

Greenville District Lay Leadership Orientation

January 22, 2012, 3:00 – 5:30

Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

General Tract

PPRC – Dr. Charles Johnson, Greenville district superintendent

PPRC chairs are encouraged to come to this workshop for a review of the purpose of the PPRC; the deadlines and the expectations of this committee.

Directing Youth Ministry – Leigh Randall, Greenville District Youth Coordinator

An overview of the 2012 Greenville District UMC Youth Ministries vision.

Participants will receive insight into developing and maintaining a youth ministry program. In addition, there will be a panel discussion with representatives from various size churches

Ministry with Young Adults – Rev. Edward McCutcheon, campus minister/Wesley Fellowship director at Furman University

This workshop will explore the true nature of the relationship between the church and young adults – how they see the church, how the church views them, what they need from the church, and how the church can benefit from them. If you have a heart for young adults, and seek to be in ministry with them, then come and

let's wrestle with this issue. Our hope is that through our time together you will gain a better understanding of the importance of and the hard work involved in ministry with young adults

2012 General Conference Issues – John Redmond

An overview of the 2012 General Conference in Tampa, FL. Several key issues affecting the organization of the United Methodist Church will face delegates to the worldwide gathering held every four years.

Transforming Lay Leadership – Michael Cheatham, past conference director of Lay Speaking Ministries

Local church lay leaders and others in local church leadership will explore ways to be both functional and spiritual leaders to their congregations

Visioning/Vital Congregations – Rev. Cathy Joens, Greenville district congregational specialist

This workshop will concentrate on giving a clear understanding of Vital Congregation process and strategies for completing the report that is due March 11.

Children's Ministries – Anne Shelton

This workshop will help churches develop children's ministries that include those on the 'edges' - those children new to church, new to our community, or third culture kids (military, missionary, foreign service

Mission Outreach – Rev. Jerry Hill, Buncombe St. UMC

Do you want to get involved in missions year round? Do you want to connect with other churches who are involved in feeding ministries? Do you want to share your mission ministries? If the answer is yes, this is the workshop for you.

United Methodist Social Issues – Rev. Janice Frederick-Watts, St. Mark/St. Matthew United Methodist Churches

Examine the United Methodist social issues through the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Church and Society, and the Commission on Religion and Race.

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Christian Education/Local Church Programming – Rev. Deana Gentry, Simpsonville UMC

Local Church Professional/Paraprofessional staff (paid and volunteer) will meet for dialogue to identify and support Christian Education/Formation strengths and needs in the Greenville District.

Prayer Ministry – Clayton Easter, district prayer coordinator

Learn how to develop an effective prayer ministry in your local church

Job Function Workshops

Nominations Committee (Lay Leadership)– Rev. Kempie Shepard

Come and learn how to approach the Lay leadership nomination process in a spiritual way connecting gifts with leadership roles.

Evangelism Committee – Rev. Matt Yon

In the Church, we are called to be the “church” in the world, but we miss that sometimes because we are so focused on ourselves. Jesus calls each of us to be servant-evangelist in the world. God is calling your church to make a difference in your community.

Small Church Tract

Trustees – Rev. David Taylor

Compare what the Discipline says about the role of the Trustee chair and committee, with some of the day to day realities of the work and decisions are needed.

Finance/Stewardship – Rev. Robin Dease?

Worship – Rev. Chris Lollis

Come and learn what a valuable asset the Worship team can be in visioning and planning for meaning worship in the small church.

Large Church Tract

Trustees – Larry Boyer, Covenant UMC

Learn about the role of the Trustee in the large church along with some of the challenges and joys.

Finance/Stewardship – Tony Prestipino, Conference Treasurer

Taking care of what we have and giving are two of the key challenges for us as Christians today. Come ready to learn how to best encourage responsible giving and stewardship.

Worship – Rev. Darren Hook, Covenant UMC

Meaningful and inviting worship begins with prayer, continues with a clear understanding of purpose, and grows and explodes with effective planning. Come and learn how.