)
  - Available for purchase from Upper Room and Cokesbury outlets

• **Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith** by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Powe, Jr.

• **Companion to Africana Worship Book**, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Sofiyah Fosua.

• **Stewardship in African-American Churches: A New Paradigm** by Melvin Amerson

• **The Africana Worship Book, separate editions for Years A, B, and C**, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua

• **Companion to the Africana Worship Book** by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Sofiyah Fosua, editors

• **Celebrating The Offering** by Melvin Amerson & James Amerson

• **God Delivers Me** by Jacquelyn Thorpe
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Lay Elder Training Manual
- Lay Exhorter Training Manual
- Lay Deacon Training Manual
- Lay Leadership Training Handbook
- Lay Servant Ministries, Korean Language Version

These lay training manuals are for three unique levels of lay leadership in the Korean United Methodist Church: lay elder, lay exhorter, and lay deacon. Many Korean UM churches elect new lay leaders in these three categories and offer leadership training for them. These books developed by Discipleship Ministries are official manuals for local churches and regional associations of the Korean United Methodist Church.

- Korean Family Devotions - (Korean Translation)
- An Adventure in Healing and Wholeness, Korean Edition
- Christian Education Week, Korean Language Version
- Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition, Korean Language Version
- Newcomers Welcoming Manual, Korean Language Version

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Discipleship Resources

Discipleship Resources publishes books and resources that respond to the ministry needs of United Methodist leaders and congregation members as they seek to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Its publications cover a variety of topics designed to support church leaders, Christian educators, small groups, and others responsible for faith formation and discipleship within their congregations. Visit the online bookstore (www.upperroom.org/bookstore) for a complete list of current publications.

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We work to bring young people closer to
The Church and to God
Youth and Young Adults

The purpose of Young People’s Ministries is to empower youth and young adults as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ, to nurture faith development, and to equip young leaders by:

• Developing youth/young adult spiritual leaders of local congregations to transform lives by making disciples of Jesus Christ;

• Challenging The United Methodist Church to embrace, confirm, and celebrate God’s call on the lives of young people;

• Cultivating and nurturing life-giving ministries where influence and worth are not limited by age or experience;

• Advocating for the issues and concerns of young people in the church and the global community;

• Empowering young people to work as agents of peace, justice, and mercy

• Building a network of support and providing resources that connect the diverse experiences of youth and young adults in local ministries and communities across the globe.

• Engaging the UMC connectional system in more effective ministries with youth and young adults.

• Providing direct resourcing in the areas of faith formation, empowerment of young people, and leadership development.

• Collaborating with existing leadership to recruit and train other leaders, providing grassroots leadership development at every level of the UMC in order to strengthen the local church.

• Assisting with coordination and communication throughout the connection.

Find up-to-date information about efforts to empower, equip, nurture, and connect young people and their leaders at www.UMCyoungpeople.org.
Events

Quadrennial Youth Event

Young People’s Ministries sponsors the national gathering for United Methodist Youth. The YOUTH event takes place every four years. It gathers thousands of youth, United Methodist leaders, speakers, bands, and other artists to worship, grow, learn, practice, and serve in a uniquely Methodist large-scale setting. The next Youth event will be the summer of 2019. Details will be posted at www.UMCyoungpeople.org as they come available.

Quadrennial GYPC-LA

The quadrennial Global Young People’s Convocation and Legislative Assembly gathers United Methodist youth, young adults, and adult workers from around the world to share, learn, and connect. The convocation becomes an intentionally multicultural space where the worldwide nature of the United Methodist Connection can be celebrated and experienced through learning and fellowship opportunities. The Legislative Assembly provides an opportunity for the voices of young people to be heard and amplified through an elected body of youth, young adult, and adult workers with youth. Young people can submit legislation for this Legislative Assembly ahead of the gathering. GYPC-LA has taken place in South Africa (2006), Germany (2010), and the Philippines (2014) The next GYPC-LA will take place in the summer of 2018, location still to be determined. Details will be available at www.UMCyoungpeople.org

For more information about these quadrennial events, contact:

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YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT

The Young Leaders Summit is held in two venues each year: Africa (spring) and Southeast Asia (late fall). One young leader from each Annual Conference is chosen by the Bishops in the Central Conferences, making this a “by invitation” event. The Summit helps young people in the Central Conferences develop their leadership, connect with other leaders in their area, identify the current realities of their church, and provide them with the skills and tools they need to pursue their call as leaders in the church. Graduates of the Summit are in places of leadership in their respective contexts and are starting to make a difference in the church and their world.

