



Every month we send you just 5 ways you can better equip Vital Congregations and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Here's the August, 2012 issue!

1 ***Enhance your skills to help adults learn.*** Sign up for the free webinar, *How Adults Learn: The Emotional Aspect of Learning*, on Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. CDT. Led by Carol Krau, GBOD's director of adult formation and discipleship, this webinar will explore how emotions increase or shut down learning. Hear ideas for developing a positive emotional climate in adult small groups. To register, go to <http://goo.gl/20tbE>.

2 ***Make plans now to attend the 2014 Youth People's Global Convocation.*** Join youth, young adults and adult workers from around the world at the third Global Young People's Convocation and Legislative Assembly in Tagaytay, Luzon, the Philippines on July 16-20, 2014. Participants will tackle tough issues, celebrate oneness in Christ, learn from each other and experience the UMC in the Philippines during this once-in-a-lifetime experience. More details will be posted at <http://bit.ly/OMrLVA>.

3 ***Pray, learn and focus on developing a strategic plan for your congregation.*** The Innovative Leadership Project (ILP), developed by Craig Kennet Miller at GBOD, trains leaders in connecting ministry to community. ILP guides you to explore values, set goals, develop a discipleship system and engage in futurecasting using a special assessment tool. Go to <http://churchleaderUMC.com> to learn about ILP and plan to offer it to your church, district or conference this fall.

4 ***Become a Path 1 Coach to help plant new churches.*** Path 1 Coaches are highly-skilled persons who partner for accountability and support with high-potential church planters and their team. Together, they develop churches that are viable, sustainable and well on their way to multiplying successful ministries. To learn more about becoming or hiring a Path 1 Coach, go to <http://path1.org/coaching.php>.

5 ***Looking for the secret to living a fruit-bearing spiritual life?*** In the latest book of his series on spirituality, best-selling author Henri Nouwen offers three essential elements for maintaining a life of vital discipleship: *solitude, community and ministry*. *The Spirituality of Living* explains how to avoid being distracted by listening to voices other than the voice of God. Published by Upper Room Books, it is available at <http://bit.ly/yIE3XH>.

That's all for August. 5 more ideas coming your way in September!