

Workshop Schedule

Monday, February 22

- 3:00 Arrival and Registration
- 4:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 5:00 Hinton Story
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Worship w/communion - Music by Hope Horkavy

Tuesday, February 23

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 "Understanding the Smaller Membership Church" - Ron Crandall
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 "Self Care" - Bonnie Crandall
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Sabbath time
- 4:00 "Pastoring the Smaller Membership Church" - Ron Crandall
- 5:15 Q&A with Ron & Bonnie Crandall
- 6:00 Supper
- 7:00 Worship "And the Glory Forever" - Ron Crandall
Music by Hope Horkavy

Wednesday, February 24

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 "Marriage and Family" - Bonnie Crandall
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 "Leading the Smaller Membership Church To a New Future" - Ron Crandall
- 11:30 Q&A with Ron and Bonnie Crandall
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Hear from the new Executive Secretary of Rural/Urban Networks of GBGM
- 2:30 Break
- 3:00 Let's Talk - Discussions on Small Church Issues

Sending out with blessings (following discussions)

Participants will receive .8 CEU's upon completion.

Participants are invited to stay Wednesday evening to rest, relax, and visit the area. No meals provided. Reservations required.

The mission of Hinton Rural Life Center is to be an advocate for the small membership church within the United Methodist connection, to assist small membership churches in becoming healthy and effective, to provide opportunities for missional involvement, and to be a place of hospitality, spiritual growth, and renewal.



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The Small Membership Church: Keys To Effective Ministry

A vital workshop for pastors and laity



featuring

**Ron & Bonnie Crandall
& the Executive Secretary of
Rural/Urban Networks of GBGM**

February 22-24, 2010

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The Small Membership Church:
Keys To Effective Ministry

Registration Form

All registrations due by February 8, 2010

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

Email _____

- Lodging: [] Private room and meals @ \$155.00
 (please check [] Shared room and meals @ \$135.00
 one) [] Private room and meals with
 spouse accompaniment @ \$210.00

Do you have special dietary needs or special accommodations needs? If so, please describe:

Registration Fee \$ 125.00

Room/Board Fee: \$ _____

Meals Only (for commuters - \$55.00) \$ _____

Optional Wednesday Night Room (\$25.00) \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Scholarships are available through a Duke Endowment grant for pastors and laity within the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences. Contact Lyle Shipley at (828) 389-8336 or lyle@hintoncenter.org for further information.

An administration fee of \$10 will be retained for all cancellations.

Please make check payable to Hinton Center.

Detach and mail completed form with full payment to:
Hinton Rural Life Center
PO Box 27
Hayesville, NC 28904

Directions to Hinton Center can be found on our website.

Workshop Leadership

Ron Crandall grew up in Michigan and later moved to California to complete his doctorate in pastoral theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1969. He is a retired elder in the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church and makes his home with his wife Bonnie in Lexington, Kentucky.



Dr. Crandall has worked as a missionary in Vietnam, pastored churches in southern California and Arizona, served as Director of Local Church Evangelism for the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, and taught for 25 years at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky retiring in 2008 as the Sundo Kim Professor of Evangelism and Practical Theology and Dean of the E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism. Currently he is Executive Director of ABIDE, a program for renewing smaller membership churches under the auspices of SLI (Spiritual Leadership, Inc.).

His special areas of research and writing include: Ministry and Evangelism in Smaller Churches, Christian Witness, and Wesleyan Contributions to Christian Leadership. His most recent publications include *Turnaround and Beyond: A Hopeful Future for Small Membership Churches* (Abingdon, 2008) and *WITNESS: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith* (Discipleship Resources, 2007).

Bonnie Crandall was born in Detroit. After earning her BA in Performing Arts (drama and music) at Taylor University, she did graduate studies at Western Kentucky University while teaching Radio/TV Speaking. She returned to graduate school in her 40s and completed an MA in Counseling from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Bonnie's work background is a pot-pourri including: spot welder on the night shift; skip tracer/bill collector for Sears; media personality with 10 weekly TV weather shows and women's interest radio shows; professional musician/actress, a Los Angeles advertising agency; a writer for the United Methodist Upper Room and Cokesbury; Director of Church Music in several states; and lots of other interesting stops along the way. Since 1996, she has been a counselor in private practice focusing on helping persons of faith deal with realities in their own life struggle and personal growth. A counseling specialty is working with those in religious, medical and educational professions. She also is in demand as a motivational speaker and retreat leader.

In 1969 she married Ron Crandall. She has also served the larger church on conference committees, as a leader on several "Emmaus Walk" retreats, as a music leader and speaker for ABIDE, as one of the original designers and consultants for POCKETS magazine (an award-winning children's spiritual growth magazine from The UM Upper Room), and as a drama reviewer for Abingdon Press.

Hope Horkavy's testimony clearly demonstrates how God works miracles in our lives today. In direct disobedience to God's word, Hope married a non-Christian man. Six years of marriage ended violently; her husband shot Hope and left her for dead. The series of miracles that saved Hope's life are truly astonishing. In the years that have followed, God has guided Hope to share her story of His goodness through testimony and song many times. Hope holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Vocal Performance from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, GA. She has sung with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus, the Tampa Oratorio Society, and the Columbia Choral Society. God has led Hope into a position as Director of Music and Worship at her church home, which has become a continuing ministry of service to Him. Visit her website at www.hopesongministries.com.

The new Executive Secretary for Rural/Urban Networks of GBGM, to be named by the beginning of 2010, will be with us to discuss small church issues. Bring your questions for our Wednesday afternoon session.