



Charlotte District

Western North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church

4108 Park Road, Suite 101
Charlotte, NC 28209-2259

August 19, 2005

Dear Clergy:

On October 18-19, the Charlotte District will sponsor a clergy retreat at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. We shall begin on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and end Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Our theme will be "The Pastor and Self-Definition". Our resource leader will be Dr. Bill Mitcham, Director of the MMC Consultation and Training Institute and Director of the Marriage Maintenance Center of Charlotte and Davidson. Bill is the former Director of Counseling and Education for Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas.

The retreat will serve the following purposes:

1. Nurture and affirm our clergy shepherds in order to provide servant leadership for congregations.
2. Spend some quality time in getting better acquainted as a district team of clergy and greeting our newest appointees to the district.
3. Enjoy each other's company in a place without TV or phones.

The cost for each participant will be \$120 for a single room and \$100 for a room shared with a clergy colleague. This cost includes your four meals, refreshments, the use of the Dogwood Hall and other resources of the Catholic Conference Center.

Please fill out the attached registration form and send with your check to the district office in order to be included in this exciting experience. We encourage you to share this invitation with your PPR Committees and ask if your church will provide funding for you to attend through the continuing education line item of your annual budget.

I hope you will be able to participate in this district event designed to help shepherd the shepherds.

Grace and peace,

George Thompson
Charlotte District Superintendent

Enclosures

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Charlotte District Clergy Retreat

Theme: *The Pastor and Self-Definition*

Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, NC 28602

October 18-19, 2005

Schedule

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Morning Refreshments
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Opening Devotions, Orientation and Group Building
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	Exploration of Conference Theme: "The Pastor and Self-Definition"
12:00 Noon- 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	"Understanding the Three Systems that Interplay in the Pastor's Life" - Part 1
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Refreshments
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	"Understanding the Three Systems...." - Part 2
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Rest, Relaxation and Recreation Time
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	"Understanding the Three Systems...." - Part 3
9:00 p.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Opening Devotions
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	"Self-Definition in the Midst of Congregational Conflict" - Part 1
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Morning Refreshment Break
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon	"Self-Definition in the Midst of Congregational Conflict" - Part 2
12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	"Less-Stress Pastoring"
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Closing and Plans for Follow-up Small Groups

Directions to the Catholic Conference Center:

From I-77 North: I-77 North to I-40 West to Exit 123 near Hickory. Follow Route 127 South for 6 miles. Right on Greedy Highway for 2.5 miles. Turn right at the Catholic Conference Center sign.

From Highway 16: Highway 16 North (Brookshire Freeway North) to Newton. Turn onto Highway 10 West and continue approximately 8 miles. Turn right onto Route 127 and continue approximately ¼ mile. Turn left on Greedy Highway and continue 2.5 miles. Turn right at the Catholic Conference Center sign.

From Highway 321: Highway 321 follow to the Highway 10 Exit. Follow Highway 10 to Route 127. Turn right onto Route 127 and continue approximately ¼ mile. Turn left on Greedy Highway and continue for 2.5 miles. Turn right at the Catholic Conference Center sign.

**CHARLOTTE DISTRICT CLERGY RETREAT
Registration Form
(Deadline September 30, 2005)**

**October 18-19, 2005
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.
Catholic Conference Center
1551 Trinity Lane · Hickory, NC 28602**

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email address:

Tel:

Check the appropriate lines:

G Reserve a Single Room \$120

G Reserve a Shared Room \$100

G I prefer a diabetic menu all four meals.

G Assign a colleague for the shared room

G I have arranged to share a room with (name) _____ who
will also send in reservation information.

G I will provide my own transportation

G I wish to carpool or ride with others.
Departing from Providence UMC parking lot on
Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

I wish to cluster with the following pastors when we discuss ways to share resources within the district:

Please make check payable to WNC Conference Treasurer.

Check amount enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Charlotte District UMC, 4108 Park Road, Suite 101, Charlotte, NC 28209-2259
Attn: DeEtta Rivens