

A God-Sized Vision to Impact the Leadership of the Church

Imagine 1,500 United Methodist local church pastors, who experience a level of personal and spiritual transformation rivaling all other, leading local churches to become faithful and fruitful. This is the God-sized vision of Grace Spiritual Leadership Academy.

The Time is Now

Leaders need more than information, they need contextual translation and they need transformation into a new type of spiritual leader. Shifting the leadership paradigm requires a shift in behaviors and an accountability that continues to point toward fruitfulness over time. In our United Methodist denomination a void exists in leadership development beyond the seminary setting. With each conference independent of others, unique challenges are faced, and some church leaders are simply operating in maintenance mode. The system needs an awakening and a new understanding of spiritual leadership and community that extends beyond the walls of the church building.

How You Can Help Make it Happen

The Grace Spiritual Leadership Academy is positioned to equip these 1,500 church leaders over 6 years with this incubator approach. A careful and thoughtful approach has been developed to help these leaders transform their congregations and communities, empowering them to lead others to Christ and equip their leadership teams to do the same. This is not based on a theoretical model, but a process that has been honed over 10 years and applied in diverse setting across the country.

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Will You Join Us?

\$1 million will impact 120 churches over 2 years

\$3 million will impact 540 churches over 3 years

\$5 million will impact 1,500 churches over 6 years

This investment will be the beginning of a transformational experience for many church leaders, and if fully funded will continue beyond its initial two years to train even more church leaders.

Around my 10th year at Grace Church, I was looking for an out. By the grace of God, I was introduced to and began



working with the team at Spiritual Leadership, Inc. In the last five years the transformation in me personally as a leader [pastor] is second only to my conversion.

Jorge Acevedo, Senior Pastor
Grace Church, Coral Gables, FL
2009 Distinguished Evangelist of
The United Methodist Church



The Foundation for Evangelism - A Partner Positioned for Success

With such successful grant programs as the E. Stanley Jones Professors of Evangelism and Denman and Timothy Scholars programs in doctoral education, The Foundation for Evangelism has over 60 years of experience developing leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church. The Grace Spiritual Leadership Academy is the next step toward transforming the local church, and the Foundation is dedicated to securing the funds necessary to provide this life-changing grant that will have a multiplying impact on the vibrancy of The United Methodist Church.

While an affiliate of The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, the Foundation's only source of funding is private donors and foundations. Due to this unique relationship to the general and local church, The Foundation is able to work both within and alongside the church to bring about transformation in leadership development.

Join us in developing leaders with a passion for evangelism who will have a multiplying impact on The United Methodist Church.

Grace Spiritual Leadership Academy Partners:

Jorge Acevedo - Grace Church, Cape Coral

Recognized as a leading pastor in the UMC, Part of the Call to Action Team, Grace Church has expanded to 4 campuses under his leadership, and uses a blend of personal and social holiness to introduce God's Kingdom outside the church walls.

Craig Robertson - Spiritual Leadership, Inc. (SLI)

Founding partner with SLI. Brings a successful process of spiritual and professional develop-

ment honed over 10 years. He has partnered with The United Methodist Church on various projects including consort of Bishops currently participating in a similar program.

The Foundation for Evangelism

Recognized as the leading entity in The United Methodist Church focusing on Wesleyan Evangelism and United Methodist leaders.

For more information about the Grace Spiritual Leadership Academy, visit <http://foundationforevangelism.org/grants/graceleadership/>.