Grants

YOUTH SERVICE FUND

Youth Service Fund is a unique ministry and grant opportunity that is for, by and with youth (ages 12-18 in the U.S., or up to age 30 internationally). Youth contribute money to the Youth Service Fund and a committee of youth decide what projects will receive funding. The projects supported are youth-designed, youth-led, and for the benefit of youth. YSF grants help develop new projects that will become self-supporting. Projects should be racially and ethnically inclusive whenever possible. Applications are due on June 1.

Grants for Ministries with Young People

Grants for Ministries with Young People fund dynamic, innovative ministries that are driven in design and implemented by young people (ages 12-30). Funded projects will address the causes of critical issues related to young people in their local context and serve as model programs for other organizations throughout the connection. The projects must have a strong biblical/theological foundation and
must reflect a diversity of racial, gender, and class differences both in leadership and in desired impact within the Church and community. Eligible applicants are local United Methodist churches, including cooperative parishes and ecumenical shared ministries, Annual Conferences, and Districts in the United States and Central Conferences, and other United Methodist entities, such as campus ministries or youth-serving agencies. Applications are due on June 1.

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Scholarships

RICHARD S. SMITH AND DAVID W. SELF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Richard S. Smith and David W. Self Scholarships were created to aid United Methodist students who are continuing their self-development through higher education. These scholarships are for the first year of undergraduate study, and the Richard S. Smith Scholarship is designated for racial/ethnic minority youth.

Both scholarships require the applicant to be a United Methodist youth who is active in his/her local church for at least one year prior to application, and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Eligible students must be pursuing a church-related career in an accredited college/university, have maintained a C average in high school, and able to establish financial need.

The scholarships are funded and awarded by the Division on Ministries with Young People (DMYP), and managed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM). Applications are available online from January 4 – March 1, 2016 at www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication.
GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Global Scholarship is a need-based scholarship for United Methodist young people outside of the United States, ages 18-35. This onetime scholarship requires the applicant to be accepted to an international university/institution, and the award amount will vary annually based on need and available funds. The application is available in English, French, Portuguese, Russian and German, and it can be accessed at www.UMCyoungpeople.org/grants-scholarship/. Applications are due on March 1.

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Resources for Young People

UMCYOUNGPEOPLE.ORG

UMCyoungpeople.org is the home website for Young People’s Ministries. Here you can find many different resources, including learning modules, job openings, upcoming events, grant and scholarship information, and mission opportunities. Be sure to check out “The Latest” section where we feature blog posts by our staff members, devotions for young adults by young adults, and stories from individuals whose lives have been impacted by our ministry.

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Resources for Young People

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Check the Young People’s Ministries website at www.UMCyoungpeople.org for the most recent information on staff and programs throughout the connection.
Resource Hub (online)

The Resource Hub is an online catalogue of resources for youth, young adults, and adults who work with young people. The searchable database includes an organized list of resources, downloadable for free, such as discussion starters, games, PowerPoint presentations, ministry tips, policies, forms, full programs, and curriculum. The hub also matches adult workers to United Methodist and non-UM resources available for purchase including books, DVDs, curriculum, websites, speakers, and bands.

   Website: www.UMCyoungpeople.org/resource

Young Adult Devotions (online)

YPM’s Young Adult Devotions collection is a great way to help young adults grow in their faith. The page includes dozens of devotions from young adults around the worldwide United Methodist Church. Devotions cover many of the topics affecting young adults of faith - everything from relationships and spiritual practices, to money and nutrition. Young adults can also visit the page to learn how to become a devotion contributor and share their thoughts with their peers around the world.

