

Michigan Area United Methodist Church
Michael Clark, Detroit Conference Lay Leader
Laurie Dahlman, West Michigan Conference Lay Leader
Jonathan D. Keaton, Resident Bishop

August 11, 2009

Dear Lay Leader:

This invitation is intended for all Michigan Area laity who are currently serving, or contemplating serving, as district or local church lay leader. You are invited to a special workshop, "Making Disciples: The Lay Leader's Role," planned with your specific interests in mind and hosted by Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton and the conference lay leaders of the Detroit and West Michigan Conferences. This seminar will be Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Lansing. As a participant you will:

- Receive the authoritative word on the lay leader's role from Sandy Jackson, the individual on the United Methodist Board of Discipleship in Nashville, TN, who is responsible for lay leadership development.
- Learn from a recent survey what pastors really want from their lay leaders and how they view the pastor-lay leader relationship.
- Meet other lay leaders in a small-group setting to share ideas and real-world experiences about partnering with clergy for effective ministry.
- Have the opportunity to converse directly with the bishop, Sandy Jackson, and other presenters about your questions and concerns.

While the program is intended primarily for lay men and women, be sure to invite your pastors, as they are welcome also.

Directions to Faith UMC are enclosed for your convenience. The cost will be \$10 per person, payable on arrival, to cover refreshments, lunch, and incidental expenses. To facilitate food preparation and prevent waste, you must register for this event no later than Oct. 31, 2009. Registration may be accomplished by phone or email contact with any of the conference or district lay leaders identified in the enclosure. Please indicate if a vegetarian meal is needed.

We look forward to your presence and participation in this event. Remember, we are depending on you to get word of this event to your congregation – and your pastor. This will be a time that could be a blessing to all who attend. May God make it so!

In His Service,

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Laurie Dahlman, West Michigan Conference Lay Leader
Bishop Jonathan D. Keaton

RESERVATIONS: To reserve your place for "Making Disciples: The Lay Leader's Role" please contact one of the following individuals by phone or email not later than Oct. 31, 2009:

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DIRECTIONS to Faith United Methodist Church, 4301 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing, MI 48911-2560
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APPROACHING LANSING FROM THE WEST ON I-96: Take the M-99 exit (Exit 101) toward M. L. King Blvd./Eaton Rapids. Turn RIGHT on MI-99/Eaton Rapids Rd. for 0.1 mile. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto Bishop Rd. for 0.6 mile. Turn RIGHT onto S. Waverly Hwy./S. Waverly Rd. for 1.9 miles. The church will be on your RIGHT.

APPROACHING LANSING FROM THE EAST ON I-96: Take the M-99/M. L. King Jr. Blvd exit (Exit 101) toward Eaton Rapids. Turn RIGHT onto S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./M-99 for 0.3 mile, then SHARP LEFT onto W. Miller Rd. for 1.0 mile. Turn RIGHT onto S. Waverly Hwy./S. Waverly Rd. for 1.5 miles. The church will be on your RIGHT.

APPROACHING LANSING FROM THE SOUTH ON I-69: Merge onto eastbound I-96 via Exit 72 (toward Detroit). Take the M-99/M. L. King Jr. Blvd exit (Exit 101) toward Eaton Rapids. Turn RIGHT onto S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./M-99 for 0.3 mile, then SHARP LEFT onto W. Miller Rd. for 1.0 mile. Turn RIGHT onto S. Waverly Hwy./S. Waverly Rd. for 1.5 miles. The church will be on your RIGHT.

APPROACHING LANSING FROM THE SOUTH ON MI-127: Merge onto westbound I-96 via Exit 73B (toward Grand Rapids). Take the M-99/M. L. King Jr. Blvd exit (Exit 101) toward Eaton Rapids. Turn RIGHT onto S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./M-99 for 0.3 mile, then SHARP LEFT onto W. Miller Rd. for 1.0 mile. Turn RIGHT onto S. Waverly Hwy./S. Waverly Rd. for 1.5 miles. The church will be on your RIGHT.

APPROACHING LANSING FROM THE NORTH ON MI-127: Merge onto westbound I-496 via Exit 77 (toward Downtown/Lansing). Take the Waverly Rd. Exit (Exit 3). Turn LEFT onto S. Waverly Rd. for 2.3 miles. The church will be on your LEFT.