



Helping your church to grow

Disciples of Jesus Christ are called to three primary responsibilities: follow Jesus, love God and love neighbor, and to go make disciples of Jesus. Our lack of faithfulness has lead to shrinking numbers in worship, a lack of witness to our communities and a world that is not being transformed.

The Paducah District wants to help your church grow. There are many challenges facing the District in the next decade, and we believe equipping strong, effective, gifted leadership is the key to growth and vitality. To develop this leadership an Academy is being formed to begin in January of 2015.

The Generative Leadership Academy was developed to help deeply committed Christian leaders who are eager to serve, find direction and guidance for the changing world we live in. These leaders will train and inspire more leaders who will work together for church vitality. Church vitality will transform the world!

Generative - (Adjective)
Capable of producing or creating.

Leadership - (Noun)
The position or function of a leader, a person who guides or directs a group.

Academy - (Noun)
A school for training in a particular skill or profession.

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Developing Leaders to Renew the Church

2015 Generative Leadership Academy

for clergy and laity



The 2015 Academy will meet on:

**February 27-28
May 1-2
August 14-15
October 23-24**

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Discovering, Equipping , Connecting and Sending Generative Leadership



At the 2014 Memphis Annual Conference delegates adopted a mission and value statement to give direction and guidance to a future where we are expecting Greater Things are Yet to come!

The Mission of the Memphis Conference is to discover, equip, connect and send lay and clergy leaders who shape congregations that offer Jesus Christ to a hurting world one neighborhood at a time.

GLA is designed to work with leaders *discovered* by their local church, *equip* them with the fundamentals of the faith, *connect* them with resources and other disciples to live into their call and develop their spiritual gifts, so they can be *sent* back to the local church and community to offer Christ to the neighborhood.

The vision of the Paducah District is “Communities of Disciples of Jesus practicing Kingdom Living”.

The dream for GLA is for graduates to become instrumental in helping develop these communities within our current local churches and to help birth new communities. By developing strong, connectional leaders who are intentional about mission and ministry in the community, we trust these communities of disciples will develop. Strong lay and clergy leaders living into God’s call will be transformational.

GLA is a year-long commitment with quarterly sessions. Each quarter, participants spend 24 hours at Kenlake State Resort Park learning about four different elements of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. These are:

- ◆ Meeting God — the foundation for disciples
- ◆ Piety – the practice of being with God
- ◆ Mercy – God’s love in action
- ◆ Spiritual Gifts – living into God’s call

Beginning with registration at 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, participants will explore these elements in a variety of ways:

- ◇ Worship
- ◇ Presentations
- ◇ Small Groups
- ◇ Fellowship



GLA graduates will have a better understanding of Wesleyan discipleship. There will be a stronger connection between the churches in the Paducah District, and participants will identify their spiritual gifts and explore God’s call.

GLA is designed to develop leaders who will work to help the local church become vital and fruitful in reaching the world for Jesus Christ. As each church lives into being a missional outpost for the Gospel, generative leaders will be the key to making this change possible. Change is a challenge to everyone. Being confident in sharing our call as followers of Jesus Christ will help the local church make the change possible.

Who should come to Generative Leadership Academy?

Pastors and lay leaders who want to help lead their local church into the future with a mission and a vision. A desire to grow and serve are the only requirements.



Where will the Academy meet?

The Lodge at Kenlake State Resort Park, located on Kentucky Lake with a beautiful view, great food and lovely rooms.

What are the dates? February 27-28, May 1-2, August 14-15, October 23-24

What will it cost? \$100 per church for the registration fee. Participant fees are as follows: “Resident” cost (overnighters) for the year is \$360 per person, based on double occupancy or \$420 per person for a private room. Commuter cost for the year is \$150. An installment of \$75 per person is required upon registration. Payments can be made by check or cash in installments to the Paducah District Office or by PayPal or credit card online at <https://memphis-reg.brtapp.com/GLA2015>.

GLA Junior: Children are welcome to attend GLA with their parents. During presentations and small groups, children will attend their own programming. Meals and worship will be shared as a family. Children stay free in room with parents and pay \$18 for food.

How will this benefit the local church? After each session, leaders will have tools to take back to the local church to share. Each leader will have a small group to help discuss ways to implement what they are learning for their congregation.