

What are the goals of this event?

- To develop stronger rural leadership and voice
- Learn how to write and submit legislation
- To participate and represent your church
- To learn what your lay/clergy vote upon
- To offer a rural voice for Gen. Conf. delegates
- Understand the flow of the various conferences
- Why conferences work or don't work for SMC's
- Help suburbanites understand the rural and town & country context
- Effect your conference and district
- To understand the SMC's are more numerous than large, thus they have more voting power

What is TARRP?

Town and Rural Resource Programming is a consortium of clergy from East and West Ohio Conferences dedicated to providing educational opportunities and ministry enhancement programs to town and country congregations across the state of Ohio. TARRP's mission is to create workshops/academies/training that develop stronger leadership in town, country, and rural places, so there is more effective proclamation, nurturing, and outreach taking place, for the transformation of the world in Jesus's name. TARRP trainings are offered to you at a greatly reduced cost, offset by your apportionment dollars through grants from East and West Ohio Conferences.

Location:

The Methodist Theological School in Ohio
3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware Ohio 43015

They are located on US Route 23 exactly 10 miles north of I-270, the Columbus outerbelt. This is 2 hours from Cleveland or Cincinnati.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Gallery of the Alford Centrum which adjoins the Dickhaut Library, seen directly in front of you, as you enter the grounds.

A Continental Breakfast is provided in the Gallery, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Worship begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Centrum. Come a little early to meet others and enjoy the hospitality. Parking is to the right and left of the entrance.

An elevator is available through the columned front doors of the library.

Call Rev. Debra Ketcham at 614-580-2382 the day of the event for an emergency number or questions.

We thank the Methodist Theological School in Ohio for helping make this event possible.



The Super 8 and the Best Western are available just north of the seminary on US 23. Additional hotels available at I-270.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next TARRP Workshop will be held on Sat., Nov. 15, 2014 at MTSO from 9 am to 4 pm. The focus will be '*Discovering Our Neighbors: Those We Don't See or Understand*' for outreach, mission, and evangelism. Bring a team!!

Developing Effective Leadership

Town and Rural Resource Program of East & West Ohio Conferences invite:

All Small Membership

Church:

Lay Servants & Speakers

Part-time & Fulltime

Local Pastors

Associate Members

Student Pastors

Provisionals

Elders & Lay Leaders to:

Small Churches Can

Have A Big Impact:

Making your Voice &

Vote Count!

with Bishop Palmer

Sat., Sept. 6, 2014

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Held in conjunction with

Methodist Theological

School in Ohio

Just south of Delaware on Rt. 23

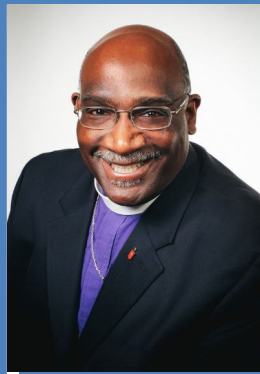
SMALL MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES ARE UNIQUE



Small membership churches, whether rural or urban, have had very few representatives to Jurisdictional and General Conferences. The reality is, not every small membership church (SMC) sends a lay representative to their yearly annual conference for voice and vote.

In 2015, the delegates to Jurisdictional & General Conferences will be selected. Rural and Town & Country (T&C) churches have an opportunity to equip our lay and clergy, to give a voice and vote to address our specific concerns, no matter which other caucuses they tend to support. We can also submit legislation through our annual conference for the needs of our specific context.

Come and discover that rural and T&C churches can have voice, vote and an amazing impact.



Our morning speaker is Bishop Gregory Palmer, Resident Bishop of West Ohio Conference. He has served churches in North Carolina, Eastern PA, East Ohio, and as the District Superintendent of the Youngstown District of East Ohio Conference.

Bishop Palmer was elected to the episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdiction in 2000, assigned to the Iowa Conference, and in 2008 assigned to the Illinois Area. He served as the president of the Council of Bishops from 2008-2010.

Bishop Palmer is an inspirational and motivational speaker. He will share how the various levels of conferences work and don't work for small membership churches; how SMC might have a voice in General Conference (GC) as they attend Annual Conference; how SMC's can select delegates to give voice to the small town and rural churches; how we can equip rural clergy and lay leadership, and cast an overall vision of our work as a connectional church.

The afternoon session will feature Rev. Bill McCartney, retired professor of MTSO, who instructed seminary students at numerous General Conferences; Rev. Roger Grace, National President of the UM Rural Advocates whose group has given SMC's in the rural areas voice; Rev. John Gilmore, President of the West Ohio UMRA, whose group has made great strides in giving voice to T & C Churches in West Ohio; and we will hear from a former delegate to GC & Jurisdictional Conferences on their experiences.

Our morning worship speaker will be Rev. Dr. Joon-Sik Park, professor of Evangelism at MTSO and the Director of the Course of Study at MTSO.

We have the power to help our churches be all they can be to transform our world in Jesus' name!

Small Churches Can Have A Big Impact: Making your Voice & Vote Count!

Sat., Sept.. 6, 2014

Name: _____

Church/Charge: _____

Conference _____ District _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Total attending from your church/charge _____

Amount remitted: _____

Additional Names: _____

Registration is: \$25.00 for one person; \$23.00 each for two persons from the same church; \$20.00 each for three or more from the same church/charge. This includes event, continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and handouts.

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Seating is limited to 120.

Registration Deadline is: August 25, 2014

Send registration with checks payable to TARRP to:

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