

New Church Leadership Institute February 8-12, 2010

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Equipping potential new church pastors and laity with the knowledge and skills for a successful new church start.

2010 NEW CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
EQUIPPING
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WITH THE
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FOR A
SUCCESSFUL NEW CHURCH START

MT. SEQUOYAH CONFERENCE CENTER
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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FEBRUARY 8-12, 2010

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PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 2010
SCHOOL OF CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
NEW CHURCH PLANTER TRACK #1

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IF GRADUATES ARE APPOINTED TO A NEW
CHURCH, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
"BASIC TRAINING FOR CHURCH PLANTERS"
MAY 3-6, 2010 AT MT. SEQUOYAH

Featured Speakers Include:

					
Rusti Moore Wildwood UMC Magnolia, TX	Jim Griffith Griffith Coaching	Don Smith Texas & N. Texas Conference	Candace Lewis Path One, GBOD	Clif Christopher Horizons Stewardship	Brad Kalajainen Caledonia, Michigan

You will also hear how nine people adapted timeless church planting principals to their unique new church ministry contexts.

They will be telling their unique story of how the Lord worked through them to reach their initial launch team and how they grew during their first year.

On Thursday evening, you will also have the opportunity to be in a small group for Q & A with the planter of your choice.


Bob Crossman Director, NCLI Arkansas

Felix Burrows D.Min. Mentor United Seminary

Goals of the New Church Leadership Institute

- Assist pastors and laity to discern if they are called to be a new church planter.
- Connect potential church planters with successful new church planters.
- Equip potential church planters with knowledge and skills for successful church starts.
- Prepare for a variety of New Church Start strategies/models.
- Each participant will write a personal ministry plan or prepare a reflective essay for the consultation process with their District Superintendent.
- Each participant is encouraged to make on-site visits to new church starts in their home conference to hear the founding pastor tell their unique new church story.
- Each participant is encouraged to attend the national UM training: School of Congregational Development - New Church Track, Pre Launch.
- Only some of the graduates may eventually have the opportunity to be appointed to start a new church or be the second pastor of a new church - yet, all will have the opportunity to be supportive of a new UM church beginning in their community and perhaps to encourage their current church to 'give birth' to a new church.
- As the years pass and NCLI graduates become District Superintendents, Board of Ordained Ministry members, Senior Pastors of our largest churches, and members of the CFA... the very DNA of our conferences will be more supportive of the needs of our church planting pastors.

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A Strategy for starting new UM Churches in the USA	Connected in Christ		HOST: Arkansas Conference

With all of the resources that are invested in a typical church plant, it is amazing that so many UM Conferences do so little training or assessment of the prospective new church pastor. In the past, far too often, we have selected a new church pastor based upon a host of factors such as "do we like the person, are they from our tribe, are they related to someone we know, does it feel like they will do a good job, are they likeable and outgoing, do they really need this job, or are they a warm and willing body?" These factors are insufficient for selecting a planter. Church planters need a skill set that is different from that needed by pastors of existing churches. There is a need for advance training to equip potential church planters with the knowledge and skills needed to start a new UM church. There is a need for each potential planter to discern if they feel called to plant a new church. Jim Griffith writes, "The process through which new church pastors are recruited, assessed, trained and deployed determines the success or failure of any church planting system. The goal of an effective church planting system is to attract high quality candidates, clearly identify their strengths and patterns of behavior, develop their skill sets and appoint them to a context in which they have an affinity for the target population. Taken together, these are the components for the foundation for starting strong, vital faith communities."

REGISTRATION FEE: \$495 per potential church planter (Spouse may register for free.) (For housing cost, contact Mt. Sequoyah.)
Registration for NCLI Alumni, District Superintendents, Conference Staff, or Conference Committee members: \$195
Registration for Senior Pastors or Laity accompanying the new church planter: \$195
LATE REGISTRATION: (after January 8th) add: \$100
No registration fee required for the Conference Director of New Church Starts if attending with their potential new church pastors.
Contact: Rose Kuonen, Arkansas Conference, 1-501-324-8033 or rkuonen@arumc.org
HOUSING FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS: Call Mt. Sequoyah Retreat Center for reservations: 479-443-4531, www.mountsequoyah.org
TRANSPORTATION: The Northwest Arkansas Airport XNA & Jim's Shuttle Service 1-866-535-0127
Jim's Shuttle Rates: \$42 one person; \$32 two people; \$28 three people (discounts for round trip)
To Enroll in the UTS D.Min Program, Contact: Dr. Josephine Whitley-Fields 937-529-2201, www.united.edu
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M & T u e s d a y



