
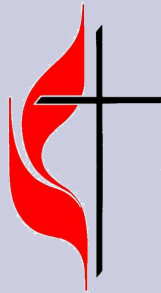


2011 DLC—FEBRUARY 19
Richness of Reconciliation
 The Joy of Life in God's Kingdom


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**2011
 Charlotte
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Richness of Reconciliation

The Joy of Life in God's Kingdom

**Saturday, February 19, 2011
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
 Myers Park UMC
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2011 DLC: Richness of Reconciliation—The Joy of Life in God's Kingdom

From the District Superintendent



A pastor said to me after last year's DLC, "If I had known that the keynote speaker and classes would be this good, I would have promoted the event better in my church." The planning team of our Academy for Christian Discipleship works diligently each year to

focus upon a relevant, practical and urgent theme. The population of Metropolitan Charlotte (including all communities of this district) is becoming increasingly diverse. For some congregations, this is an exciting possibility for initiating creative, innovative forms of ministry; for others, this reality presents a formidable challenge and becomes a major factor in decline. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Chris Rice, is a dynamic and engaging voice for reconciliation and will offer us a great Kingdom-based vision for the emerging church. Each of our classes at the February 19th DLC will relate to this theme.

Who should attend this lively Saturday event? All elected leaders of the church: members of Council/Administrative Boards, committee members (not just chairpersons), clergy, and the general membership of the church that wants to be challenged to view diversity (racial, ethnic, age, gender, economic, etc.) as a gift from God to the church—not a threat. So, promote DLC, 2011, BEFORE the event and prevent people from regretting that they did not know how inspiring these few challenging hours can be.

Dr. George Thompson

2011 DLC Schedule

- 8:45 a.m. Gathering/ Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Music and Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Keynote Session
- 10:45 a.m. Workshops
- 12:00 noon Adjournment

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Chris Rice



We are privileged to have as our keynote speaker Chris Rice, Co-Director of the Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School. Chris will lead us in exploring the richness of our distinctive Christian vision for reconciliation, imagining how God calls us, as individuals and congregations, to live as ambassadors of Christ's reconciliation. Before arriving at Duke in 2000, Chris lived and worked for 17 years in an inner-city neighborhood of Jackson, Mississippi with Voice of Calvary, an interracial church and community ministry. Chris and his wife Donna have 3 children, and Chris is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

2011 DLC Workshops

Get Real 2011: Real Conversation About Our Community's Values, Budgets and Choices
 Presenter: Dianne English & Crossroads Charlotte

Experience and participate in one segment of a program designed and offered by Crossroads Charlotte to help you and others deal more knowledgeably, creatively and positively with upcoming budget decisions and their impact. The full program, including a Participant Guide, will be available for use in congregations. Crossroads Charlotte is a civic engagement project engaging individuals, organizations, neighborhoods and networks in building access, inclusion, equity and trust while "imagining our tomorrow but acting today." This workshop will feature a Crossroads Charlotte poet and other members of the Crossroads Charlotte team.

Dianne English is a life-long Methodist and member of Myers Park UMC. She sees Crossroads Charlotte as an opportunity to engage intentionally and creatively with other people of faith around issues of consequence and to raise awareness and build connections that can lead to personal and community transformation.



More Workshops Inside

The Journey of Reconciliation

Presenter: Chris Rice

Building on his keynote lecture, Chris will share the vision, ministry and work of the Center for Reconciliation, including stories of Christians around the world along the journey of reconciliation.



Moving Past Conflict in the Church

Presenter: Dr. John V. Arey, Jr.

Dr. Arey will bring to this class a vast range of professional experiences from his many years of working as a consultant for churches, leading congregations in ways to move beyond conflict in order to experience reconciliation.

Dr. John Arey, the Executive Director of the Methodist Counseling Center and Services, is an ordained elder in our Annual Conference and a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. An active member at Providence UMC, he has received special training church conflict resolution and building healthy congregations.



What Every Church Member Needs to Know About Poverty

Presenter: Rev. Alexis Coleman

Dr. Ruby Payne's work on economic class will help churches who want to reach out to people in poverty. We'll look at the "hidden rules" of economic class, the mindsets of people in poverty, and tips for including people in poverty into the congregation, among other topics.

Rev. Alexis Coleman is a certified trainer for *Bridges Out of Poverty*, a comprehensive approach to understanding poverty. She is a Provisionary Elder serving in ministry at Homestead UMC.



Resolving the Worship Wars

Presenter: Jimmy Jones

Contemporary, Traditional or Emerging. What style of worship do you prefer, and is that even the right question to be asking? There are more options than ever for churches when it comes to preparing for worship. With such a diversity of resources and styles of worship offered today, perhaps a better question would be, how do we keep our worship service from becoming a point of division? In this workshop we will discuss strategies for worship that reflect the unity of the Body of Christ. Take time prior our session to read Hebrews 10:24-25.

Jimmy Jones is the Director of Music and Organist at Myers Park UMC.

