2018 TeamWorks: To Equip Leaders
Sponsored by: Discipleship Ministries (GBOD) and Northern Illinois Conference

Purpose: To develop healthy, strategic teams in local churches in the Northern Illinois Conference using *TeamWorks* developed by Discipleship Ministries.

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Plan: Over the course of four weekends, from March to June, TeamWorks training will be offered in three Districts (Chicago Southern, DeKalb, and Elgin)

1st Session: April 21-22   -   Spiritual Life of the Leaders
2nd Session: May 19-20   -   Connecting with Your Community
3rd Session: June 9-10   - Creating a Discipleship System
4th Session: tbd   - Futurecasting

Schedule and Locations for Sessions:

Saturday Mornings -   Flossmoor: South Suburban Korean UMC (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
                                      www.kumcssc.org
Saturday Afternoons -   Schaumburg: Our Savior's UMC (2:00 pm – 5:00pm)
                                      www.osumc.org
Sundays Afternoons -   DeKalb: First UMC (2:00 pm - 5:00 pm)
                                      www.firstumc.net

Church Commitment:

Each church will send a TeamWorks Team of 3 to 7 leaders, including the lead pastor, to the four seminars. In addition, the local church TeamWorks Team will meet in-between each seminar to apply their learning to the ministry of their church. Members of the team are asked to attend each of the four seminars, participate in the in-between meetings, and to read the material in the guidebooks.

At the final *Futurecasting Seminar* churches will be taught how to develop and implement goals using the *VAP→IT Planning Tool*. In addition, they will take the *TeamWorks Church Assessment* that will allow them to identify and improve key areas of ministry. The 20 systems in the assessment include: Healthy Leadership Team, Multiplication, Empowering Young People,

Innovation, Leader Development of Laity, Faith Sharing, Missional Outreach, Transforming Worship, Spirit of Generosity, Spiritual Disciplines, Connecting, Welcoming, Care Giving, Small Groups, Discipling, Biblical Literacy, Denominational Identity, Congregational Identity, Music Life, and Sacramental Life. Results and updates will be shared at their fall church conference.
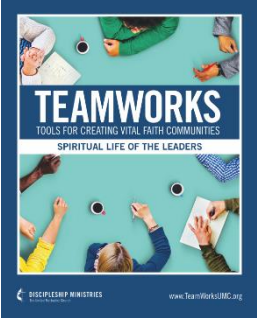
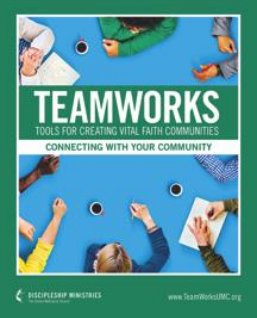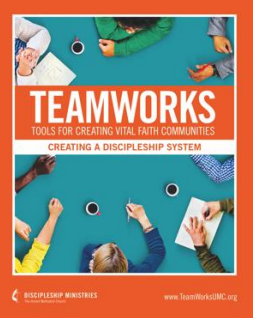**Conference/District Commitment:**

- Will work with sponsoring districts to provide TeamWork Guides to support the work of the churches.

- Will provide follow-up training as needed as churches develop their VAP→IT Projects.

- District Superintendents will monitor the progress of participating churches through reports given at charge conference on the goals and strategies of the VAP→ITs as churches develop strategies based on the results of the TeamWorks Church Assessment.

- **Registration fee is $10 (includes the guidebook) each session.**

TeamWorks Overview
TeamWorks is a comprehensive learning experience designed to equip and support leadership teams in local churches. Each of the four guidebooks invites leaders to engage in a series of conversations around key topics like, *The Spiritual Life Template*, *The Roles of Innovation*, *Before and After*, and *Discovering your NICHE*.

The TeamWorks Guidebooks are the main resource for learning. Each of the four guidebooks contains two 2-hour seminars, four MyWork devotional readings, and articles about the topic.

TeamWorks Guidebooks available through Amazon

TeamWorks: Spiritual Life of the Leaders
- Encourage spiritual growth with the
  Spiritual Life Template
- Maximize your teams giftedness by
  Discovering your Spiritual Gifts

TeamWorks: Connecting with your Community
- Learn how new arrivals in your community
  seek *Homeland*

TeamWorks: Creating a Discipleship System
- Find out where your church fits on the
  Lifecycle of the Church
- Use the *Settings for Ministry* to form a
  discipleship system

TeamWorks: Futurecasting
- Learn how to use the powerful
  VAP→IT Planning Tool

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