



*About the Keynote Speaker...*

**Dr. Richard P. Heitzenrater**

Professor of Church History  
& Wesley Studies  
Duke Divinity School

Best known for "breaking the code" of Wesley's personal diaries, Heitzenrater is General Editor of the Bicentennial Edition of *The Works of John Wesley*, which includes his work in the seven volumes of Journals and Diaries. During 2002-03, he was a Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology.

Professor Heitzenrater has lectured at many distinguished institutions across North America as well as Great Britain, Sweden, Russia, Austria, Bulgaria, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Brazil. He has published 15 books, including *Wesley and the People Called Methodists*, now translated into six languages. He has contributed 22 chapters to other books and published more than 20 major scholarly articles.

Heitzenrater chaired the writing committee of the Committee on Our Theological Task that wrote the present doctrinal statement in Part II of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. He was recently senior co-editor of *Church History*, the journal of the American Society of Church History, and presently co-chairs the Wesley Studies Group of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies. He has been a clergy member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for more than 45 years.

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The Charlotte District Leadership Conference is a semi-annual event designed to bring United Methodists together from across the district to grow in our desire to follow Christ and share His love with others. This fall the DLC Workshops center around Wesleyan leadership traditions. It is our hope that this event will support and strengthen the ministries of each church in the Charlotte District.



The Charlotte District  
of the United Methodist Church  
invites you to the  
District Leadership Conference

## Wesleyan Leadership Traditions

With Keynote Speaker  
**Dr. Richard Heitzenrater**

Sunday, October 7, 2007  
2:30-5:30 pm

University City United Methodist Church  
Charlotte, NC

# Workshops

## Work of God in You ~ John Wesley and the Holy Spirit

**Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Jr.**

Professor of Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary

Dr. Tuttle has served on Asbury's faculty since 1995. He previously taught at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Oral Roberts School of Theology, and Fuller Theological Seminary. An ordained elder in the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Tuttle has also had years of experience pastoring churches in Colorado, North Carolina, Illinois and England. In addition to his knowledge of evangelism, he is a recognized scholar in the area of Wesleyan studies. Dr. Tuttle has written nine books, three of which probe areas of Wesleyan theology, tradition and/or history, including *John Wesley, His Life and Theology* and *Someone Out There Needs Me: A Practical Guide to Relational Evangelism*.

## From Interested to Involved ~ New Members' Classes and Creating a Discipleship Path

Rev. Bev Coppley, Charlotte District Evangelism/Discipleship Coach  
Tammy Cline, Director of Connecting Ministries, Univ City UMC

*Bev and Tammy will discuss the importance of regularly scheduled New Members' classes and the development of a Wesleyan discipleship path in the local church. Come learn about the integration of New Member classes, Membership Sundays, post-membership events, and individual follow-up. Includes lots of practical "how-to's" and printed information.*

## Older Adults

Suzanne Pugh, Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community

*Was your "Older Adult" Sunday school class your "Young Marrieds" class 40 years ago? Is your church geared up for the "Age Wave" and ready to become a Saging Center? We'll consider opportunities that come with intentional ministry by, for, and with older adults. Learn about near-future demographics and how your church can prepare for the shift as Baby Boomers enter their retirement years. We'll also share ways to identify and capture the gifts that come with embracing your aging church members.*

## Music and Theology

Jim Lowder, Director of Music, Pleasant Grove UMC

Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece, Pleasant Grove UMC

*This workshop will explore the theology behind our music - both traditional and contemporary. Jim Lowder has given new tunes to five Wesley hymns that he is willing to share as well. He wrote these for the Bi-Centennial celebrations.*

## Introducing Wesley to My Generation ~ Young Adults

Rev. James-Michael Smith, Good Shepherd UMC

*This workshop will explore ways by which the church can use Wesley and his life story to reach adults in their 20s and 30s, and to instill a passion for Discipleship, Theology, and Evangelism in this often-ignored and hard-to-reach demographic.*

## Schedule

2:30 Opening Worship & Keynote Address

3:30 Workshops - Session 1

4:40 Workshops - Session 2

- ◆ All workshops will be offered during both sessions
- ◆ No registration is needed unless you require childcare

## Childcare is available !

Please make reservations by noon, Wednesday, October 3  
Contact Laura Jones at 704.369.8027 or ljones@ucumc.org  
Leave message with names and ages of children

University City UMC is located at  
3835 West W.T. Harris Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28269  
704.596.4092

Questions? Beverly Parker-Reece, 704-392-2387

## Reaching Out ~ Evangelism

Rev. Steve James, Myers Park UMC

Rev. Chris Westmoreland, Assurance UMC

*This workshop will focus on reclaiming the place of evangelism in the spirit of Methodism. We will consider the important part evangelism played in the ministry of the Wesleys, and discuss what a healthy culture of evangelism looks like in our churches. Steve and Chris will share a variety of ideas for programs that can help any church touch people with the grace of God in their community.*

## Youth Ministry and Confirmation

Teresa Dunn, Director of Youth Ministries, Providence UMC

*This workshop will discuss different aspects of youth ministry with a focus on Confirmation and will consider questions such as: Why Confirm? What should be included in Confirmation? What should be required? When to Confirm?*

## Societies/Accountability ~ Small Group Ministry

Wendy Lessin, Mom's Time Out Ministry Leader, Univ City UMC  
Brandy Montambo, Adult Ministries Coordinator, Univ City UMC

*Discover the 4 components (learn, serve, reach, love) present in small groups and how they can shape effective ministries. Learn practical ways to start small groups that can grow into vital and effective ministries through planning, training, and accountability. We'll compare small groups to Wesley's Holy Club while he was in Oxford and look at the Book of Disciplines requirements for local churches (nurture/outreach/evangelism).*

## Other Workshops

**Leadership** - Dr. Richard P. Heitzenrater

## Discipline 101 ~ Social Principles

Rev. George Thompson, Charlotte District Superintendent  
Rev. Susan Heafner-Heun, Bethel and Fairfield UMCs

## Chased By Grace ~ Children's Ministry In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Rebecca Grayson, Children's Pastor, Good Shepherd UMC