   Website: www.UMCyoungpeople.org/devotions

UMYouthMissions.ORG

UMYOUTHMISSIONS.ORG connects young people with United Methodist related work mission destinations. On this developing web tool, local youth workers and campus ministers can search for, find and connect with mission destinations that fit their group’s skills and interests. Searches are based on geographic proximity, type of work, cost, mission setting, etc. Profiles on the site will give mission organizations a place to tell the story of their mission work with young people. UMYOUTHMISSIONS. ORG is also intended as a network through which new UMC-related mission destinations around the globe can be launched and nurtured through relationships with other sites and integration with other UMC-sponsored trainings and gatherings. We are a partnership among independent mission programs sponsored and supported by United Methodists, the United Methodist Church, and its agencies. This partnership is developing as a project of Young People (Discipleship Ministries).
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Web-based:
• Morethandodgeball.com by Josh Griffin
• Kendadean.com by Kenda Creasy Dean

Available from Upper Room bookstore:
• The Godbearing Life: the Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry by Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster
• Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens by Dorothy Bass and Don Richter
• devozine (a devotional magazine designed just for youth)

Available from Cokesbury
• Faith-Forming Junior High Ministry by Drew Dyson
• 20/30 Bible Study for Young Adults, Vols 1-11
• 365 Meditations for Young Adults by Sally D. Sharpe
• How to Start and Sustain a Young Adult Ministry Group and
• How to Start and Sustain a Faith-based Young Adult Group by John D. Schroeder
• Leadership Lab: A Leadership Development Resource for Senior High Youth by Hank Hilliard
• Re-Entry: What I Learned on My Mission Trip by Hank Hilliard
• Sustainable Youth Ministry by Mark DeVries
• Do Hard Things by Alex and Brett Harris
• Experiencing Christ Together (a 6 book, small group study) by Doug Fields and Brett Eastman
• Three Simple Rules 24/7 (a 6 week study) by Reuben Job
• Making Disciples (a confirmation curriculum) by Will Willimon
• The Next Christians by Gabe Lyons
• Common Prayer by Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove, Enuma Okoro
• The Awakening of Hope: a DVD Study: Why We Practice a Common Faith by Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove
NEW CHURCH STARTS

We equip leaders to start new churches
New Church Starts offers a consultation process that assists annual conference leaders with strategic planning related to church planting and multiplication. This collaborative process addresses the unique contextual influences present in the conference.

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New Church Starts partners with the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries to develop strategies to help annual conferences start new Hispanic/Latino faith communities and churches.

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New Church Starts offers and implements consultations and helps develop strategies to apply all of God’s word to life and “do theology” in planting new churches that will continue to address cultural core concerns in the African-American communities.

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Lay Missionary Planting Network

We believe gifted, called lay people will effectively lead new congregations. The Lay Missionary Planting Network (LMPN) exists to find, equip and assign lay people to start new faith communities in partnership with clergy and in populations and contexts in which traditional approaches have not proven fruitful.

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Large Impact Church Planting Residency

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Path 1 Coaching Network

New Church Starts Coaches are resource partners for new church starts, working with new church start planters and other stakeholders to develop churches that are viable, sustainable and well on their way toward multiplying their ministries quickly.

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Snapshots Of Hope

Our Snapshots of Hope online “scrapbook” allows members of new churches to share stories of lives changing through their ministries. All you need is a photo capturing a moment of hope, along with a caption describing the snapshot. View and add snapshots of hope at http://umcnewchurchstarts.org/snapshots-of-hope/
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• **Annual Conference Contextualized Partnerships** - Download free church planting resources for conferences, districts, and local churches at http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/new-church-starts


• **Hispanic/Latino New Church Starts** - As part of its ongoing effort to equip congregations to plant new ministries with Hispanic/Latino persons, the Path 1/New Church Starts Division recently released *Pentecost Journey: A Planning Guide for Non-Hispanic/Latino Congregations*, written by Marigene Chamberlain and Melanie Lee Carey. This DVD resource helps churches develop comprehensive ministry plans that honor the uniqueness of the Hispanic/Latino cultures while considering the intercultural context of ministry in the United States.
  
  Price: $25.00  
  ISBN# 978-0-88177-593-8  
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  Order online by visiting www.upperroom.org/bookstore.

