

Dear Colleague:

If, over a two day presentation, you could learn and practice skills and methods that could help you better understand your own strengths and those of others, help build a sense of community in your congregation, clarify the decision making process in committee meetings, clarify the lines of communication and get to the “real information” in tense situations, foster team building and help you feel more confident about dealing with difficult people as well as building collegiality among your peers, would you attend?

This two-day learning opportunity will be provided on Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18 from 9 AM to 5 PM each day by retired UMC pastors Ray Stees and Terrence O'Neill at the McKownville UMC, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203. The Building Community experience is a seminar/workshop that Ray and Terry have developed over a two year process specifically for clergy and the local church to address the very issues outlined above and more.

This learning event requires a minimum registration of twenty clergy and a maximum of forty. Registration deadline is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. A registration fee of \$5.00 will cover the cost of the workbook you will receive at the seminar. Registrants will receive detailed instructions and approximately one hour of preparatory work to be completed prior to arrival on day one. We'll have a half hour for lunch and there are comfort breaks planned throughout the day. Please plan on bringing a bagged lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Two Continuing Education Units (2 C.E.U.s.) will be awarded to those who complete the two day event.

To register for the event please contact Ray Stees who will send you a registration form. Should you have any questions please phone or send either of us an email.

We pray God's blessings upon you and your ministry and hope to see you at “Building Community!”

Yours in Christ,

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