



# Sowing Seeds of Hope

## Gathering of Town & Rural Leaders at the Iowa Annual Conference

Friday, June 6, 2008 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Scheman Center

**\$10.00 per person for Meal & Registration**  
[Registration deadline with payment is May 23]

**Pastors and Lay Members of Annual Conference** concerned about the Church in rural areas are invited to this gathering of rural church leaders. The purpose is to encourage rural laity and clergy to **embrace** the mission of Jesus Christ in outreaching love in their places, resulting in the renewal of churches all over Iowa. This gathering is sponsored by the Iowa Chapter of The United Methodist Rural Fellowship (**UMRF**).

### Keynote Speaker - Carol J. Thompson

Executive Secretary – Office of Town & Country Ministries  
General Board of Discipleship – The United Methodist Church

Prior to her appointment to this position, Carol Served as Executive Director of the Western Small Church Rural Life Center and the pastor of the UMC at New Meadows, Idaho. She describes herself as a **NARP** – a **Non-Agricultural Rural Person**. Much of her current involvement is with the implementation of the National Town and Country Comprehensive Plan.

Carol has been active in the UMRF on the national level, serving 3 times as the co-chair of their legislative presence at General Conference. In addition, she has been a Rural Chaplain since 1991.



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