Bob Crossman
 Director, NCLI
**Monday
 1:00 pm**

Orientation:
 Our Schedule,
 Covenant,
 Book Table,
 Devotionals,
 Handbook,
 Purpose of
 Institute



Rusti Moore
 Vital Connections
 Consultant
Monday 2:00 - 2:45

Rusti Moore will not only be our initial key note speaker, she will also tell us the story of her new church start.
 Church Planter #1
 Rusti Moore
 Wildwood UMC
 Magnolia, Texas
 STRATEGY: parachute drop
 SETTING: small suburb of the Houston, Texas metropolplex
 2:45 to 4:00 pm



Church Planter #2
 STRATEGY: Second pastor of a struggling/failed new church
 SETTING: suburban Houston, TX
 Jeff McDowell, Harvest UMC
**Theme: Five Lessons I Learned the Hard Way
 4:15 to 5:30 pm**



Jim Griffith
 Griffith Consulting
**Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 Tuesday 8:45 am - 5:30**

Church Planter Orientation:
 • Competencies of a Church Planter
 • Leadership (DISC Profile) & Church Planting
 • Organizational Preferences
 • Discovering Your Natural Affinity Groups
 • Types of Successful Church Starts
 • Cost to the Family
 • Strategic Issues

**Monday evening: Jim Griffith
 Tuesday evening: meet with your small group to share your call story**

W e d n e s d a y



Don Smith
 Griffith Coaching
 Vital Connections
8:45 to 11:00

Points for
 Prospective
 Planters to
 Ponder



Bob Crossman
 Director, NCLI
11:15 to 12:30

Spiritual Disciplines
 Caring For Self & Family
 New Church DNA: Holy Habits
 Building your initial budget
 Part-time or full-time staff?
 Building plans?
 Naming your new church



Candace Lewis
 Path One, GBOD
1:30 to 3:30



Brad Kalajainen
 Cornerstone UMC,
 Caledonia, MI
3:45 to 5:30

New church planter:
 Sermon topics and styles for
 your pre-view, launch, and
 first years in a new church
 setting.
 www.cornerchurch.org

Optional
 Wednesday
 evening:
**worship at a new
 church: Pontiac
 UMC. A satellite
 start meeting in a
 coffee house.**

T h u r s d a y

*"How
 Seven
 People
 Adapted
 Timeless
 Principles
 to their
 Unique
 New
 Church
 Ministry
 Contexts"*



Barry & Sara Morton
 Mt Olive UMC
 Van Buren, AR
 Church Planter #3
 STRATEGY:
 2nd campus
 SETTING:
 town of 25,000
8:45 to 9:40am



Mike Felder
 Pontiac UMC
 Springdale, AR
 Church Planter #4
 STRATEGY:
 Second Campus
 SETTING:
 City of 65,000
**Themes: finding a
 launch site that will
 reflect your identity;
 getting the most out
 of your resources
 9:40 to 10: 35am**



Rob & Anna
 Williams
 Second UMC
 Siloam Springs, AR
 Church Planter #5
 STRATEGY:
 Parachute Drop
 SETTING:
 town of 15,000
**Themes:
 Taking care of
 family, and role of
 spousal support.
 10:45 to 11:40am**



Bernadine Dowdy
 Oklahoma Indian
 Missionary Conf.
 Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Church Planter #6
 STRATEGY:
 Parachute Drop
 SETTING:
 city of 100,000 within
 a large metropolplex
11:40 to 12:30pm



Julio & Nora Ibarra
 N.Hispanic Mission
 Fort Smith, AR
 with translator
 Church Planter #7
 STRATEGY:
 Spanish Language
 Parachute Drop
 SETTING:
 Metropolplex of 300,000
**Theme:
 The importance of
 living in the
 mission field
 1:30 to 2:20pm**



