

Our committee hopes to help bring more laborers into God's harvest by providing training that equips each person to make disciples. The IGRC Evangelism Committee is planning a four phase emphasis on training for lay driven disciple making, eventually leading to a certification in lay evangelism.

Phase 1: **Online Course - Disciple Making 101**, taught through the Richard & Julia Wilke Institute For Discipleship at www.beadisciple.com. This course has been taught 3 times a year since January, 2008, and begins on the 2nd Mondays of January, May and September. Cost: \$20. *Disciple Making 101 is an approved advanced lay speaking course.*

New phases will develop as needed in coming years through 2015:

Phase 2: **District Equipping Groups** to provide local mentoring and accountability for evangelism at the district level.

Phase 3: An **Annual Two Day Certification Retreat** to provide ongoing education and help build a disciple making community within our conference.

Phase 4: An **Application Process** for certification as a lay evangelist through the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists (NAUME).

Please pray for ... the work of the IGRC Evangelism Committee.

- Be aware - check our web page at www.igrc.org/evangelism listing evangelism activities around the conference - please support them with your prayers & presence.

- Join us on Facebook - search for "IGRC Evangelism Committee" - to share in an online community.

- Pray for God's blessing on events and ministries involving evangelism and disciple making in our conference.

- Questions? Contact us at evangelism@igrc.org or telephone the chair, Dr. David Kueker, at 618-344-1208.

Matthew 13:33 He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Lord, be the leaven ... start

**FORGED
in the
FIRE
10 in 2010**

something
within me...

*Please pray
for and
participate ...
in these services of
evangelism in each
district:*

Modeled after the Forged in the Fire events, the IGRC Evangelism Committee will plan for "10 in 2010" evangelism events throughout the Illinois Great Rivers

Conference this fall. "We hope to bring the Forged in the Fire experience closer to the people of our conference," said the Rev. David Kueker, chair of the Evangelism Committee.

"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."

Please pray that God will bless the seeds of faithful discipleship sown upon those who attended and will attend these worship services in the ten districts of our Conference:

8/27-28 Mississippi River District - UMM "Light My Fire" Men's Revival. Host Church: Fairview Heights Christ UMC
Organized by MRD United Methodist Men

Sunday 9/26 - 7 pm - Kaskaskia River District - Host Church: Sumner UMC. Speaker: Mike Rayson (NAUME Evangelist).

Saturday 10/16 - 5:30 pm - Sangamon River District - Host Church: Springfield First UMC. Speaker: Dr. Roger Ross.

Sunday 10/24 - 6 pm - Spoon River District - Host Church: East Moline Christ UMC - Speaker: Danny Cox (NAUME Associate).
Offering: *Scholarships for the John Wesley Elementary School in Wealah, Liberia.*

Friday, 11/5 - 7 pm - Illinois River District - Host Church: Peoria First UMC. Speaker: Dr Rose Booker Jones. Offering: *Illinois River District Transportation Project for Ganta District, Liberia.*

Sunday, 11/7 - 7 pm - Lamoine River District - at Jacksonville Grace UMC. Hosted by the churches of the Holy Spokes Cluster. Speaker: Dr Bev Wilkes Null (NAUME Associate). Offering: *Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia.*

Sunday, 12/5 - 6 pm - Cache River District - Host Church: Marion Aldersgate UMC.

January 23, 2011 - Time TBA - Iroquois River District - Host Church: Champaign New Horizon UMC.

February 13, 2011 - 4 pm - Vermillion River District - Host Church: Normal Calvary UMC. Speaker: Dr Kent Millard.

Embarras River District - Annual District Revival - Speaker: DS Randy Reese. Date, Time & Host Church to be announced.

Please pray for ... IGRC Evangelism Committee disciple making training.

There are two streams of disciple making which could be described as "right hand" and "left hand" evangelism; we need both. *Right hand evangelism* is church driven evangelism, involving the familiar pattern of churches, worship, evangelists, revivals, altar calls, enthusiasm, follow up, Sunday School, invitation, hospitality, etc.

Left hand evangelism is a less familiar paradigm of lay driven evangelism, involving lay people going among the lost, making disciples in ongoing relationships, then mentoring their disciples to become missional servants and eventually then disciple makers. *Luke 10:2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*

We need to pray for harvest laborers, and we need more help in the harvest fields! Disciple making is not only the task of the church, it is also *my* task and *your* task, according to ¶126 of the **2008 Book of Discipline**: "Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional."