



PASTOR'S OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION TO THE WESLEYAN BUILDING BROTHERS PROCESS

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Virginia United Methodist Center • Glen Allen, VA

Register by December 31st ... Save \$10 Per Person !

Seating Limited
to 75

Why Wesleyan Building Brothers? Why Now?

- ⇒ The latest statistics reveal that when the father comes to know Christ, 93% of the time the family follows.
- ⇒ Of the US adults born prior to 1946, 65% professed their faith in Christ, while less than 5% of those born after 1977 are becoming Christians.
- ⇒ Nearly 95% of Christian men do not have close male friends.
- ⇒ A *Barna Research* survey found that in 1992, 42% of men in the U.S. attended church, but by 1996, that number had dropped to 28% ... revealing that nearly one-third of the men of the church had left.
- ⇒ On average, about two-thirds of the congregation is comprised of women. *Where are the men?*
- ⇒ Men are finding their *identity* outside of the church.
- ⇒ Men are foundational to the health and life of society, churches and families.

Wesleyan Building Brothers is *NOT* about men's ministry ... WBB is about local church *renewal* and *revitalization*, and this is immensely important and timely, because this is one of the four focus areas identified by the Council of Bishops as being most critical.

And because WBB focuses on *renewal* and *revitalization*, it compliments the Virginia Conference challenge: *Let's Get Growing*, and strategic vision, *All Things New*.

Your Spiritual Leader and Coach



Dan Schaffer is the founder and president of Building Brothers. He has a deep spiritual passion to build *Spiritual Fathers* within the Church, and has been a *Spiritual Father* in the lives of men for over 30 years. He was one of the four men who founded Promise Keepers and was responsible for developing the Key Man and Ambassador training material. Dan would sum up his purpose in life this way, "That I would pursue and reproduce the pursuit of God, as laid out in Philippians 3:10 in others."

"I have personally experienced that most pastors don't realize that discipleship is the key. As pastors, we tend to focus more on 'Bible studies' than on 'intentional discipleship' – which is about forming us to become more like Christ, using the Bible as the guide. It's important that we know God's Word, but so often in typical Bible studies we tend to lose the character development and healing in the midst of the study. That's the power of the Building Brothers process: It assists in putting the pieces in place to allow men to go deeper into relationship with Christ first, and with other men secondly ... Building Brothers has become a part of the fabric of my personal ministry with men and within our church. I thank them for being willing vessels to serve me and the men of my church!"

— Rev. Ricci Arthur, Sr. Pastor, Dresden (OH) United Methodist Church

Who should attend?

ALL Pastors — male and female clergy alike — should plan to attend this 1-day event. And if at all possible, Pastors should try to seek out one or two men of the church to accompany them. The men selected need not be elected leaders, but rather, **men who have an appetite for service and growth in their spiritual maturity, and a heart for intentional discipleship with other men of the church.**

The concept behind the *Pastor's Overview* is for you, the Pastor, **to gain insight and understanding of the Wesleyan Building Brothers Process** and learn why it is crucial for men to be in a process of spiritual transformation, and to acquire the fundamentals required for men to grow and mature into *Spiritual Fathers*. For that reason, it is permissible for Pastors to participate either alone or with men under their spiritual leadership, *but men may not participate without their Pastors.*



Schedule and Cost



**Introduction
Included
WITH REGISTRATION**

Pastors and men will **gather at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, donuts and fellowship. The Pastor's Overview, led by Dan Schaffer, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.,** with time allotted for stretch breaks and lunch.

The cost is **\$50 per person for registrations postmarked by December 29, 2008**
After December 31st it's \$60 per person — SAVE \$10 per person — Register soon!

The registration fee includes snacks, lunch and the *Introduction to Wesleyan Building Brothers* handbook.

It's recommended that you begin reading the book *Spiritual Fathers* before the *Pastor's Overview*. It can be ordered with your registration, or separately at the address shown below.



**Spiritual Fathers
\$13.00
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