

# *The Charlotte District E-Pistle*

October 16, 2004

Dear Colleagues:

We all agreed at Annual Conference that our churches will work toward the designation, *safe sanctuary*. I hope that you have now chosen a team to attend the Safe Sanctuaries Workshop at Providence UMC on Saturday, October 23. **The training for church teams throughout the district is not optional.** I urge you to register for this event as soon as possible.

When we conduct Charge Conferences in the fall of 2005, every church will need to report on the congregation's progress toward conformity to Safe Sanctuary specifications. This preparation will require many months for most of our churches. We shall surely have follow-up experiences during 2005; but this workshop on October 23rd, carefully planned by a district task force, will be the key event for learning about this Conference-wide emphasis. Make sure that your team is registered this week. I am attaching a repeat of the October 6th E-Pistle that outlined the expectations and promoted this important event. I am also attaching a copy of the resolution we passed at Annual Conference.

We shall all be proud of leading the faith community of the Charlotte area in making certain that our United Methodist churches are indeed places of safety and covenant love for all children and youth who participate in our ministries.

Grace and peace,

*George*