

## **“10 in 2010” - Decentralizing the Forged in the Fire experience - Basic Information.**

### ***What was the purpose of the Forged in the Fire evangelism events?***

The primary purpose was to *inspire* people (*Love God with all your heart and soul*) to make a commitment to serve Jesus Christ as Lord and make disciples; the outcome for visualization was those coming to the altar to renew this commitment. A secondary purpose was to *inform and equip* people for evangelism (*Love God with all your mind and strength*) through seminars and classes.

### ***What is the purpose of decentralizing the Forged in the Fire experience?***

We hope to bring the Forged in the Fire experience closer to the people of our conference. Transformation in systems occurs when a critical mass of persons adopt and practice an innovation. We hope to connect people in order to create a tipping point for evangelism and disciple making in each district.

### ***Who would be interested in the “10 in 2010” mini-Forged in the Fire events?***

Peter Wagner indicated that 5-10% of persons attending a given church have the gift of evangelism; these persons will be enthusiastically drawn to such events, readily grasp what is taught and be ready to implement disciple making behaviors. Whatever the actual percentage in our churches, this population is a place to begin to build critical mass, along with any other persons who are interested in disciple making.

### ***What does the Book of Discipline say about this? Is it “United Methodist”?***

¶ 126. **The Ministry of the Laity** ... “Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional.” Our committee hopes to facilitate this purpose.

### ***What do you intend to do in the “10 in 2010” project?***

As it is a beginning, we encourage simplicity - that the event simply be a service of worship that will call persons to the altar to make a commitment to missionally serve Christ and make disciples. When there is an event in a district which meets this criteria, we will partner with those organizing that event. We hope to make a beginning that will become an annual event under local control. Emerging leaders in each district will shape what occurs at future district events to meet needs in their context.

### ***What are you asking of a host church?***

In our July meeting, committee members nominated churches to host the first event. A host church provides a place for worship to take place and encourages their members to participate - a significant head start toward a tipping point. We would consult with the host church regarding the best date and time for the service; we believe they know the local context. We would like to ask the host church to help us organize music for the service. An offering will be taken and we would like to ask the host church to count the funds and disburse them for speaker travel expenses, an honorarium (if desired by the speaker) or a designated advanced special.

### ***Who will be the speaker for the event?***

As local leaders emerge to plan future events, the type of speakers will widely differentiate. As a means of keeping it simple this first time, the IGRC Evangelism Committee would like to use persons within our conference affiliated with the National Association of United Methodists Evangelists ([www.naume.org](http://www.naume.org)) and a few others familiar with the Forged in the Fire experience.

### ***What will happen in the service?***

After greetings by the host pastor and a first hymn, we expect greetings from a member of the IGRC Evangelism Committee to introduce the information sheet, a introduction to DVD greetings from our Bishop by the DS (if present), followed by special music, the message and a closing song with altar call.

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