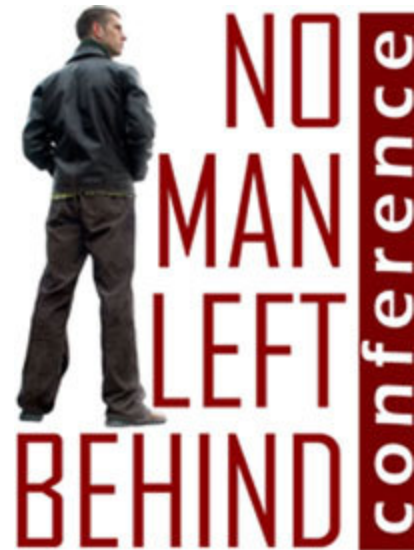


“No Man Left Behind” Conference Focuses On Discipling Men

Sixty leaders from sixteen area churches met September 11-13 at St. James UMC in Greenville, NC for the No Man Left Behind men’s leadership conference. The focus of the conference was to enable leaders to learn a successful model for discipling men in the church.

Conference leaders were Rev. Charles Cooper of Orlando, Florida, and Ray Hilbert of Truth@Work Ministries, Indianapolis, Indiana. Both men are faculty members with Man in the Mirror Ministries, which co-sponsored the conference with the NC United Methodist Men.



Key concepts learned at the conference were the No Man Left Behind discipleship model developed by Man in the Mirror Ministries, the needs and wants of men, the five different types of men in a typical church, and the key foundations for a successful men’s ministry. Participants were able to develop their own men’s ministry mission statement, and to receive feedback from the conference leaders and other participants.

Participants identified specific steps to develop a system that produces authentic disciples in the local church. The “big idea” is that a church’s discipleship system is perfectly designed to produce the results it is getting, or “if you do what you’ve always done, you’ll get what you’ve always gotten.” Pancake breakfasts and an occasional men’s event just are not sufficient to help men change the core affections of their hearts. The “create-capture-sustain” activity cycle presented at the conference provides the engine to help move a man’s faith to a deeper level.

The conference concluded with each church identifying the next steps to begin implementing the No Man Left Behind model, and participants being initiated into the Fellowship of the Red Bandanna, signifying a commitment to serve Christ for the good of others. If you would like more information about the conference, please contact Rick Hebert at 252-355-8906, or by email: fhebert@suddenlink.net.