Karen Horan
 Gruene UMC
 New Braunfels, TX
 Church Planter #8
 STRATEGY:
 Mother-daughter
 SETTING:
 city of 52,000
**Themes: Relations
 with a Mother
 Church; Acting
 Your Age; and
 Networking
 2:30 to 3:30pm**



Olu Brown
 Impact Church
 Atlanta, GA
 Church Planter #9
 STRATEGY:
 Parachute Drop
 SETTING:
 Metropolitan area
 of 350,000
**Theme:
 Finding a site to
 launch worship.
 3:40 to 5:30pm**

**Thursday evening:
 7:00 to 9:00**
**Q & A with the
 planter of your
 choice in
 Martin Hall,
 rooms 1 to 9 -
 an opportunity
 to "hear the rest
 of the story" and
 ask questions.**

F r i d a y



Cliff Christopher
 Horizons Stewardship
8:45 to 10:45

"Raising Money in the new church setting"
 "A new DNA for Stewardship in your new church start."



Don't leave early!
 Arrange your travel so
 that you do NOT miss
 Cliff Christopher!
 He is always one of our
 highest rated speakers!



Bob Crossman
 Director, NCLI
10:50 to 11:45

New Church appointment this coming June?
 Preparing for consultation with your DS
 How do I plant in a different conference?
 Relationships with a mother church
 An Invitation To Test The Waters
 An Invitation To Visit New Churches

**11:45 Closing worship
 Noon Adjourn**



United Seminary
 D.Min students will
 meet with Dr. Burrows
 several times during
 the week.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Rooms available for early arrivals at Mt. Sequoyah *Most participants will drive in early Monday afternoon, but you are welcome to come in on Sunday and have a relaxing evening on the mountain. The dining room will not be open. The housing desk has snacks for sale and phone numbers for pizza or sandwich delivery to your room.*

MONDAY SCHEDULE

12:00 Light lunch for those who arrive early
 12:00 Registration and informal gathering in Bailey Hall
 1:00 Orientation Session by Bob Crossman
 2:00 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Rusti Moore
 2:45 Church Planter #1: Rusti Moore
 4:15 Church Planter #2: Jeff McDowell
 5:30 Dinner
 7:00 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Jim Griffith

TUESDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 BREAKFAST
 8:30 Singing & Prayer
 8:45 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Jim Griffith
 12:30 LUNCH (spouses are invited to eat together)
 1:30 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Jim Griffith
 5:30 DINNER
 7:00 Meet with your small group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 BREAKFAST
 8:30 Singing & Prayer
 8:45 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Don Smith
 11:15 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Bob Crossman
 12:30 LUNCH (spouses are invited to eat together)
 1:30 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Candace Lewis
 3:45 KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Brad Kalajainen
 5:30 DINNER- sandwiches & chips at Bailey Hall
 6:30 Optional: worship at Pontiac UMC

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 BREAKFAST
 8:30 Singing & Prayer
 8:45 Church Planter #3: Barry & Sara Morton
 9:40 Church Planter #4: Mike Felder
 10:45 Church Planter #5: Rob & Anna Williams
 11:40 Church Planter #6: Bernadine Dowdy
 12:30 LUNCH (spouses are invited to eat together)
 1:30 Church Planter #7: Julio & Nora Ibarra
 2:30 Church Planter #8: Karen Horan
 3:40 Church Planter #9: Olu Brown
 5:30 DINNER
 7:00 Spend two hours with church planter of your choice for Q & A and the "rest of the story."

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 BREAKFAST
 8:30 Singing & Prayer
 8:45 KEY NOTE: Cliff Christopher
 10:50 Wrap Up: Bob Crossman
 11:45 Closing Worship
 Noon Adjourn

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 Leadership Institute**
 Churches starting new churches...
*who start more new churches...
 who start more new churches...
 who start more new churches...*
www.umnewchurch.org
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What former participants say...

"Invaluable! I would not plant a church without this training!"

Allen Carson, Coweta, Oklahoma

"This is definitely the best training event that I've been a part of in 13 years of service as a UM pastor. I believe with NCLI our denomination is on the brink of something large."

Bill Lanigan, Maud, Texas

"I cannot imagine a better experience for putting you in a position to discern whether or not God is calling you to plant a new church. Moreover, no matter how you come to answer that question, you will learn things at NCLI that you will be able to utilize regardless of what mission field God has called you to."

