



The Purchase District & Phil Jamieson (from The UM Foundation) invite you to attend

The Lake Institute's

Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity Seminar

When: February 24 & March 24, 2018

Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. | Lunch and Snacks will be provided

Where: Purchase District Campus

Cost: \$25 per person for manual

RSVP: Churches need to report the number of people that will be attending to the Purchase District Office at 270-527-8282 by ***January 31st.***

Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity (CCCG) is an interactive seminar demonstrating how pastors and ministry leaders can unearth and energize congregational generosity by exploring the significant and necessary steps to creating lasting cultural change within a congregation.

"If the ethics of the Christians were not in theory greatly different from the best of Stoic and Jewish teaching, in practice they were, and they were inspired and ennobled by a new motivating force, which the Christians claimed was none other than the Spirit of this gracious God active within their lives. They made the grace of God credible by a society of love and mutual care which astonished the pagans and was recognized as something entirely new. It lent persuasiveness to their claim that the New Age had dawned in Christ." (Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*, 120)

Among those practices were amazing acts of generosity such as adopting pagan children into their homes, children they could little afford to feed. As it was true in the first centuries of our movement, it remains true today: the world is watching us and will still respond to the message of a church that practices what it preaches. You are invited to participate in a program that could help inspire your congregation into greater and more consistent lives of generosity.