



**NORTHERN SHORE DISTRICT**  
**Day of Learning**  
***“We Are God’s Hands”***  
**Saturday, March 10, 2012**  
**St. Andrew United Methodist Church**  
**1528 Church Road**  
**Toms River, NJ**  
**732-349-5367**

Churches are encouraged to send a team to this inspirational and informative day of presentations. *Please note that there is a registration fee of \$10 per person or maximum \$40 per church for teams of six or more. No fee for those under age 30! See the registration form--last page of this brochure.*

**8:30 am**      **Registration, Refreshments and Displays –**

*We ask that you please do not arrive early to register! Thank you!*

Please register at the table near the rear entrance to the church, off the parking lot. Light breakfast foods are available in the fellowship hall. View the displays there also!

**9:00 am-10:00 am**      **Welcoming Remarks, Worship, and Keynote Address by Rev. Jeffrey Bills**

Please proceed to the sanctuary. We are delighted to welcome GNJAC pastor Jeff Bills to deliver the “Keynote Address” at this event. Rev. Bills is lead pastor of Hope United Methodist Church in Voorhees Township, NJ. **Keynote Address:** *“Four Easy Steps to Church Growth...and Other Myths”—Growing healthy, vital communities of faith is not easy and really not even our job as leaders. It IS our job, however, to create the environment where healthy growth can happen. I will be sharing four areas that, when approached with excellence and creativity, will create a growth environment in your church.*

**10:15 am – 11:45 am**      **Morning Workshops**

**#1-- Staff Parish Relations Committee** (Rev. Fran Lawrie Noll, Northern Shore District Superintendent) Come learn the basic responsibilities and duties of this committee. For new SPRC chairs and members of the committee, plus others interested.

**#2-- Trustees & Church Management** (Dennis Poane, Attorney/ Associate District Lay Leader & Pastor Lou Strugala, member/Conference Trustees) Learn about the many different areas of building use; property insurance; contracts for user groups; and building repair and maintenance. For new church trustees or those who have not attended in the past.

**#3-- The Best Youth Meeting Ever—**( Rev. Brian Neville, Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church of Toms River) In this workshop, we’ll share memories of our favorite youth meetings and experience some new ones together! Join us for some exciting stuff that’s not only a lot of fun, but also helps us deepen our relationship with Jesus. You’ get some new ideas to bring back to your own group. Of special interest to youth, young adults and any adults involved in youth ministry.

- 10:15 am – 11:45 am **#4-- NEW! *The Promise and Purpose of Discipleship* ( Rev. Dr. Doug Ruffle, Congregational Development Coordinator )**What does it mean to “make disciples” in the 21st century? This workshop will help your congregation engage a process to disciple people and seek ways to build a discipleship system into the DNA of your church. For pastors, laity and professionals working in Christian Education as well as persons working in ministry areas of evangelism, outreach, mission or discipleship.
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am **#5-- *Stewardship 201-Creating a Culture of Generosity* (Rev. Dr. Rich Hendrickson, Stewardship Coordinator)** Samuel Chand makes the point in his book, *Cracking Your Church’s Culture Code*, that culture—not vision or strategy—is the most powerful factor in any church system. In our context of ministry, culture determines the receptivity of the congregation to new ideas, unleashes or dampens creativity, builds or erodes enthusiasm, and creates a sense of pride or discouragement about being involved. This workshop will explore the seven keys of culture and how they impact generosity. For pastors, lay leaders, finance and stewardship committees.
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am **#6-- *Bullies and Mean Girls* (Rev. Erica Munoz, Children, Youth, and Young Adult Coordinator)** We know that bullying is a serious problem our young people are facing. Stories of bullies are common in books, movies, TV and in our everyday culture. Incidents of bullying are even in the Bible stories you study at church. So what do you do about it? This workshop is to help learn practical information about bullying in the US, how people are affected by it, how to identify it, and how to withstand it, not only for yourselves, but to help the young people in your lives as well. For Sunday School teachers, youth group leaders, lay leaders, pastors...all interested.
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am **#7-- *GNJAC Council on Finance & Administration (CF&A)—Year End Statistical Report Training* (Mr. John Cardillo, GNJ Conference Treasurer.)** Be in control of your Shared Ministry contribution. Understand “netting” your income and expenses to reduce expenses reported. The focus will be income (Table III) with a review of the key issues for expenses (Table II). Who should attend? Pastors, anyone involved in preparing the local church’s year-end statistical reports, and especially Finance committee chairs and treasurers.
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am **#8—*Learn How to Use the UMC’s Social Principles in the Life of Your Local Church* (Mr. Rupert Hall, member, GNJAC Board of Church & Society)** This workshop will provide information about the United Methodist Social Principles. We will then discuss them and explore ways they can be utilized in the life, ministry & mission of the local church. For clergy, laity, public theology advocates and anyone interested in a deeper understanding of the Social Principles.
- 12 noon – 12:45 pm Lunch provided in the large Fellowship Hall**
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Afternoon Workshops:**
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **# 9— “*Are You Facebook Official?*” (Heather Fullerton, GNJAC Media Specialist)** Feeling overwhelmed by all of the ways you can communicate in the current digital era? This workshop will help break down the most common digital tools churches can use to communicate with their members and outreach to their communities. Also included will be an overview of how the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference is evolving its presence online. Don’t wait until the workshop to start getting resources! Follow us on Twitter, @GNJUMC, and Like Us on Facebook today! This workshop is intended for anyone with basic to intermediate internet skills