• **Lay Missionary Planting Network** - Learn more and preview Session 1 (“Church Planting 101”) of the curriculum for training lay church planters at http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/new-church-starts/training-lmpn

• **Path 1 Coaching Network** - Becoming a Path 1 Coach isn’t just a calling, it is a community. The Path 1 Coach recommendation process is a combination of self-directed learning, live training, mentoring, and demonstrated competency. Path 1 offers annual training to equip these key planting partners. Learn more at http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/new-church-starts/coaching

• **Readiness to Plant 360** - Visit http://readiness360.org/ to explore how this resource can help your church multiply its ministry effectiveness through church planting.
The Upper Room is a global ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual formation of Christians who seek to know and experience God more fully.
Upper Room Books

Upper Room Books encourages prayer and daily disciplines that lead to a deeper relationship with God. Our flagship annual publication is Disciplines: A Book Of Daily Devotions, a lectionary-based resource. Each year Upper Room Books publishes Advent and Lenten small-group resources; prayer and devotional books for individuals, families, and Christian leaders; and spiritual formation books for small groups. Upper Room multimedia congregational resources offer themed video, book, and age-level study guides that promote church-wide engagement. The imprint Fresh Air Books offers books for spiritually curious people interested in the relevance of faith in our culture.

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THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room daily devotional guide is a global prayer movement. Around the world, millions of people in over 100 countries and in 35 different languages are reading the same scripture, reflecting on the same meditation, and praying the same prayer every day. Each meditation is written by a believer who shares how God is present in his or her life and in the world. The English translation is available in print (regular and large type), at the website, through e-mail, and as a digital magazine and mobile app.

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devozine

devozine is a bimonthly devotional magazine designed for youth and written by teenagers and adults who work with and care about teens. The purpose of devozine is to help youth ages 14 to 19 develop a lifelong practice of spending time with God and reflecting on what God is doing in their lives.

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WEAVING: A JOURNAL OF THE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weavings invites participation in the spiritual life, seeking to provide a forum in which life in the world and the spiritual resources of the Christian heritage can encounter and illuminate one another. Published quarterly and organized by themes, each issue presents a broad range of materials dealing with the interface of contemporary experience and classical Christian wisdom.

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POCKETS

Published 11 times per year, Pockets magazine is designed to help children ages 6 to 12 grow in their relationship with God and become disciples of Jesus Christ. The magazine emphasizes that God loves everyone and that God’s grace calls us all into community. Pockets uses scripture, fiction, poetry, prayer, games, activities, and art to help children grow in the faith, experience God’s love in everyday living, and learn how to live as Jesus taught.

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THE TWO-YEAR ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Academy for Spiritual Formation® is one of the most highly regarded programs in Christian spiritual formation in the country. Participants learn the love of God in heart, mind, soul, and will. Sixteen courses make up the backbone of the Academy and offer a comprehensive overview of Christian spirituality, with three courses related to scripture, four courses related to the history and tradition of Christian spirituality, and additional courses related to application and leadership. Participants meet quarterly for two years.

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THE FIVE-DAY ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation® introduces participants to the daily rhythm of living in spiritual community through worship, silence, lecture, and covenant groups. Sponsored locally, the topics and themes of a Five-Day Academy vary according to region. All follow the same daily schedule and draw leadership from those who have completed the comprehensive Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation®, after which the Five-Day Academy is modeled.

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THE WALK TO EMMAUS

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program that strengthens the local church by motivating participants to become stronger Christian disciples and to undertake leadership roles in their churches, communities, homes, and workplaces. At the introductory event, participants spend three busy but enjoyable days as they live and study together in singing, prayer, worship, and discussion.

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CHRYSLIS

Chrysalis is the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus and is designed for young people ages 15 to 24. It encourages young people to seek a dynamic friendship with God through Christ and to be leaders in their churches, schools, homes, and workplaces. Chrysalis begins with a three-day experience where teams of adult laity, young people, and clergy present talks, offer testimonies, participate in discussion groups, and offer a variety of fun activities. After the weekend, participants are called to meet weekly in small groups for support and accountability in their daily Christian walk.

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JOURNEY TO THE TABLE

Journey to the Table is a new program ministry of The Upper Room specifically designed for young adults, ages 18 to 35 years old. It allows participants to explore faith through authentic teaching and fosters open discussion through which participants can build relationships with a community of peers. Journey to the Table inspires and equips individuals to create spaces of Christian action in their homes, schools, places of work, and communities. This new program ministry is designed for use by campus ministries, Annual Conferences, and Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis communities.

