

Together We Can: Ways to Start and Strengthen Cooperative Parish Ministries

2010 Facilitator



Rev. Jerry D. Chapman

*Author of **Together We Can, Ways to Start and Strengthen Cooperative Parish Ministries**. Jerry lives in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and works with churches and church leaders interested in cooperative ministry.*

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Myers Park UMC
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March 7-8, 2010

Charlotte District United Methodist Church

ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR

Sunday, March 7th

Congregational Teams and Clergy

Monday, March 8th

Clergy and Program Staff

Reservation forms attached. Childcare available on
Sunday, March 7th, advance reservation required.

February 4, 2010

Dear Colleagues of the Charlotte District:

Each of my seven years as your district superintendent we have provided a challenging Spring Seminar for the purpose of revitalizing the form and spirit of our churches. Doug Anderson enabled us to think in terms of the unique style appropriate for churches of various size, developing programs that are most effective and faithful in order to nurture our congregations and to stimulate growth. Ed White filled our minds with analytical concepts that provided fresh ways of developing a culture of evangelism appropriate to the twenty-first century. Robert Blackburn introduced ways of thinking about family systems that define the level of health within each church. Kennon Callahan came as a practical theologian, teaching us principles of stewardship that are applicable in any of our churches. Last year Gilbert Rendle taught us much about leading change in our churches by cultivating leadership that asks the right analytical questions and listens to both long-term members that are opposed to change and the new leadership that shows little appreciation for tradition.

Each of these creative, challenging leaders has contributed to the maturation of our discipleship. So, what is our paramount collective need in 2010?

We are a district of great corporate resources when we work in concert. But as isolated congregations, we struggle to achieve our goals and objectives. We are a district of twenty-four churches with less than 100 in attendance at worship on an average Sunday. Most of these are healthy in attitude but weak in resources. In the struggle to maintain the salary package of an elder and pay a fair-share for apportionments, these congregations are not empowered to transform the culture of their neighborhoods or grow new and effective local missions.

We have twenty-one middle-size churches that have reduced much needed staff in these times of economic austerity. We have ten large churches (with average attendance ranging from 303 to 1,653). When all our congregations share their resources, personnel, lay leadership, greater vision, and passion for ministry; great things are achieved.

Thus, this year's Spring Seminar will feature Rev. Jerry Chapman, a servant leader from Ocean Springs, Mississippi. He has given creative and dynamic leadership to a ten-church cooperative parish in his conference. Jerry is the author of **T~~o~~gether We Can: Ways to Start and Strengthen Cooperative Parish Ministries**, a 300 page book that shares his experience in this format for doing ministry.

This year's Spring Seminar is, therefore, designed for these churches and pastors that wish to learn more about the concept "cooperative parish."

We shall want teams of laity and pastor (Sunday, March 7th) and pastors and staff (Monday, March 8th) to attend an exploratory experience with Rev. Jerry Chapman, our guest facilitator for this year's seminar.

Once again we shall be recipients of hospitality from the membership and staff of Myers park UMC. This event is not for every church. But if you would like to consider participation in a cooperative parish, come with a team from your church. Only those who earnestly desire to form a cooperative parish will be considered for future formulation. Rev. Chapman will return in the fall for follow-up conversation and work with those that are so inclined to move forward.

I encourage pastors that are intrigued by the concept and want to learn more to recruit now your team. Return the accompanying registration form and expect to be challenged by a servant leader who is passionate about faithfulness to the vision of God's kingdom.

Grace and peace,



George E. Thompson
Charlotte District Superintendent

Charlotte District Churches by Size (Average Worship Attendance)

<u>Small Less than 100</u>	<u>Medium-Size 100-250</u>	<u>Large 250+</u>
<p> Agua De Vida Mission 30 Aldersgate 38 Belmont: Ebenezer 74 Belmont: St. Mark's 71 Belmont: South Point 96 Big Spring 19 Burge Memorial 50 Calvary 78 Cambodian Mission 38 Commonwealth 55 First Hmong 70 Grace 61 Hunter's Chapel 72 Kilgo 65 Morningstar 48 Purcell 63 Rock Hill 60 St. James 60 St. John's 41 St. Luke's 71 St. Paul 80 Victory 26 Wesley 72 Zoar 92 </p>	<p> Belmont: First 231 Belmont: Park Street 218 Central 124 Cokesbury 143 Cole Memorial 102 Dilworth 251 First: Charlotte 226 First: Mt. Holly 248 Ghana Mission 132 Hawthorne Lane 245 Light of Christ 214 Memorial 182 Mouzon 135 Pineville 228 Plaza 167 Sanctuary 160 Simpson-Gillespie 125 S. Tryon Comm. Mission 145 Spencer Memorial 175 St. Francis 180 St. Mark's: Charlotte 190 </p>	<p> Blair Rd. 494 Good Shepherd 1,468 Harrison 694 Hickory Grove 393 Matthews 1,653 Myers Park 1,299 Providence 847 Sharon 303 St. Andrew's 329 St. Stephen 423 </p>
24 Churches	21 Churches	10 Churches

