

## *Charlotte District E-Pistle*

October 1, 2008

Colleagues:

I indeed look forward to being with you at **Providence UMC** on the morning of **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. We shall gather in the Men's Bible Class, located down the right hallway near the receptionist's desk. Come even if you have not had the opportunity to read Adam Hamilton's *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* or Jim Wallis' *The Great Awakening*. These books will be reviewed, and we shall engage in some discussion of their content. But the focus will be upon equipping each pastor to minister effectively during a time of great political polarization and economic anxiety. Let us gather as clergy colleagues who can offer supportive community and corporate wisdom to one another during these momentous times. We shall begin with coffee and informal conversation at 9:30 a.m. and then launch into this relevant topic.

Delores Jones, the Providence UMC Hostess, is preparing a delicious meal for noon; but **we need your reservation for this lunch**. I encourage you to invite a layperson as your guest for this occasion. We shall gather for lunch in the Charter Annex, adjacent to the basketball court. Our special guest will be **Jennifer Roberts**, Chair of the Mecklenburg County Commission. She will speak briefly on the topic, "Why I am Politically Involved as a Christian Citizen." Contact my office (phone: 704-525-3395 or e-mail [chardist@bellsouth.net](mailto:chardist@bellsouth.net)) no later than this Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and make your reservations for the meal.

This will be an opportunity for all of us to meet and greet those clergy who are new to the Charlotte District. Don't miss this opportunity!

Grace and peace,

*George*