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FACE TO FACE

An adaptation of The Walk to Emmaus, Face to Face is specifically crafted to meet the needs of older adults. The program invite men and women, ages 60 and older, to experience Jesus through an 8-session journey, covering subjects such as discipleship, mission, grief, and end-of-life issues. The highly flexible schedule allows participants the freedom to engage in structured Bible study and prayer in a church setting or other community space. Led by clergy and lay leaders, Face to Face strengthens and renews followers of Christ and bolsters the spiritual life of individuals, families, and congregations everywhere.

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The Upper Room Living Prayer Center exists to extend and strengthen Jesus’ ministry of intercessory prayer. In partnership with United Methodist Men, the toll-free prayer line is staffed by trained Christian volunteers. Anyone can call and request prayer. These requests are lifted to God by individuals and Covenant Prayer Groups.

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The Upper Room, International

Christian fellowship is embraced worldwide through magazine and book publishing, program opportunities, and training events that promote spiritual formation. Partnerships are established with United Methodist Central Conferences and autonomous Methodist churches and literature societies to assist with leadership and resource development designed to help churches develop Christian leaders, both laity and clergy, for effective Christian community, witness, and mission. Particular emphasis is given to publishing non-English-language editions of The Upper Room daily devotional guide as a primary resource for spiritual formation.

A model for international ministry, Africa Upper Room (AURM) is the base of operation for the African continent. AURM is housed at Anathoth, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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The Upper Room Chapel & Christian Art Museum

The Upper Room Chapel & Christian Art Museum offers a ministry of hospitality, evangelism, and spiritual strengthening. In this holy space, visitors are invited to experience God and receive inspiration through art, worship, and the study of printed resources. Guided presentations are offered. The presentations describe the symbolism in the art of the chapel’s stained glass windows, which tell the Pentecost story, and the world-renowned Last Supper wood carving. The museum features international art from the 12th to 21st centuries. From November through January over 100 nativity scenes are displayed with the Madonna and Child art exhibit. From March through May the Ukrainian egg collection, along with sculptures and paintings, tell the stories of the life of Jesus. Enjoy the Agape Garden, which tells the story of the Gethsemane Garden and the Resurrection appearance of Jesus. Free visitor parking.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Worship service: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
Admission is free.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Prayer

• The Guide to Prayer Series, Rueben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck
  • A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God
  • A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God
  • A Guide to Prayer for All God’s People
  • A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants

• 28 Days of Prayer Series
  • Freedom from Worry
  • Healing from Divorce
  • Facing Financial Struggle
  • Aging Faithfully
  • The Struggles of Caregiving
  • Praying Through a Child’s Illness

• Beginning Prayer, John Killinger

• In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection and Prayer, Jan L. Richardson

• “Pray For Me”: The Power in Praying for Others, Kenneth H. Carter Jr.

• A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner’s Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads, Kristen E. Vincent

• Forty Days to a Closer Walk with God: The Practice of Centering Prayer, J. David Muyskens

Daily Meditation

• The Upper Room Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions
  (published annually)

• Rhythms of Growth: 365 Meditations to Nurture the Soul, Linda Douty
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

- The Henri Nouwen Spirituality Series
  - *A Spirituality of Fundraising*
  - *A Spirituality of Caregiving*
  - *A Spirituality of Living*
  - *A Spirituality of Homecoming*
- *Holy Spirit Here and Now*, Trevor Hudson
- *A Mile in My Shoes: Cultivating Compassion*, Trevor Hudson
- *A Quiet Pentecost: Inviting the Spirit into Congregational Life*, Dwight H. Judy

Multimedia Churchwide Resources

- *The God We Can Know: Exploring The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus*, Rob Fuquay
- *Take the Flag: Following God’s Signals in the Race of Your Life*, Rob Fuquay (Fall, 2016)

Older Adult Ministries

- *Voices of Aging: Adult Children and Aging Parents Talk with God*, Missy Buchanan
- *Joy Boosters: 120 Ways to Encourage Older Adults*, Missy Buchanan
- *Living with Purpose in a Worn-Out Body: Spiritual Encouragement for Older Adults*, Missy Buchanan
- *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life: 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth*, Jane Marie Thibault & Richard L. Morgan
- *At the Edge of Life: Conversations When Death Is Near*, Richard L. Morgan
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

