

## REGISTRATION FORM

### *Cooperative Ministry: Small Churches Working Together For Effective Ministry* May 15, 2010

The cost of the event is \$15.00 which includes lunch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop (Circle One):    **A**    **B**    **C**

Three Ways to register: **Deadline: May 7**

1-Register ON-LINE at [www.psec.org](http://www.psec.org)—**OR**

2-Enclosed is my check for \$15.00 payable to PSEC. Mail with registration to: PSEC, 505 S. 2nd. Ave., PO Box 26400, Collegeville, PA 19426—**OR**

3-Please charge my  VISA  MasterCard  Discover (Please mail completed registration form as above.)

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***There will be no refund for cancellations***

### *Cooperative Ministry: Small Churches Working Together for Effective Ministry*

Our annual workshop for the small membership church will focus on cooperative ministry as a strategy for thriving in the current economic crisis.

We will learn how this type of ministry can get started, how a team functions, and the joys and pit-falls of working together. Bring a team from your church to catch a vision of how vital and effective ministry for small-membership churches can be sustained in this time of economic downturn.

### PRESENTER

Rev. Andy France and the G.L.E.A.M. team from the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania are unable to be with us on May 15<sup>th</sup>. However, God always has “a ram in the bush.”

Rev. Charles Maxfield, one of our current Interim Pastors serving at Trinity Christian UCC in Skip-pack, PA, is able to be with us to share his experience serving five congregations for seven years in the North Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ. With a Ph.D. in Church History from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, Dr. Maxfield currently teaches World History and American Civilization at De Sales University in Center Valley, PA, in addition to his Interim Ministry responsibilities at Trinity Church. Prior to moving to southeastern Pennsylvania, Chuck was Director of the Lay Minister Training program of the New York Conference. He has also been involved in lay ministry training with the American Baptist and ELCA denominations.

Fourth annual workshop  
for small-membership churches  
with an average worship attendance  
of 75 or less

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**New Date**

**Saturday,  
May 15, 2010  
8:30 AM to 3 PM**

**Church House  
Collegeville**



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for Effective Ministry**

**Saturday, May 15, 2010**

- 8:30 am Registration**
- 9:00 Opening Worship**
- 9:20 Keynote Presentation—**  
Cooperative Ministry Model  
shared by Rev. Charles  
Maxfield, who served five  
churches for seven years  
in the North Dakota Conference  
of the United Church of Christ.
- 11:00 Break**
- 11:15 Small Conversation Groups  
by Association**
- Noon Lunch**
- 12:45 Workshops — How to Get from  
Where We Are Now to Where  
We Need to Be! (*Select One*)**
- 2:00 Evaluation & Closing  
Communion Service**
- 2:30 Adjournment**

**WORKSHOP GOALS**

- To proclaim hope for the small church because it is OK to be small!
- To highlight the positives of the small-membership church
- To stress the value of cooperation and partnering in the small church setting
- To learn how “to get something stirring” with small congregations
- To help the small churches embrace a vision to which members can commit their energy

**WORKSHOPS**

**A. The Boutique Church: The Importance of Knowing Your Mission and Purpose – Rev. Steve Myren, Pastor of Ridge Valley UCC, Sellersville**

Small churches cannot be all things to all people. They do not possess the numbers or resources of medium and large size congregations. So, what is the place of small churches? In a consumer atmosphere, how do small churches compete with their larger brethren? One answer is by having a realistic vision of the congregation’s identity and a defined understanding of its mission and purpose. This workshop will discuss what it means to be a boutique church in the middle of a mall church world.

**B. Making Decisions about Your Future – Rev. Geneva M. Butz, Associate Conference Minister, PSEC**

In the United Church of Christ the local congregation is the key decision-maker in determining the future direction of a church. How does a small congregation discern what next steps it should take to ensure its future? What choices does it have? Who decides? How much time does it take? Who will help a small church through a decision-making process?

**C. “Civilian” Pastors – Rev. Barbara Moran, Pastor of Christ UCC, Trumbauersville & Rev. Dr. William Ramsden, Senior Pastor of Zion UCC in Stroudsburg**

In times of chaos, hope always rises. Like the phoenix, often it is from the flames and ashes that new ideas emerge. The concept of “civilian” pastors, or lay pastoral ministry, is not new—but it is emerging as a phoenix for this time of diminishing resources. This workshop will help people understand what is involved in developing lay ministers...those who can plan and conduct worship services, make pastoral calls, serve communion, and conduct the business of the church—with and sometimes without the oversight of an ordained clergy person.