Hispanic Ministry in Every Healthy Church

Presenter: Rev. Tim Webster

Our district superintendent has consistently articulated the proposition that "every healthy church can engage in some facet of Latino/Hispanic ministry." Participants in this class will learn how to get started in some facet of a vibrant Hispanic ministry, or how to sustain an outreach to Hispanics when money is scarce.

Rev. Tim Webster is an Associate Pastor at Harrison UMC where he offers special pastoral leadership to Hispanic members, including a Spanish language service of worship.



Inner Conflict, Inner Peace

Presenter: Rev. Angela Pleasants

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid"(John 14:27). What is this peace Jesus is speaking of? How can we find this peace during crisis and conflict? This class will focus on the inner peace desired in dealing with inner conflict from outer crises. We will learn to be attentive to the presence of the Spirit within us and the community of faith.

Rev. Angela Pleasants is a graduate of North Carolina A&T University and Duke University Divinity School. She is serving in her fourth year as the pastor of Central UMC in Charlotte.



The Labyrinth Walk

Presenter: Kathy Mansfield

The Labyrinth is a centuries-old spiritual tool, inviting participants to begin a journey of prayer and spiritual reflection. Using a canvas labyrinth, participants will be invited to learn more about the labyrinth as a means of prayer and reflection and then participate in a guided walk, reflecting on God's vision of *shalom*, lamenting broken places in our world, and listening with hope for the direction of the Holy Spirit, leading us toward transformation and wholeness.

Kathy Mansfield first walked a labyrinth in France ten years ago. Since then, she has been on a journey of discovery and enlightenment, allowing the labyrinth to help her and others connect to God in new ways. A member of Myers Park UMC, Kathy is a Certified Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator.

Children's Ministry: Dealing with Bullies

Presenters: Jenny Reilly and Emily Brown

The church must be equipped to provide spiritual support to children and parents as we face the problem of bullying in our schools and communities. Join a Christian Educator and a School Counselor as they help inform and educate adults about the problem of bullying and what we can do to help our children when bullying is a problem.

Jenny Reilly is the Certified Director of Christian Education at Salem UMC in Denver in the Lake Norman District. Emily Brown is in her third year as a school counselor with Gaston County Schools.



Youth Ministry: Dealing with Bullies

Presenters: Rebecca Greene and Grant Sparks

All teens today know, are victim to, or have become bullies. Being a Christian doesn't protect them from the cruelty that can take place in schools, home, on line or even church. What becomes critical is clarifying the contradiction of their faith and these behaviors. We must teach that their faith gives them another way to respond. Join a Christian Educator and a School Counselor as they help inform and educate adults about the problem of bullying and what we can do to help our youth deal with this issue.

Becky Greene is the Director of Youth Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Gastonia where she has served since 1979. Grant Sparks is the Director of School Counseling for Gaston County Schools and has held that position for the last four years.



Ending Financial Tension in the Church

Presenter: Rev. David Snipes

Few issues in the life of the church elicit more diversity of philosophy and attitude than the issue of money. Tension permeates committee meetings amidst such a diversity of perspectives. Ministry is stagnated by indecision and delay. How can the church move beyond this paralysis and practice a joyful spirit through the wise and faithful stewardship of money?

David Snipes has been the President of the United Methodist Foundation since 2002. He is a graduate of Emory School of Theology (1994) and an ordained elder (1996) of the WNC Conference.

SPRC: No Longer Daniel's Den of Lions

Presenter: Dr. George Thompson

The primary function of the SPRC is "to encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor(s) and staff and their family(s)." How does this crucial committee maintain a focus upon the central mission of the congregation and remain an agent for constructive resolution of tension? How can the SPRC/PPR Committee guide the church and its pastor through an affirming and redemptive transition in pastoral leadership?

Dr. George Thompson is completing his eighth and final year as the Charlotte District Superintendent.



Trustees & the Hospitable Use of Church Facilities

Presenter: Dr. William "Bill" Jeffries

We are the church and how we use our church facilities is a reflection of who we really are. This class will explore ways our facilities can be used to reach out into our communities and share God's love.

Dr. Bill Jeffries is the senior associate pastor at Providence UMC where his primary areas of concentration are Ministries of Outreach (both global and local), and spiritual formation ministries. He is active in the community as a member of the Community Building Initiative, the Jeremiah Coalition, Methodist Counseling Center Board, Communities in Schools and the Emergency Winter Shelter.



Evangelism with Diversity

Presenter: Rev. Talbot Davis

Good Shepherd UMC is not only one of the fastest growing congregations in the WNC Annual Conference; it is also one of the most diverse in ethnic, racial, age, and economic backgrounds. This is the result of a highly intentional evangelism and faithfulness to a Christ who breaks down all barriers within the community of his coming Kingdom.

Rev. Talbot Davis, a graduate of Princeton University and Asbury Theological Seminary, is serving in his twelfth year as the second pastor of Good Shepherd UMC.