



Early Fall Newsletter

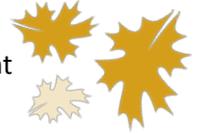
Capital District – United Methodist Men



September 16, 2015

Hello fellow MEN of the Capital District,

Healthy congregations have stepped into the **stream** of their communities, while engaging conflict constructively. Our District Strategic team wants all congregations to boost their community engagement – so we are **looking to congregations to exchange ideas**, to build **everyone's community involvement**.



The Idea

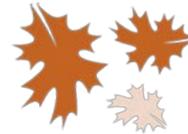
District Superintendent Jon Strother, his assistant, Claire Cox Woodlief, and the District Strategic Planning Team have been prayerfully **watching and listening to create opportunities for these exchanges to occur**. We want to help the congregations get into the **stream** and “refresh” themselves, renewing their baptism.

As we concluded a retreat at Louisburg College, we began planning a spring, festival-style celebration. The festival will be held at **Johnston County Community College on April 19, 2015**. It will allow congregations to share what they are doing to grow their leadership and ways they have engaged with their community. It will be broken down into different segments to provide worship, learning and practice (hands-on mission).

The Opportunity

At the festival, there will be a Food Court consisting of Hispanic, Asian, “good ole boy” American and other cuisines to experience. **The Food Hospitality Committee is where the CDUMM will serve:**

- Some may want to cook and learn new things from other cooks.
- Others may want to help set up and assist with the logistics committee.



Why did I think this area was a good fit for us? Because this festival prayerfully and educationally helps our congregations become healthier in His Kingdom. Furthermore, **I propose that the CDUMM serve as an actual sponsor... let's do some fundraising and carry the cost of the food court.**

Building on Our Success

I need your INPUT and COMMITMENT. Although the festival's first Strategic Planning meeting only took place last night, this event is already taking shape.

I want to have a Sunday afternoon meeting at 3MC on September 28 to work out these details. There is another Strategic Planning meeting on October 6, and I need to deliver our group's commitment to the committee.

For the past two years we have had **two successful fund raising/social events:** the Family Outing/Sporting Clay Day at Rose Hill Farm in Nashville, NC, and the Oyster Roast in Rosewood (Goldsboro) at 3MC. We now have about \$1,700 in our treasury. **We need to decide on our level of commitment and sponsorship.**

Next Steps

There is going to be a lot of buzz leading into this spring-time festival, which has yet to be named. Let's get moving **now**. Remember that there will be many other opportunities to serve at the festival: worship, hands-on mission opportunities, logistics, music, fun & games, and breakout sessions such as how to create a congregational community garden.

I'm praying that you will come out on the **28th at 3pm** and help us **embrace the stream of our community**. We also need to set the date for our fall fundraiser/social event – will it be sporting clays or something else?

CDUMM MEETING – SEPT. 28 (Sunday) @ 3MC (676 Community Dr., Goldsboro)

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