

# SMALL CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**2011**  
**EQUIPPING LAITY & PASTORS**  
**WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**  
**FOR LEADING THEIR SMALL ATTENDANCE**  
**CHURCH INTO THE FUTURE.**



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7:00 pm

6pm Dinner  
 7pm Sunday  
 Evening Worship

Preaching by  
 Rev. Nathan  
 Mattox



MOUNT SEQUOYAH CONFERENCE CENTER, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

**NOVEMBER 13-17, 2011**

REGISTER AT: [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org)

Program Fee: \$299 per person (includes program cost and 12 meals)

A limited number of \$100 scholarships are also available - apply early.

Lodging Reservation & details available at [www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org)

Limited to 150  
 Participants.  
 Register Soon!

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Morning Singing  
 and Praise  
 8:45 am  
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**Rev. Diana Northcutt** is the Director of Discipleship in Small Membership Churches for the Oklahoma Annual Conference. She has worked with local churches in one form or another for more than 35 years, and has served in Oklahoma for 20 years. She co-wrote the book "Get Real" and continues to participate in teaching and coaching local churches.

**TOPICS:**  
**Monday 9am - 10**  
 "Falling In Love With The Open Range: When your heart is in the city."

**Tuesday 9am - 10am**  
 "Developing a Confirmation pattern for the small attendance church."

**Wednesday 9am - 10am**  
 "Single digit youth ministry for the small attendance church."



Monday  
 10:15-12:00 1:30- 5:00

**The Rev. Edward A. Kail**, received his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. As District Superintendent, Chair for Town and Country Ministries at Saint Paul seminary, national president of the United Methodist Rural Fellowship, and as District Field Outreach Minister he has worked to strengthen rural churches and to develop and enhance the ministry of the laity.

**Workshop Description:** Many United Methodist Churches are in need of revitalization in the mission of Jesus Christ. Small membership churches face some particular challenges within the rapidly-changing social and cultural environments around them. In this workshop, we will consider approaches for pursuing missional revitalization through a scheme of discernment, research, action and continual learning. The aim: you will go home stirred up to work for Christ's kingdom! *The case for revitalization; The crucial move: Inside/Outside; Where's Jesus?; Which church are we?; What has happened to us?; Where are we?; Tools for community exploration; Small Membership Churches in action; What's working?; What is yet needed?*



Monday 7pm  
 for Spouses  
 Roundtable Discussion:  
 "When You're Married  
 to the Preacher..."  
 with Bonnie Cates



**MONDAY  
 EVENING 7PM**  
**Preaching with Images:**  
 How might one effectively use images in a small church setting? What are good resources to find appropriate images that might enhance a scripture reading or sermon? How might one best display images in worship? What about engaging images or creating images during worship? This session will explore these questions and more.

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**The Rev. Dr. Kwasi Kena**, serves as the Director of Evangelism Ministries for the United Methodist Church. Prior to his present position, Kwasi has served in a variety of ministry settings: cross-cultural, small church; new-church start; missionary to Ghana West Africa, Missionary in Residence at GBGM, Congregational Development Coordinator in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, Field Services Director and General Editor of UM Magazine for the General Commission on United Methodist Men. Kwasi is a teacher, preacher, writer, and musician. His great passion is helping people discover a spiritual "aha."

**Keynote Address Title and Description: When You Say 'Church' What Do You Mean?**  
 Church, over the millennia the architecture has changed, but what about its purpose? What do people want, need, and expect from "the church" today? The denominational decline indicates that many people are yawning at what many churches offer. This day-long seminar will provide participants with a variety of practical ways to create a dynamic church culture that inspires people to want to be Christ-followers. Topics covered include: preaching to engage, real-world evangelism, talking about the Jesus we say we love.

**TUESDAY  
 EVENING 7PM**  
**Sermon/Writing: The small church pastorate can be one of the most conducive places for preachers with a "writer's soul." How do we make the most of this opportunity? How can creative writing feed preaching and vice versa? What are outlets for non-sermon writing? This session will explore these questions and more.**

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Wednesday  
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**The Rev. Dr. Michael Roberts** serves as the executive director of Connected In Christ, a ministry of the Arkansas Conference designed to facilitate connections for faithful and fruitful ministry. This ministry has received national recognition for helping pastors and congregations become more connected internally and externally, better equipped for ministry, and more missionally focused.

**Workshop Description:** Life-giving transformation happens as we connect people to God, to each other, to the community, to God's purpose, and to a on-going planning process that will move us forward into a more faithful and fruitful future. During our time together, we will explore some of the challenges of making these connections and, through theological insights and lots of practical ideas, show how these connections can help us fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Thursday  
 9:30 to 10:30

**Morning with Bishop Bruce P. Blake**  
**Topics:**  
 • Self Care  
 • How is it with your soul?  
 • Clergy Burnout  
 • Conflict Resolution

10:30 Closing  
 Worship

Adjourn at  
 10:45

Travel safely  
 home!



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**Travel Schedule:** Please arrange your flight or driving plans so that you will be able to attend the opening session at 7pm on Sunday, and stay through the closing at noon on Thursday.

**Continuing Education:** 2 CEU Certificate Available

**Program Fee:** \$299 per person (includes program cost and 12 meals)

**Scholarships:** A limited number of \$100 Scholarships are available. Apply early.

**Late Registration:** After March 1st - add \$100 per person

**If the pastor brings four paying laity from their charge the pastor's program fee is free.**

Registration, Lodging costs & details available at:

[www.mountsequoyah.org](http://www.mountsequoyah.org) or call Mount Sequoyah Retreat Center, 479-443-4531

**Transportation:** Northwest Arkansas Airport NXA, Jim's Shuttle 866-535-0127

or drive to 150 N.W. Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas



**GBOD**  
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"The General Board of Discipleship is grateful for the Arkansas Small Church Initiative. The learning received, the fellowship enjoyed, the inspiration shared, and the ministries affirmed make this event a worthwhile endeavor for those in ministry in small churches."

Rev. Mary Jane Pierce Norton, Associate General Secretary, Leadership Ministries, General Board of Discipleship

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Advance Announcement of Future Small Church Institute Dates: March 11-15, 2012; Nov. 11-15, 2012; March 10-14, 2013; Nov. 10-14, 2013; March 9-13, 2014