and desiring to use online media to communicate.

1:00 pm –  
2:30 pm

**# 10 – GNJ CF&A: Employee - Related Taxes (Mr. John Cardillo, GNJ Conference Treasurer.)** Are the people on your church’s payroll “employees” or “independent contractors”? What is the difference between a “clergy housing allowance” and a “clergy housing exclusion”? What is an “accountable reimbursable” expense? These and other questions will be addressed in a review of tax issues related to people who are paid for their work at a local church. For Pastors, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee members, Treasurers, Finance Committee members.

1:00 pm –  
2:30 pm

**#11-- Youth “Hands-On” Service Project ( Rev. Brian Neville, associate pastor at First UMC, Toms River and Rev. Larry Oksten, pastor of West Grove & Memorial UMCs)** Join other young people of the Northern Shore District in serving the disenfranchised! We'll head to the Destiny Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Brick to help them as they serve over 800 families a month in need of emergency food relief. Come be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ as we make this one small corner of the world just a little better for those in need.

**#12 -- Stewardship 301-Vital Congregations Give (Rev. Dr. Richard Hendrickson, GNJAC Stewardship Coordinator)** What makes a congregation vital and what do vital congregations do? According to the United Methodist *Call to Action*, “ vital congregations engage a greater percentage of their membership in worship and ministry through inviting and inspiring worship, increased opportunities for mission and outreach, gifted, equipped, and empowered laity, effective, equipped, and inspired clergy, and small groups for all ages.” We will explore together how these drivers of vitality are, in fact, solid stewardship practices and how you can begin to implement them in your ministry setting. For pastors, lay leaders, finance and stewardship committees.

1:00 pm –  
2:30 pm

**#13 -- Children and Prayer (Rev. Erica Munoz – GNJAC Coordinator of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries)** A workshop designed to help the teacher understand how children relate to God. We will learn concepts for teaching children about prayer, how to use prayer in the classroom, and dive into the prayers of children themselves. Having a better understanding of the way in which children relate to God, will help you as you create lesson plans, select curriculum and minister to the littlest disciples in your congregation. For Sunday School teachers, worship leaders, pastors...all interested.

1:00 pm –  
2:30 pm

**#14-- I Refuse To Lead a Dying Church! ( Rev. Dr. Doug Ruffle, Congregational Development Coordinator )** Follow the insights and strategies in Paul Nixon’s provocative book of the same title. Learn to form a team that rallies around a vision of a vital church that reaches new people for Christ. For pastors, lay leaders, persons working in ministry areas of evangelism, outreach, mission or discipleship...and all who are interested.

