

Charlotte District E-Pistle

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One of the seven visionary goals of our Annual Conference is *to teach and learn biblically-based discipleship* in our churches. This is best achieved in the Wesleyan spirit through small group experiences. Bishop McCleskey and the Cabinet earnestly desire to have **the Disciple Bible series taught in every parish of our Annual Conference.**

We have a unique opportunity on May 5th at Providence UMC, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Leaders will be trained for certification in the Disciple Bible small group experience. If your church has been engaged in this ministry since its inception, this is a chance to train additional small group leaders **for free**. If you are serving a congregation that has never offered Disciple Bible, this is a great time to send a team of potential leaders for training. **Did I mention that this is free?** If you are a pastor who has never experienced this training because you are new to ministry or have neglected other opportunities, this is a Saturday tailor-made for you! **For free.**

Mark Hicks who leads our Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries for both annual conferences of this state will provide the instruction. Share with the people you recruit the attached flyer.

Please promote this in your church. Disciple Bible is perhaps the most important spiritual nurture resource the United Methodist Church has produced in my lifetime. (I am only 64 years old, due to an Easter birthday.) So, this old man ardently endorses this ministry and urges you to recruit just the right leaders for implementing Disciple Bible in your church.

Like grace, **it's free.**

Grace and peace,

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