



## Generous Congregations

### *A New Small Group Experience for Clergy & Local Church Financial Leaders*

**Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Sherry Parker-Lewis and  
Sponsored by the UM Foundation of Michigan**

You are invited to join a small group of 10-12 United Methodists from the Michigan area and grow the culture of generosity in your church. The group meets online for five 2-hour sessions over 10 months. There is no cost for participation.

Each session is grounded in scripture and encourages a unique vision for local churches. Sessions include opportunities for focused conversation. Participants will choose either a morning session or evening session.

Session 1 – November 16, 2020 (6pm-8pm) OR November 17 (10am-12pm)  
**Adapting in Changing Times** – Discuss the difference between adaptive change and technical fixes. Examine together generosity practices and trends in the local church. Be challenged to work toward adaptive change.

Session 2 – January 11, 2021 (6pm-8pm) OR January 12 (10am-12pm)  
**Financial Practice Tune-Up** – Start the year with strong financial practices, from record keeping to intentional celebrations of generosity. Participants will share their church's fiscal strengths and growth areas and develop plans to cultivate a culture of generosity.

Session 3 – February 8, 2021 (6pm-8pm) OR February 9 (10am-12pm)  
**Annual Stewardship Planning** – It is never too early to plan for year-round stewardship education and an annual stewardship campaign. Share resources and create individualized 12-month plans.

Session 4 – March 8, 2021 (6pm-8pm) OR March 9 (10am-12pm)  
**Narrative Budget** – Tell the story of the local church's ministry. Examine steps for creating a compelling narrative budget.

Session 5 – August 23, 2021 (6pm-8pm) OR August 24 (10am-12pm)  
**Check-In for Progress** – Reconvene in preparation for fall ministry. What learnings have been implemented? How can we support one another?

**Registration deadline is November 12th. [Email Sherry](#) to register.**

Would you prefer an individually designed workshop just for your leadership group? Contact Sherry for more information?