Schedule for Spring Seminar, March 7-8, 2010

Myers Park United Methodist Church, Jubilee Hall

Rev. Jerry D. Chapman, Facilitator

For over forty years Jerry Chapman has served as a local church pastor in station and circuit charges as well as in a ten-church cooperative parish, as district and conference staff-person responsible for organizing and developing cooperative parish ministries in the Tallahassee District of the Florida Conference and the Seashore District of the Mississippi Conference, and as field representative with the Town and Country Office of the Board of Global Ministries, doing workshops and retreats on cooperative ministry with church leaders across the U.S. He is author of **Together We Can: Ways to Start and Strengthen Cooperative Parish Ministries**, a 300-page book compiling learning's and observations of the work of the modern cooperative ministry movement, and numerous articles and audio-visual resources. He lives in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and is available to work with churches and church leaders interested in cooperative ministry.

March 7, 2010 ▪ Sunday, Clergy and Congregational Teams

2:30—3:45 p.m.	<i>Session 1: What is Cooperative Ministry and Why We Should Do It?</i>
3:45—4:00 p.m.	BREAK
4:00—5:00 p.m.	<i>Session 2: What Can We Do Together through Cooperative Parish Ministry?</i>
5:00—6:00 p.m.	Dinner. Laity and clergy are to make advance reservations. Completing the accompanying form and return to the district office.
6:00—7:00 p.m.	<i>Session 3: How Can We Do It Together?</i>

March 8, 2010 ▪ Monday, Clergy and Program Staff

9:00—10:30 a.m.	<i>Session 1: Cooperative Parish Ministry and Mission Outreach</i>
10:30—11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:00—12:00 p.m.	<i>Session 2: Some Tools for Cooperative Parish Ministry</i>
12:00—1:00 p.m.	Lunch. Make advance reservations.
1:00—3:00 p.m.	<i>Session 3: What Do We Do Now?</i>

REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY, March 7, 2010

Each lecture will apply to needs of any church's size. Churches with an average attendance of less than 100 persons should recruit a team of two; attendance of 100-250, a team of three; and attendance of over 250, teams of at least four for the Sunday portion of the event.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Make Reservations as church teams.

Church Name: _____

List the members of your ministry team:

Pastor: _____ Tel./E-mail: _____
Address: _____

Laity (1): _____ Tel./E-mail: _____
Address: _____

Laity (2): _____ Tel./E-mail: _____
Address: _____

Laity (3): _____ Tel./E-mail: _____
Address: _____

Laity (4): _____ Tel./E-mail: _____
Address: _____

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### MEAL RESERVATIONS \$7 Per Person for Dinner

Meal Reservations (indicate number): \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Dinner

Total Number of Dinner Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ x Price \$7 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to Charlotte District UMC, 4108 Park Road, Suite 101, Charlotte, NC 28209**

Note on check: Total # Lunch (\$5 ea) \_\_\_\_\_, Total # Dinner (\$7 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

# REGISTRATION FOR MONDAY, March 8, 2010

## Clergy and Program Staff Personnel

(includes persons that relate to program personnel)

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**Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Make Reservations as church teams.**

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List the members of your program staff (includes persons that relate to program personnel):

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel./E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Laiety /Staff(1): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel./E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Laiety /Staff(2): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel./E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Laiety/Staff (3): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel./E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Laiety/Staff (4): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel./E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEAL RESERVATIONS - \$5 Per Person for Lunch

Meal Reservations (indicate number): \_\_\_\_\_Monday Lunch

Total Number of Lunch Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ x Price \$5 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Note on check: Total # Lunch (\$5 ea) \_\_\_\_\_, Total # Dinner (\$7 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_Total Enclosed

# CHILDCARE RESERVATIONS

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## March 7, 2010 Charlotte District Spring Seminar

**SUNDAY ONLY Childcare:** will be available at Myers Park UMC for children.  
**Reservation Deadline: February 24, 2010**

Session 1 (2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.); Session 2 (4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.); Session 3 (6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)  
Dinner: Make plans to pick up your child from the care area and bring them to Jubilee Hall for dinner.  
Meal cost \$7

Please list the name(s) and age(s) of children who will need care.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Sessions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Parents are asked to register children in advance.**  
**Childcare providers will be based upon advance reservations. If you make reservations and your child will not be present, contact the district office no later than March 3, 2010.**

Children Dinner Meal(s) \$7 each x \_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Complete and Return with Church Reservation Form if childcare is needed.