



Ohio West Area
of The United Methodist Church

July 2, 2015

Rev. Jeff, and Rev. Becky Motter
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Dear Jeff and Becky:

Resident Bishop
Gregory V. Palmer

Assistant to the Bishop
Rev. Barbara Sholis

**Executive Secretary
to the Bishop**
Karen Corbitt

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Coordinator**
Tim McCoy

After a season of prayerful discernment that included rigorous conversation with the Cabinet, I would like to invite you and your congregation to participate in our conference's Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI).

This three-year process has been carefully designed to assist churches that have capable clergy leadership, a surrounding demographic ripe for reaching for Christ, a building that is viable for increased fruitful ministry, capable generous financial givers – but have not yet reached their kingdom potential and capacity. The Consultation Initiative, directed by Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey on my executive staff, provides a comprehensive coaching and resourcing consultation that assists such churches to move beyond the plateau or decline and enter a new season of fruitfulness and growth. We have seen amazing results already with the churches that piloted the Consultation Initiative the last four years. You and your congregation have been selected to consider entering the process starting this fall as one of our next 10 churches—out of over 1000 West Ohio congregations.

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In order to provide you detailed information about what the Consultation Initiative process offers and what it would require of each pastor and congregation – as well as what results you could expect to gain through participation – you, the congregation's lay leader, SPRC chairperson, governing board chairperson and one other key leader of your choice are invited to attend an informational dinner with me on **Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m.** at the West Ohio Conference Center. I will share with you the vision of our Consultation Initiative and Sue will explain the logistics and process of this innovative opportunity. **RSVP No later than Friday, July 17**, to Grace Gerber at ggerber@wocumc.org. Please



include the names of the other three persons who will join you for this dinner event.

After the information evening, you and your leadership will have several weeks to discuss, ask questions, and pray about this possibility. We will need a response to this invitation on or before Monday, August 24.

If you have specific questions, please contact Sue at snkibbey@wocumc.org or by phone at the Conference Center. We are excited about what God has in store, and I look forward to seeing you on July 30!

In Christ's extravagant love,

+Gregory V. Palmer

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cc: *Barry Burns, D.S. Northwest Plains District*
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