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CD552A – Adult Education Seminar
Multiply Your Ministry: Moving from Sitting to Serving
with Rev. Kenna Sapp and Group’s Church Volunteer Central Live!
March 17 and 18, 2006 (1-hour credit)

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This seminar will meet Friday, March 17, from 6-9 pm on the Wilmore campus, and Saturday, March 18, from 8am-5pm, at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington. Once you register through the seminary, you also need to register online at www.group.com/cvclive There will be a space for a “Promo-code,” in which you write “Asbury.” Your tuition for the course will cover the cost for the seminar.

Required Texts:
- The Equipping Church Guidebook, by Sue Mallory
- Fresh Faith, by Jim Cymbala

Description: This seminary explores Biblical foundations that call us to multiply the ministry by creating an Ephesians 4 culture. Your role as leader is to “equip the saints” to make this possible. You will be challenged in your leadership to grow from doing to equipping; from solo ministry to team ministry; and from volunteerism to Christ-centered service. Topics include:
  - Biblical foundations of equipping
  - What a healthy equipping church looks like
  - Building an equipping culture
  - Culture carriers
  - The role of the senior leader
  - The role of ministry teams
  - The role of prayer

Requirements: You must attend both sessions from beginning to end (20 points); read the required texts before the seminar and complete two interviews and two book reports by March 17, 2006. After the seminar, you’ll write a summative paper, due April 19, 2006.

Book Looks: Two, 2-page papers on both required books, highlighting 3-5 main points of the text that you would want to discuss with your lay leaders, and then describing how you could adapt/apply them in your current or future ministry setting (15 points each).
Church Interviews: You will interview 2 staff persons who oversee volunteers (and their lay leaders if possible) in local churches – one church before our seminar and one after. Here are some questions to get you started; your goal is to discern what kind of vision/mission the ministry operates out of and how it is structured.

1. Does your volunteer (lay) ministry have a mission/vision statement? If yes, see if you can get a copy. If no, ask what the primary values or principles serve as the ministry’s foundation.
2. If I were interested in serving in this church, what are the steps I would need to take to become involved?
3. What kinds of training are in place for lay leaders? Lay volunteers?
5. What kind of system do you use to follow up on whether volunteers have been contacted and brought into ministry?
6. What is the strongest aspect of this ministry? Weakest?
7. If I were going to initiate a lay ministry in a church, what one piece of advice would you give me to get started?

Summarize the highlights of both interviews (2 pages) and then spend most of your time evaluating one of the two ministries according to what you learned at the Church Volunteer Live conference (where the program lines up and where it falls short – 3 pages). 20 points

Summative Paper: 6-8 pages of reflection, integration, and vision (30 points)

- **Reflection** – what were the 3 most meaningful things you learned; what was one of the most effective teaching methods or tools used in the presentations?
- **Integration** – How do our texts and Scripture speak to your understanding of equipping the laity?
- **Vision** – Describe steps you would take as a staff leader in a church to begin moving the congregation from sparse volunteerism to healthy Christ-centered service. Use your denominational terms when referring to ministry groups, administrative boards, elders, etc.