

Discernment Event Application for Participation

DEACONESS AND HOME MISSIONER

Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Norcross, GA, January 22-25, 2009

Please type or print clearly

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Statement of United Methodist Church Membership:

To participate in this discernment event, I understand that I must meet the basic qualifications of being laity, a member of The United Methodist Church,*and be in the process of discerning a calling to lay ministry.

Local Church Membership: _____

Length of Membership: _____ Annual Conference: _____

Membership in The United Methodist Church for this program is defined as those in relationship with an Annual Conference in the United States.

Application Essays: (one paragraph per question)

1. Please give us a brief understanding of what you do know about the Deaconess / Home Missioner relationship. How did you hear of the movement and event?
2. What interests/intrigues you about the Deaconess / Home Missioner relationship? At this point in your discernment how do you see the Deaconess / Home Missioner relationship supporting you in your calling?
3. What activities or resources have you used in the process of discerning your call (e.g. Christian as Minister, other printed material, retreats, prayer, and consultation with mentors)?
4. How do you see God calling you? What type of ministry setting do you see yourself being called into? If you are currently serving in a ministry of love, justice and service what is your ministry setting?

Costs for lodging and meals are covered by the event sponsors with an expected deposit of \$50 upon acceptance to the event. The deposit will be applied toward the cost of lodging and meals. Arrangements for travel and travel costs are the responsibility of the event participant. **The Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner is committed to the elimination of economic barriers for participation and financial assistance for those discerning the deaconess / home missioner relationship is available for the full event (travel, lodging, meals and deposit) as needed to all who request assistance.**

Please complete and return **ASAP -- no later than December 1, 2008** to:

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*Those interested in categories related to Higher Education and Ministry (Ordained Deacon, Elder, Chaplain, and Pastoral Counselor) will find registration information online at Higher Education and Ministry. Online registration is available at this link <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?1Q.P1.5BC4F1BF-21EC-474B-82FB-A330E752F64A>.