



# Academy for New Ministry Development

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**To:** **Academy XII Pastors**  
Commission Members

**From:** Barb Mann, Registrar

**Re:** January 12-13, 2012 Academy Session, Bloomfield UMC, Des Moines IA  
Pastor Cindy Hickman

**Focus:** **NCD: Functional Structures**

Greetings! We want to share with you our planning for the January 2012 session

**Where:** Bloomfield UMC at 5930 Indianola Road in Des Moines. You will begin gathering at 11:30 am Thursday with lunch at the church at noon. See attached agenda for details. Please see the Bloomfield UMC website for more details and directions: [www.bloomfieldumc.org](http://www.bloomfieldumc.org).

**Motel:** A block of rooms is reserved for the night of Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson Hotel Des Moines Airport (by the Conference Center), 6800 Fleur Drive. Amenities include a complimentary daily hot breakfast buffet, indoor pool, exercise room and hi-speed internet. Please refer to their website for more details and directions at <http://www.radisson.com/des-moines-hotel-ia-50321/iadesair>.

Room rates are \$99.68 (which includes tax) for all reserved non smoking rooms and as a member of the Academy, your share of the hotel room will be provided for you free of charge. We encourage you to share a room with another Academy pastor to help cut costs. If you prefer a private room or want to bring a guest, you will be responsible for half of the room rate. The hotel *will allow* you to pay your portion of the room rate at time of check out and they will direct bill the Conference Center for the remaining portion.

A room list is attached for your review. Please contact Barb Mann to discuss needed changes or if you cannot attend so we may provide correct and current information to the hotel. Failure to do so (barring an emergency) will result in you being charged for your share of the hotel room fee.

**Books:** Please read the following books for the January session:  
p. 28-29 in **Natural Church Development** by Christian Schwarz (1998)  
**Leading Change in the Congregation** by Gilbert Rendle (1998) \$17.00 ISBN #9781566991872

**Reminder:** It is your responsibility to order Academy session books. If ordering from Cokesbury, mention you are a pastor to receive your 20% discount. If you order on line from Cokesbury, the price of the book quoted includes the 20% discount. Cokesbury phone numbers are 1-877-231-1594 or 515-278-1631. To cut down on the cost of books, be sure to check with other pastors, Academy graduates, Barnes & Noble or other bookstores, seminary libraries, public libraries, Amazon.com, etc.

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