



## **NEW in 2017! West Ohio Conference “Traction Tracks”**

....to help your congregation gain traction and begin to move forward towards new vitality!

West Ohio’s Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), a focused training/coaching/resourcing initiative of the Episcopal office and cabinet that has included several dozen congregations and pastors over the last six years, has identified a number of key **components** that we’ve seen can provide a congregation of any size and setting with a dose of traction to begin to move ahead in vitality.

These individual components from the MCCI research and learnings are now becoming available across the entire conference to every church that would like to learn and apply a new step forward, including ongoing implementation guidance by a ministry leader “guide” who has already demonstrated that fruitfulness and can bring experience and expertise alongside you.

Here’s information about the first foundational Traction Track, a one-day training event that will be offered on four of our West Ohio districts this spring and the other four districts later this year. And look for more information soon on more Traction Tracks to come!

### **Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Traction Track**

Every church recognizes prayer as important. But what happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways? You can launch your congregation into the kind of churchwide **breakthrough prayer initiative** that fuels the atmosphere of possibility, and the entire focus begins to shift from inward to up-and-outward. It's easier than you think--and the results will make spiritual history right in your own community and beyond.

Breakthrough prayer can be incorporated into what already happens in the daily life of your congregation--and this one-session Traction Track will provide training, many stories, practical examples and ideas of how other United Methodist congregations across West Ohio and the country have done so with innovation and impact. Additionally, learn how you can utilize breakthrough prayer through key aspects of your weekly worship service, and develop your church's heart to reach its neighborhood with the message and love of Christ.

Each church team that attends this one-day training will be partnered with a “**guide**,” a church leader who in his or her own ministry setting has successfully led and deployed a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. The guide will walk alongside you and your congregation with that expertise to help encourage and assist you to accomplish this as well.

*The Breakthrough Prayer Initiative forms the foundation of the MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative), and its implementation has shown itself to be the single greatest factor contributing to a church's revitalization and renewed fruitfulness. This may be the most important ingredient to add to **your** church to help shift from plateau or decline into a new season of hope and possibility!*

**Requirement to Attend:** Your church's team **must** include your **lead pastor plus at least 5 persons** who have agreed to be the implementation team for your congregation's prayer initiative afterwards. And bring as large a team to the training event (beyond pastor plus 5 leaders) as possible. We have learned through the MCCI that by bringing a team to the training — of 6, 10, 15, 20 persons or more--the more likely the momentum you'll have to launch when you get home!

**Cost: \$75 for your church's team of lead pastor plus five persons**—plus \$10/person for **each additional person** who attends from your congregation. This registration cost covers the training materials, refreshments during breaks, and a light lunch or supper as appropriate to your event's time frame.

Register for any of these one-session identical Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Traction Track training events at the following locations, dates, and times:

Sunday, February 26, 2017  
2:00pm-7:00pm  
Forest Chapel UMC - Ohio River Valley District  
680 W Sharon Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45240

Saturday, April 1, 2017  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
Church of the Cross UMC - Maumee Watershed District  
1750 Eastgate Rd  
Toledo, OH 43614-1936

Sunday, April 2, 2017  
2:00pm-7:00pm  
Xenia Faith Community UMC - Miami Valley District  
100 Country Club Dr  
Xenia, OH 45385-1630

Saturday, May 13, 2017  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
Rolling Plains UMC - Foothill District  
3350 Moxahala Park Rd  
Zanesville, OH 43701-7757

**To find events in Equip and register your team [click here](#):**

Praying together with you, in Christ's name, for the unleashing of God possibilities beyond imagination in and through all of our congregations--

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