



## **Refresh . . . Retool . . . Revitalize!** **The Temple—January 29-31, 2010**

### **Introduction**

*You are invited to participate in a formation and training event for evangelists at the Temple in Independence, Missouri, on January 29–31, 2010.* Study options will be offered in three tracks. Choose one and go deeper in either “Spiritual Formation for Spiritual Companions,” “Growing Our Capacity,” or the Temple School course, *Evangelists: Sharing a New World of Blessing*.

President David Schaal and Seminary Dean Don Compier will provide keynotes and additional teaching and listening ministry during the weekend. Note the list of other faculty. It is impressive!

Offered primarily to evangelists within driving distance of the Temple, the event is open to all evangelists and to their companion. The event officially begins with registration at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, and ends at noon on Sunday, January 31. Note, however, that additional learning opportunities will be offered from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29.

Please join us if you can. Register soon! Early-bird registration, available until December 31, 2009, is **\$40.00**. Registration after December 31, 2009 will be **\$50.00**.

**SPECIAL INVITATION:** We invite you to close the weekend with a unique Temple event, *“Light for the Journey,”* from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 31. Experience spiritual renewal through encounters with God and one another. Listen for the Spirit together. Deepen your discipleship. Come seek the presence of God and be touched by the Spirit in Word, song, silence, and fellowship.

*Refresh your ministry. Retool your skills. Revitalize your spirit!*

## **Three Tracks Offered**

*Please choose the one track you wish to attend and sign up on the registration form.*

### **1) Temple School Course PA222 -- *Evangelists: Sharing a New World of Blessing***

This track, though open to all evangelists, is designed for those recently called or ordained to the office. Coordinated by Order Secretary Rich Kohlman, with current and former presiding evangelists, original authors, and others as teachers and facilitators, the course will be an overview of the role and function of evangelists in the life of the church. It is highly recommended that participants purchase and read the Temple School course prior to the event.

### **2) Spiritual Formation for Spiritual Companions**

Evangelists are ministers of the soul. Our ministry as spiritual companions is grounded in spiritual practice and friendship with God. Persons choosing this track will spend the day exploring the meanings of spirituality, spiritual formation, spiritual companioning, discernment, and spiritual direction. We will engage in spiritual disciplines that deepen our life in God. A specific goal will be to increase skills of compassionate presence and “holy listening” that are essential for spiritual companioning. Practical concerns of how, when, where, and with whom to offer spiritual companioning will be addressed as well as spiritual companioning during the blessing process and in congregational life.

Members of the Spiritual Formation Team sharing ministry are: Carolyn Brock, Bruce Crockett, Marlene Krueger, Marvin Rice, Kathy Shockley, and Donna Sperry.

### **3) Growing Our Capacity**

Nine classes, including an Open Forum, are offered. Registrants can choose six of the nine classes. In the registration form you will find a chart listing all classes in this track. Indicate the first set of six classes to attend and your second set of three choices. This will determine when and how often classes will be offered. See “Class Descriptions” for all sessions, including the Friday afternoon Pre-Event.

## **Exhibit of Evangelist Resources**

A “Resources for Evangelists” exhibit will be on-site with all printed materials and order forms available. A computer station will also provide access to the evangelist web-site, and persons will be present to give further information and helps.

## Schedule

Time	Location	Activity
<b>Friday, January 29</b>		
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Temple Sanctuary	Daily Prayer for Peace
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Various locations	Pre-event extra class offerings
6:00 – 6:45 PM	Temple Foyer	Registration
6:45 – 7:45 PM	Temple Sanctuary	Worship and Key Note by Don Compier: “A Theology of Blessing and Sacrament”
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Various Locations	Three Tracks of Classes*
9:00 PM	Temple Foyer	Snacks and Fellowship
<b>Saturday, January 30</b>		
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Temple Sanctuary	Worship, and introduce “Beachcombers,” Don Compier and David Schaal
9:15– 10:15 AM	Various Places	Three Tracks of Classes*
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Temple Lunch Room	Snacks
10:45 – 12:00 PM	Various Places	Three Tracks of Classes*
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Laurel Club Dining Rm.	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Temple Sanctuary	Daily Prayer for Peace
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Temple Sanctuary	“Beachcombers” share
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Various Places	Three Tracks of Classes*
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Temple Lunch Room	Snacks
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Various Places	Three Tracks of Classes*
5:30 – 8:30 PM	Laurel Club and Lower Assembly Room	“Bless ‘em All!” Dinner, Fellowship, and Fun
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>		
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Various Places	Three Tracks of Classes*
10:45 – 12:00 PM	Temple Sanctuary	Worship – “Giftedness Overflows in Mission” David Schaal