Jimmy Cooper, Chicago, Illinois

"The NCLI experience provides an opportunity to hear various church planters in a variety of settings and determine whether God may be calling you. These speakers inspire and challenge participants. This institute is helpful for potential planters, parent churches, and anyone who wants to see the Kingdom of God grow."

Becky Johnson, Overland Park, Kansas

"I was unsure that church planting was for me but I was open to learning. I discovered that I am not called to church planting but I want to be my conferences biggest cheerleader!"

Shelly Coulter, Lawton, Oklahoma

"NCLI is very useful for anyone's present or future ministry assignment."

Ron Perceful, Newcastle, Oklahoma

"NCLI is absolutely essential for anyone who wants to clearly discern a call to plant a new church and provides material and resources for such a taste."

Bill Stegemueller, Medina, Texas

"NCLI opened a window to my soul which helped me better understand how God has wired me."

Dale Thiele, Lukas, Kansas

"Helped confirm my calling to church planting."

Chris Snyder, Mt. Vernon, Missouri

"This retreat has been such a blessing helping me to confirm the calling on my life. The information presented here is so valuable to the planter's process."

Rhenel Johnson, Texas

"Thank you for planting the seeds so that we may go forth and bear fruit. Sing praises!"

P.J. Stewart, Catoosa, Oklahoma

"An energizing time to learn and understand new tools in church planting."

Russell Smith, Tarkio, Missouri

"The NCLI was great helping me/pastors to see more clearly to discover who we are and how we can best serve."

Cecilia Clemons, Silverdale, Washington

"A great experience that was very helpful in the NCLI experience is an honest dialogue which speaks through tradition, reason, experience, and scripture in the mission field"

Max Perez, Texas

"In light of the importance of the whole family being 'on board' the mission, vision and church planting drive, I highly recommend spouses attend the NCLI training seminars early on if there is any possible way they can. It can be incredibly important to the spouse's part of the discernment"

Anna Stegemueller, Medina, Texas

"An absolute must for anyone considering a call to start a new worshipping congregation satellite ministry or new church start."

Wayne Botkin, Kettering, Ohio

"It has been essential in my discernment process – invaluable information I couldn't get anywhere else."

Gregg Sealey, Hoquiam, Washington

"For pastors in the discernment stage, this is an outstanding event."

It is very insightful, challenging, thought provoking and exciting. It is a must for anyone considering this ministry."

Bill Case, ElPaso, Texas

"NCLI is vital for discernment in exploring a call to start a new church."

Tony Clyde, Joplin, Missouri

"NCLI is a must for anyone who realizes that God is forever creating and recreating and desires us to partner with Him to bring about something wholly transformational."

Dariel Newman, Pearland, Texas

"This training is a great step in beginning to discern what church planting is and is not and whether God is calling you to do that work."

Scott Rodgers, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

"This week I had the opportunity to see church planting in a new light, to be energized by the work of the Spirit in the world and discern my place in that movement."

Jeff Jaynes, Tulsa, Oklahoma

"The New Church Leadership Institute is an outstanding training event for new church pastors and Conference leadership for new church development. It is the forefront of innovative change and leadership for the United Methodist Church."

I can not commend it strongly enough!"

Bishop Mike Lowry, Central Texas Conference

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2010 ENROLLMENT FORM

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Name: _____

How do you want your name to appear on your name tag: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ @ _____

Conference _____ District _____

Current Appointment _____

Office Phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Your Age _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Is your spouse attending with you this week? Yes No

Pastors are encouraged to bring their spouse & fully participate in the retreat.
No registration fee is charged for lay spouse, however there are housing and meal fees.

Are you: Clergy Laity

Why are you attending this institute?

Have you visited with your District Superintendent about this institute? Yes Not Yet

Have you already discerned that you are called to be a new church planter? Yes No Waiting

If yes, in which Annual Conference do you anticipate planting: _____

Are you already in a new church appointment? Yes No

If yes, have you already launched regular weekly worship? Yes No

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MAIL TO:
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#2 Trudie Kibbe Reed Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202-3770
Make housing reservations directly with Mt. Sequoyah.