

United Methodist Church Leadership Summit
April 6, 2011
Frequently Asked Questions

What Is the UMC Leadership Summit?

Sponsored by the Council of Bishops in cooperation with the Connectional Table, the Leadership Summit will be a simultaneous, worldwide, and interactive conversation about the role of the annual conference and its leaders in driving adaptive change for the UMC.

When Will It Be Held?

April 6, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p. m. Central Daylight Saving Time.

How Will It Take Place?

The summit will be webcast from Nashville, Tennessee with conversation groups organized in each episcopal area. Feedback questions and comments may be sent by email to presenters who will respond to as many as possible during the last hour of the summit.

What Will the Format Be?

The first hour will consist of presentations by the Council of Bishops and representatives of the Call to Action Steering Team, followed by an hour of guided conversation among participants in their own locations and then a final hour in which the presenters in Nashville respond to email questions posed by leaders around the world (questions may be sent to Summitquestions@umc.org and comments may be sent to Summitfeedback@umc.org)

Who Should Attend?

Lay and clergy leaders in United Methodist annual conferences around the world.

How Can Someone Participate?

It is preferred that persons gather in groups with a trained facilitator to help guide the conversation during the middle hour of the summit. Each bishop is free to organize as many such sites as needed in their annual conferences. Additionally, any individual may participate by logging on to www.umcleaderships Summit.org. Questions may be sent to Summitquestions@umc.org and comments may be sent to Summitfeedback@umc.org

What Can Participants Expect?

- A clear and compelling summary from the Council of Bishops about the future of the UMC and the implications of the COB's adoption of the Call to Action recommendations
- An opportunity for Holy Conversation with other leaders from their annual conference about how they can best lead toward increasing the number of vital congregations.
- A deeper awareness of how our identity and aspirations as United Methodists shape the ways we worship, learn and work together to fulfill our 21st century mission

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