

## 2017-2018 LEADERSHIP UMC

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

Leadership UMC (LUMC) begins its 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of successful training and development of emerging laity leaders. We had 51 graduates in the 2015-16 Class in April 2016. We celebrate that LUMC has over 550 graduates, many of which have now assumed major leadership roles in the local church, district, annual conference and beyond. Some graduates were delegates to the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. During our annual conference, we invite the graduates to participate in the LUMC Chorus and the Conference Board of Laity activities including Laity Orientation. 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 2017-2018 series will feature our same basic curriculum and expanded opportunities to enhance the experience with the four weekend workshops designed to equip the emerging leader. All workshops are facilitated by our professional staff. The dates are:

- November 17-18, 2017**    *UMC History, Polity and the Discipline,*  
Dr. John Beyers, Sr. Pastor, Hillside UMC, AMAR District, Facilitator
- January 12-13, 2018**    *Congregational Development & Leadership Skills, Spiritual Gifts and more!*  
Rev. Mike Selleck, Retired NGA Clergy
- March 16-17, 2018**    *Clergy & Laity Together in Shared Ministry ~ A partnership conversation!*  
The North Georgia Episcopal Leader Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson ~ Friday’s Keynote Speaker.  
Saturday’s Workshop Facilitators: Rev. Herzen Andone, Dir. Connectional Ministries, NGA Conference  
& Bill Martin, NGA Conference Lay Leader.
- April 27-28, 2018**    *LUMC Small Group Project Reports and 2017-2018 LUMC Class Graduation*  
Graduation Ceremony Keynote Speaker: Rev. Brian Clark, Superintendent of Athens-Elberton District

These four workshop topics and curriculum have proven to be essential building blocks for lay leadership and addressing skill for vital congregations. Each session we receive critique regarding effectiveness from lay and clergy attendees and focus on suggested improvement ideas. 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 be a part of 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 Family Life Center. Lodging is provided at a nearby Marriott hotel property in the Norcross area. All expenses including workshop 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 16-17, 2018 session are included also. Tuition for the 4-session series:

- Participant Tuition = \$100 DOUBLE occupancy room accommodation (one queen bed and one hide-away sofa bed),  
OR \$320 for SINGLE room accommodation;**  
**Local Church Tuition = \$175;**  
**District Tuition = \$175.**

Persons with a desire to “join the local church 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 is on the Conference Board of Laity page of the NGA Conference web site: [www.ngumc.org](http://www.ngumc.org) and is 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 an active participant 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 to provide a strong foundation of leadership. *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. Additionally, each participant is expected to participate in the Mystery Worship Visit.* It is an honor to be selected to represent your local church and 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; [mjfarm100@aol.com](mailto:mjfarm100@aol.com).

APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE

**2017-2018 LEADERSHIP UMC APPLICATION**

Submit to your District Office by September 15, 2017 (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE SUBMIT 2” x 2” Photo with Application

PREFERRED FIRST NAME FOR NAME BADGE \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 18-25\_\_ 26-35\_\_ 36-55\_\_ 55+\_\_ Retired\_\_ Former Occupation, if retired: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Home # \_\_\_\_\_ Office #: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, Contact Name and Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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 16-17, 2018 Session:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor’s Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent’s Signature of Approval for Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT DATES & PROCESSING INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATION**

**PARTICIPANTS ~ September 15, 2017** ~ 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 2017-18 LUMC schedule before making application.* For more information, contact your district office or district lay leader. ***Only one participant per church/one per family will be selected per year.*** Read carefully the requirements on the reverse and notate the lodging arrangements for double accommodation lodging.

**October 1, 2017** ~ District lay leader’s notification to selected applicant and local church of board’s decision regarding LUMC selection. District to sent the original application immediately to Jane Finley, LUMC Director, 416 Black Mountain Road Toccoa GA 30577-7427. **October 10, 2017** ~ Full payment of tuition 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 15, 2017** ~ District to submit all payments along with the Tuition Remittance Form to: Jane Finley, 416 Black Mountain Road Toccoa GA 30577-7427

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