

Called to BE, Called to BELieve, Called to BE Leaders Conference
A Vocational Discernment Conference for Young Adults, July 18-20, 2014

The United Methodist Church needs new clergy now more than ever. A recent report indicated the need for 4,000 ordained elders by 2020 and an additional 5,000 by 2030. God is calling young people, but it is often difficult for them to hear and accept this call. It takes a church to help a young person discern a call. Community United Methodist Church has received a “Young Clergy Initiative” grant from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to conduct a vocational discernment event to help young adults discover God’s call to serve.

United Methodist church leaders and pastors are invited to nominate high school and college students who have gifts for church leadership to participate in a vocational discernment conference at North Central College and Community United Methodist Church in Naperville, IL. Pastors, youth leaders, and lay leaders are encouraged to send the names and addresses of nominated students to calledtobe@communityunitedmethodist.org. Each nominee will receive a letter of invitation inviting him or her to participate in the conference, and each church is encouraged to pay its student’s registration fee of \$250.

The “Called to BE” leadership conference will help high school and college students to consider their vocational calling to serve God and to prepare for the future. Participants will meet young adults living into their vocations in their churches and communities. The conference will include devotions, Bible studies, workshops, and worship led by young UM pastors and North Central College and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary students. Highlights of the conference include campus tours of North Central College and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, visits to dynamic local churches, and sightseeing in Chicago.

Conference leaders are: Rev. Grace Imathiu and Rev. Sarah Meacham of Community United Methodist Church in Naperville, IL; North Central College Chaplain Rev. Eric Doolittle; Garrett-Evangelical Assistant Director of Admissions Grant Crusor; Retired North Central College Chaplain Rev. Dr. Lynn Pries; and conference coordinator Lauren Wallem Rheingans.

Registration will be from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, July 18. The cost of registration including all meals, housing (in a North Central College residence hall), and transportation is \$250. The deadline for the required pre-registration is July 1, 2014. Once a student accepts the nomination, please send the check made out to Community United Methodist Church and the registration form to:

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