1:00 pm –  
2:30 pm

**#15 -- UMCOR/Helping Hands of God (Donna Jones, project coordinator)** As United Methodists, we are part of a connectional system that gives us opportunities to be the “hands of God” to all God’s people around the world. In this workshop, you will be the “hands of God” as together we assemble birthing kits that will be used in the birthing process of babies in far away countries. The birthing kits we assemble will be shipped to places around the world where items in these kits are not available. During this workshop, you will also learn the history behind the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and will watch a Relief Supply webcast on how easy it is for you and your church to be God’s hands in outreach and mission.

1:00 pm –  
2:30 pm

**#16--Planning for Ministry with Older Adults (Eileen Rosfjord, M.A. in Theology)** Is your congregation “aging”? Take a look at how contemporary media portray (or ignore) aging. You’re invited to sharpen your vision of what aging means to you, your congregation, the Christian

journey. Come discuss, explore and question the issues and attitudes that arise when a congregation seeks to initiate or expand ministries with older adults. We will examine some techniques and “attitude adjustments” that support success. We will share information on local (NJ, Monmouth and Ocean County) resources and practical suggestions for planning and implementing ministries *with* older adults. And—in a time when everyone needs to do more with less, we will talk about older adult ministry activities that can be put to service with other age groups.

## **DIRECTIONS TO**

### **ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**1528 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08755**

**732-349-5367**

#### **Via the GSP from North:**

Exit 88. Head WEST on Route 70 to New Hampshire Ave SOUTH. (3rd light). Take jug-handle. Go 2 ½ miles and turn LEFT on Church Road (3rd light). Go EAST on Church Road about 700 feet. Church is on LEFT.

#### **Via the GSP from South:**

Exit 83 onto Route 9 NORTH. Turn RIGHT at 2nd light onto Church Road. Church is 2 miles on LEFT.

#### **From Route 9 Going South:**

Church Road is 2nd light after crossing Route 70. Turn LEFT onto Church Road. Head EAST 2 miles. Church is on LEFT.

#### **From Route 9 Going North:**

Go 2 traffic lights NORTH of the GSP underpass. (2nd light is Church Rd). Turn RIGHT. Church is 2 miles ahead on LEFT.

#### **From other Routes:**

Coming down Route 549 - Brick Blvd/Hooper Ave from Brick: Turn RIGHT onto Church Road (Exxon Station, Charlie Brown's). Head WEST for about 3 miles. Church is on the RIGHT just WEST of the GSP underpass.

Coming up Hoover Ave (Route 549): Same as above except you take jug-handle and head WEST.

Note:

Route 549 is known as Brick Blvd; NORTH of Church Road & Hooper Ave; SOUTH of Church Road. Also, Church Road is known as Kettle Creek Rd EAST of Route 549.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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*Saturday, March 10, 2012*

*Registration fee to help cover the cost of the day:  
\$10 per person; **Under age 30—FREE; Team of 6 or more from a church--\$40**  
Checks made payable to Northern Shore District  
*\*Please submit a separate registration form for each participant\***

**Please return this form with your check no later than WEDS., March 1, 2012 to:**

Northern Shore District Office  
ATT: Elaine SJ  
1001 Wickapecko Drive  
Ocean NJ 07712

Late registrations with payment will be accepted at the door.

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Handicapped accessibility needed (circle one)      yes      no



**We would like to offer free child care so you can attend this important Day of Learning.**

**\*\*Please let us know by WEDS., March 1, 2012 of your need for childcare or it will not be offered.\*\***

**Ages of children \_\_\_\_\_**

Workshop Choices (Indicate Workshop Number & Title):

Morning Workshop Session –10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (#s 1 – 8): \_\_\_\_\_

Afternoon Workshop Session – 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (#s 9 –16): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**--Lunch will be 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall.**

**--There will be a collection box located in the registration area outside fellowship hall, ground level, where you can put donated items brought with you for the UMCOR birthing kits to be assembled in afternoon workshop #15**

***In the event of severe weather conditions on March 10, please call the St. Andrew church office at 1-732-349-5367 or check the church website: <http://standrewtr.org> for a message saying this event has been canceled.***