

# DeKalb District Leadership Training Event



**Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:30AM to 2:30PM**

First United Methodist Church of Dixon, 202 Peoria Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021

## A Day of Learning, Workshops, and Conversation Surrounding NIC's Three Strategic Goals

**To grow and reach  
new disciples of  
Jesus Christ**

### **Discipling Your Church through Youth Ministry**

Discipling our youth for a lifetime of living. What can youth ministry look like today? It can be as varied as are the needs of your teens. We will share pitfalls, ideas, dreams, and wins of our youth ministries. Along with the effects that a strong, positive youth group can have on the whole church.

### **Sharing Your Faith**

We all have a story of how Jesus changed our lives. Learn how to share that story with others so that they too can know Jesus.

### **Promoting Generosity**

This workshop will provide some theological/biblical concepts as well as some concrete steps helpful to promote a culture of generosity within each congregation. Generosity will be endorsed as a "spiritual gift" needed by each person seeking to be a follower of Jesus.

**To live out the conviction  
that racism is incompatible  
with Christian teaching**

### **Cultural Competency**

We live in a multicultural world with more diversity in our communities in many ways than in sometimes past. How can we reach out and love in Jesus' Name, sharing Christ's love and inviting all into our congregations?

Join Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, for this workshop as we consider what multicultural means and look at the opportunities for outreach in our diverse communities (and all communities are diverse in some ways!)

### **Caring for our Rural Neighbors**

What we will cover in this workshop;  
\*Being present as the church in the community  
\*Being aware of mental health care resources - developing a referral list & beyond  
\*Looking for warning signs of crisis  
\*Breaking down cultural barriers  
\*Naming it: talking about mental health in church

### **Welcoming Ministry**

We all think our church is friendly and can't understand why first-time guests don't come back. Participants will learn what it means to be a church of radical hospitality.

**To increase the  
number of highly  
vital congregations**

### **Roadmap for Growing as a Vital Congregation**

We will examine the vital signs of your local church and develop a local church plan for increased vitality and fruitfulness. Participants will discuss the theological purpose, sixteen common characteristics, and qualitative and quantitative measures of a vital congregation. Participants will focus on their church building blocks, goals and SMART actions to grow as a vital congregation and body of Christ that transforms lives and communities.

### **Creating Partnerships for Dynamic Ministry**

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is the intersection between clergy and congregation. During this workshop we will explore roles, responsibilities, boundaries and resources for creating dynamic ministry.

### **Rebuilding God's Church**

This is a how-to session all about establishing roots for God's church in the community. About exploring, planning, preparing and doing. We promise that you will leave with energy to make it happen.

**Register by January 22 at**

[www.umcnic.org/calendar/dekalb-leadership-training-event](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar/dekalb-leadership-training-event)

**Cost: \$15 includes lunch (\$20 at the door)**

Childcare will be provided.



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DeKalb District, Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert, Superintendent