

CALLED TO BE A PASTOR

TO LOVE. TO LEAD. TO LIVE.

“They desire nothing but to save their own souls, and to save the souls of those who hear them.” John Wesley’s description of early Methodist preachers sums up “the call.” If you have a sense that God might be calling you to the care of souls through ordained ministry, look inside and discover “A Call From God.”

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AN ORDAINED MINISTRY EXPLORATION WEEKEND FOR ADULTS

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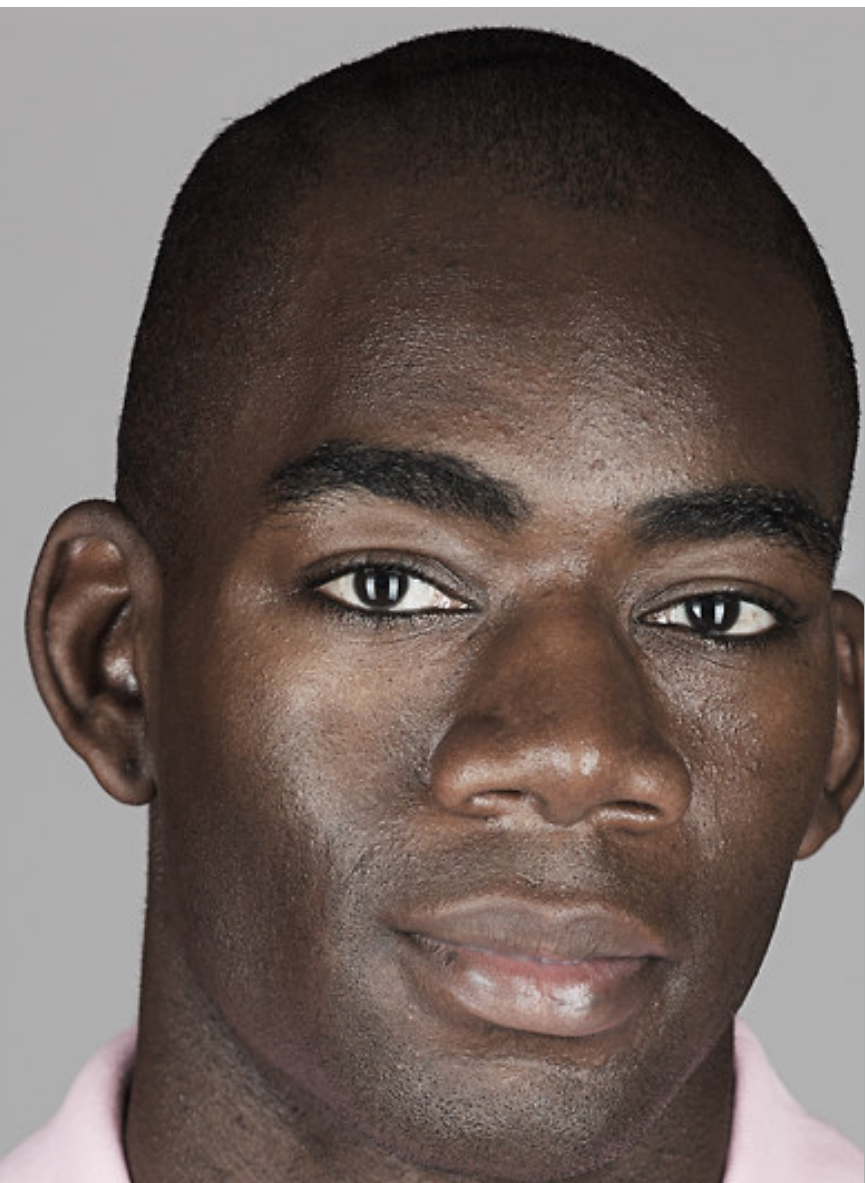
A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR ADULTS AGE 20 AND UP WHO ARE EXPLORING A CALL TO ORDAINED MINISTRY
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The thought that God is calling us to ordained ministry can be frightening, exhilarating and overwhelming, — all at the same time. This is especially true if your sense of call represents a fork in the road...a decision point in life's journey. Can God call those who have first chosen other career paths? What

would it mean for you to answer a call from God to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church?

Don't miss this opportunity to begin a new calling...a new journey...a new life. The greatest of roads begins to unfold when we answer "A Call From God!"

This retreat is designed for adults, age 20 and up. "Is God Calling Me?" is an event for young people, 16-22 years of age. It will be held at Camp Glisson, Jan. 29-31, 2010. Contact Rev. Margaret Freeman at margaret.freeman@ngumc.net for more information.



I AM CALLED



WORSHIP

The "A Call From God" experience is built around powerful times of worship. Worship opens us up to God's voice and presence in our lives. Come and be inspired by the music, wrestle with sermons delivered by those who have answered the call in their own lives, and respond to God through prayerful reflection. A weekend of worship may be just the space you need to get clear on God's call in your life.



BIBLE STUDY

You are not the first to sense God calling. Many have walked this path before us, and their story is recorded in God's word. We will go deep in studying Biblical examples of God's call and the response of his people. Their stories of fear, failure, hope and faith can serve as a lamp to light your path of discernment.

SMALL GROUPS

Could you use some conversation with fellow pilgrims on the path as you seek out God's calling in your life? Meet others just like you who are exploring whether God might be calling them into ordained ministry. God may use these times of focused conversation with other weekend participants, all facilitated by an ordained United Methodist Elder or Deacon, to show you how their story intersects with your own.



PRACTICAL HELP

Is God calling me to the ministry of an Elder, Deacon, or Local Pastor? What's the difference? What about seminary? Are there other options? What if I'm not a "preacher?" Am I too old? Am I too young? Can I afford this? What about my kids? My spouse?



These are just some of the questions facing those who are exploring ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. "A Call From God" will bring together seminary representatives, ordained clergy from a variety of ministry settings and full-time students currently serving in ministry. Build relationships, attend topical break-out sessions, and have face-to-face conversation with those who have walked the path of calling ahead of you and are there to share what they've learned.

REGISTER

Register online, beginning August 1, 2009 at www.ngumc.org. Cost for the weekend is \$150 (includes seminar materials, meals and lodging). Up to \$100 needs-based scholarship available upon request. For more information, contact Rev. Adam Roberts at 770.920.1551 or adam@sothumc.net.

