



Helping your church to grow

There is a lot of talk about each of our churches becoming a “vital congregation.” We all want to be healthy and strong, but many of us are confused about why we aren’t growing as we once did. We know we need to do something, but we don’t know what it is, and we don’t even know how to find out.

The Paducah District wants to help your church grow. There are many challenges facing the District in the next decade, and we believe equipping strong, effective, gifted leadership is the key to growth and vitality. To develop this leadership an Academy is being formed to begin in early 2013.

The Generative Leadership Academy has developed because many deeply committed Christians are eager to serve but need direction and guidance for the changing world we live in. The Academy’s goal is to help develop local church leaders who will train and inspire more leaders who will work together for church vitality.



Generative - (Adjective)
Capable of producing or creating.

Leadership - (Noun)
A person who guides or directs a group.

Academy - (Noun)
A school for training in a particular skill or profession.

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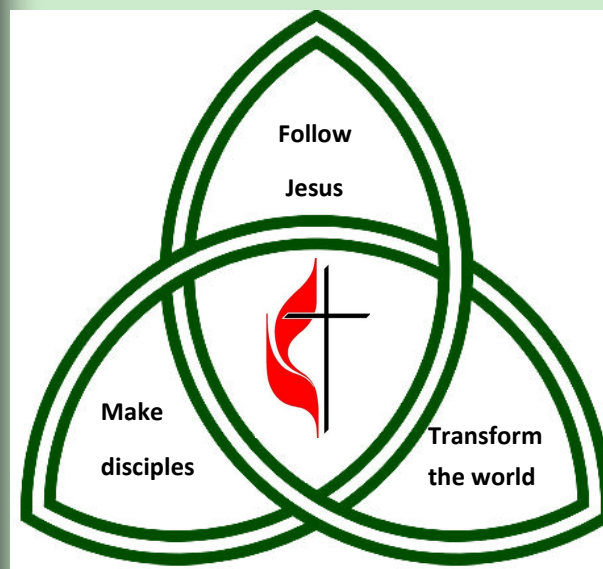


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Developing Leaders to Renew the Church

2013 Generative Leadership Academy

— for clergy and laity —



The 2013 Academy includes quarterly meetings:

**January 18-19
 April 12-13**

**August 16-17
 October 25-26**

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Vital Congregations have Gifted, Empowered & Equipped Lay Leadership



Lately the news seems to be more bad news than good news.

As a denomination, the United Methodist Church has seen its membership numbers decline for more than

50 years. We have less people professing Jesus as Lord each year, and as our population grows older, our local churches grow smaller. Fewer people are carrying the burden for building and ministry costs, and the vision for reaching those in our communities who are not in church is not the priority it once was. That all seems like bad news!

But there is good news! The UMC in the United States is aware that it needs to radically transform local congregations to reclaim our vision and our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our churches are participating in a program called Vital Congregations where each week we report on our numbers in worship, our numbers in small groups, the people involved in mission and outreach each week and those they serve. We are counting each adult profession of faith. That's a great start, but knowing these numbers is

just a beginning. Once we know where we are, we need to develop a strategy for improving those numbers. This means real change is needed in the local church, and that requires outstanding lay leadership.

Here is the really good news! The Paducah District is inviting you and your church to participate in the Generative Leadership Academy to help equip lay leadership in your church to help plan and implement these strategies for growth.

The Generative Leadership Academy will meet once every quarter during 2013—a Friday evening, and all day Saturday- for a total of 40 hours. We will share meals together, practice living in healthy Christian community, and learn key concepts that are essential for Christian leaders. Speakers will be from the District, Conference and the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship.

By the end of our time together, we will be better informed, our hearts transformed, and our hands prepared to serve where we have been called and equipped.



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Who should come to the Generative Leadership Academy?

Pastors and lay leaders who want to help lead their local church into the future with a mission and a vision. A desire to grow and serve are the only requirements.

Where will the Academy meet? The Lodge at KenLake State Park, located on Kentucky Lake with a beautiful view, great food, and lovely rooms.

What are the dates? January 18 & 19, April 12 & 13, August 16 & 17, and October 25 & 26, 2013.

What will it cost? \$100 per church for the registration fee. Room and board costs for participants will be \$85 per person, double occupancy, or \$100 per person, single occupancy for each session.

Who will be leading? Three sessions each Academy weekend with leadership from the General Board, the Memphis Conference and our local churches.

How will this benefit the local church?

After each session, leaders will have tools to take back to the local church. The goal of the Academy is to return leadership to the local church informed, transformed, and ready to intentionally work towards vitality.



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