\*Track1 PA222 – *Evangelists: Sharing a New World of Blessing*, Temple School Class.  
Track 2 Spiritual Formation for Spiritual Companions. Track 3 Growing Our Capacity

**NOTE:** The Temple Bookstore will be open on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## **Class Descriptions for Growing Our Capacity and Pre-Event Opportunities**

- 1. Giving a Blessing: Nuts and Bolts, Edith Gallaher**  
So you have been asked to offer the Sacrament of Blessing... Wonder how to get started? Wonder what time-line is appropriate? Wonder about setting, recording, editing, and follow-up? Wonder what questions to ask your self? Let's discuss and explore practicalities of giving blessings. Question/answer, examples, brainstorming, and shared experiences will be used to encourage and give tools with which to work.
- 2. Introducing Evangelist Ministries to Members and Friends, Edith Gallaher**  
Explore how to introduce the ministry of the evangelist and invite others to know you and your ministry. A PowerPoint presentation and discussion with handouts will be used to introduce ways to educate and encourage persons in group settings to utilize the ministry of an evangelist. New tracts and specific information on the evangelist web-site will be shared.
- 3. Congregational Blessings Create Pathways of Peace, Terry Snapp**  
Using the recently released resource, *Create Pathways of Peace in the World*, as well as actual congregational blessings, the class will focus on the elements and steps of the entire blessing experience. Participants will be invited to share their own experience. Attention will be given to follow-up that is focused on long-term integration of the blessing into the life of the congregation.
- 4. Blessing the Difference: Evangelists and Congregational Personality,**  
David Schaal  
In healthy families, each child should be honored according to his or her uniqueness. Likewise, each congregation has its own personality which must be nurtured if it is to grow. How can evangelists help?
- 5. Theology of Blessing and Sacrament, Don Compier**  
This class explores the theology of prayer and of the sacraments. We will compare notes with some key thinkers in the Christian tradition and explore how God uses us and common material things to bring blessing into the lives of many.
- 6. Living Sanctuary, Sharon Hannah and Jim Hannah**  
Explore together the roots, growth, and varied manifestations of the experience and expression of "sanctuary" in the life of the evangelist.
- 7. Awaken, Revive, and Quicken – Your Apostolic Witness, Susan Skoor**  
Do you long to bring new life into the role of the evangelist? Are you feeling like your ministry is in need of revival? Does the "evangel" in your evangelist ministry need strengthening? Explore apostolic witness and the challenge of reviving people, congregations, and yourself.

**8. Enriching the Life of the Church: Intergenerational Mutual Mentoring,**

Erica Blevins-Nye and Tom Mountenay

Older and younger people see the world in very different ways. The traditional model of mentoring based on the principle “of the *older* and wiser instructing the *younger* and less experienced” will be enhanced by appreciating “Reverse Mentoring” which acknowledges that the *younger* have much wisdom and experience to share “upward” with the *older*. For example: when it comes to the rate of change in our culture, younger people are in touch with things for which elders do not yet have vocabulary.

**9. Listening to Concerns...Voicing Our Hopes: Open Forum Panel**

Voice your worries and concerns, trusting they will be heard. Share creative ideas that build on others’ thoughts. Speak and listen for new insights, for resolution of dilemmas, for creative imagination which is prophetic and liberating. Dialogue among sages and sinner saints can render much!

**10. Exploring *We Share*, David Schaal**

*We Share Identity, Mission, Message, and Beliefs* is a foundational identity document for the church that is being used to align church message, programs and resources. Come explore *We Share* and its implications for the evangelist.

**11. Blessing: Discovering the Divine Imagination, Barbara Howard**

This session will explore images of God as the Divine Imagination and offer opportunity to understand blessing as “the discovery of a fresh well.” John O'Donohue’s text, *Bless the Space Between Us*, is a fine resource for evangelists and those who seek an evangelist’s blessing. If possible, *please purchase or borrow the book from the library and read in preparation for this session.*

**12. Spiritual Direction, Spiritual Formation Team: Carolyn Brock, Bruce Crockett,**

Marlene Krueger, Marvin Rice, Kathy Shockley, and Donna Sperry.

