



**THE STILLWATER DISTRICT
MINISTRY ACADEMY
JULY 31, 2010
WESLEY FOUNDATION @ OSU
823 W. UNIVERSITY
STILLWATER, OK**

FOR SEVERAL YEARS LEADERS IN THE STILLWATER DISTRICT OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HAVE BEEN PLANNING A NEW PATH FOR LAITY, CLERGY, AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR CALL TO MINISTRY AND TO PURSUE INFORMAL, RELATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWING DEEPER IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY AND INCREASING THEIR MINISTRY SKILLS. THIS ACADEMY IS NOT TO REPLACE THE VARIED AND WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES NOW OFFERED AT OUR UNIVERSITIES AND SEMINARIES BUT RATHER IT IS TO BE A “CLOSE TO HOME” LEARNING EVENT DESIGNED TO DEVELOP NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND GAIN INSIGHTS AND SKILLS AS WELL AS NEW UNDERSTANDING FOR SERVING CHRIST IN THIS FAST PACED, CHANGING WORLD.

USUALLY THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE SEMINARS OFFERED AND IF THERE IS, SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE UMBRELLA OF THIS ACADEMY WILL INCLUDE OUR 2011 TRAINING FOR LAY SPEAKING CERTIFICATION, BOTH BASIC AND ADVANCED, AND OUR TRAINING FOR CERTIFICATION AS A LAY MINISTER. MANY OTHER OFFERINGS ARE BEING DEVELOPED.

TO LAUNCH THIS NEW VENTURE WE ARE ANNOUNCING THAT DR. ELAINE ROBINSON, DEAN OF ST. PAUL’S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT OCU, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER. SHE IS KNOWN FOR HER UNDERSTANDING OF UNITED METHODIST THEOLOGY AND HISTORY AND HER WINSOME, ENGAGING PERSONALITY. TOGETHER HER GIFTS BRING AUDIENCES A STIMULATING LEARNING EXPERIENCE. ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A UNITED METHODIST?

WHY HAS THE METHODIST/WESLEYAN MOVEMENT BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL AROUND THE

**TO FIND OUT MORE, CALL DR.
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