
Driving Directions to Ramsey Memorial UMC

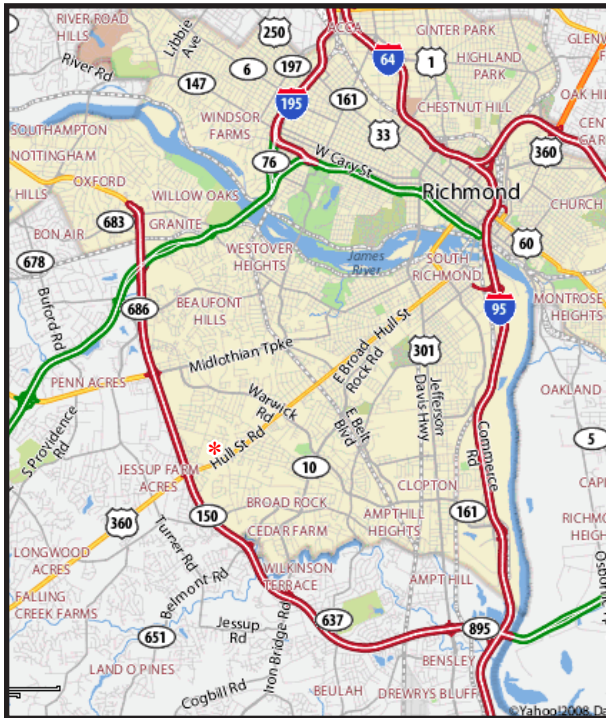
5900 Hull Street Road
Richmond VA 23224
(804)276-4628

FROM WEST and NORTH:

Take I-64 to Parham Road south across the Wiley Bridge to Chippenham Parkway (150) south to Hull Street Road. Take Hull Street Road east toward downtown Richmond. Ramsey Memorial will be on your left.

FROM EAST and SOUTH:

Take I-95 to Chippenham Parkway (150) north to Hull Street Road. Take Hull Street Road east toward downtown Richmond. Ramsey Memorial will be on your left.



Frequently Asked Questions About Creating Christian Community

Q: What is “Creating Christian Community?”

A: Creating Christian Community is a half day training event offered by the Richmond District for the leadership of local churches. Our keynote speaker will cast a vision that shapes the ministry of the local church in a variety of settings. Then, participants may attend one of several break-out sessions or workshops designed to inform and educate participants in specific areas of interest that are important for church leadership and ministry in the 21st century.

Q: Is this event the same thing as the Richmond District Leadership Training that we have attended in the past?

A: Yes and No. The Richmond District is committed to offering quality training for its local church leaders. This event offers that training and much more. Church leaders and volunteers in a variety of areas have the opportunity to develop their abilities to lead the congregation in hospitality, disciple-making and transformation by attending a 90-minute break-out session.

Q: Who should attend?

A: Church leaders—clergy and lay, full-time and part-time, paid and volunteer—all who are interested in more and better ways to promote the church’s mission of developing followers of Christ should attend this event. There is no limit on the position descriptions or number of people from each church who may attend.

Q: How will this event benefit our church?

A: Effective leadership begins with quality training. When people understand the tasks and responsibilities to which they have been called, they are better able to do the work set before them. The more people that come from one church, the more people will be inspired by a common vision and empowered to be agents for growth and transformation within your congregation and in your community.

Q: What happens after the event?

A: You are encouraged to bring a team of church leaders to this event. The more people who attend the more energy and information you will have for your church. Plus, each person can attend workshops and break-out sessions of interest and all can benefit from the vision of Creating Christian Community. Following the event you are encouraged to gather your team for lunch and a chance to debrief and talk about how you will use the information you receive.

New Day! New Time!

Richmond District
Virginia United Methodist Church

Leadership Training Event



Creating Christian Community

Sunday, January 4
2:00-5:30 p.m.

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Name of Church _____

Senior Pastor _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: (O) _____

Address _____

City _____ VA, Zip _____

Names and Workshop Selection of all members attending (use separate sheet of paper if necessary):

Workshop #: Name:

Send one registration form per church. Please enclose a check for \$75 to cover the cost of the event. An unlimited number may attend from each church team. **Registration deadline is December 19.** There will be no cancellations or refunds after this date. Call 521-1124 for more information.

Make check payable to: Richmond District UMC (memo: C3 Event) and mail with this form to: Richmond District UMC, P.O. Box 1719, Glen Allen VA 23060.

Scholarships are available by calling Dorothee Tripodi, 739-0008, no later than December 15.



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Keynote Speaker for the Event



What are the right questions that create Christian community? What is the Christian community for which Jesus prayed? How can your church be formed by the vision of living in joy and unity to the glory of God and by the mission of being followers of Jesus sent into the world? Rev. Marc D. Brown will present these and other questions from two books

he has co-authored and that will be published in May 2009 by Discipleship Resources. Titled “Does Your Church Have a Prayer? In Mission Toward the Promised Land” this leadership book and companion participant’s Bible study guide are designed to create Christian community through biblical principles that can shape and transform every church.

Marc is an elder with a bachelor’s degree from Radford University and a Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. He has served appointments in the Virginia Conference since 1977. He served for seven years as district superintendent of the Richmond District and began his appointment as Director of Connectional Ministries in July 2008.

Schedule for the Day

1:30 p.m. Registration
2:00 Worship—Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jones
2:15 Keynote—Rev. Marc D. Brown
3:15 Refreshments and move to Workshops
3:30 Workshops and Breakout Sessions
5:30 Dismissal

Breakout Sessions and Workshops

- 1. Training for Church Leaders**—Participants in this session will learn about the roles, duties, responsibilities and challenges associated with their church leadership positions. Trustees will learn the guiding principles for serving as guardians of church. Members of Finance and Staff-Parish Relations Committees will learn about money and people management in a church setting and the importance of policies, procedures and checks and balances.
- 2. Forming Small Groups in the Wesleyan Tradition**—United Methodists have long understood the importance of small groups as a vehicle for spiritual growth, accountability and transformation. Participants will learn the wisdom and efficacy of forming small groups within a congregation and have a “hands on” experience to model for them how to practice spiritual disciplines in the context of a small group.
- 3. Discipling Families**—The work of the Church is the formation and nurture of disciples of Jesus Christ. Increasingly, churches are looking for ways to promote discipleship in family groups. Participants will receive practical ideas for hands-on mission that families can do together, recreational ministries that offer opportunities for developing spirituality through sports, and intergenerational events and programs.
- 4. Building Bridges of Accessibility**—Wherever humanity seeks to create community, there are barriers. We are called to construct bridges to overcome the barriers to right relationship with God and one another. Participants will be guided in identifying the barriers in their congregations. Whether the barriers are physical, generational, or philosophical participants in this session will learn strategies for promoting functional relationships by building bridges.
- 5. Making All Things New**—Hear the invitation of the Virginia Conference to become a renewed faith community as described in the “All Things New” report presented at Annual Conference. This is an invitation for existing churches to participate in a movement of cultural transformation and to embody fruitfulness. Participants will learn how to become a “Five Talent Church.”
- 6. Moving Beyond Church Walls**—Creating Christian Community is not simply about being the church in the traditional sense. Drawing from the concept of God’s vision of shalom—where a spirit of cooperation, reconciliation and hope pervade—participants will hear about models for going into a community and learning about the hopes, visions, strengths and assets of the community as an integral part of spreading the gospel of Christ.