Spiritual direction is an intentional process of deepening our life with God with the help of a trained spiritual “guide.” We meet with the spiritual director to talk about our relationship with God and the spiritual concerns in our lives. The spiritual director listens and asks questions that help us reflect more deeply on our spiritual journey. Prayer and meditation practices may be suggested, but the spiritual director’s primary role is to listen, provide encouragement, and serve as a compassionate presence supporting our movement toward spiritual wholeness.

***Special note:*** Members of the World Church Spiritual Formation Team will offer one hour sessions of individual spiritual direction. If you are interested, please sign up in the registration form for a session with one of the trained spiritual directors. (Participant limit for first hour is 5 persons; second hour is 5 persons). The first ten persons who submit a registration form for this will be assigned this opportunity.

***See charts on following pages for class selections for Track Three and Friday afternoon Pre-Event offerings.***

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### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate if vegetarian meals are requested, or if there are other dietary needs:

Please register for the Track of classes you wish to take:

\_\_\_\_\_ Track 1 PA222 *Evangelists: Sharing a New World of Blessing*, Temple School

\_\_\_\_\_ Track 2 Spiritual Formation for Spiritual Companions

\_\_\_\_\_ Track 3 Growing Our Capacity

If you select Track 3, Growing Our Capacity, please indicate on the chart below your first choice of six classes and second choice of three classes. Note that this chart continues on page 7.

<b>Track Three: Growing Our Capacity</b>	<b>Number from 1 to 6 your first six choices</b>	<b>Number from 1 to 3 your second choices</b>
<b>Awaken, Revive, and Quicken - Your Apostolic Ministry</b> Susan Skoor		
<b>Blessing the Difference</b> David Schaal		
<b>Congregational Blessings Create Pathways of Peace</b> Terry Snapp		
<b>Giving a Blessing: Nuts and Bolts</b> Edith Gallaher		
<b>Enriching the Life of the Church: Intergenerational Mutual Mentoring</b> Erica Blevins-Nye and Tom Mountenay		

<b>Introducing Evangelist Ministries to Members and Friends</b> Edith Gallaher		
<b>Living Sanctuary</b> Sharon Hannah and Jim Hannah		
<b>Theology of Blessing and Sacrament</b> Don Compier		
<b>Listening to Concerns...Voicing Our Hopes: An Open Forum</b> Dialogue with church leaders and colleagues		

**Pre-Event Choices:** If you are attending the Friday afternoon Pre-Event classes or wish to have a one-on-one spiritual direction session, please indicate below your first and second choices of two classes/sessions.

<b>Pre-Event Class List and Spiritual Direction Request</b>	<b>Number 1 and 2 your first two choices</b>	<b>Number 1 and 2 your second choices</b>
<b>Awaken, Revive, and Quicken - Your Apostolic Ministry</b> Susan Skoor		
<b>Blessing: Discovering the Divine Imagination</b> Barbara Howard		
<b>Congregational Blessings Create Pathways of Peace</b> Terry Snapp		
<b>Exploring <i>We Share</i></b> David Schaal		
<b>Giving a Blessing: Nuts and Bolts</b> Edith Gallaher		
<b>Enriching the Life of the Church: Intergenerational Mutual Mentoring</b> Erica Blevins Nye and Tom Mountenay		
<b>Introducing Evangelist Ministries to Members and Friends</b> Edith Gallaher		
<b>Living Sanctuary</b> Sharon Hannah and Jim Hannah		
<b>Spiritual Direction</b> One hour session with a spiritual director for the first ten to register for this option.		

## Registration Fee

The registration fee includes meals for Saturday noon and evening, snacks, handouts, and some presenter costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Early-bird registration** by December 31, 2009      **\$40.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registration** after December 31, 2009      **\$50.00**

**Temple School Credit** is also available. If you want to receive credit, please indicate so below.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DS 200 Spiritual Formation for Spiritual Companions**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DS 200 Evangelists: Growing Our Capacity**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PA 222 Evangelists: *Sharing a New World of Blessing***

For Directed Study (DS200) credit, *please add \$10.00 to your registration fee.*  
For PA222, purchase of the course book includes cost of Temple School credit.  
We *strongly* urge you to buy and read the course prior to the training event, but will have course books on hand. Please purchase the book through the Herald House web page at [www.HeraldHouse.org](http://www.HeraldHouse.org) or by calling Customer and Member Service at 1-800-825-2806 ext. 1415.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (Payable to **Presiding Bishopric**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Money Order

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Discover

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

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