



Peninsula-Delaware Conference

of The United Methodist Church

Board of Lay Ministries



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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This year The United Methodist Church will be celebrating the ministry of Laity on Sunday, October 18, 2009. We would like to thank each lay speaker and lay minister that serve the Peninsula - Delaware Annual Conference in your many ministries. We celebrate your many gifts and talents that you offer to the life of the church.

God calls every Christian to be faithful in ministry. We are the church made visible in the world, and it is our responsibility to let the world know who Jesus Christ is. We cannot delegate this responsibility, nor can we evade it. Our ministry is both a gift and a task that requires unstinting service.

It is important that we live out our ministry as they have been gifted and called whether in the factory or in the hospital, at work or at home, in the church or in the community.

All God's People in
All Places,
And in
All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.

Ministry of the Laity

The ministry of the laity was the backbone of early Methodism. Today we need to remember our rich heritage and restore the ministry of the laity in the Peninsula - Delaware Annual Conference to become the Church as God intended it to be. We use our spiritual gifts for various kinds of ministry within the areas of leading, caring, and communicating. This year our main focus is transforming the world through "**prayer.**" Prayer is very important to the life of the church. Prayer is the act of addressing God. Many times we talk about prayer and too often we do not practice prayer in our daily living. Prayer is the key that can unlock the door that is in front of us that we need to open.

Let's practice prayer! For we know that prayer changes things and today we are gearing up, reaching in, reaching out, and living the power that's in prayer. Today, take 15 - 20 minutes in reading the scriptures and having a moment of prayer with the Lord! Let's see how many doors we can open together!

We ask that you please visit the link below to the GBOD - Equipping World-Changing Disciples (Laity & Lay Speaking Ministry) website and use the resources for planning a spiritual worship celebration in the Lord. If you should need any help with the information or other resources please feel free to contact your district lay leader or one of us for assistance.

We pray that each of you have a blessed and wonderful day in the Lord!

Grace & Peace,

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