• *Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement*, R. Jack Hansen & Jerry P. Haas

**Companions in Christ Series**
Initial Series
• *Embracing the Journey*
• *Feeding on the Word*
• *Deepening Our Prayer*
• *Responding to Our Call*
• *Exploring Spiritual Guidance*
Additional short-term studies on Scripture, Blessedness, Discernment, Forgiveness, Grace, Prayer, Transforming Discipleship

**Emmaus and Chrysalis**
• *What Is Emmaus?*
• *What Is Chrysalis?*
• *Taking Flight* (Devotions by Chrysalis Participants)
• *Walking Side by Side: Devotions for Pilgrims*
  by Cherie Jones and Joanne Bultemeier
• *Walk to Emmaus: The Early History* by Robert Wood
• *What Is Emmaus?* by Stephen D. Bryant
• *Fourth Day Forward* by various Emmaus Pilgrims
We invest in Central Conference-based publishing teams to help provide resources that are more available, affordable, and appropriate to language and culture and that support leader development for United Methodist churches around the world.
Indigenous Publishing Teams

Discipleship Resources International (DRI) partners with annual conferences and episcopal areas beyond the United States to help achieve area goals and meet churches’ needs through resource development. A written agreement, signed by bishops and DRI executive director, is accompanied by a publishing plan that will guide the work of the team. Teams exist in the following areas, with new teams being added each year.

Africa
1. Malawi Provisional Conference
2. Zimbabwe Episcopal Area, Zimbabwe West and Zimbabwe East
3. Liberia Annual Conference
4. South Africa Annual Conference
5. Cote d’Ivoire Annual Conference
6. Central Congo Episcopal Area
7. Mozambique South Annual Conference
8. Mozambique North Annual Conference
9. Tanzania Annual Conference
10. East Angola Annual Conference
11. East Congo Episcopal Area
12. North Katanga Episcopal Area

Europe
13. Bulgaria/Romania Annual Conference

Asia
14. Philippines Central Conference, 3 Episcopal Areas

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E-Readers for Theological Education

This initiative is a partnership with Higher Education and Ministry, committed to providing e-readers with important theological texts to the libraries of United Methodist-related and sponsored theological schools in Africa and the Philippines by the end of the 2012-2016 quadrennium. Generous donations from annual conferences, churches, and individuals help to make this project possible.

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DRI Publishing: The Africa Ministry Series

DRI is providing new channels for publishing and distributing the writings of academic authors in some Central Conferences. This gives those authors a way where often there is no way to contribute their scholarship to the life of the church in their own lands, as well as in our and other lands. To that end, DRI created the Africa Ministry Series. Eleven titles have been published in the series thus far, which are available in print and ebook on Amazon.com. Additional titles are in progress.

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United Methodist Way Leadership Seminars

DRI helps to facilitate and resource United Methodist Way leadership seminars in the Central Conferences. UM Way Seminars for pastoral and lay leaders seek to deepen the understanding of the Wesleyan way of discipleship, worship, and connection. Grounded in the Wesleyan tradition, these seminars focus on the challenges and opportunities for congregations seeking to strengthen the United Methodist model of discipleship in the specific contexts of each Central Conference.

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SCHOOL OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ANNUAL)

August 17-20, 2016, Hilton Orrington Hotel, Evanston, Illinois (Chicago)

“School of Congregational Development” is held every year for leaders (Bishops, District Superintendents, and Conference Leaders) seeking to focus on new church development, turning around churches, or high-potential churches. Sponsored in cooperation with The General Board of Global Ministries.

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BLACK METHODISTS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL (ANNUAL)

March 10-12, 2016, Baltimore, Maryland

With a vision for a renewed and transformed united body of Christ on mission in the world, “Black Methodists for Church Renewal” raises up prophetic and spiritual leaders who are advocates for the unique needs of black people in The United Methodist Church.

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2017 Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches

January 9-11, 2017, Daytona Beach, Florida

The Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches exists for the information, inspiration and encouragement of Pastors of Black Churches and those that support the. This convocation promotes social justice and new learning opportunities.

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Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches

Especially for pastors of African American congregations, this event gives participants the opportunity to learn from renowned pastors who are recognized for their leadership in African American settings. Pastors develop strategies to aid pastoral leaders in information, inspiration, and encouragement of pastors of Black Churches and those who support them.

