

DeKalb District Leadership Training Event

Our Theme:

**“Who is My Neighbor”
and what is our Church’s
Current Reality?
What’s God’s Reality for
the Church’s Future?**

Our Target:

**To Train, Educate, Equip,
and Empower Clergy and
Laity to be in ministry
beyond the church’s walls
into our communities with
our neighbors!**

Our Goal:

**Empowering, energizing
laity and clergy to be
inspired by God’s Most
Holy Spirit to develop and
share compelling stories in
our District of mission and
ministry to our neighbors.**

Bishop Sally Dyck



At annual conference in June, we announced our launch of the Imagine NO Malaria campaign to do our part as an annual conference in our Church’s contribution and partnership in eliminating deaths from malaria by World Malaria Day on April 25, 2014. That’s coming up fast!

Special Offering

Raising at least \$1 million dollars means that every church needs

to make a significant contribution.

Yes, you have participated in Nothing But Nets in the past, but you will learn how important it is in the elimination of the disease to go beyond nets; nets won’t eliminate the disease! It requires education, treatment, communications, advocacy and prevention; all of these together have proven to be the most effective long-term method to prevent and eliminate malaria.

Remember: by April 25, 2014 we need pledges for up to three years; not all the money in hand. We can do this!

- Malaria, a disease spread by mosquitoes: 3.3 Billion people are at risk of infection
- Kills 655,000 of those infected
- Is a leading killer of children in Africa

Malaria is preventable. When 80% of homes in a village have a bed net, rates of infection drop for the entire community.

Malaria is treatable. Effective means to diagnose and treat malaria already exist.

Malaria is beatable. With our partners, The United Methodist Church aims to eliminate deaths from malaria by 2015.

DeKalb District Lay Leadership Training

January 11, 2014

Event Location

Sycamore United Methodist Church

160 Johnson Avenue

Sycamore, IL 60178

815-895-9113

Calling All Church Leaders

Including:

Trustees

SPRC Committee

Lay Leader

Worship Leader

This workshop is for you...

***Registration Deadline
January 6, 2014***

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DeKalb District Lay Leadership Training

Welcome!

This coming new year, join us for an enlightening and insightful leadership event for the DeKalb District. Bishop, Sally Dyck will be our Keynote Speaker.

Conference Outline

- 8:30—9:00 am Registration
- 9:00—10:00 am Opening Worship
Offering for “Imagine No Malaria”
- 10:00—10:15 am Announcements
- 10:15—10:30 am Break w/Snacks
- 10:30—11:45 am Session 1
- 11:45—12:45 pm Lunch
- 12:45—2:00 pm Session 2
- 2:00—2:30 pm Closing Worship/Evaluations

Workshop Descriptions

A. “Unleash the Power of Older Adults” —

Pong Javier, Presenter

Both Session 1 & 2

Workshop for ALL ages: learn what ministry for older adults is all about. We demonstrate how you can be in ministry with and for older adults in your congregations. It is the fastest growing population in church and society. Surprised?

B. Listening, Learning, Leading for the Future of Gods’ Church in Our Community —

L3 Teams; Oregon, Sycamore, Sterling; Wesley, Polo: Faith and Prophetstown, Presenters

Both Session 1 & 2

Come, hear & ask questions of the leaders from 5 churches in the Dekalb District who have worked with Church Leader and Trainer, Rev. Dr. Barry Carpenter. Hear their stories! God is transforming the churches after they began studying themselves and their communities! Participants will hear how developing yearly goals, and strategies to address those goals will set an action plan for the church that results in God’s vision for the church’s future.

C. Social Media and Ministry in the 21st century —

Rev. Melissa Meyers, Presenter

Both Session 1 & 2

Do you often wonder if you should post something on your Facebook wall or tweet a picture? Are you vining on your instagram or pinning your snap chats? With the many ways that we have to keep connected today, it can be confusing & hard to keep up on the newest form of social media, let alone how your church can use it! This workshop will give a basic overview on how to use social media & why it's important for your church to have a presence.

Workshop Descriptions (Continued)

D. Staff Parish Relations Issues and Guidelines —

Rev. Arlene Christopherson, Assistant to the Bishop, Presenter
Both Session 1 & 2

In this workshop Rev. Christopherson will provide all the participants with in depth knowledge on how to effectively conduct SPRC meetings with realistic examples of common issues that Staff Parish Relation Committees face today. This is a hands on workshop that will provide valuable resources. Whether you have been on SPRC before or are brand new to it, this workshop is for you!

E. Retreat Ministries & Camping Opportunities for All Ages —

Eric Hoffman, Director Camp Reynoldswood, Presenter

Session 2 only

Mission trips, year round adult-focused retreats, youth camps, and family retreats, provide an experiential learning opportunity to witness God’s love and blessings. Listen to stories about the camping and retreat experiences from youth and adults who have had these opportunities. We will also lift up the changes at Reynoldswood, and discuss new ways for us to connect with individuals, partner with local congregations, and share in the ministry with all who come to your United Methodist camp.

F. Strategic Planning in the Church —

Rev. Ken Ehrman, Presenter

Session 1 only

This is a practical workshop. Let’s be strategic about our vision. Let’s accomplish what we set out to accomplish. With some focus and some fun, the church can get its mission done.

G. Children’s Christian Education in the 21st century (thru 6th grade) —

Deacon, Sherry Scates

Both Session 1 & 2

Churches today often feel frustrated by their efforts to nurture children in the faith and engage families. This workshop will highlight a holistic approach to faith formation, with practical tips and tools for churches of any size. Attention will be given to community outreach, the mission of the church, curriculum options, and teaching practices.

H. Keeping God’s Church Safe and Managing Risks —

Rev. Bob Burkhardt, Chair of NIC Trustees

Jim Howard, Director of Ministry Protection

Both Session 1 & 2

Trustees will receive valuable and helpful information regarding building safety and maintenance issues. The presenters come with knowledgeable backgrounds, experience and expertise to share on managing the risks involved in offering our churches to our neighbors!

I. Imagine No Malaria —

Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Field Coordinator

Session 1 only

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths from malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. With a comprehensive approach to fighting this killer disease, Imagine No Malaria empowers the people of Africa to improve health infrastructure and achieve a sustainable victory over malaria. Join this workshop to learn about your church can be involved in this life saving ministry.

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Registration Deadline is January 6, 2014

Church: _____	Please indicate by Workshop letter, which workshop would be your first & second choice: _____	Please indicate if there are any allergies or reasonable accommodations that may be needed: _____
Address: _____	Section 1 _____	_____
City, State, Zip: _____	Section 2 _____	_____
Phone: _____	Section 1 _____	_____
_____	Section 2 _____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Position w/ Church _____	_____	_____
Email Address: _____	_____	_____
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Mail registration form and \$10.00 per person or \$30 per church to: Rockford/DeKalb Regional Office

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