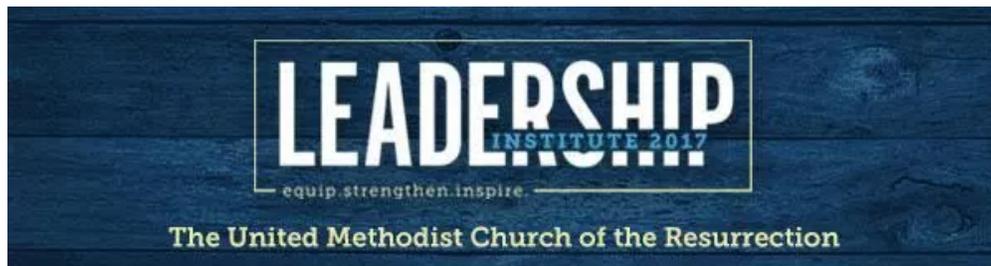


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## 2017 Leadership Institute Information for Grant Recipients

June 1, 2017

Greetings!

We at the Center for Vitality are excited that your congregation will be a 2017 UMFA Grant Recipient for the Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute. COR LI brings together clergy, church staff and volunteers who share a passion for renewing churches and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Over 19 years, more than 27,000 leaders have returned to their congregations and communities ready to lead with impact, vitality, excellence, passion and boldness. The Arkansas Conference consistently has one of the largest groups at the Institute, and it is a joy to have you as part of this year's group.

### STAY INFORMED

- This year's Leadership Institute is structured and scheduled differently because of extensive remodeling in their older buildings, along with the opening of their new sanctuary. There will be multiple General Sessions and a more extensive selection of Pre-Institute Workshops.
- The website for the Institute is <http://li.cor.org/>.
- The Center for Vitality has specific information for our grant recipients at <http://vitality.arumc.org/cor-li/>.

### GRANT REQUIREMENTS

By accepting this UMFA grant, your congregation is agreeing to fulfill particular expectations in partnership with the Center for Vitality as noted below:

- Your church will receive a \$5000 grant to assist with the costs of participating in the Leadership Institute and follow-up gatherings offered by the Center for Vitality after you return to Arkansas.
- Gather a **team of at least five leaders**. The team should include your pastor and at least three lay persons who are not paid staff. (Please note that 5 is only the minimum and you are encouraged to bring **more than five** to the Leadership Institute, and use the grant to subsidize the entire cost -- some churches have brought a dozen leaders!).
- Your team is required to **attend the entire Leadership Institute** which begins at 4:30 pm on September 27<sup>th</sup> and ends at 12:30pm on September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is also an optional Pre-Institute, beginning at 8 am on the 27<sup>th</sup> which you are highly encouraged to attend.
- You and your team agree to **attend two follow-up Action Planning Gatherings** which will be offered around Arkansas in late October/November and February/March. Your team will choose one of three dates in the Fall: October 28, or November 11 or

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November 28 (Locations TBA) and one of three dates in the Spring: February 17, February 24, or March 3 (Locations TBA). The follow-up gatherings will help your team put what you have learned at the Leadership Institute into practice in your unique mission field.

- Your team will **plan and implement a new or improved ministry** which leads your church to “Grow By (at least) One” in worship attendance, professions of faith, outreach ministries to your mission field and/or small discipleship groups that equip your members in deepening their commitment to Christ.
- Your team will share the impact of the COR LI on your congregation and mission field with the Center for Vitality.
- Your team should **gather at 5:55pm on Wednesday, September 27th**, outside the Wesley Covenant Chapel for a group picture as a thank you for the UMFA. Your congregation will receive a reimbursement check at that time.

## REGISTRATION

You may find registration details about the Institute, including workshop descriptions at [li.cor.org/](http://li.cor.org/). As a grant recipient, please register using these directions:

- Once you have selected your Pre-institute workshops and are ready to register, you may register here: [Leadership Institute Registration](#).
- In order to receive the grant-funded rate, please select the **Registration Type: ShareChurch Registrar Group**.
- **You are encouraged to sign up for both the Pre-Institute (September 27) and the Leadership Institute (September 27-29) -- the grant covers both!**
- Later in the registration process you will be asked: **What ShareChurch Registrar Group are you affiliated with?** Please select **Arkansas Laity Development** from the dropdown list provided.
- At the end of the registration, select to **Pay by Check**. **Very important: Please DO NOT pay using your own credit card.** The Arkansas Annual Conference will make payment to Church of the Resurrection on your behalf.
- Please register your congregation’s team by August 15.

## LODGING

We have worked with COR to identify multiple options for lodging at different price-points. A list of partner hotels with special rates can be found at <http://li.cor.org/travel-information/>. Please make your reservations early as rooms fill up quickly.

## TRANSPORTATION

You are encouraged to travel together as a team to COR. If your church has a bus or van, consider contacting other churches in your area and share rides. Once the list of 2017 COR LI grant churches has been finalized, we will share the list with you so that you can make carpool plans if you wish.

## GRANT FUNDS REIMBURSEMENT

The Center will first pay your team’s registration fees to the Church of the Resurrection from your grant funds. Following that, a check will be presented to your church at the Leadership Institute during the Wednesday evening photo time to assist with your expenses. The final \$500 of your grant will be awarded to your church at your first follow-up Action Planning Gathering in the fall. Your church will be responsible for distributing grant funds to your team for travel costs.

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It is a blessing to attend the 2017 COR LI with you. Stay updated through the Center's webpage at <http://vitality.arumc.org/cor-li/>. Please contact the Center for Vitality, toll free at 1-877-646-1816 or email [centerforvitality@arumc.org](mailto:centerforvitality@arumc.org). Together, we are creating vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world!

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