



*Clergy Partners
Association*

CLERGY PARTNERS ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2010

"Trust God, Serve with Joy, and Care for Each Other"

I would like to take the opportunity to invite each of you to our Clergy Spouses' Day Apart that will be held on April 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Nashville United Methodist Church, as well as our luncheon to be held during Annual Conference on June 11 at the City Hotel and Bistro in Greenville.



I have been a part of the Clergy Partners Association and am thankful for the opportunities I have had to meet and spend time with other special clergy spouses. Thanks to a dear friend, I was invited to attend the luncheon at Annual Conference. A simple invitation is all it took for me to be involved in this wonderful association. Those of you who attended last year's luncheon were encouraged by Joyce Gwinn to invite another clergy spouse to join you in an upcoming Clergy Partner event. I urge you to reach out to another clergy spouse and invite them to the Day Apart and Luncheon.

The motto of the Clergy Partners Association is to "Trust God, Serve with Joy, and Care for each other." We share in a unique ministry as pastors' spouses. It is such a blessing to be a pastor's spouse and it is wonderful to have other clergy spouses to spend time with as we learn and grow together. Only another clergy spouse can understand and appreciate our role in ministry. What a blessing it is to have those friends!

My hope is that many of us will come together and share this special opportunity and grow closer to one another and to God as we dig deeper into our prayer life with the help of our keynote speaker, Margaret Therkelsen. We are truly blessed to have Margaret lead us in our Day Apart.

The cost is \$20, which includes lunch, and childcare will be provided (please note request on the registration form.) Come, join us!

-----*Kim King*

Greetings to the Clergy Spouses of the North Carolina Conference:

*A note from
Joyce Gwinn*



Excitement is mounting as plans are finalized for our very first Clergy Spouses' Day Apart, April 24. PLEASE plan to come and participate in this historic event. YOU are very important to the life and ministry of this Conference, and we hope you will take this opportunity to be a part of a dynamic and unique group of people, who are about the business of doing God's work in their particular realm of influence. See you in April!



from *Annette Wright*

Greetings,

I am honored to serve as the registrar for our first Clergy Spouses' Day Apart event.

Just as other members of the executive committee are eagerly waiting for the day to come, I am also. In order for this to be a spiritual and joyous event, we need clergy partners to send in their registrations forms by the deadline. As of the second week of January, I have received five registration forms and guess what? They were all from the Rocky Mount District. Way to go Mack and Paige for promoting this event. I am challenging all other districts to do likewise. I will be sending out confirmations after I receive your registration.

Again it is important to send in all registrations before the deadline. This will allow us the opportunity to prepare for all those attending.

About *Margaret Therkelsen*

Margaret Therkelsen's ministry can best be summarized by saying that she stimulates others to develop an active prayer life of their own. She does this through weaving insightful understanding of Scripture, relating her own prayer journey, and wonderful answers to prayer.

As a child, Margaret felt a call to a life of prayer that was initially nurtured by her parents. She witnessed God working as the result of their prayer life and the reality of prayer became very winsome. From her father, she developed a unique quality for meeting people where they are in their spiritual walk and encouraging them to go on with God as they deepened their prayer life. From her mother, who had been active in various prayer movements, Margaret developed a sense of how real and personal God can be in prayer.

Following a life changing experience with the Holy Spirit some 35 years ago, and a physical healing, Margaret has been led into an ever-widening prayer ministry. Along side of her prayer ministry she has had a counseling practice in Marital and Family Therapy. To have more time for prayer, she released a 33-year college teaching career in music. This ministry of prayer has spread beyond local connections as today she leads prayer retreats and seminars across the United States. Margaret also has been privileged to speak to groups in Africa and Haiti.

She leads a community-wide prayer group of men and women in her local church which has been meeting for more than 30 years. Her publications include *The Love Exchange: An Adventure In Prayer* and *Realizing the Presence of the Spirit*. Her latest book is entitled *A Prayer Experiment: Prayer Principles from The Sermon on the Mount*.

Her vita includes a Bachelor of Music from the College of Music, Cincinnati, a Master of Music in piano and an Advanced Certificate in Performance from the College Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati. She also holds a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Kentucky. She has taught in private colleges and state universities over a span of thirty-three years.

Margaret's husband, John, is a minister in the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church. He has recently retired as a staff chaplain at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington, KY where they reside.

CLERGY SPOUSES' DAY APART

Cost \$20.00 April 24, 2010, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration DEADLINE March 15, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Childcare Number of Children _____

Please mail this form and a check payable to "Clergy Partners" to:

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CLERGY PARTNERS LUNCHEON

Annual Conference – Friday, June 11, 2010

Cost \$15.00 - Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Registration DEADLINE May 15, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

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