

Greetings fellow co-workers in His Kingdom's fields,



Now is the time for all who have any kind of vested interest in Rural/Small Town Ministry to read the rest of this article and then take this to your Council and get them involved in the Outreach Summit. And **please note** the limited registration of 36 by July 7, 2010.

I realize this is a lot of information to consider but the information and modules will give you and your congregation a tremendous amount of material to help define, refine, and continue your ministry in R/ST settings. The time for the Outreach Summit is fast approaching so now is the time for all to take immediate action. God's blessings and wisdom be upon you as you sort through this opportunity with your people.

Rural Communities Outreach Summit

The Summit will equip professional church workers, district leaders and congregational leaders to bring the hope of Christ into each outreach consultation and mentoring activity in the district and congregation. Each participant will experience the joy and delight of reaching out with the Gospel in various ways that engage their changing rural community.

Sponsored by: Rural Mission Resources Center-SPIFE/Concordia, Missouri – Director Dr. Ralph Geisler
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When : Thursday, 1:00 p.m., July 29 to Saturday, noon, July 31, 2010

Who will attend: We encourage a team of leaders from the congregations to attend (note savings for team of five)

- Rural Pastors and Congregational Leaders
- Rural Regional Partnership, Multi-Point Churches, Pastors and Lay Leaders
- District Rural Task Force leaders

Registration:

**Cost per participant: \$150 (Team of five from one ministry-one participant free)
Includes 2 nights lodging (motel guest rooms) 6 meals and all materials**

Participation limited to the first 36 registrants, deadline July 7, 2010

To register call toll free (888) 463-5127

Learning Modules: Reproducible in Rural Congregations and Districts

- ✓ Demographics: Insights into Understanding our Rural Communities (Carole White)
- ✓ The importance of Teamwork, Coaching and Mentoring (Lee Hagan/Norm Piatti)
- ✓ Outreach Ideas for Multi-Point Congregations (Gene Ernst & Todd Kollbaum)
- ✓ Individual and Congregational Outreach to Rural Communities (Mark Press)
- ✓ Leadership and Planning as a Step Toward Informed Outreach (Phil Johnson)
- ✓ Bible studies with Mission/Outreach Purpose (Keith Christiansen)
- ✓ Unpacking the Rural Post-church Culture: "The Rural Onion" (E. Bunkowske)
- ✓ Family Needs and Initiatives in a Rural Culture (Angie Kollbaum)

Description of the Summit:

This Summit will focus on giving professional church workers and lay leaders in rural church settings some tools and learning modules that they can use to serve mission/outreach leaders within their faith communities. There is a planned follow-up system after the summit to encourage further development of each participant from congregations and districts.

Serving with Joy in His fields,

Rev. Gene Ernst, Chairman
Rural Ministry Committee

