

Bless
More Than Enough to Share
Charge Conference 2016

God is ready to overwhelm you with more blessings than you could ever imagine so that you'll always be taken care of in every way and you'll have more than enough to share.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (The Voice)

Each of our congregations is called to bless our communities. As we respond to that opportunity, we also face challenges, some within our congregations and some within our communities. Our tradition of holy conferencing provides us the time to pause, to pray, to plan, and then to respond to God's calling for our future ministries in light of both these opportunities and challenges. Always God gives us more than enough to share and calls us to **BLESS** those around us!

Drawing on Wesley's Means of Grace, we treasure the significance of spiritual practices such as prayer, Bible study, worship, sharing in communion, and holy conferencing. God inspires and challenges us to **BLESS** our neighbors through acts of mercy such as feeding the hungry, doing good, and addressing the needs of the poor. Circumstance and situations can be transformed when the church is **BLESSING**.

Use the questions below in preparation for your Charge Conference.

Review your ministries of the past year.

Prayerfully discern your opportunities for the coming year as you work to transform the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Share plans that have been prepared for the coming year, drawing on Vital Signs statistics, and MissionInsite Demographic information as they are helpful.

Who Do You Bless? How do you live as those with more than enough to share?

What is your current/future plan for discovering who is in your community? What tools or experiences have helped you understand the needs around you?

What are you doing now to Bless others beyond the walls of the church?

Share your intentional plans to go outside the walls of your church to bless the community and world. What partnerships are being developed in your community (schools, businesses, community organizations, service agencies, etc.)?

Who is the Holy Spirit leading you to bless in the future beyond those you are now blessing?

In response to our conference mission emphasis this year, how is your congregation addressing the needs of children in poverty in Holston Conference? (The goal is \$10 and 10 hours of service per average attendance.) What doors have opened in response to your commitment on behalf of local children in poverty?

How has the world been transformed?

Tell one story of how you and your congregation have been blessed by blessing others.

Date _____

Church _____

Pastor _____

Lay Leader(s) _____

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