

# *Charlotte District E-Pistle*

January 3, 2007

Colleagues:

During the Charge Conferences I heard from a record number of persons getting in their Lay Speaker's report forms. Thus, we recommended a very encouraging slate of persons who are eligible for the introductory class or re-certification through the training during the Mondays of February. We posted a December deadline for official registration, but received a very modest return. Thus, we are extending the time for registration to January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the persons who were recommended at your Charge Conference or other persons whom you would recommend and ask them to secure their registration form from [www.chardist.org](http://www.chardist.org) and send this to the district office promptly. The Advanced course has as its theme the Wesley Covenant ministry sponsored by the General Board of Discipleship. This training will indeed benefit all our churches. The introductory general course is always challenging for new lay speakers. These courses will be taught February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There will be two locations for everyone's convenience: Pleasant Grove UMC and St. Stephens UMC. Please help us fill all the classes with enthusiastic students.

Grace and peace,

*George*