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**Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference (Annual)**

February 15-18, 2016, Houston, Texas

*A conference for pastors and lay leaders, the event promotes spiritual renewal, justice, echoes of mercy in family matters and provides training opportunities around health, wellness for the mind, body and spirit.*

*This conference promotes learning about new paradigms and strategies for ministry.*

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**New District Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries Training and Orientation (DS/DCM Training) (Annual)**

*A collective effort of all the general agencies of the United Methodist Church, DS/DCM annual training provides information, job descriptions, leadership strategies, spiritual formation enhancement opportunities, and networking for key new leadership across the denomination. This event is co-sponsored by The Counsel of Bishops, GBHEM and Discipleship Ministries.*

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FELLOWSHIP OF UNITED METHODISTS IN MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS

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NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMP AND RETREAT LEADERS’ GATHERING AND TRAINING

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MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS WEEK

June 19-24, 2016, Lake Junaluska, NC

An annual event of worship, training, formation, inspiration and fellowship for all involved in the worship arts - musicians, preachers, dancers, handbell ringers, artists.

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NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

July 24-29, 2017, Little Rock, Arkansas

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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY FORUM (ANNUAL)

Annual event designed by large church children’s ministry leaders, the “Children’s Ministry Forum” is for children’s ministry leaders in large membership congregations. It provides opportunities for networking, attending workshops and with opportunities to see another church’s resource room, hear great keynote speakers, and celebrate ministry with children.

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QUADRENNIAL YOUTH EVENT

Young People’s Ministries sponsors the national gathering for United Methodist Youth. The YOUTH event takes place every four years. It gathers thousands of youth, United Methodist leaders, speakers, bands, and other artists to worship, grow, learn, practice, and serve in a uniquely Methodist large-scale setting. The next Youth event will be the summer of 2019. Details will be posted at www.UMCyoungpeople.org as they come available.

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CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM (ANNUAL)

Co-sponsored by the Council on Evangelism, the “Congress on Evangelism” is a national evangelistic training event featuring keynote speakers, special music, a Bible study leader, and workshops.

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WESLEY PILGRIMAGE IN ENGLAND

July 11-21, 2016, Salisbury, England

The Wesley Pilgrimage in England is an annual 10 day immersion in the Wesleyan tradition for United Methodist clergy and lay leaders. We teach participants about missional leadership through the lens of John and Charles Wesley and the early Methodist societies. The pilgrimage is particularly targeted for provisional members because we believe it is important to immerse these leaders in Wesleyan missional leadership early in their careers. GBHEM is a partner in the pilgrimage.

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National Association of United Methodist Foundations (Annual)

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Global Young People’s Convocation and Legislative Assembly (Quadrennial)

The Global Young People’s Convocation and Legislative Assembly (GYPC-LA) is a quadrennial gathering of United Methodist youth and young adults from all over the world. The vision is young people sharing their life experiences, struggles, gifts and realities, so that their stories transform the world. This event offers opportunities for multicultural worship, conversation, and missions, and includes the Legislative Assembly, which is designed to give young people a voice in the church through the legislative process.

Over 300 young people and their leaders attended the 2014 event in the Philippines. The site selection process has begun for the next GYPC-LA, which will be held in the summer of 2018. As the planning progresses, details will be posted at www.globalyoungpeople.org.

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UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN (FORMERLY FOCUS)

Designed for clergy and laity working in children’s ministries, The UM Conference on Children provides training and support for Sunday school teachers, weekday ministry teachers and directors, Christian education leaders and directors, staff in Children’s ministries, volunteers, parents, and grandparents. Expect innovative workshops, unique worship experiences, networking opportunities, inspiring preachers, dynamic speakers, an extensive resource center, and activities for children and youth.

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DOWNTOWN CHURCH NETWORK PEER-LEARNING EVENT (ANNUAL)

The Downtown Church Network provides an annual peer learning event for church leaders who serve in vital congregations in the downtown area of major cities. Characterized by large historic buildings, diverse constituents, and challenges unique to the downtown setting, these leaders find the opportunity to network with others in similar settings to be a valuable resource.

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UNIVERSITY CHURCH NETWORK PEER-LEARNING EVENT (ANNUAL)

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