



General Board of Church & Society

Developing Leaders

A Focus Area of The United Methodist Church



Other United Methodist Church focus areas:

- Eradicating poverty
- Global health initiative
- Creating new places for new people

General Board of Church & Society programs
develop leaders for the denomination

for **ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS** and **AGES**.

United Methodist Seminars

- During 2009-2012, 10,000 persons will participate in social justice leadership training through seminars in Washington, D.C.; more than 4,000 more will attend workshops led by the UM Seminar Program at conferences, local churches and interagency events across all jurisdictions.

Ethnic Young Adult Internship

- During 2009-2012, college-age United Methodist students of color from around the world will spend eight weeks in the summer working in faith-based legislative and grassroots advocacy organizations in Washington, D.C. Interns work, worship and live together in Christian community.

Mentoring advocacy interns

- The General Board of Church & Society will supervise and evaluate at least 30 seminary and college students as they learn how to connect with social justice advocacy through one- to two-year advocacy internships in Washington, D.C.

Young Adult Clergy Forums

- 400 young clergy from across the denomination will take part in forums on how to increase faith-formation in a context relevant for public congregational witness. They learn how to communicate the United Methodist Social Principles, and techniques for congregation-based organizing.

Annual Conference leader training

- 200 or more Annual Conference and racial and ethnic caucus leaders will attend familiarization workshops to build communities of change by learning from one another, to engage in public policy advocacy, and to collaborate with General Board of Church & Society staff.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days

- More than 600 United Methodists will learn how to advocate during the annual Capitol Hill lobby days that also offer worship, workshops, speakers AND theological reflection on critical issues of national concern.

Local church training

- At the request of local churches, General Board of Church & Society staff will lead hundreds of workshops on timely justice issues. More than 5,000 United Methodists will take part in these workshops.

Central Conference enabling seminars

- At least 1,000 persons in Africa, 600 in the Philippines and 600 in Europe will attend training that addresses the United Methodist Social Principles. The training for 50 to more than 100 persons helps attendees understand the principles' application in international and interfaith contexts. Participants return home prepared to be trainers and change agents for their communities.

Jurisdiction Church & Society training

- At least 3,000 persons are expected to attend Jurisdiction events that examine issues of justice most relevant to a geographic region. Each year General Board of Church & Society provides leadership to these events in partnership with Jurisdictional host committees.

Church & Society leader gatherings

- At least 400 conference leaders assigned to Church and Society concerns gather to share best practices and priorities, identify regional coalition partners and suggest steps for strategic planning, public policy action and congregational-based education.

Multimedia resources

- Media will be developed to help form vital leadership through such means as Web-based and digital curriculum, interactive DVDs, real-time podcasts, and downloadable bulletin inserts.

Collaborative Interagency Ministry

- GBCS will continue to partner with other General Agencies to provide leadership workshops on issues critical to the church's ministry and outreach.

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