

# Leadership in the Contemporary Small Congregation

with

## Rev. Dr. Lew Parks



**Friday, Sept 22- Saturday, Sept 23, 2017**

**At Christ UMC, Waynesboro, PA**

**1.0 CEU for Certified Lay Ministers, Local Pastors and Church Leaders**

Sponsored by the York DCOM, this course targets those who are invested in the life of the small congregations that dot our hills, towns, and cities. It argues for the worth of those congregations based on experience, reason, tradition, and Scripture. It offers practical help for those serving in small churches who have a desire to improve their leadership skills in worship, preaching, soul care, ordering the life of the congregation, and planning a good enough future for it. It explores the politics and family dynamics of small church life. It confronts the real challenges faced by small churches but with a prejudice toward hope. The course fulfills a requirement for continued education for Certified Lay Ministers, but would be profitable for Local Pastors, Elders and Church leaders.

We will have two texts. ***Small on Purpose: Life in a Significant Church and the Bible***. Please read *Small on Purpose* as your text before the class convenes. It is available from Amazon.com and Cokesbury.com.

(<http://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781501827327#.WZDfoky0nyQ>)

The sessions will begin promptly at 4 pm on Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. An evening meal will be served as will lunch on Saturday. Other snacks and refreshments provided. The sessions conclude at 4 pm Saturday afternoon with Holy Communion. **The cost for each participant is \$55**. Lodging is available in the area. A limited number of attendees may be housed by members of Christ UMC upon request.

Lew Parks is well respected in his field and is a dedicated Christian. He brings to the seminar his years of faithful discipleship, experienced practice as pastor and conference leader and as a seminary professor for over two decades. He is Professor of Church Leadership and Development and Director of the D.Min. Program at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Dr. Parks co-authored *Ducking Spears, Dancing Madly: A Biblical Model of Church Leadership* with Bruce Birch and is the author of *Preaching in the Small Membership Church*, both published by Abingdon Press.

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Please Detach and Return with payment before September 15, 2017 to:

**Rev. Dr. Robert Cook, 100 South Church Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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