# 2016 Three Rivers District Leadership Event

**HONORING the PAST; MOVING into the FUTURE**

**Keynote Speaker:** Rick Bohan

**Saturday, January 30 (12:30-4:00p)**
Mulberry UMC  
205 N. Mulberry St, Mt. Vernon 43050

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"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Prov. 16:3 (ESV)

Rick Bohan is a management consultant with Chagrin River Consulting, LLC. He has expertise in strategic planning and organizational development. He is a graduate of the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. Married to a United Methodist pastor, he has a good sense of what is needed to get churches unstuck and has consulted with churches in need of developing strategic planning.

Registration Form for 2016 TR Leadership Event
(Please fill out one form per person: you may use same form if same person coming both days)

Name: ________________________________________ Church: __________________________________
Address: ______________________________________ Phone: _________________________________
E-mail: ______________________________________

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 25, 2016

Place the NUMBER of the workshops on the day(s) that you will be attending as well as an Alternate Choice. Some classes are limited to available space.

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Mail registration & money to: Three Rivers District, 415 Walnut Street, Coshocton, OH 43812
with memo: Leadership Event

Cost: $5 per person with a $20 per church team cap

ONLINE Registration at [http://eocumcnews.com/3rivers-leadership-event/](http://eocumcnews.com/3rivers-leadership-event/) Money can be mailed separately

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HONORING the PAST; MOVING into the FUTURE

1. **THE LANDSCAPE OF YOUTH MINISTRY IS CHANGING** Mrs. Chasity Opphile, Three Rivers Youth Director

Research shows teens benefit from traditional worship. Developing relationships is key over offering programs and events. How can we integrate teens into worship while being age appropriate and relevant? Let’s explore how we can be more intentional about effectively discipling our teens, so that they can transform the world in the name of Jesus!

2. **DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAMS** Roger Marra - Saturday Session & Becky Sutton - Sunday Session

One of the best ways for a congregation to honor the past and invest into its future is to nurture and care for their members. This workshop will explain the "why" and "how" of caring for church members from introducing ideas like card ministry and prayer circles as well as give you practical tips to develop a valuable lay visitation team.

3. **WE ARE A SMALL CHURCH. WHAT IS OUR FUTURE?** Rev. Bob Alexander, Retired Elder

Small-member churches (worship attendance of 15 or less) have questions about their role when vitality seems to have left the building. Can sustainability be met? Can growth happen? Can new ministries be introduced? This workshop will provide assessment tools for small churches to consider revitalization, merging or if necessary successful discontinuance.

4. **STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Rev. Dr. Bradley Call, Three Rivers District Superintendent

The SPRC is often the place where the value of the church's history intersects with the vision of the church's future. Who should (or shouldn't) serve on the SPRC? What is their responsibility to the church? This workshop would be helpful for those already serving on the SPRC as well as those who are a part of the Committee for Lay Leadership and Nominations.

5. **LAY SERVANT MINISTRY** Jackie Lewis, Three Rivers Lay Ministry Director

Pastors come and go, so the future of a church is dependent on its lay leadership. This workshop will explain not only the steps of certification but the purpose of lay servant ministry and how you can play a role in this vital function of the church. Hint: It is not just about pulpit supply.

6. **UNLOCK THE PAST TO CREATE A STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE CHURCH** Rick Bohan, strategy specialist

Many churches and their leaders struggle with an effective process for thinking strategically and developing a vision. Using principles of "Appreciative Inquiry" many churches have found ways to get "unstuck" from the past and move forward.

7. **VIM: WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN I BE A PART OF IT?** Rev. Dairel Kaiser, Three Rivers Mission & Ministry Chair

Called to be "Ambassadors of Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20) opportunities can be found in Volunteer in Missions. VIM trips utilize all the "members of his body" (Eph 5:30) by being the arms, hands, feet, and even the words of Christ in this world. It's easy. This workshop will help you discover what you can do. Come and learn about various opportunities.

8. **MINISTRY WITH THE POOR** Rev. Dawn Livingston: SOWER MISSION

[Participants choosing this workshop will need to select both "A" and "B" choices as this is a 2 hour segment.]

Bridges Out of Poverty is not just a "program." It improves relationships, organizational outcomes and community systems with the people we serve who have deep needs. It helps alleviate suffering, supports people in transition, and aids in eliminating poverty. This session offers hands-on practices for those participating on work missions, community meals, homeless shelters, food banks, adult education opportunities, job placement and other avenues of resourcing people in need.

9. **IF YOUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM OPERATES LIKE IT IS 1950 YOU ARE BEHIND** Brian Sheetz, UM Foundation

[SUNDAY ONLY] Electronic Giving? Yes, we will talk about that. We will also talk about language, vision, expectations and hopes. These elements can be the key to a truly generous congregation. But seats are limited so if your church already has more money than it knows what to do with please attend another session.

10. **KEYS TO THE FUTURE... A TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES** Jerry Rinehart, EOC Bd of Trustees Chair

[SUNDAY ONLY] Trustees have multiple responsibilities - and opportunities - to honor the past and move into the future. Learn what these "keys" are and how to most effectively open doors to your church’s future.