

2015-2016 LEADERSHIP UMC

A program of the North Georgia Conference Board of Laity for emerging leaders!

Leadership UMC (LUMC) has completed its 13th consecutive year of successful training and development of emerging laity leaders with graduation in April 2015. We celebrate that LUMC has over 500 graduates, many of which have now assumed major leadership roles in the local church, district, conference and beyond. Some graduates were elected as delegates to the 2012 and 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. During the 2015 annual conference, we had 64 graduates participating in the LUMC Chorus and the Thursday and Friday morning devotions were given by a 2015 LUMC graduate. Our goal is to continue the tradition of encouraging LUMC graduates toward exemplary servant leadership. LUMC is recognized throughout the country as a premier program ~ second to none ~ for equipping laity to serve in partnership with clergy for mission and ministry within the community and around the globe. LUMC is unique in its design to offer Methodist laity an experience that mentors graduates for a life-long journey “in the connection.”

The 2015-2016 series will feature our same curriculum with the four weekend workshops designed to equip the emerging leader. All workshops are facilitated by our professional staff. The dates are:

- November 13-14, 2015** *UMC History, Polity and the Discipline,*
Dr. John Beyers, Sr. Pastor, Hillside UMC, AMAR District, Facilitator
- January 15-16, 2016** *Congregational Development & Leadership Skills,*
Rev. Mike Selleck, Director, Connectional Ministries, Facilitator
- March 11-12, 2016** *Clergy & Laity Together in Shared Ministry*
Bishop Mike Watson, North Georgia Episcopal Area ~ Keynote Speaker.
Rev. Jasmine Smothers, Assoc. Director, Connectional Ministries, NGA Conference
& Mathew Pinson, NGA Conference Lay Leader ~ Workshop Facilitators.
- April 29-30, 2016** *LUMC Small Group Project Reports and 2015-2016 Class Graduation*
Graduation Ceremony Speaker: Bishop Jonathan Holston, South Carolina Episcopal Area

These four workshop topics and curriculum have proven to be essential building blocks for lay leadership. Each year we receive critique regarding each session from lay and clergy attendees and we are always making improvements. The research for the small group reports is done *outside the workshop times* and is centered on the 16 Key Drivers of Vital Congregations to assist local churches in “making disciples”. We also partner with NGA Conference Connectional Ministries to schedule the LUMC participants to serve in the Mystery Guest Visitation program to gain insight in the area of hospitality to enhance the welcoming atmosphere in our churches. All workshops are held at Simpsonwood UMC. Lodging is provided at a nearby Marriott hotel property in the Norcross area. All expenses including materials, four nights lodging, meals, and snack breaks are included in the tuition for participants. All expenses for the participant’s pastor to attend the March 11-12, 2016 session are included also. Tuition fees for the complete series:

**Participant Tuition = \$100 double occupancy room accommodation (one queen bed and one hide-away sofa bed),
OR \$260 for Single room accommodation**

Local Church Tuition = \$175;

District Tuition = \$175.

Persons with a desire to “join the leadership team” and possess the gifts and graces to fulfill a role of leadership in the local church are prime candidates for LUMC. Applicants must be recommended by 1) the local church lay leader and pastor; 2) commit to attending all of the four workshop sessions; 3) complete and submit the application to the district lay leader at the district office prior to the advertised deadline (earlier if possible). The blank application found on the reverse are on the Conference Board of Laity page of the NGA Conference web site: www.ngumc.org and/or are distributed by the districts. The District Board of Laity reviews applications and selects four applicants to recommend to the LUMC Board each year. The Conference Board of Laity and the LUMC Board of Directors are the final approving authority for each application and participant. It is important that the applicant understand that in order to receive the LUMC graduation diploma, individual certification, as well as the LUMC pin, one must be actively participate in all four sessions which begin on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. until Saturday at 5 p.m. Each workshop builds on the knowledge and information acquired in the prior session. *Equally important is that each participant is randomly assigned to a small group that works together through technology on a research project outside of the workshop times and the group’s report is presented before the class at the last session with each participant required to take an active part in the preparation, research, as well as the oral and written report.* It is an honor to be selected to represent your district at LUMC and we strive to make our laity development curriculum an exceptional experience.

For additional information, contact Jane Finley, Director, LUMC, 706-886-4039 or mifarms100@aol.com.

APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE

2015-2016 LEADERSHIP UMC APPLICATION

Submit to **your** District Office by September 15, 2015 (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

APPLICANT NAME _____ PLEASE SUBMIT 2” x 3” Photo with Application

PREFERRED FIRST NAME FOR NAME BADGE _____ Gender _____ Ethnicity _____

Age: 18-25__ 26-35__ 35-55__ 55+__ Retired__ Former Occupation, if retired: _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact Name and Phone # _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Contact Information: Office # _____ Home #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Local Church: _____ District: _____

Occupation: _____ Company: _____ Current Volunteer in Church _____

Special Talents _____ Gifts/Graces _____

Leadership Positions Held in Local Church: (use additional paper as needed) Leadership Positions Held Outside Church:

_____ Date _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____ Date _____

Participant’s Signature _____ Printed Name _____

Recommended/Nominated by: Local Church Lay Leader: Name _____ Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Sr. Pastor Recommendation: Printed Name & Signature _____

Name of Pastor **committed to attend** the March 11-12, 2016 Session: _____

Pastor’s Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

District Superintendent’s Signature of Approval of Participant: _____

IMPORTANT DATES & PROCESSING INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATION

PARTICIPANTS ~ September 15, 2015 ~ Deadline for submission of participant’s completed application to district office. *Due to your attendance requirement at all workshops, please evaluate potential conflicts and your personal holiday observances and life event celebrations with the 2015-16 LUMC before making application.* For more information, contact your district office or district lay leader. *Only one participate per church/one per family will be selected per year.* Read carefully the requirements on the reverse. Please notate the sleeping arrangements for double accommodation lodging.
October 1, 2015 ~ District lay leader’s notification to applicant and local church of board’s decision regarding LUMC selection of applicant and immediate remittance of the original application to Jane Finley, LUMC Director, 416 Black Mountain Road Toccoa GA 30577-7427. **October 15, 2015** ~ Full payment of fees from participant and local church are due to the district office, paid in full. *Make checks payable to North GA Conference*, notate for Leadership UMC and include participant’s name; mail to your district office. **October 22, 2015** ~ District to submit all payments along with the Tuition Remittance Form to: Jane Finley, 416 Black Mountain Road Toccoa GA 30577-7427

LUMC WORKSHOP SESSION DATES: November 13-14, 2015; January 15-16, 2016; March 11-12, 2016; April 29-30, 2016.